



# Prairie Fire

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## Calendar

### Sunday, May 22, 2011

- 8:45 Choir Rehearsal – last of the season
- 10:00 Service - “100 Years of Universalism in Song,” presented by Barbara Park.
- 11:45 Prairie Book club meets to discuss Cry the Beloved Country by South African author Alan Paton.

### Tuesday, May 24, 2011

- 2:00 Prairie Elders meet at Oakwood; topic is favorite films. For more information please contact Donna Murdoch, 238-3802.
- 7:00 Program Committee meets at Prairie.

### Sunday, May 29, 2011

- 10:00 Service – “Military Service and Religion: Should They Coexist?” presented by David Giffey.
- 10:00 RE Game day
- 11:45 All-Prairie Memorial Day Potluck Picnic at Marlborough Park.

### Tuesday, May 31, 2011

- 7:00 Minister search committee meets (closed meeting.)

### Sunday, June 5, 2011

- 10:00 Service - “Spring Poetry”
- 11:45 Humanist Union meets.

### Monday, June 6, 2011

- 6:30 Spanish Speaker's Potluck at the home of Ema Pachon, 1459 E. Main St. #205. Call Rosemary Dorney at 238-4382 for more information.

### Thursday, June 9, 2011

- 7:00 Prairie Board meeting.

## Upcoming Programs

**Sunday, May 22, 2011, 10:00 am: "The First 100 Years of Universalism in Song," presented by Barbara Park.** Our own Barbara Park, choir director and president of Prairie, will take us on a musical tour of the first 100 years of Universalist history in the United States. Come prepared to sing! Barbara was raised Universalist and grew up attending a Universalist church in Syracuse, New York.

**Sunday, May 29, 2011, 10:00 am: "Military Service and Religion: Should They Coexist?" presented by David Giffey.** Can religious practitioners follow their beliefs and participate in warfare in good conscience? How do the spheres of military service and religion intersect, and should they? Artist and veteran for peace David Giffey gives his perspective on this Sunday, the day before Memorial Day.

## 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, announcements, and program descriptions are due on the 1st and 15th of each month. Please send to Kate Liu at [admin@uuprairie.org](mailto:admin@uuprairie.org) or call 271-8218.

**Sunday, June 5, 2011, 10:00 am:** "Spring Poetry"

## News & Announcements

**RE Game Day and all-congregation Potluck Picnic, Sunday May 29** - The RE school year ends on Sunday, May 22, but the fun won't stop there! On Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, the RE students will head to Marlborough Park to play games during the service. Adult volunteers are needed – please contact our DRE, Rebecca Malke, to help out. Then, after the service, everyone is invited to a Memorial Day picnic in the park. Marlborough Park is a short walk from Prairie – go south on Whenona Drive until the road ends, then turn right into the park. The shelter where we'll eat our lunch is further south into the park.

**Results of the Spring Parish Meeting:** The budget for 2011-2012 was passed. In brief, the budget was cut due to the economy and the desire to not take any further money from our reserves to balance the budget; if more pledges come in, items can be added back to the budget. We met our pledge goal of \$82,500 as of the morning of the meeting. A slate of officers was presented with the Denominational Affairs chair and Social Action chair empty; during the meeting Pat Watkins and Nancy Schraufnagel volunteered to co-chair this committee. The rest of the slate of officers is as follows: President - Barb Park, Vice Pres. - Rick Ruecking, Treasurer - Amy Armstrong, Youth Member - Jason Yarusso, Communications - Al Nettleton, Den. Affairs - Pat Watkins and Nancy Schraufnagel volunteered to co-chair, Finance - Kathy Converse, Hosp&Mem - Erin Bosch/Heidi Hughes, Hous&Prop – Dirk Herr-Hoymann, LRP - Rachel Long, Program - Nick Abts, Youth RE - Robin Proud, Secretary - Continue unfilled, Social Action – Still open.

**New to Prairie?** We're scheduling 3 sessions of small group participation for new members and others to discuss our mutual beliefs and as introduction to Prairie Society. We hope to hold these sessions between the dates of June 1 and 15 at times convenient for everyone. If you would like to attend, please contact Rick Ruecking at 838-8540 or schedule at Doodle – <http://www.doodle.com/rvcia7z76sr2k7mh#calendar>



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