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Calendar

Sunday, October 11, 2009
9:00 am - Choir rehearsal.
10:00 am - service - "It Takes a Village to Raise a Child," presented by Rev. Ralph Tyksinski.
11:30 am - Spanish Conversation class.
11:45 pm - Prairie Board meeting & potluck.
11:45 pm - 12:30 pm - Adult RE class, "Introduction to Unitarian Universalism," part 1, with Rev. Ralph Tyksinski.

Tuesday, October 13, 2009
7 - 9 pm - "Building Your Own Theology," Adult RE class with Rev. Ralph Tyksinski. 1st of four sessions.

Thursday, October 15, 2009
7:00 pm - Movie group meets to view "Black Narcissus."

Sunday, October 18, 2009
9:00 am - Choir rehearsal.
9:00 am - RE Committee meets.
10:00 am - service - "Visions of Ministry and Ministerial Relationships at Prairie," presented by the Long Range Planning Committee and Ian Evison of CmWD.
11:30 am - Spanish Conversation class.
11:45 am - 12:30 pm - Adult RE class, "Introduction to Unitarian Universalism," part 2, with Rev. Ralph Tyksinski.

Tuesday, October 20, 2009
7 - 9 pm - "Building Your Own Theology," Adult RE class with Rev. Ralph Tyksinski. 2nd of four sessions.

Wednesday, October 21, 2009
6:00 pm - Long Range Planning Committee meets.

Friday, October 23 - Sunday, October 25, 2009
Prairie Retreat: Book Club, Women's Group, Spanish Conversation, Key Log Ceremony, silent auction, and more. You can still register for the retreat! Visit uuprairie.org for details.

Sunday, October 25, 2009
No service at Prairie Meeting house.

Tuesday, October 27, 2009
2:00 pm – Prairie Elders meet to discuss a "Report Card for President Obama."

Wednesday, October 28, 2009
7:00 pm – Program Committee meets.
Upcoming Programs

**Sunday, October 11, 2009, 10:00 am:** "It Takes a Village to Raise a Child," presented by Rev. Ralph Tyksinski. In remembrance of this old African proverb we will recognize the children who make up our community by having a child dedication service. Please come to honor our young people, recognize the blessing of new life and make a promise to assist the parents and families of these children in the spiritual growth of their child.

**Sunday, October 18, 2009, 10:00 am:** "Visions of Ministry and Ministerial Relationship at Prairie," presented by Ian Evison and the Long Range Planning Committee. What visions do we have for Prairie’s future? How do different ministerial approaches and relationships factor into these visions? What types of ministerial relationships are possible within Unitarian Universalism? On Sunday, October 18, the Long-Range Planning Committee will present a service that marks the beginning of a year-long congregational exploration of these questions and more. Ian Evison, Congregational Service Director of the Central Midwestern District of the Unitarian Universalist Association, will be contributing to the presentation.

**Sunday, October 25, 2009, 10:00 am:** "Key Log Ceremony," presented by Anne Lundin at the Prairie Retreat at Pine Lake Camp, Westfield, WI. A favorite Prairie Retreat tradition, member Anne Lundin will lead us in our annual Key Log Ceremony. The story goes that loggers, in the process of moving logs down river, would become very adept at spotting the one log, the "key log," that needed to be moved to free up a log jam. This participatory service invites you to share how you have found your "key logs" in the last year and gotten yourself "unjammed." **There will be no service at the Prairie meeting house today.**

**Sunday, November 1, 2009, 10:00 am:** "Transitions: The Rhythms of Our Lives," presented by Helen Bond and Medusa Drums. Prairie's traditional ritual of remembrance, a mixture of celebration and mourning that affirms life and gives us a chance to share our grief. We will be joined by a special guest, Helen Bond, who will share her musical talents with us both during the service, and, after a potluck lunch shared with the Humanists Union, a private percussion workshop followed by a community drum circle jam.

Did you miss Association Sunday on October 4th, but still want to make a donation to the "Growing our Diversity" campaign? There is still time! You can pick up a postage paid envelope at Prairie to mail a donation, or you can go online to [http://www.uua.org/giving/associationsunday/index.shtml](http://www.uua.org/giving/associationsunday/index.shtml) and follow the "donate now" link.