



Prairie Fire Bulletin

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Calendar

Saturday, August 7, 2010

9:00 am – WOW (Prairie's women's group) meets at the home of Pat Watkins, 230 N. Meadow Ln, for breakfast potluck and conversation.

Sunday, August 8, 2010

10:00 am service - "Worth and Dignity of All People: UU's and Arizona's Migrants," presented by a Prairie panel.

11:45 am – Teacher Orientation and potluck, downstairs.

Sunday, August 15, 2010

10:00 am service – Consulting minister candidate Rev. Jane Esbensen will present. Title TBA.

11:45 am – All-Society potluck lunch

12:30 pm – Parish meeting.

12:45 pm – Book Club meets to discuss 2 books about Postville, Iowa.

Monday, August 16, 2010

7:00 pm – Board meeting.

Sunday, August 22, 2010

10:00 am service - "Testing and Teacher Accountability," presented by Jim Carpenter.

Tuesday, August 24, 2010

2:00 pm - Prairie Elders meet at Oakwood.

7:00 pm – Program committee meets at Prairie.

Sunday, August 29, 2010

10:00 am service - "In-Gathering and Water Ceremony" presented by Barbara Chatterton.

First RE classes of the new year.

Thursday, September 9, 2010

7:00 pm - Housing & Property Committee will meet at Prairie.

Friday, September 17 - Sunday, September 19

Prairie Family Retreat at Pine Lake Camp, Westfield, WI. Will include Humanist Union meeting, book club, WOW, and Sunday service.

Looking ahead a little further....

Friday, September 24, 60th Anniversary Party for Rose and Galen Smith; Saturday September 25, Art Museum Trip with Pat Watkins & 70th Birthday Party for Mary Somers.

Upcoming Programs

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, August 8, 2010, 10:00 am: "Worth and Dignity of All People: UU's and Arizona's Migrants," presented by Prairie's delegates to this year's General Assembly. The biggest annual meeting of the UUA is scheduled to be in Phoenix, Arizona, in 2012. The recent passage of a very controversial immigration bill in Arizona created a debate over whether to go ahead with plans for this GA in Phoenix AZ, and if so how this GA would differ from a normal GA due to the immigration issue. We will hear what the UUA Board originally proposed for consideration at this year's GA, what was worked out in the mini-assembly sessions there, the final proposal and the results of the voting. Members of the Tucson UU congregation's group No More Deaths will also contribute to the program.

Sunday, August 15, 2010, 10:00 am: Special Presentation by Rev. Jane Esbensen, candidate for the half-time consulting minister position at Prairie UU Society. Details to follow.

Sunday, August 22, 2010, 10:00 am: "Testing and Teacher Accountability," presented by Jim Carpenter. This topic, Testing and Teacher Accountability, which will be explored by former teacher and principal Jim Carpenter, may not sound like a typical "sermon." Yet the current rage for testing and subsequent rating of teachers, schools, and students on how well students do on the tests does relate to two UU principles. They are "the inherent worth and dignity of every person" and "justice equity, and compassion in human relations." Learn about norm-referenced and criterion-referenced tests and Dr. Carpenter's ideas about the value and problems of testing. In addition to his work in schools, Jim and his wife Margaret were co-coordinators of the Alternative Teacher Certification Program at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside. During this time Jim formed a research and evaluation consortium for school districts in southeast Wisconsin.

Sunday, August 29, 2010, 10:00 am: "In-Gathering and Water Ceremony," presented by Barbara Chatterton. On August 29th we will engage in the Ingathering Water Ceremony as we have for quite a few years here at Prairie, just as many UU Societies open the fall season with similar services. Please bring a sample of water from your summer travels. It can be from a pond or swimming pool near you or from anywhere on the globe you visited this year. We co-mingle the waters in a common vessel to represent our interconnectedness. If you would like to email one (please just one only!) picture from a trip or from around here, showing any type of water in the picture, Barbara will incorporate as many as possible into the service. (bchatter10@sbcglobal.net.) Barbara walked into the First Unitarian Universalist Society of Syracuse in 1989 with her cousin, Betsy. During the service, she had a big Ah-Ha! moment and realized she had been a Unitarian all along. Barbara has been a friend and member of Prairie since 1997. She is a sister, mother and grandmother of two, lives in Middleton and has been a Realtor since 2001.



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