



# Prairie Fire

**January 22, 2009**

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## Calendar

### **Saturday, January 24, 2009**

2:00 pm - Beginning Spanish Conversation at Prairie.

### **Sunday, January 25, 2009**

9:00 am - Choir rehearsal.

10:00 am - service - "The Pain of War, the Joy of Peace," presented by Pat Watkins.

11:45 am - Brief Parish meeting followed by an All-Society Potluck lunch at noon.

### **Tuesday, January 27, 2009**

2:00 pm - Prairie Elders meet at Oakwood. Topic is "Your Favorite Poems."

7:30 pm - Housing and Property committee meets at Prairie.

### **Sunday, February 1, 2009**

9:00 am - Choir Rehearsal.

10:00 am - service - "Darwin and His Dangerous Idea," presented by Jane Shoup.

12 noon - Humanist Union meets. Potluck begins at noon, informal discussion with Jane Shoup begins at 12:30pm.

### **Saturday, February 7, 2009**

Men's Homeless Shelter Breakfast. Please contact Kathy Converse to volunteer.

9:00 am - WOW meets at the home of Kathy Converse for breakfast potluck.

### **Sunday, February 8, 2009**

9:00 am - Choir Rehearsal.

10:00 am - service - "Love Thy Neighbor," presented by Religious Education.

12 noon - Ethical Humanism Study group potluck; formal program begins at 12:45.

### **Tuesday, February 10, 2009**

7:00 pm - Faithful Choices class begins.

### **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.

10:00 am - service - "Nurturing Respect in Our Families: at Home and in Community" - presented by Rev. Ralph Tyksinski.

11:45 am - Prairie Book Club meets to discuss Interpreter of Maladies.

11:45 am - Prairie Board Meeting - potluck begins at 11:45, meeting at noon.

### **Looking Further Ahead...**

Feb. 21, 2009 - RE's Wild Wintering

Feb. 22, 2009 - Prairie Service Auction; start of Interfaith Hospitality Network Week

March 7, 2009 - Day-long Racial Justice Workshop

# Upcoming Sunday Programs

**Sunday, January 25, 2009 "The Pain of War; The Joy of Peace"** - facilitated by Pat Watkins. A literary and musical service, with much congregational participation, consisting of readings, songs and quotations about war and the emotions and pain it engenders, and also the hope for peace.

**Sunday, February 1, 2009 "Darwin and His Dangerous Idea"** - presented by Jane Shoup. In celebration of the 200th anniversary of his birth, we will consider the extraordinary life and voyage of Charles Darwin, his confirmation of the fact of evolution and his painstaking development of the theory of natural selection. Emphasis will be on Darwin's dedication to rational principles of scientific inquiry and his attendant loss of faith in Christian doctrine. His Origin of Species – he called it "my abominable volume" - is arguably the most influential book of the Modern Era.

## Prairie Web Sites:

Society Home Page  
[www.uuprairie.org](http://www.uuprairie.org)

News Group  
[http://groups.yahoo.com/group/prairie\\_news/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/prairie_news/)

Views  
[http://groups.yahoo.com/group/prairie\\_views/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/prairie_views/)

Social Action  
<http://socialaction.madisonwi.us>

Humanist Union  
<http://humanist.madisonwi.us>

**Sunday, February 8, 2009 "Love Thy Neighbor"** - presented by RE. 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 Valentine's to lift the spirits of those around you.

**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,"** presented 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.

## Religious Education News

The new year is upon us and RE is ready to take on the joys and challenges of a brand new semester of learning. Classes started on a very icy January 4th with our monthly spirit circle and a social justice



issue: Hunger. I would like to thank Paula Pachciarz for helping teach the 4-6th grade class when the weather prevented one of our teachers from coming. Paula's dedication and enthusiasm for RE is greatly appreciated!

This month students are learning about hunger locally and globally. On January 25th the president and CEO of Second Harvest Foodbank of Southern Wisconsin, Bob Mohelnitzky, will speak to students in grades 4-12 about local hunger and how the Foodbank provides relief. I am very excited to have him talk to our children about this important and unfortunately growing issue.

Next month we will begin looking at prejudice in the United States. There are many forms of prejudice and RE students will get a look at issues such as ageism, sexual orientation and language discrimination.

If you haven't registered your child(ren) please do so by filling out the registration form that can be found online at [www.uuprairie.org/re](http://www.uuprairie.org/re) or by filling out a form at the greeting table.

On February 8th Prairie will have its Valentine's Day Intergenerational service by brought to you by RE. Students will get the chance to say what they like about their class and their fellow classmates and Prairie members and friends will have an opportunity to share what they love about the Prairie community. This will be a time for us to share why we love our "neighbor" and also make Valentine's for our loved ones. We will have an intergenerational band put together by Doleta Chapru, which will surely be a hit.

I would like to thank all who helped make last months RE New Year's service a success. Madeline Arnold presided that evening and we had several of our RE students put on a skit. Many thanks to: Katherine and Aaron Liu and Lew Blank along with former RE students Judy Wacker and Mei-Lien Converse and RE teacher Randy Converse and Erin Bosch who is always ready and willing to lend a hand to our young people. I also want to thank our administrator, Kate Liu, for being in my place that evening to make sure the skit was a success.

As you can see, we depend on volunteers like Paula, Randy and Erin to run our program. All it takes is a little bit of time and a whole lot of love for children. If you would like to help out our program please let me or RE Chair, Karen Deaton, know.

Rebecca Malke (YREC)  
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ps: Mark your calendars for the Wild Wintering evening, coming up on Saturday, February 21!

## Our Society

### Prairie Book Club Selections

Prairie Book Club meets once a month after service to discuss a chosen book. Here is the list of selections and the dates they will be discussed for the next couple of months:

Interpreter of Maladies, by Jhumpa Lahiri, Sunday, February 15th.

Devil in the White City: Murder, Magic, & Madness at the Fair that Changed America, by Erik Larson, Sunday, March 15th.

Omnivore's Dilemma: A Natural History of Four Meals by Michael Pollan, Sunday, April 19th.

Happy reading!

### Prairie Service Auction February 22, 2009

One of Prairie's largest (and arguably most fun) fundraisers is coming up on Sunday, February 22nd after the service: the Prairie Auction! Members and friends offer up various services such as rides to the airport or pet-sitting, items like fresh baked cookies, or "events," such as a theme dinner. Then, under the experienced hand of our fabulous auctioneer, Orange Schroeder, members and friends bid on these items, with all proceeds going to Prairie. With the auction just one month away, we need to collect our list of items that will be available for the auction. Forms are available at Prairie on the greeting table, or you can email (or call) Mary Mullen with your item, providing the following information: the name of your item, a short description of your item, the date and time your item will be offered (if needed,) how many of the item are available, and if you require a minimum bid. Please also give her your contact information. Mary can be reached at [mmullen@chorus.net](mailto:mmullen@chorus.net) or 298-0843.

### Adult RE Class begins February 10, 2009

A Lifespan Religious Education program begins Tuesday, February 10, 2009, at 7:00pm.

As a follow-up of the program on "Final Choices" the following will be offered: [Faithful Choices: An Adult Program in Clinical Ethics and Religious Values.](#)

### Theme and Description

This 8-session program for adults uses case studies to explore the relationships between religious ethics, moral values and personal decision making regarding issues of health care and caring for others. Topics under consideration include the right to refusal of treatment, informed consent, and privacy and truth-telling in health care. Current news items and papers brought in by participants enrich the program and ground it in the real concerns of the group.

### Learning Objectives for Participants:

To become more knowledgeable, faithful, responsible, and pro-active health care decision-makers;

To draw connections between real-life examples and UU Principles and values, as well as other thinking in the field of ethics and bio-ethics.

To develop personal guidelines to handle difficult issues of medical ethics in the future.

Over 35 handouts will be available for participant discussion and references.

### Course Leader:

Rev. Ralph Tyksinski, Consulting Minister, Prairie UU Society.

### Course Outline:

Session 1 Feb. 10 - What Are "Faithful Choices" in Health Care?

Session 2 Feb. 17 - Confidentiality and Privacy: Who Knows What and Why?

Session 3 Feb 24 - Braving the Truth

Session 4 March 3 - Informed Consent and Capacity: Who Decides?

Session 5 March 10 - When Capable People Refuse Treatment

Session 6 March 17 - Forgoing Life-Sustaining Treatment for the Incapacitated

Session 7 March 24 - Ethical Decision Making at Life's End

Session 8 March 31 - Access, Allocation, and Cost Containment: Who Gets Treated?

To Register; Sign up on Registration Form on Meeting House Bulletin Board or Contact Rev. Ralph at: [revralph341@yahoo.com](mailto:revralph341@yahoo.com)

### **Movie Group Meets Thursday, February 19, 2009 at 7:00 pm**

The Movie Group will view *A Face in the Crowd*, the 1957 Elia Kazan film starring Patricia Neal and Andy Griffith, and written by Budd Schulberg. The Library of Congress added this film to the National Film Register on December 30<sup>th</sup>. Bring snacks to share, the movie starts at 7:00 pm.

### **Ethical Humanism Study Group**

An adult study group organized around the topic "Ethical Humanism as a Religious Approach" will hold its first meeting at Prairie on Sunday, Feb. 8. The group will be led by Ron Solomon, who has over 40 years of experience in the Ethical Culture movement. He is currently on the Board of the American Ethical Union (the national organization parallel to the UUA for congregations affiliated with Ethical Culture/Ethical Humanism in the U.S.) and is a vice president of the International Humanist and Ethical Union. An outline of topics that Ron proposes to cover in a series of monthly meetings is available online at <http://humanist.madisonwi.us/Ethical/outline.htm>.

Ten members of Prairie (and a few others from FUS, the Free Congregation of Sauk County, and the Madison Ethical Discussion Group) have expressed interest in the study group so far, but it is not too late to join us. Our meeting on Feb. 8 will start with an optional potluck lunch at noon. The study group discussion will start at 12:45 pm. To be added to the list of participants, contact Bob Park at [rwpark@loonfoot.com](mailto:rwpark@loonfoot.com) or at 273-8775.

### **Green Committee News**

The Green Committee is getting VERY close to the deadline it has set to submit our application to enter the UUA's Certification Program to become a Green Sanctuary. Could anyone who has not done so PLEASE do a Personal Assessment online by going to the Prairie website and clicking on the green roof of the church on the page. We only have 53 and our goal is 100. THANKS!

In addition to applying for the Green Sanctuary program in January 2009, the personal assessments will also be used to help the Green Committee develop the Action Plan for our Green Sanctuary Certification. The Green Committee thanks you in advance for attending to this task. If there are any problems or questions contact Randy Converse.



## **Interfaith Hospitality Network Week is February 22 to March 1, 2009**

Please consider helping homeless families. 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 at this address: <http://nordengs.com/ihn/group.asp?eg=10&u=true>

### **Spanish Speakers to Meet**

The Spanish Speakers will have their next potluck at the home of Marcia and Dave Johnson on Wednesday, February 11, 2009, at 6:30 pm. For more information about the group, or to arrange for a ride, please contact Rosemary Dorney at 238-4352.

### **Prairie Elders Meeting**

Prairie Elders meets Tuesday, January 27, 2:00-4:00 pm in the Nakoma Room, Heritage Oaks building, Oakwood Village West. Newcomers are welcome. Call contacts below for directions or a ride.

TOPIC: Our topic this month is Your favorite poems. From serious sentiments to humorous doggerel. From famous poets to unknowns to your own compositions. Add comments about the poets if you wish, but keep in mind our limited time frame. Anyone presenting an Icelandic saga might have to trim it a bit.

DISCUSSION FORMAT: Our "round robin" format gives all an opportunity to speak and to hear. Topics alternate between general issues and personal interests.

SNACKS: If convenient, please bring a few snacks to pass and your own beverage cup.

ABOUT US: Prairie Elders aims to provide good times and mutual support for Prairie UU Members and Friends over 65.

Current participants range from age 65 to 90-something. We welcome other UUs who live in the facility where we meet.

CONTACTS: Donna Murdoch 238-3802, Gordon Cunningham 230-3367, Rosemary Dorney 238-4382 or Rose Smith 233-3363.

### **Adult Religious Education Task Force Forming**

One of the objectives in our Strategic Plan is to develop a structure to coordinate and guide our adult RE offerings. As a start, we have formed a task force of some of our Board members and Staff. The task force will tackle the best way for Prairie to manage our adult RE program. Should it be included in the work of the Program Committee? Or part of an expanded "Lifespan RE" committee that includes youth RE? Or do we need a separate committee? Our task force is charged with working this out. Our initial members are the President, Chairs of Long Range Planning and Program Committees, the Minister, and the Youth RE Coordinator. This group will also perform the functions of an adult RE committee until we implement our longer term plan. That means if you have any interest in presenting, or are requesting an offering such as a class, discussion group, or other RE for adults, please let us know. We will be planning offerings for fall of '09 this spring. We look forward to your ideas!

*Rachel Long*

*President*

### **Racial Justice Training- presented by the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom and Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society**

**Building the Beloved Community: Realizing Racial Justice** will be held on Saturday, March 7th at Prairie from 9 am until 4 pm. This is a day-long interactive workshop exploring the everyday unspoken realities of white privilege and grappling with how to be an effective ally in bringing about a racially just world. There will be a showing of the DVD, "Making Whiteness Visible" in the morning after an introduction. Lunch will be at Prairie as a potluck with suggestions of soup, salad and breads. Please bring one of these to share. In the afternoon there is a Theater of the Oppressed exercise and development of a work plan.

This program will be facilitated by Sha'an Moulert : national consultant, community organizer, educator, artist and co-founder of the African American Alliance of the Northeast Kingdom (Vermont), a grassroots organization committed to racial justice. Until recently, Sha'an chaired the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom's (WILPF) Building the Beloved Community Committee, whose mission is to provide educational information about the history and nature of systemic racism, connections between oppressions, racial justice, and the struggle for racial justice. As a WILPF delegate, attended the 2001 United Nations World Conference against Racism held in Durban, South Africa. She is contracted with WILPF as their racial justice consultant and trainer. She facilitates Theater of the Oppressed trainings and leads conflict resolution, racial justice and community organizing workshops in Vermont, throughout New England, and in other areas of the US. This workshop is free of charge and is underwritten by a generous bequest. Donations to WILPF and Prairie will be welcomed. Space is limited and reservations required. Call or email Mary Somers 276 8397, [marysomers44@charter.net](mailto:marysomers44@charter.net) for reservations and more information.

# New Members

## Madeline Arnold:

If you are reading this profile, you probably already know me, or have at least seen me around at Prairie. I have grown up in this church; I came here at the age of two and a half with my family, and have more or less come faithfully ever since. Right now I am 16 and a junior in high school. It is hard for me to discuss my impressions of Prairie as most members would, because the majority of my time has been spent downstairs in RE classes. I would like to think that these classes, despite being only an hour or so once a week, have shaped who I am and the way I think. They have given me a religious education in terms of knowledge of Unitarian Universalism and various other religions, as well as other information that I couldn't have acquired anywhere else.



OWL classes and discussions about social justice and conflict resolution have helped me in my life outside of church. I have also learned a lot by simply talking to and observing the diverse adults that come to church, with many talents and viewpoints to share. So, thank you to all the Prairie people who have taught me and helped me along the way!

Besides teaching me "life lessons", Prairie has also been a place where I can have fun. My favorite times at church have been when people let loose their silly sides. The joy of life is something that I believe is important, and it is something that I hope can continue in my future, and the future of Prairie. Other things that I find meaningful in life include music, family, friends, art, nature, individuality, and learning new things. A few other things that are important to me that may be less conventional are interesting foods, body movement (like dancing, sports, and running), spontaneity, sarcasm, and style (clothing or otherwise).

Right now I am not too heavily involved in Prairie in terms of responsibilities, but now that I am a member I am sure the committee requests will start pouring in. Currently, I am first and foremost a component of the high school class. I am also a member of the RE committee, and hope to be the youth member of the board once my able brother retires from the position. I am excited about where Prairie is going, and hope to help influence its direction from my new vantage point as member.

## Rae and Ingrid West:

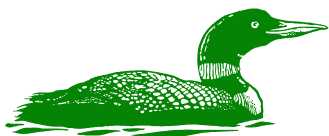
Rae and Ingrid West moved to Stoughton in February 2008 and began attending Prairie soon after. Due to serious work needed on their 100 year old house, they have not been able to come as often as they would like, but now that some of these projects are ending they hope to be more regular attenders. The following is some highlights from their full profile which is available at the greeting table.

Ingrid's family emigrated from Germany in the 1950's to the Chicago area, where she was raised with a mixed Protestant / Catholic background. She has a degree in Water Resources/ Fisheries Management and Environmental Education from UW Stevens Point. She and Rae began attending the North Shore UU church in the early 90's and while there Ingrid became a facilitator for some of the women's spirituality programs i.e. Cakes for the Queen of Heaven and Rise Up and Call Her Name. She and Rae were also very active in the development of Prairie Circle UU Congregation at Prairie Crossing in Grayslake. Ingrid enjoys water color painting and craft work with her hands such as pottery, textile work, and jewelry making.

Rae's family also settled in the Chicago area in the 1950's, coming from Alabama. Rae's family became active members of the Church of Christ, until the coming out of Rae's brother caused them to break away and eventually become UU's. Rae has a degree in Political Science from Northern Illinois University, though he holds a special interest in music. Rae enjoys riding and maintaining classic motorcycles, learning about sustainability, and many outdoor activities. He and Ingrid hope to build an off-the-grid home someday on their farm, named "Chicken Hollow."

Rae and Ingrid have one adult daughter who they adopted at the age of 8. Currently, their household contains 3 high-energy rescue dogs, 2 tolerant cats, 2 turtles, and several aquariums full of fish.

# Rev. Ralph's Ruminations



Kenneth Patton has been acclaimed as one of the major poets and prophets of our Unitarian Universalist movement. He was a voice for a poetic, naturalistic humanism at a time when most humanists were defining a religion of reason. UU minister and scholar, David Bumbaugh, has offered this summary of Patton's work: "It was he who taught a monotone rationalism how to sing; it was he who taught a stumble-footed humanism how

to dance; it was he who cried 'Look!' and taught our eyes to see the glory in the ordinary." As UU's in Madison we should remember that it was Patton who served as minister of FUS from 1942 until January, 1949. He helped the Society obtain the services of famed architect Frank Lloyd Wright for the design of the now internationally renowned Meeting House.

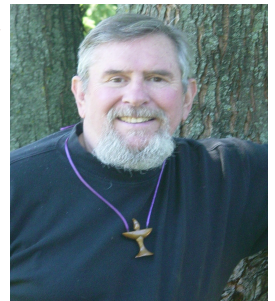
As Prairie continues to focus attention on our Strategic Plan I have found Patton's description of a Meeting House to be packed with vivid images and metaphors. I share it as a way of framing our strategic planning work in the coming months of 2009, especially as it relates to our identification as "learning congregation". By framing I mean: the process of seeing the same situation through a variety of "lenses". Framing involves understanding the assumptive frameworks behind one's own "lens" as well as adopting temporarily the "lens" and assumptive framework of others.

#### This House

This house is for the ingathering of nature and human nature.  
It is a house of friendships, a haven in trouble,  
an open room for the encouragement of our struggle.  
It is a house of freedom, guarding the dignity and worth of every person.  
It offers a platform for the free voice, for declaring,  
both in times of security and danger,  
the full and undivided conflict of opinion.  
It is a house of truth-seeking,  
where scientists can encourage devotion to their quest,  
where mystics can abide in a community of searchers.  
It is a house of art, adorning its celebrations  
with melodies and handiworks.  
It is a house of prophecy,  
outrunning times past and times present  
in visions of growth and progress.  
This house is a cradle for our dreams,  
the workshop of our common endeavor.

I am especially drawn to this last description of a congregation as "a cradle for our dreams, the workshop of our common endeavor". As a congregation Prairie has a long history of being a "workshop" where many different offerings for learning take place. Some of these offerings suggest that we do practice principles that define us as a "learning congregation".

Some of the conditions of a "learning congregation" would include the following: (1) individual members are always growing, learning, changing; (2) people are willing to examine both their own assumptions and those of others. (3) people express mutual respect for other members of the community; (4) there is an openness to experimentation and a recognition that failure is sometimes the price of risk; (5) the entire community is continually expanding its capacity to create its future.



At issue is the concern that we coordinate the many and varied offerings that Prairie members now engage in as "learning" opportunities. For example, some of these offerings include the following: Prairie Elders, Prairie Book Club, Prairie Movie Group, Spanish for Beginners, Humanist Union, Prairie Play Readers, Prairie Covenant Groups, Orientation to Prairie, Meditation, Adult Exploration offerings ("Articulating Your UU Faith", BYOT, Final Choices), etc.

As a response the Board at its meeting this past Sunday (Jan. 11), passed the following resolution: "The board will establish an Adult Religious Education Task Force to have initial responsibility for coordinating an adult RE program. This Task Force will also plan for ongoing coordination of such a program. The following positions will be on the Task Force: President, Long-Range Planning Chair, Program Chair, Youth Religious Education Coordinator, and Minister. Each of these individuals may choose another individual to represent them on the Task Force."

What an inspiration it is to discover something new. New ways of seeing, of thinking, of appreciating, of working, of being. There are boundless ways learning enriches our lives as members of Prairie.

These are some of the thoughts that I shall be sharing with the members of the Task Force as a way of promoting community and a unifying vision for Prairie. Together, we will be developing a model, albeit experimental, for

coordinating an Adult Religious Education program at Prairie. Your thoughts, suggestions and active participation are welcomed and will be appreciated.

Glad to be journeying with you,  
*Ralph*

## Denominational News

### **UUA Draft Peacemaking Statement of Conscience Available**

Our congregation will have the opportunity to vote on January 25, 2009, the Unitarian Universalist Association's draft Statement of Conscience regarding Peacemaking. For a Draft Statement of Conscience (SOC) to appear on the 2009 General Assembly Final Agenda, our Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) bylaws require a minimum of 25% of certified congregations to participate in the ballot vote on whether the Draft SOC should be placed on the Final Agenda. Please take a moment to read the draft, which is posted in the back of our meeting house, or online at <http://www.uua.org/socialjustice/issuesprocess/currentissues/peacemaking/121606.shtml>

### **Central Midwest District Assembly, April 24-26, 2009 in Waukesha, WI**

Mark your calendars for "DA," District Assembly, which will be held here in Wisconsin this year. The theme for this year's event is "Leadership in Times of Profound Change." For more information you can go to the website [www.cmwd-uua.org](http://www.cmwd-uua.org), or speak to our denominational affairs committee chair, Pat Watkins.

### **About Madison Urban Ministry**

Prairie Society is a supporting member of MUM - Madison-area Urban Ministry, Inc. MUM is a nonprofit interfaith social justice organization that convenes individuals and faith communities in the greater Dane County area in order to identify, study, urge action, and work together for social justice in the broader community. MUM has spurred social change in and about Dane County for almost three decades. MUM's mission statement is "standing with the poor and hurting, neighbors working together for social change." MUM regularly holds workshops, classes, and events. For more information or to volunteer with MUM, please visit their website, [www.emum.org](http://www.emum.org), or contact the denominational affairs committee.

## 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](mailto:admin@uuprairie.org) or call 271-8218.



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