Prairie Fire

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Calendar

Friday, December 9, 2011
5:00 Interfaith Open House

Sunday, December 11, 2011
8:45 Choir rehearsal
11:15 Soup Sunday
11:15 Parish Meeting

Monday, December 12
6:30 Spanish Speakers Potluck at the home of Marcia Johnson
7:00 Prairie's Board meets.

Tuesday, December 13, 2011
7:00 Open Mic Cabaret for Doleta Chapru's and Phyllis Long's 75th Birthday

Sunday, December 18, 2011
8:45 Choir rehearsal
10:00 Service – Intergenerational Service – Symbol Tree

Saturday, December 24, 2011
4:30 Christmas Eve service

Sunday, December 25, 2011
Christmas Day – No Service

Saturday, December 31, 2011
7:00 New Years Eve party

Sunday, January 1, 2011
10:00 Service – Jazz Funeral for the Old Year

Tuesday, January 3, 2011
1:30 Prairie Elders meets. Topic: Wisconsin water access, quality and ownership.

Sunday, January 8, 2011
10:00 Service – “12 Steps to a Compassionate Life,” presented by Phyllis Long.
**Upcoming Programs**

**Sunday, December 11, 2011, 10:00 a.m.** "The Arab Spring—What It Means for Women," presented by Saideh Jamshidi.

**Sunday, December 18, 2011, 10:00 a.m.** Intergenerational program focusing on poverty and homelessness, with our annual symbol tree.

**Saturday, December 24, 2011, 4:30 p.m.** Christmas Eve Carol Sing

**Sunday, January 1, 2011, 10:00 a.m.** Jazz Funeral for the Old Year

**News & Announcements**

**The Fall Parish Meeting** will be held on December 11, 2011. Agenda items include an update on governance, voting on Congregational Study/Action Issues, questions on Committee and Officer reports, and an election of a new ministerial search committee.

**Open Mic Cabaret** Join Doleta Chapru and Phyllis Long on December 13 at 7:00pm for an open mic cabaret to celebrate their 75th birthday! Prairie listeners, musicians, reciters, food munchers, newcomers, old timers, mid-timers, all ages are invited. Children and their parents get the earliest time slots. Absolutely no presents! Cards, witicisms, poems, and recipes (sugar/flour-free) okay.

**New Years Eve party!** Join your friends at Prairie to ring in the New Year with wine and cheese, music, and family games. Start thinking about rounding up your favorite wine and cheese to share. Festivities start at 7:00pm. Child care will be provided from 7:00 to 10:00. Bring a sleeping bag to stay overnight!

**Prairie will be having its annual program on the United Nations on December 11,** and there will be applications in the lobby for membership in the UU-UNO. Please consider joining this important organization if you have an interest in world peace and in the United Nations. At the 2010 General Assembly, thirteen UU congregations were honored as Blue Ribbon congregations for fulfilling four requirements in support of the UU-UNO and its mission. These requirements (of which Prairie has fulfilled three) are: 1) to appoint a congregation UNO envoy (the denominational affairs committee chair acts as our default envoy), 2) to have an annual UN Sunday Service, 3) to give the UN-UNO a line in the annual budget. If we could fulfill the fourth requirement, which is to have at least a five percent membership (or, about 5 to 7 people), we too would be a UU-UNO Blue Ribbon Congregation. Are you a member? Would you consider signing up after our UN service on Dec. 11th?