



Prairie Fire Bulletin

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Calendar

Saturday, January 10, 2009

9:00 am - WOW meets at the home of Barb Park.

Sunday, January 11, 2009

9:00 am - Choir rehearsal.

10:00 am - service - "Journey to Selma," presented by Rev. Darrel Richey of James Reeb Unitarian Universalist Congregation.

11:45 am - Prairie Board meeting. Potluck lunch at 11:45, meeting begins at noon.

12:15 pm - First Society will be holding a discussion on the UUA 2009 Statement of Conscience on Peacemaking, in the Landmark Auditorium.

Thursday, January 15, 2009

Prairie Fire article deadline today (calendar, program items, and articles.)

Sunday, January 18, 2009

9:00 am - Choir rehearsal.

9:00 am - RE committee meets.

10:00 am - service - "Coincidence and Ambiguity," presented by Rev. Ralph Tyksinski.

11:45 am - Prairie Book Club meets to discuss [Blink: The Power of Thinking Without Thinking](#) by Malcolm Gladwell.

2:00 pm - Humanist Union outing to see *Blasphemy: an Unholy Trinity of Musicals* at the Bartell Theater. Contact Bob Park for more information.

Wednesday, January 21, 2009

7:00 pm - Program Committee meets at Prairie.

Thursday, January 22, 2009

7:00 pm - Movie group meets to view "Ride the High Country." Bring snacks to share.

Sunday, January 25, 2009

9:00 am Choir Rehearsal

10:00 am - Service - "The Pain of War, the Joy of Peace," presented by Pat Watkins.

11:45 am - Parish Meeting.

12:00 noon - All-society potluck lunch.

Tuesday, January 27, 2009

2:00 pm - Prairie Elders meet at Oakwood. Topic TBA.

Announcement:

We will have a brief Parish Meeting at 11:45 am, Sunday, January 25, 2009. The only agenda item to discuss and then vote on is the UUA Statement of Conscience on peacemaking. The draft is available online at <http://www.uua.org/socialjustice/issuesprocess/currentissues/peacemaking/121606.shtm> and is also posted at the back of the church.

Upcoming Programs

Sunday, January 11, 2009 "Journey to Selma," presented by Rev. Darrel Richey of James Reeb Unitarian Universalist Congregation. Rev. Richey will share his understanding of the work of Social Justice in our UU congregations, shaped, in part, by the transformational journey that he took to Selma, Alabama, the site where on March 9, 1965, UU minister, James Reeb, was brutally beaten by a mob of white men. James Reeb died two days later, March 11, 1965.

Rev. Richey explains: "A lot of what I call Social Action, is actions, that though well intended, are done in ways that allow the 'doer' to remain in their comfort zone, and avoid personal transformation, while 'reaching out,' at a good arms reach, to help some 'other.' What are the sacrifices and opportunities for personal transformation that result when we engage ourselves in authentic Social Justice actions?"

Sunday, January 18, 2009 "Coincidence and Ambiguity," presented by Rev. Ralph Tyksinski. On this day we observe the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr., (born Jan. 15, 1929) and in anticipation, the Inauguration of Barack Obama as President. I will be exploring some coincidences and ambiguities that their lives shared and suggest. Both men received their graduate education in Boston. Both men walked the streets of Chicago and experienced first hand the insults of racist temperaments. Both men share a comfort level with a discourse that finds deep meaning in religious terms like Hope, Faith, and Sacrifice.

Sunday, January 25, 2009 "The Pain of War, the Joy of Peace," presented by Pat Watkins. A literary and musical service, with much congregational participation, consisting of readings, songs and quotations about war and the emotions and pain it engenders, and also the hope for peace. This service will then segue into the congregational vote on the UUA's Draft Statement of Conscience on Peacemaking.

Prairie Web Sites:

Society Home Page
www.uuprairie.org

News Group
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/prairie_news/

Views
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/prairie_views/

Social Action
<http://socialaction.madisonwi.us>

Humanist Union
<http://humanist.madisonwi.us>

Input Deadlines:

Calendar items and program descriptions are due on the 1st and 15th of each month. Feature articles for the full *Prairie Fire* are due on the 15th of each month. Please send to Kate Liu at admin@uuprairie.org or call 271-8218.



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