

August
2019

Prairie Fire



Final service in the Annex on July 21st 2019.

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August Calendar*

Please see www.uuprairie.org for detailed descriptions

***All events take place at Oak Park Nakoma, unless stated**

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Thursday 1 August

- 7p Program Committee Meeting (Annex)

Saturday 3 August

- 5a Men's Shelter (Grace Episcopal)
- 9a Prairie WOW (Annex)

Sunday 4 August

- 10a Service: Picturebook Principles (Intergenerational)

Monday 5 August (and 12, 19 & 26)

- Prairie Gardening Work Day (Annex/Meeting House outside)

Sunday 11 August

- 10a Service
- 10a RE: Picnic Point Campfire Brunch & Hike (Picnic Point)
- 11a Bakery Sunday

Monday 12 August

- 7p Small Group Ministry (Annex)

Tuesday 13 August (and 27)

- 11:30a Design Committee Meeting (Annex)

Friday 16 August

- 6p D&D/Subversive Threads (Annex)

Sunday 18 August

- 10a Service
- 10a RE: Pride Festival Pre-Party
- 11:45a Book Club: Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi. Bring snacks to eat. (Annex)
- 11:45a Board Meeting (Annex)

Sunday 25 August

- 10a Service
- 10a RE: School Supply Backpack Drive & Ice Cream Party



Oak Park Nakoma
4327 Nakoma Rd

Calendar Notes

Sept 1st Humanist Union: Humanitarian Aid is Never a Crime

The Humanist Union will not meet in August. Our next meeting will be on September 1, starting with a noon potluck in the Annex. Mary Somers will be our presenter and her topic is "Humanitarian Aid is Never a Crime - The Trial of Scott Warren." Mary knows Scott Warren from their work with No More Deaths in the deadly Mexico/Arizona desert borderlands. Mary's program will be co-sponsored by Prairie's Social Action Committee.

Oak Park Nakoma

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Starting Sunday August 4th we will have our morning services at Oak Park Nakoma at 4327 Nakoma Road, continuing through the end of our remodeling. Their facility has been very welcoming and is allowing us to use their facility at no cost. We will be having both adult and youth programming there. While Oak Park Place does have a parking lot, please only use the lot if you need to park close to the door. Otherwise, please park on the street to leave room in the lot for the families of the Oak Park Place residents. The residents have been invited to attend our services, so we might have some new faces! More details coming soon!

Construction Update

Dan Klock, Prairie Administrator

Tom Robinson and Al Nettleton met with the building contractor. They reviewed concerns, items to be reused in the remodeling, and talked about schedule. Everyone is to stay away from the construction site, both inside the building and outside grounds. Tom and Al are the only ones authorized by the construction company to be on site. At this time the demolition of the stage, cabinets, partitions surrounding bathrooms is taking place.

If you want to take progress pictures to document the new and remodeling work. Please contact Tom Robinson prior to visiting the site for an appropriate time to do this. More than likely this will be limited to weekends when no construction workers are around.



Post asbestos removal, members of the Design Sub Committee discuss ideas for the floor, walls and ceiling on June 4th 2019

RE Fun on the Road

Holly Tellander, Director of Religious Education

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Check out our pics & join us sometime! 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.





Small Group Ministry Discussion: Aspects of Islam



Molly Plunkett

This is a one session meeting on August 12th 7pm at the Annex to explore our ideas and understanding of Islam. Content of session is modeled on group offered by another UU congregation. It is meant to be contemplative not academic. I know I struggle with prejudices that need probing and pushing and maybe you do as well. There will be some brief reading excerpts, and a few facts: "Islam at a Glance," but mostly discussion. Two hour time frame. If there is a lot of enthusiasm from this one meeting we could continue the discussion. Let Molly know if you would like to participate at plunkettma@gmail.com or 608-219-2904.

Move to the Middle Reminder

Erin Bosch, Membership Committee Co-Chair

For Sunday Services, please move to the middle of a row and sit right next to a person (instead of an empty seat between). This way guests and late comers can sit as a group and not climb over other people to get to a seat. We especially want to make it accessible for Oak Park residents starting August 4th. Thanks in advance.



Member Spotlight

Get to know Dan & Robin Proud

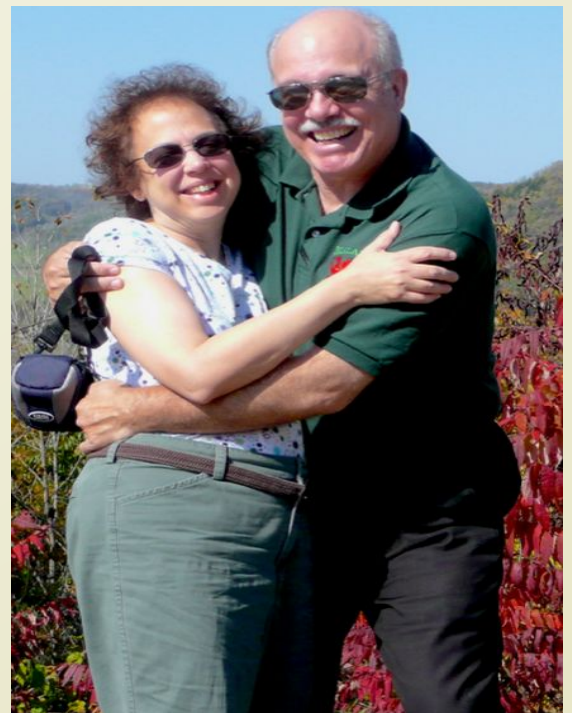


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Robin and Dan Proud did not grow up in Madison going to Prairie! Robin grew up on a sheep farm in Pennsylvania, and then in central city Philadelphia. Dan grew up in Grand Rapids, Michigan and in Lisle, Illinois, a Chicago suburb. They met at Carleton College in Minnesota doing international folk dancing, became UUs, and raised their two children in the Michael Servetus UU Society in the Twin Cities area. They moved to Madison in 2002 to be nearer Dan's family in northern Illinois and were immediately attracted to Prairie on their first visit. It felt just like the congregation they had left—welcoming, informal, dynamic. Since then both have been involved with RE, the Program and Membership committees, and the Prairie administrator position. Robin has been a regular teacher in the RE program and frequent Sunday speaker; Dan does music and is the new Prairie secretary.

Both are now retired from their careers in telecommunications customer service and in technical writing, and together relax with word games and card games, take Landmark Education seminars and courses, travel, and read (with books in every room!). Robin is a Toastmasters guru and public speaker, and recently joined the League of Women Voters; Dan is a Welshophile (language, music, etc.), sings in several choirs, and performs on guitar and harp at nursing homes and veterans events.

Fun facts: we had cats for 37 years (our first child was Minuit); and we constructed our shared email address (derrproud) from our initials (Danny Evan is Dan's legal name and Robin Rogg is Robin's maiden name).



Volunteers Needed: Men's Drop-in Shelter Breakfast

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Social Action Committee

Prairie has been volunteering at Porchlight's drop-in shelter for men for over 25 years, and in partnership with James Reeb UU Society for 15 years. Once a month, volunteers from both societies cook up a hearty breakfast for the guys at the Men's Drop-In Shelter, which is located in the basement of Grace Episcopal Church on the Capital Square. Our shift is always the Saturday immediately after the first Friday of the month and lasts from 5 a.m. to about 7 a.m. First-time volunteers are welcome and encouraged! The breakfast tasks are easy and others will be happy to show you what to do. Children can also volunteer, if responsible and accompanied by an adult. If you wish to help out but early morning isn't feasible, you can volunteer to be a shopper, who buys and delivers the groceries to the shelter the day before.



Three volunteers are needed for August--one shopper and two cooks. If you would like to shop and deliver on Friday, August 2, sign up on the sheet by the Annex door, or email or call Paula Pachciarz. She will send you the grocery list and information about delivery. If you would like to help with the breakfast early in the morning on Saturday, August 3, sign up or email and she will get back to you (pjpchz@gmail.com; 608.206.1770)

Thank you to our many 2019 volunteers thus far: Barb Park, Molly Plunkett, Dan Proud, Phoenix Wardell, Heidi Hughes, Rachel Hughes, Evan Creed, and Gary Gates.

Communication Corner: Prairie Goodreads

Katrina Daly Thompson, Communications Committee Co-Chair

We now have an official Goodreads account where we will keep track of Book Club books, books read during services (i.e. children's stories), and highlight our members who have published books.

If you have a Goodreads account, please **Follow** Prairie UU and/or **Add Friend**. You can either search for us in Goodreads or go to <https://goodreads.com/PrairieUU>

If you have published a book you'd like us to include, please email us the details! 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.

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