



Prairie Unitarian
Universalist Society

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Within these walls:
Prairie's sojourn to serve and
care for its congregation

*If these walls could
talk*

*Original slideshow by Mary Mullen, Patty Stockdale
Modified by Renee Deschard, Karen Deaton*

Our congregation,
Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society,
first gathered in the late 1960s and
1970s.

In **1980**, Prairie
purchased the
2010 Whenona
Drive building
which was a
former Wesleyan
Methodist Church
built in 1955.



Prairie's first remodeling was in 1988



**moved building's
entry and made
building handicapped
accessible, redid
roof**



**original basement
kitchen**



**moved kitchen to
1st floor, added
bathrooms**

In 2013, Prairie bought and remodeled the Annex

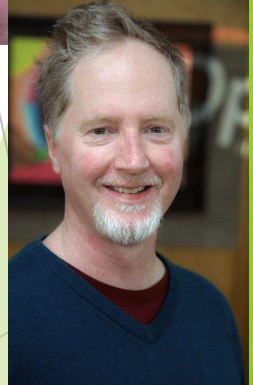


Prairie's Annex (R) and main building (L) are side by side. The Annex is used for meetings, office space, and other activities.

Building Committee



Heidi Hughes, Barb Park, Al Nettleton,
Tom Robinson, John Wunderlin, Karen
Deaton, Martin Arnold and Jim Lyne



Todd Barnett (architect), Dennis
Bauer and Jim Ramsfield of Bauer &
Raether Builders

During the remodel



RE on the Road enjoying a campfire breakfast at Picnic Point



First service "If These Walls Could Talk" in the Annex on May 26th 2019.



First service "Picture Book Principles" in Oak Park Nakoma on August 4th 2019

Foyer



extended the foyer out 8 feet for more socializing space, large windows, ADA compliant door



**doorway from
foyer to the
meeting room
improved**

Bathrooms

changed men's and women's bathrooms
to three gender-neutral bathrooms



baby
changing
station and
accessible

Kitchen



new cabinets,
countertops,
flooring and
appliances

**our old
dishwasher
took 2+ hours
to run**



**new
dishwasher
takes 2
minutes to run!**



Kitchen Sub-Committee



Nancy Wunderlin, Barbara Chatterton Frye, Renee Deschard, Randy Converse, Al Nettleton, Tom Robinson

Meeting Room



removed asbestos
ceiling, stage/steps,
storage
closet/office



installed HVAC
system for air
conditioning and
improved air flow

Meeting Room

Congregation
attends 50th
Anniversary Sunday
Service on 9/17/2017



new lighting,
larger East closet,
blinds

Technology/Acoustics



new mounted projector and screen, hearing loop system, new wiring

Acoustics Sub-Committee



John Wunderlin, Barb Park, Al Nettleton, Tom Disch (acoustical engineer)

Acoustics - Dance Floor

Park, Ken Skog, John Wunderlin, and Morris Sadicario for help with transport and assembly/takedown. We look forward to many future dance extravaganzas!



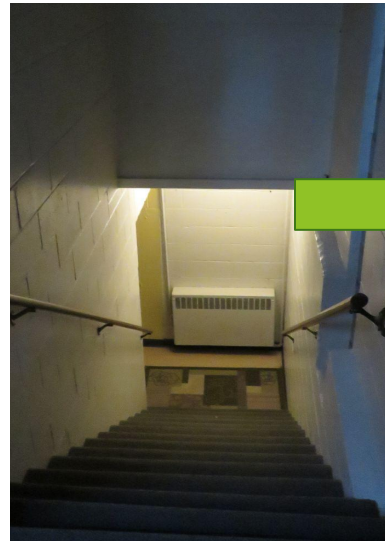
Nancy Wunderlin and Barb Park with the unassembled dance floor pieces. Picture taken by Deesa Pence.



Lynn Currie, Ken Skog, John Wunderlin and Martin Arnold pose with the new dance floor. Picture taken by Nancy Schraufnagel.



Religious Exploration (RE)



Exterior entrance made wheelchair accessible

Relocated interior stairs so they could be less steep and meet code

Child-height sink installed

Bathroom enlarged to be wheelchair accessible

All classroom doors widened to be accessible



Religious Exploration (RE)



Access to bathroom moved
from kitchen to hallway

New cabinets and counters

Expanded storage

Ventilation for stove



Religious Exploration (RE)



- Drop ceiling removed
- Improved lighting
- Vinyl folding room dividers taken out
- Wall with sliding doors put in



RE Committee



Karen Deaton, Paula Pachciarz, Peggy Small,
Holly Tellander, Carl Wacker

Landscaping



Ensured adequate drainage

Established new prairie plantings

Planted pollinator garden by new basement entrance

Replaced turf in backyard



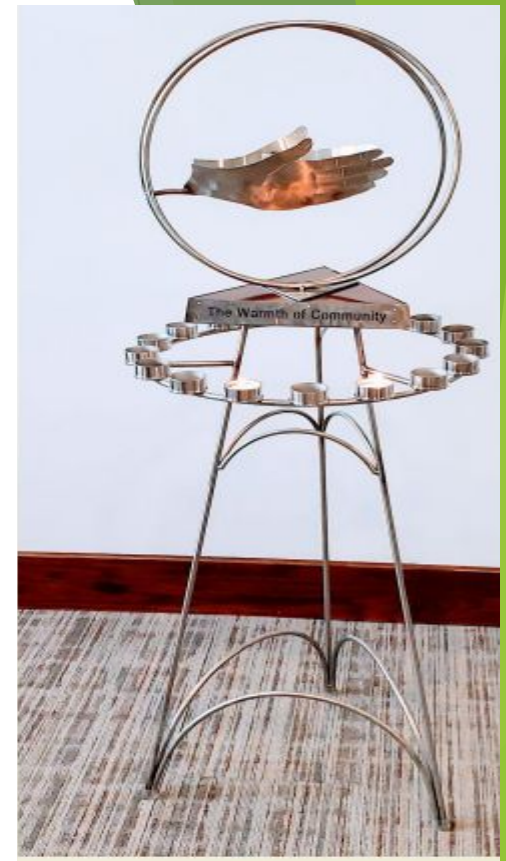
Landscaping Sub-Committee



Martin Arnold (irrigation)

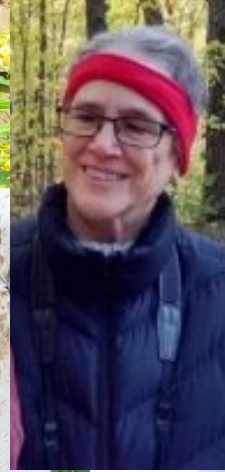
Barb Park, Kathy Converse, Karen Deaton, Andy Garst
(planning, planting, and weeding)

Interior Design



This beautiful chalice was created by Prairie Member Gene Kain. The Design Committee asked him to add small holders for our joys and concerns candles and it turned out great!

Interior Design Sub-Committee



Karen Deaton, Barbara Chatterton Frye, Renee Deschard, Heidi Hughes, Nevenah Smith, Paula Pachciarz, Christina Robotka (designer)