



Prairie Fire Bulletin

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Calendar

Saturday, February 7, 2009

Men's Homeless Shelter Breakfast. Please see Kathy Converse to volunteer.
9:00 am - WOW meets at the home of Barb Park for breakfast potluck.

Sunday, February 8, 2009

9:00 am - Choir Rehearsal.
10:00 am - service - "Love Thy Neighbor," presented by Religious Education.
11:45 am - Denominational Affairs and Hospitality & Membership committees meet.
12 noon - Ethical Humanism Study Group potluck; formal program begins at 12:45.

Tuesday, February 10, 2009

7:00 pm - "Faithful Choices" class begins. Continues every Tuesday through March 17.

Wednesday, February 11, 2009

6:30 pm - Spanish Speakers potluck at the home of Marcia and Dave Johnson.

Sunday, February 15, 2009

9:00 am - Choir Rehearsal.
9:00 am - RE committee meets downstairs at Prairie.
10:00 am - service - "Nurturing Respect in Our Families: at Home and in Community," presented by Rev. Ralph Tyksinski.
11:45 am - Prairie Board meeting. Potluck lunch begins at 11:45, meeting begins at noon.
11:45 am - Prairie Book Club meets to discuss Interpreter of Maladies.
Prairie Fire article deadline.

Wednesday, February 18, 2009

7:00 pm - Program committee meets at Prairie.

Thursday, February 19, 2009

7:00 pm - Movie group meets to view "A Face in the Crowd"

Saturday, February 21, 2009

5:00 pm - RE's Wild Wintering overnight begins.

Sunday, February 22, 2009 -Interfaith Hospitality Network Week Begins

9:00 am - Choir Rehearsal.
10:00 am - service - "Forgiveness and Justice," presented by Amy Owen.
11:45 am - Prairie Service auction. Lunch at 11:45, the auction will begin shortly after.

Tuesday, February 24, 2009

2:00 pm - Prairie Elders meets at Oakwood.

Save the Dates!

March 7, 2009 - Racial Justice workshop, contact Mary Somers for more information.
March 8, 2009 - Parish meeting for vote on congregational application for Green Sanctuary.
April 24-26, 2009 - District Assembly in Waukesha.
June 24-28, 2009 - General Assembly in Salt Lake City.

Upcoming Programs

Sunday, February 8, 2009 "Love Thy Neighbor," presented by Religious Education. This is our Valentine's Day Intergenerational Service, a special time for family and friends to gather and share their reasons for loving one another. RE students will have the opportunity to share what they like most about the students in their class. Prairie members, friends and guests will then have a chance to express what they like about Prairie and the people who make up our community. During this time you will be asked to put your artistic talent to use and make Valentines to lift the spirits of those around you.

Prairie Web Sites:

Society 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>

Sunday, February 15, 2009 "Nurturing Respect in Our Families: at Home and in Community" - presented by Rev. Ralph Tyksinski. We explore the meanings of the term "respect" and how it is nurtured in our families. As we face these difficult times of economic stress and hardship what issues are raised around the needs, tasks and expectations for teaching "respect"? Sara Lawrence-Lightfoot, Harvard scholar, has written: "You get respect when you give it". And Ralph Canter, writes: "Respect is mutual care and regard, dignity, and physical and emotional safety-a state in which everyone counts, and everyone counts upon everyone else". A challenge for us all!

Sunday, February 22, 2009 "Forgiveness and Justice" - presented by Amy Owen. What is forgiveness? Can it coexist with justice? This service will explore these questions, the ways that forgiveness is related to our UU principles, and some of the ways the term forgiveness has been used unjustly. Presenter Amy Owen is a member of James Reeb Unitarian Universalist Congregation, where she currently offers an adult RE class on forgiveness. She has been studying forgiveness for over nine years, particularly how forgiveness can benefit mental health and substance abuse treatment, and comparing the concept and process of forgiveness across cultures. She recently earned her Master's in Counseling and her PhD in Educational Psychology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Sunday, March 1, 2009 "This I Believe" - facilitated by Anne Lundin.

This popular lay ministry series presents the spiritual journeys of three of Prairie's members. In this installment, we get to follow beliefs through 3 generations when Phyllis Long, Rachel Long, and Reuben Arnold share their stories with us. The emphasis in this series is on the diversity of beliefs in our shared community.

Input Deadlines:

Calendar items and program descriptions are due on the 1st and 15th of each month. Feature articles for the full *Prairie Fire* are due on the 15th of each month. Please send to Kate Liu at admin@uuprairie.org or call 271-8218.



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