

Prairie Fire



First service “If These Walls Could Talk” in the Annex on May 26th 2019.

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July Calendar*

Please see www.uuprairie.org for detailed descriptions

All events take place in the Annex, unless starred

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Tuesday 2 July

- 11:30a Design Sub-Committee Meeting

Saturday 6 July

- 5a Men's Shelter*
- 9a Prairie WOW

Sunday 7 July

- 10a Service: Potluck Picnic
- 10a RE on the Road: Humane Society Group Tour*
- 11:45a Humanist Union (see note below)

Sunday 14 July

- 10a Service
- 10a RE on the Road: Middleton Spray Park & Picnic*
- 11:45a Board Meeting

Friday 19 July

- 6p D&D/Subversive Threads

Sunday 21 July

- 10a Service
- 10a RE on the Road: Tie-Dye in the Backyard
- 11:45a Book Club: History of Wolves by Emily Fridlund. Bring snacks to eat.

Sunday 28 July

- 10a Service: Joint Service with the Free Congregation*
- 10a RE on the Road: Lake Wingra Boating, Park & Picnic*



Calendar Notes

June 7th Humanist Union: Humanist Potluck Picnic

The Humanist Union's potluck picnic planned for July 7th will be combined with the Prairie picnic in Marlborough Park that day. If the Prairie picnic is cancelled due to inclement weather, the Humanist Union picnic will be relocated to the home of Barb and Bob Park, 5610 Hammersley Rd, starting at 11:45 am, with the relocation noted on the group's coming events page at <http://humanist.madisonwi.us/events.htm>.

RE Fun on the Road

Holly Tellander, Director of Religious Education

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A BIG THANK YOU... to everyone who has joined us on the road so far this summer! We've had a lot of fun getting to know each other, talking about all the things, watching the kids do all the things, and eating all the things!

**FWIW - the Wedekinds & the Slagoski/Nelsons brought their campfire A-GAME
LAST WEEK!**

Pudgie Pies & some amazing potatoes...mmmm....

Check out our pics & join us sometime!
If the Annex gets crowded, you have options!



NOTE: This schedule is on the website & the calendar & **IT IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE :)** Please make sure to **check the website/calendar each week** before heading out on Sunday morning to check final plans.

We will also be coordinating a **group text chain** for folks who would like to stay informed of schedule changes and/or want to be stay in contact as we come across new opportunities & information. **Please touch base with Holly if you want to be on that chain.**

Holly Tellander, Director of Religious Education
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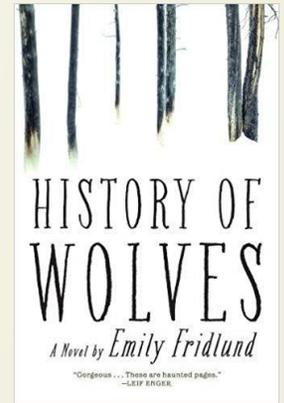
Prairie Book Club

Mary Mullen

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Thanks to the addition of two new book club members, the Prairie Book Club has taken on new life. This fall we will be completing our 19th consecutive year, having started in September 2000.

[A flyer is located here](#) with a little information about each book. We meet in the Annex after the Sunday service and members bring food to share. The next book is [History of Wolves](#) by Emily Fridlund.



Volunteers needed: Prairie Retreat

We are looking for volunteers for this year's Retreat (Nov 1st-3rd)! We are in need of 2 people for registration and 2 people to organize and schedule retreat events. Let Dan Klock (admin@uuprairie.org) know if you'd like to volunteer, or would like more information.



Looking for a White Microwave

Kitchen Renovation Committee

We are searching for an **over the stove** white microwave (needs a vent on top) for the remodeled kitchen. Please contact bchatter10@gmail.com if you have one that might work (subject to committee approval)



Member Spotlight

Get to know Barb & Ron Frye

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- What current Prairie positions do you hold/past positions?
Ron is a choir member and on the Nominating Committee. Barbara was a Program Committee member and then chair for 2 years; she is currently Hospitality Chair.
- Where did you grow up? When and why did you move to Madison?
Ron grew up in OK and moved to Madison in 2005 to house sit for a friend. Barbara hails from the East Coast, having lived in MA, RI and NY. She moved to Madison with her ex who was from Madison originally.
- What brought you to Prairie?
Barbara had attended a UU in Syracuse and had recently moved to Madison with her ex husband, Peter, who grew up at First UU. They tried First Society but wanted a smaller, more casual atmosphere. After her divorce, she started dating Ron and invited him to a summer service which was a guided tour of the Arboretum. He was pleasantly surprised that we had no service, prayers or hymns and were just there solely to take in nature and enjoy.
- Do you remember your first impressions of Prairie? Why did you join Prairie?
My first visit to Prairie featured Mike Briggs playing piano and jazz chords as he played the hymns, as well as Barb Park recognizing us because we attended the UU church in Syracuse NY where she grew up and used to visit her Mother. Ron attended Prairie with Barbara for about 5 years before joining and he did so because of the comfort and acceptance. "It feels like a nice old shoe." Ron and Barbara were married in June 2012 at Prairie by Andy Sommers.
- What do you do with your time when you're not at Prairie?
Ron is a Sr instructor of Speech at Madison College, plays guitar and sings. He gigs locally and in Baraboo plus sings with the Madison Symphony Orchestra. Barbara is a semi retired Realtor, works part time as a Capitol Tour Guide and fiddles around with her ukulele.



Ron & Barb on their wedding day

Allied Wellness Center

Social Action Committee

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Allied Wellness Center is the recipient of our 3rd quarter offertory sharing.

The Allied Wellness Center was established in July of 2004 to help residents of the Allied, Belmar, and Dunn's March neighborhoods. The Center focuses on health promotion, direct assistance in obtaining medications, bus fare and gas cards to help people get to medical appointments and to jobs.



Grants have funded a pioneering program to teach neighborhood residents how to support good mental and physical health of others as community health workers. A group of nine residents have been in training for about 9 months. Nursing volunteers and these community health workers in training may offer blood pressure checks, help check blood sugar levels and provide information and instruction in healthy diet and exercise. It was envisioned as a holistic ministry resource and averages 100 contacts per month. The Center is an umbrella for other neighborhood groups: The Brotherhood for Boys, and Mothers in the Neighborhood.

The Center has one half time staff person, a Community Health Liaison/Chaplain whose position is funded by a city grant. The Center depends on donations from churches that make up the Allied Partners and grants to fund its activities. Prairie has been a long time member of Allied Partners.

Communication Corner: Facebook Tips

Katrina Daly Thompson, Communications Committee Co-Chair

Want to help promote Prairie on Facebook, with very little effort?



Two small things you can do to help:

1. If you see a Prairie Facebook event announcement, "**Like**" it or click "**Interested.**" Even if you're not planning to go, "like-ing" it or clicking Interested will make it show up in your friends' news feeds, increasing the number of people who see it and potentially decide to come to check us out.
2. **Check to see if your friends from Prairie have all been invited.** Even though Katrina manages the Prairie Facebook page, Facebook only lets her invite those of you who are already her Facebook friends, which means that some Prairie folks are not getting invited. If you notice that, please invite them!

Thanks for your help in getting the word out about our community! If you have any questions, please let the Communications Committee know by emailing communications@uuprairie.org.