



# Prairie Fire Bulletin

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## Calendar

**Sunday, November 8, 2009** - 9:00 am - Choir rehearsal.

10:00 am – service - "They Just Fade Away," presented by David Pyle.

11:30 am - Board meeting: Potluck at 11:30, meeting begins at 11:45.

2:00 pm - Spanish Conversation class at Marcia Johnson's home.

**Saturday, November 14, 2009**

5:30 pm - Social Action Committee presents "Seven Jewish Children" at Socialist Potluck.

**Sunday, November 15, 2009** - 9:00 am - Choir rehearsal & RE Committee meets.

10:00 am – service - "Thinking About Immigration," presented by Rosalind Woodward, John Powell & Leila Pine.

11:30 am- Fall Parish Meeting: potluck begins at 11:30, meeting begins at 11:45.

*Fall Parish Meeting Agenda:*

1. *Opening words and Chalice lighting*

2. *Approval of May 3, 2009 Parish Meeting minutes*

3. *Update on Strategic Plan*

4. *Ministerial planning and upcoming congregational sessions*

5. *Results from our building consultant*

6. *Governance models presentation*

7. *Formation of Bylaws Task Force*

8. *Questions on Committee, Minister, and Treasurer's reports (written, emailed ahead)*

9. *Closing Words*

**Thursday, November 19, 2009** - 7:00pm - The H & P Committee will meet at Prairie.

**Saturday, November 21, 2009**

8:00am - 4:00pm - Trip to Andy Warhol Exhibit, Milwaukee Art Museum, organized by Pat Watkins.

**Sunday, November 22, 2009** - 9:00 am - Choir rehearsal.

10:00 am – service - Thanksgiving Intergenerational

11:30 am - Special presentation: Glenda Cosenza of Dekalb UU on transitioning from consulting to called ministry. Light lunch provided.

**Tuesday, November 24, 2009** - 2:00 pm – Prairie Elders meet.

**Wednesday, November 25, 2009**

6:30 pm - Joint Madison UU Family Thanksgiving service at James Reeb.

**Sunday, November 29, 2009** - 9:00 am - Choir rehearsal.

10:00 am – service.

11:45 am - Book Club meets to discuss [Here If You Need Me – A True Story](#) by Kate Braestrup.

**Monday, November 30, 2009** - 7pm - Caring Committee meets.

## Upcoming Programs

### 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.madison.wi.us>

Humanist Union  
<http://humanist.madison.wi.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.

**Sunday, November 8, 2009, 10:00 am: "They Just Fade Away," presented by David Pyle.** The current wars in Iraq and Afghanistan are rapidly leading us towards a crisis in the lives of our military families and in the lives of our veterans. This Veteran's day must not be just about honoring their service, but looking seriously on the costs they bear, and our responsibility to help them bear that cost. David Pyle is a Candidate for the Unitarian Universalist Ministry, and a Chaplain Candidate in the United States Army. He is a military veteran, having served in Bosnia and throughout Latin America as an intelligence analyst and soldier. David is a 5th year student at the Meadville Lombard Theological School.

**Sunday, November 15, 2009, 10:00 am: "Thinking About Immigration," presented by Rosalind Woodward, John Powell & Leila Pine.** In these days of hysteria about immigration, three members of First Unitarian Society will present some perspectives that might help us think more clearly about it. John Powell will give an historical perspective, Leila Pine will give one answer to the question "So what is happening on our southern borders?" and Rosalind Woodward, an immigrant herself, will talk about what it is like to be a stranger in a new land. We'll also have the treat of hearing soprano soloist Amber Nicole Dilger.

**Sunday, November 22, 2009, "A Prairie Family Thanksgiving," presented by.** Thanksgiving is a day to spend time with your friends and family. Here at Prairie we are family and will celebrate by making a Thanksgiving lunch. Children will gather at the "kiddie table" to make craft centerpieces while Prairie folk come together to make pumpkin pie and casseroles. While we prepare our food we'll share stories and songs of how we celebrate Thanksgiving at home and share favorite childhood memories. At the end we'll celebrate by coming together for a potluck lunch.

**Wednesday, November 25, 2009, 6:30 pm: "Radical Gratitude," featuring the Reverends Kelly Crocker, Ralph Tyksinski and Darrel Richey.** We'll explore how claiming the gift of gratitude in times of challenge can lead to transformation. This year, the multi-congregational service on Thanksgiving Eve will be hosted by James Reeb UU Congregation. Please come to their newly-remodeled building and bring the whole family! Directors of Religious Education have planned children's activities during the service. Children will attend the beginning part until after the Message for All Ages *and* a song from the three-congregation Choir before heading off for stories, crafts, and games. A pot luck reception for all will follow the service. JRUUC is located at 2146 E. Johnson Street with plenty of free street parking. The joint choir will gather at 5:45 to rehearse.



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