Prairie Fire Bulletin

March 6, 2010

Calendar

**Sunday, March 7, 2010** - 8:45 am - Choir rehearsal.
9:00 am - RE committee meets; Board meets.
10:00 am – service - "Famous UU's You Must Know," presented by Religious Education classes.
11:30 am - Mystery Friends Potluck - downstairs.
11:45 am - Humanist Union meets for potluck lunch, presentation by Doleta Chapru.

**Monday, March 8, 2010**
6:30 pm - Long Range Planning committee meets at Prairie.

**Wednesday, March 10, 2010**
6:30 pm - Spanish Speaker's Potluck at the home of Amy Schulz.

**Sunday, March 14, 2010**
- 8:45 am - Choir Rehearsal.
10:00 am – service- "Father and Daughter: Bronson and Louisa May Alcott," presented by Robin Proud.
11:45 am - Prairie Board meeting. Potluck at 11:45, meeting begins at noon.

**Tuesday, March 16, 2010**
7:00 pm - Housing and Property Committee meets at Prairie.

**Wednesday, March 17, 2010**
7:00 pm - Program Committee meeting

**Sunday, March 21, 2010** - 8:45 am - Choir rehearsal.
9:00 am - RE committee meets.
11:45 am - Pledge Lunch

**Tuesday, March 23, 2010**
2:00 pm - Prairie Elders meet at Oakwood. Topic is A Report Card for President Obama.

**Sunday, March 28, 2010**
8:45 am - Choir rehearsal.
10:00 am – service- "Commitment and the Spiritual Quest," presented by Ian Riddell.
11:45 am - Book Club meets to discuss Remarkable Creatures: Epic Adventures in the Search for the Origins of Species by Sean Carroll.

**Wednesday, April 7, 2010**
6:00 pm - Adult Ed committee meeting.
Upcoming Programs

Sunday, March 7, 2010, 10:00 am: "Famous UU's You Must Know," presented by Religious Education classes. This year’s theme in Religious Education is "Our UU Principles and Heritage". Students have been studying our UU principles, history and famous Unitarian Universalists. Each class chose to study either a famous Unitarian, a Universalist, or a Unitarian Universalist and will present what they have learned and why that person is an important part of our history. Some of the people being presented are children's author Beatrix Potter, a Unitarian who lived from 1866-1943; writer/poet Henry David Thoreau(1817-1862) another Unitarian, and Clara Barton (1821-1912), teacher, nurse, humanitarian, and a Universalist.

Sunday, March 14, 2010, 10:00 am: "Father and Daughter: Bronson and Louisa May Alcott," presented by Robin Proud. Louisa May Alcott is best known for her children's books, but recent research has shown the complexity of her character and the variety of her achievements. A major factor shaping her life was her idealistic but impractical father, Bronson. Growing up in the communal experiment of Fruitlands, as well as in Concord with Emerson and Thoreau for neighbors, Louisa was influenced by all the main Unitarian figures and trends of her time, yet struck out on her path to success.

Sunday, March 21, 2010, 10:00 am: "The Rev. Alison Cornish: What Can’t You Eat?" presented by Rachel Long. This is the second of Rachel Long’s lay ministry with sermons on DVD from some of the most interesting and inspiring ministers the UUA has to offer. Today, Reverend Alison Cornish of the UU congregation in Bridgehampton, New York will give a sermon on sustainable and ethical eating titled “What Can’t You Eat?” The sermon was written to address General Assembly’s 2008 adoption of the study issue on ethical eating and environmental justice, and won the 2009 Commission on Social Witness Award at General Assembly.

Sunday, March 28, 2010, 10:00 am: "Commitment and the Spiritual Quest," presented by Ian Riddell. We take inspiration from many sources. Scripture, songs, poetry, and stories give us glimpses into the world and our place in it. Join us as we share the Bantu tale "The Name of the Tree" and explore what it tells us about commitment, history, and the spiritual quest. Ian W. Riddell is a Minister-in-Formation, Meadville-Lombard Theological School, Chicago, IL.