



# Prairie Fire Bulletin

September 6, 2009

## In this issue:

- calendar
- programs

The **Prairie Fire Bulletin** is a calendar- only newsletter that is published by Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society on the 6th of every month. The full featured **Prairie Fire** is published on the 21st of every month. View past issues at [www.uuprairie.org](http://www.uuprairie.org)

## Contact Us:

Minister  
Rev. Ralph Tyksinski  
[minister@uuprairie.org](mailto:minister@uuprairie.org)  
873-6041

Youth Coordinator  
Rebecca Malke-Eliganti  
[youthcoordinator@uuprairie.org](mailto:youthcoordinator@uuprairie.org)  
695-3435

Editor/Administrator  
Kate Liu  
[admin@uuprairie.org](mailto:admin@uuprairie.org)  
271-8218

President  
Rachel Long  
608-328-4899

## Calendar

### Sunday, September 6, 2009

10:00 am – service - “Our Challenge: Building Decent Jobs and a Just Society,” presented by Prof. Frank Emspak.

11:30 am - Parent -Teacher coffee hour for preschool RE class.

11:45 am - Humanist Union picnic at Marlborough Park. Rain location: Prairie UU.

### Saturday, September 12, 2009

6:00 pm - Humanist Union reception and meeting with Sean Faircloth.

### Sunday, September 13, 2009

9:00 am - First choir rehearsal of the new season.

10:00 am – service - “Honoring Our Elders: Celebrating Grandparent's Day,” presented by Erin Bosch and Rebecca Malke.

11:45 am - Prairie Board meeting & potluck.

### Tuesday, September 15, 2009

6:30 pm - Spanish Speaker's Potluck at the home of Mary and Andy Somers.

### Thursday, September 17, 2009

7:00 pm - Movie group meets to view "When the Levees Broke."

### Sunday, September 20, 2009

9:00 am - Choir rehearsal

10:00 am - service - "How Gen X Ministers are Changing Unitarian Universalism," presented by Erik David Carlson.

11:30 am - All Society Potluck.

11:45 am - Book club meets to discuss 1491: New Revelations of the Americas Before Columbus, by Charles Mann.

Tuesday, September 22, 2009 - 2:00 pm - Prairie Elders meet.

### Wednesday, September 23, 2009

7:00 pm - Program Committee meets at Prairie.

### Sunday, September 27, 2009

9:00 am - Choir rehearsal

10:00 am - service - "Yom Kippur: Ritual, Repentance, and Relationship," presented by Dawn Berney.

### Sunday, October 4, 2009

9:00 am - Choir Rehearsal

10:00 am - service - "Association Sunday," presented by Rev. Ralph Tyksinski.

**Save the Date! Prairie Family Retreat October 23-25 at Pine Lake Camp! Registration and more info coming soon!**

## Upcoming Programs

### Sunday, September 6, 2009, 10:00 am: "Our Challenge: Building Decent Jobs and a Just Society," presented by Prof. Frank Emspak.

Every aspect of family life is under stress. The stress increases as income levels deteriorate. For most working people, income levels have deteriorated or remained stagnant for almost a generation. Now jobs are disappearing along with retirement income and employer based health insurance. What to do about these trends and the role that unions could play will be the focus. Frank Emspak is the Executive Producer of WIN Workers Independent News, (WIN), which is a news service focused on the issues and concerns of working people. He is the former President of United Faculty and Academic Staff Local 223 AFT-W, and retired from the School for Workers UWEX. He is also a former machinist and union officer IUE Local 201-Lynn MA.(1976-1987), and holds a PhD in History from the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

### Sunday, September 13, 2009, 10:00 am: "Honoring Our Elders: Celebrating Grandparent's Day," presented by Rebecca Malke and Erin Bosch.

This service will explore the special relationships between those of grandparent age and those much younger. These bonds can form even if there are no actual blood ties, and come with their own joys and challenges. We encourage you to bring photos of your grandchildren or grandparents to share informally after the service that day.

### Sunday, September 20, 2009, 10:00 am: "How Gen X Ministers are Changing Unitarian Universalism," presented by Erik David Carlson.

Erik will present on how technology is affecting ministry and how ministry affects technology within Unitarian Universalism and society at large. Erik's experience as a technology provider and religious leader within the UU community affords a unique perspective on how we as religious liberals look at technology in the 21st Century. Erik David Carlson is a Meadville Lombard graduate and a candidate for the UU ministry. Erik served three New Orleans area congregations as ministerial intern during the 2007-08 academic year. Erik is recognized as an expert in ministry and technology and was a featured essayist in the 2007 Jenkin Lloyd Jones publication "Reverend X: How Generation X Ministers are Shaping Unitarian Universalism."

### Sunday, September 27, 2009, 10:00 am: "Yom Kippur: Ritual, Repentance, Relationship," presented by Dawn Berney.

### Sunday, October 4, 2009, 10:00 am: "Association Sunday," presented by Rev. Ralph Tyksinski.

#### Prairie Web Sites:

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>

#### 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.



Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society  
2010 Whenona Dr.  
Madison, WI 53711