

# **Prairie Fire**

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## **Calendar**

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.11:30 Congregational By-laws meeting

### Monday, January 9, 2011

7:00 Prairie Board meets

### Sunday, January 15, 2011

10:00 Service

11:45 11:45 Humanist Union meets. Potluck at 11:45, presentation at 12:30. Topic: "James Dobson: why his group Focus on the Family endangers America" by Susan Hagstrom.

#### Sunday, January 22

10:00 Service

11:15 Soup Sunday

11:45 Congregational By-laws meeting

#### Monday, January 23

6:30 Spanish Speakers Potluck at the home of Ray Nashold.

# **Prairie Web Sites:**

Home Page www.uuprairie.org

News Group http://groups.yahoo. com/group/prairie news/

Views http://groups.yahoo. com/group/prairie views/

Social Action http://socialaction. madisonwi.us

Humanist Union http://humanist.madisonwi.us

# Input Deadlines:

Calendar items, announcements, and program descriptions are due on the 1st and 15th of each month. Please send to Dan Klock at admin@uuprairie.org or call 271-8218.

# **Upcoming Programs**

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

Led by Kate Liu and Doleta Chapru. We will sing carols from our hymn book and other sources. Some will have UU words, others will have traditional Christian texts. Our focus is on the beauty of the music, selected readings and the seasonal wish for peace on earth.

Sunday, December 25, 2011 Christmas Day - No service

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

## **News & Announcements**

**Bring in the New Year at Prairie!!!!** On Saturday, Dec. 31st, Prairie UU Society will host a New Year's Eve party from 7:00 p.m. to 1 a.m. Childcare will be provided from 7-10:00 p.m. Please bring your favorite wine or cheese and your best New Year's Eve outfit!

**Soup Sunday schedule is out!** Stay after the service on the following Sundays to enjoy good food and excellent conversation: Jan.22, Feb. 19, March 25, April 8 (Easter Brunch), May 13, and June 3 (Spring Parish Meeting).

**The next Spanish Speakers Potluck** will be held on Monday, January 23 at the home of Ray Nashold, 5410 Ester Beach Rd. Bring food if you can, but all are welcome. Please call Ray at 608-222-3021 for directions, or Rosemary Dorney at 608-238-4382 if you need a ride.

## **Denominational Affairs**

**CONGREGATIONAL POLL:** Every two years congregations are invited to submit proposals for a Congregational Study Action Issue (CSAI) to be placed on the agenda at that year's General Assembly. The topics of these proposals are submitted to congregations world-wide in mid-November and congregations are asked to vote on the ones they are most desirous of having appear on the General Assembly agenda in June, where delagates will choose the next four year Study Action Issue. We voted at the November 11th Parish meeting, and the selected issues were (in order of preference): (1) Families, Population and the Environment; (2) Climae Action and Adaptaton Plans; and (3) Ending Slavery.



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