



Prairie Fire

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Calendar

Sunday, July 1, 2012

10:00 Service – “Jefferson Is In My Mirror,” presented by Peter Anderson.
12:00 Humanist Union meets to further discuss Peter's presentation on Jefferson.

Saturday, July 11, 2012

5:00 Men's Shelter Breakfast at Grace Episcopal

Sunday, July 8, 2012

10:00 Service – “The Dairy Farmers Guide to the Universe,” presented by Dennis Merritt.

Sunday, July 15, 2012

10:00 Service – Rev. Sandra Ingham will speak.
11:30 Salad Sunday
11:45 Parish Meeting

Sunday, July 22, 2012

Joint service with the Free Congregation of Sauk County at 307 Polk St, Sauk City.

Monday, July 23, 2012

7:00 Prairie's Board meets

Sunday, July 29, 2012

10:00 Service – Presentation on the Occupy Movement presented by Heidi Wegleitner.
11:30 Prairie Book Club meets to discuss *Alien Charm*, by Judy Thain (Prairie's own Judy Lazarus).

Monday, July 30, 2012

6:30 Spanish Speakers Potluck. Location to be determined.

Saturday, August 4, 2012

5:00 Men's Shelter Breakfast at Grace Episcopal

Sunday, August 5, 2012

10:00 Service – Summer Reads with Rose Smith.
12:00 Humanist Union meets

Prairie Web Sites:

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www.uuprairie.org

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<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/prairie-news/>

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<http://socialaction.madisonwi.us>

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<http://humanist.madisonwi.us>

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Calendar items, announcements, and program descriptions are due on the 1st and 15th of each month. Please send to Dan Klock at admin@uuprairie.org or call 271-8218.

Upcoming Programs

Sunday, July 1, 2012, 10:00 a.m. "Jefferson Is In My Mirror," presented by Peter Anderson.

In view of the fact that Jefferson's rich aesthetic life at Monticello rested on the backs of more than 600 slaves, his famous July 4th declaration in 1776 that all men are created equal rested on sand.

But, what about this rich life of ours today that rests on energy slaves, which is the ruined lives of those -- whom we carefully keep out of sight -- living on the fence line of coal, oil and gas extraction, as well as of rare earth and other toxic components of renewable systems. This July 4th should be a time for us, Jefferson's children, to reflect on our contractions.

As we rise this Independence Day and look in the mirror to do our morning ablutions only to see Jefferson's sins, ought we confront the necessity for us to live more simply, and not just more efficiently, if we seek to claim the mantle of having lived a righteous life.

Sunday, July 8, 2012, 10:00 a.m. "The Dairy Farmer's Guide to the Universe," presented by Dennis Merritt.

Carl Jung believed there had to be a major paradigm shift in Western culture if we were to avert many of the apocalyptic conditions described in the Book of Revelation. He coined the terms 'New Age' and 'Age of Aquarius' to describe a change in consciousness that would honor the feminine, our bodies, sexuality, the earth, animals, and indigenous cultures. Jung deplored the fast pace of modern life with its empty consumerism and the lack of a spiritual dimension. Volume 1 of *The Dairy Farmer's Guide to the Universe* develops the framework and principles of Jungian ecopsychology and describes how they can be applied to our educational system and in the practice of psychotherapy. It offers a response to Jung's challenge to unite our cultured side with the 'two million-year-old man within' thereby opening a bridge to the remaining indigenous cultures. Dreamwork, individuation, synchronicity, and the experience of the numinous are important elements in this conceptual system. *The Dairy Farmer's Guide* provides a Jungian contribution to the developing field of ecopsychology, exploring values, attitudes and perceptions that impact our view of the natural world-nature within, nature without.

Sunday, July 15, 2012, 10:00 a.m. Rev. Sandra Ingham will speak.

Sunday, July 22, 2012, 10:00 a.m. Joint Service with the Free Congregation of Sauk County at 307 Polk St, Sauk City.

Sunday, July 29, 2012, 10:00 a.m. Program on the Occupy Movement presented by Heidi Weglietner.

Sunday, August 5, 2012, 10:00 a.m. Summer Reads with Rose Smith.

Announcements

The Humanist Union will meet from noon to 1 pm this Sunday, July 1, for an informal Q&A session with Peter Anderson on his morning topic. Join us as we explore the possible connection between the little luxuries Thomas Jefferson enjoyed as a slaveholder and some of the popular products Americans enjoy today. The discussion will be preceded by a potluck lunch, starting soon after the end of the service.

Meet the Minister Lawn Party! Stop by Prairie's meeting house on Saturday, July 14, to meet Reverend Sandra Ingham, the candidate for Prairie's minister! The party starts at 7:00pm. Bring a summer beverage or finger foods if you can. Everyone is welcome!

Reverend Sandra Ingham to speak on July 15 Rev. Ingham will present the Sunday program on July 15. Following the service and Salad Sunday, we will have a Parish Meeting to vote whether to accept Rev. Ingham as our consulting minister. Please attend!

The next Spanish Speakers Potluck will be held on Monday, July 30, at 6:30 p.m. Location to be determined. Bring a dish to pass if you can – all are welcome! Please call Rosemary Dorney at (608) 238-4382 with questions or if you need to arrange a ride.

The Prairie Book Club will meet on Sunday, July 29, after the service to discuss *Alien Charm* by Judy Thain (Prairie's Judy Lazarus!). Science Fiction. Suggested by Mary Mullen. Obtain book for \$20 directly from Judy or download it as an e-book or pdf for much less. Go to <http://bookstore.iuniverse.com/Products/SKU-000026829/Alien-Charm.aspx>

Social Action Habitat Project

The Social Action Committee invites you to join other Prairie volunteers in August for a Habitat for Humanity workday. Either Saturday, August 11, or Saturday, August 11, will be our date, depending on how many people can commit. It would be great to have enough volunteers to help out on both dates.

Volunteers must be at least 16 years of age. Youths ages 16 and 17 will need to turn in a permission slip from parent or guardian and need to be accompanied by an adult on the workday.

We encourage volunteers to commit to a full day, 8:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Half days are discouraged because training is done in the morning and the afternoon is when volunteers can apply their new skills.

If you are not able to work on the Habitat building project, please consider helping to provide lunch and refreshments to the Prairie crew.

Please contact Paula Pachciarz soon if you can commit to one of the workdays so she can inform the volunteer coordinator at Habitat for Humanity how many to expect.

