



Prairie Fire

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Calendar

Sunday, October 14, 2012

- 8:45 Choir rehearsal
- 10:00 Service – “The 11x15 Project,” presented by Carin Bingelson of MOSES.
- 11:45 Supporting our Aging Parents group meets.

Tuesday, October 16, 2012

- 7:00 Program Committee meets

Sunday, October 21, 2012

- 8:45 Choir rehearsal
- 10:00 Service – UN Sunday – "SERRV and Fair Trade: Providing Opportunity and Support to Artisans and Farmers Worldwide," presented by Sarah Wilcox.
- 11:30 Soup Sunday

Sunday, October 28, 2012

- 8:45 Choir rehearsal
- 10:00 Service – Day of the Dead
- 11:30 Prairie Book Club meets

Wednesday, October 31, 2012

- 5:30 Halloween Party at Prairie

Saturday, November 3, 2012

- 9:00 PrairieWOW meets at Prairie

Sunday, November 4, 2012

- 8:45 Choir rehearsal
- 10:00 Service – “A Journal from Despair to Hope,” presented by Maggie Felker.
- 12:00 Humanist Union meets
- 5:30 Prairie Men's Groups meets

Sunday, November 11, 2012

- 8:45 Choir rehearsal
- 10:00 Service by Rev. Sandra Ingham
- 11:30 Soup Sunday
- 12:00 Fall Parish Meeting

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

Sunday, October 14, 2012, 10:00 a.m. "The 11x15 Project," presented by Carin Bingelson of MOSES.

Sunday, October, 2012, 10:00 a.m. "SERRV and Fair Trade: Providing Opportunity and Support to Artisans and Farmers Worldwide," presented by Sarah Wilcox.

Sunday, October 30, 2012, 10:00 a.m. Day of the Dead.

Sunday, November 4, 2012, 10:00 a.m. "A Journal from Hope to Despair," presented by Magge Felker.

Announcements

INTERESTED In a Support Group around "Supporting Aging Parents"?

We on the Caring Committee realize there are a number of us in the zone of parental caretaking as our parents age. We'd like to gather to share resources, stories and support. Katherine Peterson and Aileen Nettleton from the Caring Committee will facilitate our first session. We will base it on the concerns of those who come. We will meet from 11:45-1:30 on Sunday, October 14, in one of the classrooms at Prairie. Feel free to bring finger food to share. Please contact Katherine at feelgoodyoga@mac.com (608-205-4366) or Aileen at aanett@sbcglobal.net (238-6053) if you are able to join us so we plan for a space for all. If those who attend wish to meet further, we will plan accordingly at this meeting, but if you wish to come just once, you are welcome.

The kickoff program for circle dinners, an all-group potluck, will be held at Prairie Sunday, October 14 at 5:30 p.m. Some people are setting up groups with a theme or interest such as pets, games, sports, families with kids, or music. We also have one for families involved or interested in the foreign exchange student program. Deadline for signing up is Friday, Oct. 12. Contact Dan Proud for your questions.

Interfaith Hospitality Network Week is October 21 to 28 One of Prairie's social action commitments is being a buddy church for Midvale Lutheran as they house homeless families as part of the Interfaith Hospitality Network, which is part of The Road Home. Please consider volunteering to serve dinner or various other jobs to help Prairie honor its commitment to this wonderful organization. You can call Erin Bosch for more information about IHN (238-6285), or... you can go to this website for an explanation of the volunteer jobs:

<http://midvalelutheran.org/ihnjobs.htm> ... and you can sign up online by going to this address and then clicking on The Road Home sign-up:

<http://www.midvalelutheran.org/>

Would you be interested in a book club for discussing philosophical and spiritual books? A group for reading such things as the Koran, the Bible, the Guru Garanth Sahib, The Biology of Belief, Dr. Richard Davidson's work, Harold Kushner and more? If this sounds interesting to you, please contact Kate Liu (kgliu311@gmail.com or 238-9153) to talk about setting a time to meet and pick a book to start with.

President's Corner

NEWS FROM OUR MINISTER (written by Barbara Park, President)

As I am writing this, Sandra is preparing to hike in the Grand Canyon, hiking down on Wednesday, staying overnight at the Phantom Ranch, and hiking back on Thursday. She had a bad cold when she left, so wish her good health to carry her through her adventure.

Several people have asked about her schedule. As was noted when we hired her, she had several commitments made long before she knew that she would apply for this job. She will arrive back in Madison on November 8th or 9th and will be speaking to us on Sunday, November 11th and presiding on the 18th, which means that she will be with us for the Parish Meeting on that day. She leaves again on November 19th until December 5th. During that time she will do her "BIG" trek into the Canyon with her sister and daughter. After that she will be all moved to Madison and with us for the rest of the year. We are looking forward to that time and wish her good health and lots of returned energy for these energetic expeditions!

Prairie Unitarian Universalist Mission Statement

Prairie is a diverse, lay-led congregation. We aspire to be both open-hearted and open-minded. We welcome all who enter our doors with any combination of strengths and weaknesses, beliefs and doubts.

Our small size allows us to be like an extended family: we aspire to support one another and nurture the growth of each of our members. By sharing joys and sorrows, we keep each other company on the journey through life.

We seek to learn with and from each other in an atmosphere that respects diverse ideas, lifestyles, cultures, and wisdom traditions. Our shared values include respect for all forms of life and stewardship of the environment. Helping our youth to understand and appreciate these values is part of our mission.

We seek to promote dignity, worth, and justice for people worldwide by supporting individual and collective social action.

