



Prairie Fire Bulletin

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Calendar

Sunday, May 9, 2010

8:45 am - Choir Rehearsal.
10:00 am – service - "Women Composers II," presented by Jim Reilly.
11:45 am - Prairie Board meeting.

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

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

Friday, May 14, 2010

Deadline for June 5th Milwaukee Museum Fund Raiser Trip! Call Pat Watkins (233-5795) for more info.

Saturday, May 15, 2010 - Prairie Fire item deadline.

9:00 am - 1:00 pm: Outdoor workday at Prairie. (Rain date May 22.)

Sunday, May 16, 2010

8:45 am - Choir Rehearsal.
10:00 am – service - "Transitions," presented by the RE committee.
11:30 am - Spring Parish Meeting. Potluck at 11:30, meeting begins at 11:45.

Wednesday, May 19, 2010 - 7:00 pm - Program committee meets.

Sunday, May 23, 2010

8:45 am - Choir Rehearsal.
10:00 am – service - "A Visit from Margaret Fuller," presented by Robin Proud.

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

2:00 pm - Prairie Elders meet at Oakwood. Topic is "Housing Transitions."

Sunday, May 30, 2010

8:45 am - Choir Rehearsal.
10:00 am – service - "Memorial Day: Meditation, Reflection, Memories," presented by Rev. Ralph Tyksinski.
11:45 am - Prairie Book Club meets to discuss A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith.
3:00 pm - Memorial Service for Mary Lou Diehl, at Prairie.

Sunday, June 6, 2010

11:45 am - Joint Board Meeting. Location TBA.

Sunday, June 20, 2010

11:45 am - Retirement Party for Rev. Ralph Tyksinski.

Upcoming Programs

Sunday, May 9, 2010, 10:00 am: "Women Composers II," presented by Jim Reilly.

Jim Reilly will return to Prairie for his third visit. When he was here last year for Mothers' Day he performed music by a variety of women composers, and this year he returns to that theme---"Women Composers II". He will both play on the piano and sing for us a variety of music ranging all the way from the French composer of salon music Cécile Chaminade to Billie Holiday. Interspersed will be readings by members of Prairie of works by women. The choir, under the direction of Barbara Park, will perform a work by Elizabeth Alexander. Jim Reilly, a pianist and a tenor, is former Director of Music at First Universalist Church in Minneapolis and Music Director Emeritus of Mindekirken (The Norwegian Memorial Lutheran Church) in Minneapolis. He performs most often as a vocal accompanist, but this past year has included solo vocal performances in Chicago and Madison and solo piano work in Minneapolis and Iowa. He is in town to sing at the Unitarian Society Friday Concert Series here (on Friday May 6) with pianist Jeffrey Wagner from Chicago. Jim grew up in Syracuse, N.Y. in the same Universalist Church as our own Barbara Park.

Prairie Web Sites:

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>

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.

Sunday, May 16, 2010, 10:00 am: "Transitions", presented by Religious Education.

Like green caterpillars transitioning into beautiful butterflies we all go through many changes in our lives. In the UU RE tradition these transitions start with a child dedication and end with the Coming of Age program. This service will honor our youth as one begins their journey into Unitarian Universalism and another completes the Coming of Age program and graduates from high school. At the end of the service RE students will present a gift to the congregation.

Sunday, May 23, 2010, 10:00 am: "A Visit from Margaret Fuller," presented by Robin Proud.

On the occasion of her 200th birthday, Margaret Fuller will introduce you to her life as a scholar, writer, war correspondent, editor of the Transcendentalist magazine *The Dial*, and America's first feminist. An intimate of Emerson, Thoreau, Alcott, and Hawthorne, Fuller will convince you (with a little help from Robin Proud) that she should be better known and appreciated, especially by Unitarians.

Sunday, May 30, 2010, 10:00 am: "Memorial Day: Meditation, Reflection, Memories," presented by Rev. Ralph Tyksinski.

We will be exploring the many meanings that this federal holiday offers for our reflection on and recognition of those in our military who died in battle. It began after the Civil War in 1868 as Decoration Day. One hundred years later, the name officially switched to Memorial Day. As a people we UU's practice working for peace and justice, we must, however, never forget the men and women who have given it their all—sometimes giving everything—to work for what they think is true and right. By celebrating Memorial Day, we work to make sure fewer people have to leave their homes, families and friends to fight in war.



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