



# Prairie Fire

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## Calendar

### Saturday, May 7, 2011

4:30 am Homeless shelter breakfast. Contact Paula Pachciarz for more information (273-4806.)

9:00 WOW – Prairie's women's group – meets for breakfast potluck and conversation.

5:00 Spring Fling!

### Sunday, May 8, 2011

8:45 Choir Rehearsal

10:00 Service - "Sown in Tears: Family Letters From Bleeding Kansas," presented by Rev. Bobbie Groth.

### Friday, May 13, 2011

7:00 Humanist Union Party at the home of Barb and Bob Park.

### Saturday, May 14, 2011

10:00 Adult RE class: Immigration.

### Sunday, May 15, 2011

8:45 Choir Rehearsal

10:00 Service - "Internal Conflicts in our Environmentalism," presented by Peter Anderson.

11:45 Spring Parish meeting. (Lunch and childcare available.)

### Sunday, May 22, 2011

8:45 Choir Rehearsal

10:00 Service - "100 Years of Universalism in Song," presented by Barbara Park.

11:45 Prairie Book club meets to discuss Cry the Beloved Country by South African author Alan Paton.

### Tuesday, May 24, 2011

2:00 Prairie Elders meet at Oakwood; topic is favorite films. For more information please contact Donna Murdoch, 238-3802.

### Sunday, May 29, 2011

8:45 Choir Rehearsal

10:00 Service

10:00 RE Game day

11:45 All-Prairie Memorial Day Potluck Picnic at Marlborough Park.

### Monday, June 6, 2011

6:30 Spanish Speaker's Potluck at the home of Ema Pachon, 1459 E. Main St. #205. Call Rosemary Dorney at 238-4382 for more information.

## Prairie Web Sites:

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>

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Calendar items, announcements, and program descriptions are due on the 1st and 15th of each month. Please send to Kate Liu at [admin@uuprairie.org](mailto:admin@uuprairie.org) or call 271-8218.

## Upcoming Programs

**Sunday, May 8, 2011, 10:00 am: "Sown in Tears: Family Letters From Bleeding Kansas," presented by Rev. Bobbie Groth.** Rev. Dr. Bobbie Groth will speak about the "story behind the story" of her recent book published by Skinner House Books *The Incredible Story of Ephraim Nute: Scandal, Bloodshed, and Unitarianism on the American Frontier*. Rev. Dr. Bobbie Groth has been a UU Community minister in the Milwaukee area for twenty years, serving victims of violence and other social justice, interfaith, and political issues. She is a graduate of Meadville/Lombard Theological School and her Unitarian and Universalist roots go back at least 6 generations. Dr. Groth currently serves as Secretary and UU Representative to the Executive Committee of the Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee and plays fiddle for "The Garlic Mustard Pickers" a Celtic traditional band. She is married to Don Lawson, has four grown children, and two grandchildren. She divides her time between South Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and West Tremont, Maine.

**Sunday, May 15, 2011, 10:00 am: "Internal Conflicts in our Environmentalism," presented by Peter Anderson.**

**Sunday, May 22, 2011, 10:00 am: "The First 100 Years of Universalism in Song," presented by Barbara Park.** Our own Barbara Park, choir director and president of Prairie, will take us on a musical tour of the first 100 years of Universalist history in the United States. Come prepared to sing! Barbara was raised Universalist and grew up attending a Universalist church in Syracuse, New York.

## News & Announcements

**Soup Sunday for the Parish meeting - volunteers needed.** We will have a Soup Sunday before the Parish meeting on Sunday, May 15th. Volunteers are needed to bring soups, salads, breads, and deserts; volunteers are also needed to help clean up afterwards. The building is rented to the Autism Society of Greater Madison beginning at 2pm, so we need to be cleaned up efficiently after the meeting.

**RE's annual Spring Fling, Saturday, May 7th from 5-9 p.m.** This is an event open to not just Prairie families but the entire Prairie congregation. If you plan on attending please RSVP me or RE Chair, Robin Proud. Agenda: 5:00 Meet at Prairie for a Bar-B-Q; 6:00 Take a walk through the UW-Arboretum. This will not be a planned Arboretum walk like last time. This will be a walk we take on ourselves. We'll enter at the Seminole Hwy/Frontage Rd intersection and walk through the trails and possibly under the Beltline to the other side of the Arboretum. 7:00 Meet back at Prairie (or if your group would like to continue walking you can meet later) 7-9:00 Indoor games. Contact Rebecca Malke, DRE, 271-8218, [dre@uuprairie.org](mailto:dre@uuprairie.org), for more information.



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