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Calendar

Sunday, September 5, 2010
8:45 am – Choir Rehearsal.
10:00 am service - "Labor Day: Honoring Workers, Pursuing Justice," presented by Rabbi Renee Bauer.

Thursday, September 9, 2010
7:00 pm - Housing & Property Committee will meet at Prairie.

Friday, September 10, 2010
- Retreat Registration forms due!

Sunday, September 12, 2010
8:45 am – Choir Rehearsal.
10:00 am service - "Law and Morality," presented by Nick Abts and Ken Haydock.
2:00 pm to 5:00 pm – Memorial Celebration for founding Prairie member, Jack Jallings.

Wednesday, September 15, 2010
- Prairie Fire articles and other items due.

Friday, September 17 - Sunday, September 19
Prairie Family Retreat at Pine Lake Camp, Westfield, WI. Will include Humanist Union meeting (with Al Nettleton, on the religion of our grandparents,) book club (Mukiwa: A White Boy in Africa, by Peter Godwin,) WOW, and Sunday Key Log service.

Wednesday, September 22, 2010
7:00 pm – Program committee meeting.

Friday, September 24, 2010
5:30 pm - 60th Anniversary Party for Rose and Galen Smith.

Saturday, September 25, 2010
Fundraising trip with Pat Watkins to see Henri Cartier-Bresson: The Modern Century at the Art Institute of Chicago.
4:00 pm - 70th Birthday party for Mary Somers, including an appearance by the Raging Grannies!

Sunday, September 26, 2010
8:45 am – Choir Rehearsal.
10:00 am service
11:30 am – Sunday Fundraising Lunch!

Tuesday, September 28, 2010
1:30 pm – Prairie Elders meet at Oakwood. Topic is Immigration Issues. (Note earlier time)
Upcoming Programs

**Sunday, September 5, 2010, 10:00 am:** "Labor Day: Honoring Workers, Pursuing Justice," presented by Rabbi Renee Bauer. Make Labor Day more meaningful this year by coming to learn more about worker justice and immigration issues in our own Madison community, with Rabbi Renee Bauer (Director of the Interfaith Coalition for Worker Justice of South Central Wisconsin) and two workers, Shannon Gaddy and Andres Ponce Romero. Both of them have been victims of wage theft, not getting paid for work they did at a local restaurant. They will share their stories. Additionally, Andres, who is a recent immigrant, and will share how being an immigrant affects how he is treated in the workplace.

**Sunday, September 12, 2010, 10:00 am:** “Law and Morality,” presented by Nick Abts and Ken Haydock. There are voices in America today saying that there is—and should be—a fusion of law and morality. Two attorneys here at Prairie examine a few of the ways that law and morality differ—and offer a few insights into unexpected ways that Anglo-American law addresses legal quandaries.

**Sunday, September 19, 2010, 10:00 am:** “Key Log Ceremony,” presented by Doleta Chapru. Before logging trucks were widely used, logs from lumber camps were floated down rivers to the lumber mills. Sometimes a log would get out of place and cause other logs to jam up. Removing that log, called the key log, freed the other logs. Our key log ceremony is about personal “log jams.” People may toss a twig in the campfire to represent the removal of something that has gotten in the way of personal progress. For example: passing an important test, resolving a dispute, getting a job or finishing a project that’s been bugging you for months. Some people briefly describe their freed log jam. Some throw a twig on the fire silently. Some simply enjoy the fire and celebrate others’ progress. Perhaps this description will provide incentive to remove personal key logs before the retreat. (Note no service at Prairie today.)

Announcements

**60th Anniversary Party** for Rose and Galen Smith, Friday, September 24, 2010, 5:30 to 9pm. Potluck supper, beverages and dessert provided; please rsvp to Galen at sgsmit2 (at) wisc.edu or 233-3363.

**70th Birthday Party** for Mary Somers, Saturday, September 25, 2010, 4 to 8 pm. Spaghetti supper, potluck salads/fruits/veggies. No gifts, but you may bring white socks for donation to No More Deaths. Please rsvp to Andrew at andrewsr (at) charter.net or 276-8397.

**Memorial Celebration for Jack Jallings** 2-5pm on Sunday September 12. Please contact Barb Park to help or contribute to this event, 273-8775.

**Prairie Sunday Lunches** will begin Sunday September 26th after the service. Plan to stay after service for a lunch prepared for you by the board for a small donation. More details to follow.

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