



Prairie Fire Bulletin

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Calendar

Thursday, January 7, 2010

6:30 pm - Spanish Speaker's Potluck at the home of Dave and Marcia Johnson.

Sunday, January 10, 2010

8:45 am - Choir Rehearsal

10:00 am - service - "Prophetic Love," presented by Rev. Ralph Tyksinski.

11:30 am - Prairie Board meeting. Potluck at 11:30, meeting begins at 11:45am.

Friday, January 15, 2010

Prairie Fire articles due.

Sunday, January 17, 2010

9:00 am - RE Committee meets. Childcare provided.

10:00 am - service - "Friends of the Deaf: Giving Help and Hope to the Deaf in Guatemala," presented by Chris Tackett.

Sunday, January 24, 2010

8:45 am - Choir rehearsal.

10:00 am – service- "Rev. Dr. Mary J. Harrington: A Lifetime Isn't Long Enough," presented by Rachel Long.

11:45 am - Book Club meets to discuss The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer and her niece Annie Barrows.

Tuesday, January 26, 2010

2:00 pm - Prairie Elders meet.

Sunday, January 31, 2010

8:45 am - Choir rehearsal.

10:00 am – service - "Terratheism: A New Way to View Science and Religion," presented by Andrew Kerr from the Free Congregation of Sauk City.

Monday, February 1, 2010

Prairie Fire Bulletin calendar items due.

Wednesday, February 3, 2010

7:00 pm - Finance Committee meeting at the home of Barb Park, 5610 Hammersley.

Looking further ahead:

February 14, 2010 - Prairie Board Meeting.

February 20 - 21, 2010 - Religious Education's "Wild Wintering" overnight event.

February 28, 2010 - Prairie's annual service auction. Send your items and ideas to Barbara Park, finance chair, [barpark\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:barpark(at)gmail.com)

Upcoming Programs

Prairie Web Sites:

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.

Sunday, January 10, 10:00 am: "Prophetic Love," presented by Rev. Ralph Tyksinski. We explore the lives and influences that Freethinkers, Humanists, Jews, Unitarian Universalists and other Liberal Religionists had on Martin Luther King, Jr., as we celebrate his birthday, January 15, 1929.

Sunday, January 17, 2010, 10:00 am: "Friends of the Deaf: Giving Help and Hope to the Deaf in Guatemala," presented by Chris Tackett. In his presentation, Mr. Chris Tackett will describe the current conditions that the deaf face on a daily basis in Guatemala and the limited resources available to help them. He will give background information as to how he became acquainted with this issue and what motivated him to found "Friends of the Deaf". He will also provide some statistics to help demonstrate how difficult life is in Guatemala, not only for the deaf, but hearing folks as well. In addition, he will describe the great work that Las Voces is currently doing to help the deaf, their families and their communities, and their plans for the future. Chris Tackett spent nearly a decade teaching in high schools and has spent most of his career as an electrical engineer. Adopting a child from Guatemala brought him in contact with this culture. He retired there in 2008. Chris is the father of Prairie member Jill Cornejo.

Sunday, January 24, 2010, 10:00 am: "Rev. Dr. Mary J. Harrington: A Lifetime Isn't Enough," presented by Rachel Long. Rachel Long is presenting a 3-session lay ministry with sermons on DVD from some of the most interesting and inspiring ministers the UUA has to offer. These ministers all spoke at General Assembly 2009, and she appreciated them so much she just had to share them with you. In the first of this series, we will hear Dr. Mary J. Harrington, Reverend Emerita of the Winchester, MA Unitarian Society, giving the sermon "A Lifetime Isn't Long Enough." Her experience of living with the disease ALS gives her a unique perspective on appreciating life's gifts.

Sunday, January 31, 2010, 10:00 am: "Terratheism: A New Way to View Science and Religion," presented by Andrew Kerr. An exploration of terratheism, the belief that Earth's community of life has a lot to tell us about the nature of God, because Earth's living things struggle to achieve God's hopes as the means to succeed in the struggle for life. Our presenter, Andrew Kerr, is the Speaker with the Free Congregation of Sauk County. Andrew and his wife, Jennifer, operate Greenspirit Farm, near Dodgeville, a family run farm specializing in a wide variety of lovingly grown, organic vegetables and small fruits.



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