



# Prairie Fire Bulletin

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## Calendar

### Sunday, June 7, 2009

10:00 am - service - "Found: Nuggets of Wisdom from District Assembly," presented by Prairie members.

### Monday, June 8, 2009

6:30 pm - Spanish Speakers Potluck, at Prairie.

### Tuesday, June 9, 2009

7:00 pm - Housing and Property committee meets at Prairie.

### Saturday, June 13, 2009

9:00 am - WOW (Prairie Women's Group) meets at Prairie for breakfast potluck and sunscreen sampling / exchange.

### Sunday, June 14, 2009

10:00 am - service - "Summer is Acomin' and the Flower Ceremony," presented by Rev. Ralph Tyksinski.

11:45 am - Potluck Choir Picnic at Barb Park's house. Families welcome.

### Thursday, June 18, 2009

7:00 pm - Movie group meets to view "Everything is Illuminated." Please bring snacks.

### Sunday, June 21, 2009

10:00 am - service - "The Changing Landscape of Fatherhood," presented by a panel of Prairie Fathers.

11:45 am - Book Club meets to discuss Nickel and Dimed.

### Sunday, June 28, 2009

10:00 am - service - "Summer Reads," presented by Rose Smith.

### Save the Date!

July 26, 2009 - Joint UU Service at Sauk City

August 2, 2009 - All-Prairie Book Read Service on Michael Pollan's The Omnivore's Dilemma.

## Upcoming Programs

### Sunday, June 7, 2009, 10:00 am - "Found: Nuggets of Wisdom from District

Assembly" presented by Prairie Members. Six Prairie members went to this year's Central Midwest District Assembly in Wuakesha, Wisconsin, in April. What did they learn? What's going on in the district? Why are these meetings important? What are the two candidates for the UUA presidency really like? Join us on Sunday for the answers to these questions and many more.

## Prairie Web Sites:

Home Page  
[www.uuprairie.org](http://www.uuprairie.org)

News Group  
[http://groups.yahoo.com/group/prairie\\_news/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/prairie_news/)

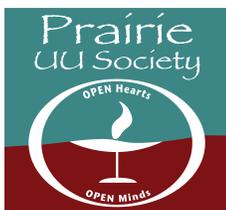
Views  
[http://groups.yahoo.com/group/prairie\\_views/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/prairie_views/)

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

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

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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](mailto:admin@uuprairie.org) or call 271-8218.



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**Sunday, June 14, 2009, 10:00 am - "Summer is Acomin' and the Flower Ceremony" - presented by Ralph Tyksinski.** In this service we will be celebrating the coming of Summer, vacations, warm weather, trips, and flowers. We ask that Prairie members bring flowers from their gardens to share with one another. We will be celebrating the Flower Ceremony, now called by many UU's the Flower Communion. It was first practiced by the congregation led by Rev. Dr. Norbert Capek, (and the grandfather of Prairie member, Lee Haspl) at the Unitarian church in Prague, Czechoslovakia, on June 4th, 1923. The symbolism of that original service was relatively straightforward and uncomplicated — we deposit our flowers in a common vessel to signify that we join of our own free will to create something beautiful which is greater than any of us could have created alone. At the close of the service, when we take back a flower different from the one we have brought, it symbolizes first that we accept one another, each for what we are; and likewise that as we give to the common store, so do we receive back from what we have created together. It is only by our individual participation that we are able to fill this vessel, so that all might enjoy and share of it. The words of the Hymns, as well as the Unison Prayers of Consecration, are Capek's own, and emphasize this theme of the Spirit of Fellowship and Beloved Community.

**Sunday, June 21, 2009, 10:00 am - "The Changing Landscape of Fatherhood" - presented by a panel of Prairie fathers.** Like mothers, fathers have a complicated role to play. They come to the "position" with the model of their own parent, but under changed conditions, perhaps changing social expectations, and their own personal intentions to do as well or better than their own fathers in raising their children. Several Prairie fathers will address the topics of interest to all of us. They'll talk about how their own fathering is the same or different from how their fathers interacted with them, then they will address the challenges of fatherhood and what they are hoping to instill in their children. We have chosen these men with an eye to providing differing perspectives: there are married fathers, single fathers, fathers of boys, fathers of girls. Come and hear what these fathers have to say about "The Changing Landscape of Fatherhood."

**Sunday, June 28, 2009, 10:00 am - "Summer Reads" - presented by Rose Smith.** Every summer we have a program in which we all have an opportunity to tell each other about a special book we've read and recommend that others might also enjoy. We write their names, titles and publishing information on index cards which are collected, and the list is then printed in the *Prairie Fire*. Start thinking about your favorites from the past year to share at this wonderful summer tradition.