



# Prairie Fire Bulletin

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## Calendar

### Sunday, February 6, 2011

8:45 Choir rehearsal  
10:00 Service - "How Hinduism Affirms and Promotes the 7<sup>th</sup> Principle," presented by Amit Mangar.  
11:45 Humanist Union of Madison meets. Potluck at 11:45, discussion at 12:30 on the recent Hitchens-Blair debate.

### Monday, February 7, 2011

7:00 RE Committee meets.

### Sunday, February 13, 2011

8:45 Choir rehearsal  
10:00 Service - "Standing on the Side of Love," presented by Rev. Jane Esbensen.  
11:45 Prairie Book Club meets to discuss The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot.

### Tuesday, February 15, 2011

Article deadline for Prairie Fire  
Registration deadline for UU Parenting class.

### Sunday, February 20, 2011

8:45 Choir rehearsal  
10:00 Service - "For the Love of God," presented by Rev. Jane Esbensen.  
11:45 Soup Sunday!

### Tuesday, February 22, 2011

1:30 Prairie Elders meet at Oakwood. Topic is Stones. For more information contact Donna Murdoch 238-3802.

### Wednesday, February 23, 2011

7:00 Program Committee meets at Prairie.

## Upcoming Programs

Sunday, February 6, 2011, 10:00 am: "Hinduism and How it Affirms and Promotes the 7<sup>th</sup> Principle," presented by Amit Mangar. Amit Mangar, Vice President of the American Hindu Association in Fitchburg, will present how sacred Hindu texts teach that they too must have respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part. This is the third installment in the lay series: How the world's religions use their beliefs and practices to care for our environment.

Sunday, February 13, 2011, 10:00 am: "Standing on the Side of Love," presented by Rev. Jane Esbensen. This year marks the second anniversary of this Service on Love,

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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>

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



and at Prairie we will mark the anniversary with a focus on the rights and freedoms which must be granted to those in the LGBT communities. Standing on the Side of Love is deeply committed to achieving full and equal protection under the law for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people. We want to be able to say to lawmakers that we know, with certainty, that thousands of Americans share our passion for full equality. So, as a part of our service on love, we will be asking everyone in attendance to sign a petition focusing on those rights. Come and listen, and then raise your pens and write.

**Sunday, February 20, 2011, 10:00 am: "For the Love of God," presented by Rev. Jane Esbensen.** The first World Interfaith Harmony Week will be taking place in Madison from February 5-10, 2011, as well as in other cities around the world. Prairie is a part of this effort as formulated by a UN Resolution proposed and adopted in the Fall of 2010. In today's service, we will reflect on this resolution and its intentions, and consider what was perhaps achieved, if even in a small way, here in our midst.

## Special Announcements

### Tentative retreat date set!

Bethel Horizons will be able to have us for a retreat again, if we are interested in having a spring retreat in 2012. At the last parish meeting, an informal poll indicated that people would be amenable to a change in season and a return to Bethel, and Bethel would be able to host us on April 27-28-29, 2012. If anyone sees any grave problems with changing the retreat to spring versus fall or returning to Bethel, please let Prairie's admin, Kate, know as soon as possible.

**Special Soup Sunday coming in February** Our Soup Sundays have been brought to you by the board, the finance committee, the program committee, the RE committee, and the Humanist Union. Not a member of a committee but interested in making soup? Not to worry – here's your chance to get in on the action! On Sunday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, Soup Sunday will be provided by you, the readers of the *Prairie Fire*! We will need 3 kinds of soups (vegetarian and gluten free options especially welcome), 3 large salads, and 3 types of desserts. Help is also needed to set up and serve, and clean up afterwards. Please contact Kate Liu, Prairie's admin, if you would like to help. ([admin@uuprairie.org](mailto:admin@uuprairie.org))

**Food Pantry Note** Please take note that Prairie is no longer accepting food donations for the Allied Food Pantry. Please do not leave food in the entryway as this encourages pests.

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