



Prairie Fire

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Calendar

Saturday, September 8, 2012

5:00 Men's Shelter breakfast

Sunday, September 9, 2012

10:00 Service – Water Ceremony presented by Katherine Peterson.

11:30 Soup Sunday

12:00 Ice Cream Social

5:30 Prairie Men's group

Saturday, September 15, 2012

8:15 Habitat for Humanity work day

2:00 Memorial service for Dave Zakem

Sunday, September 16, 2012

10:00 Service – “Michael Servetus: Unitarian Martyr,” presentation by Barbara Park

Monday, September 17, 2012

6:30 Spanish Speakers Potluck at the home of Mary Somers.

Sunday, September 23, 2012

10:00 Service by Rev. Sandy Ingham

Sunday, September 30, 2012

10:00 Service by Rev. Sandy Ingham

Saturday, October 6, 2012

5:00 Men's Shelter breakfast

Sunday, October 7, 2012

10:00 Music Service by Paula Pachciarz

12:00 Humanist Union meets

5:30 Prairie Men's group meets

Sunday, October 14, 2012

10:00 Service

11:45 Supporting Our Aging Parents support group

Sunday, October 21, 2012

10:00 Service

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, 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, September 9, 2012, 10:00 a.m. Water Ceremony presented by Katherine Peterson. Bring the water you've collected on your travels!

Sunday, September 16, 2012, 10:00 a.m. "Michael Servetus: Unitarian Martyr," presented by Barbara Park.

Sunday, September 23, 2012, 10:00 a.m. Service by Rev. Sandra Ingham.

Sunday, September 30, 2012, 10:00 a.m. Service by Rev. Sandra Ingham.

Announcements

The next Spanish Speakers Potluck will be held on Monday, September 17, at 6:30 pm, at the home of Mary Somers, 4467 Crescent Road. 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.

Join us for an Ice Cream Social on Sunday, September 9, after Soup Sunday!

INTERESTED In a Support Group around "Supporting Aging Parents"? We on the Caring Committee realize there are a number of us in the zone of parental caretaking as our parents age. We'd like to gather to share resources, stories and support. Katherine Peterson and Aileen Nettleton from the Caring Committee will facilitate our first session. We will base it on the concerns of those who come. We will meet from 11:45-1:30 on Sunday, October 14, in one of the classrooms at Prairie. Feel free to bring finger food to share. Please contact Katherine at feelgoodyoga@mac.com (608-205-4366) or Aileen at aanett@sbcglobal.net (238-6053) if you are able to join us so we plan for a space for all. If those who attend wish to meet further, we will plan accordingly at this meeting, but if you wish to come just once, you are welcome.

The Prairie Men's Group will meet at Prairie on Sunday, September 9th, from 5:30 to 7:30. Please bring something delectable to share for the potluck. After the meal we will continue our planning for the year. Call Dan Proud (212-3793) for queries.

We have a date for Habitat for Humanity--Saturday, September 15!

Everyone is asked to commit to a full day, from 8:15 to 3:30. If you are unable to help with the heavier work, you are encouraged to help provide lunch for Prairie volunteers, regular volunteers and site staff (about 15 people). Please contact me if that interests you. Youths younger than 16 can not volunteer, unfortunately. The 16 and 17 year olds would need to be accompanied by an adult and there are some restrictions on what equipment they can use. Thanks for your support of this project.

– Paula Pachciarz

In Memoriam

The Life and Death of Dave Zakem

Dave Zakem 67, a former Prairie member, died August 21 of ALS disease at Agrace Hospice in Fitchburg, Wisconsin. Born in Grand Rapids, Michigan, in 1944 Dave spent most of his adult life living abroad....as a Peace Corps volunteer in Somalia, Swaziland, Belize, and Guatemala and working in International Schools in Iran, Mexico and most recently in Laos and Khartoum. Dave was a dedicated pre-school teacher and curriculum coordinator whose chief satisfaction was encouraging the social and intellectual development of young children.

During the 1980's while Dave was in a Ph D program at the UW, he was a Prairie member and lay minister and participated in a number of community organizations; the Madison Bead Society, the Bombay Bicycle Club and the Democratic party. In 1980 he was appointed Regional Director for Wisconsin's Ombudsman Program for the Aging and Disabled.

On Feb 29 of this year Dave returned to Madison from Khartoum where tragically he had been diagnosed with the fatal Lou Gehrig's Disease. Many Prairie friends helped in his care or visited during his swift and sad decline. His brother Rick Briggs and niece Lindsey Briggs from Grand Rapids were in Madison helping Dave during his final months of life.

A memorial service for Dave will be held Saturday afternoon from 2-4 p.m. September 15 at Prairie Society. In lieu of flowers Dave requested contributions to the ALS Association Wisconsin chapter, 3333 N. Mayfair Road Suite 213, Wauwatosa, WI 53222 (www.alsawi.org).

To view Dave's life history and a guestbook in Dave's memory visit www.davidzakem.last-memories.com

Ruth Calden

President's Corner

NEW MINISTER TO BEGIN SOON (Article by Barbara Park, president)

I'm sure we are all waiting excitedly to welcome our new minister, the Rev. Sandra Ingham, known to her friends as Sandy. You will discover that she is a person full of energy. Since we saw her last, she has been on a cruise to Alaska and plans to hike the Grand Canyon. These were adventures that she had scheduled before she decided to give Parish Ministry another try and apply for the Prairie position.

Normally, Sandy will be speaking to us one Sunday per month and probably will also act as the Presider on one other Sunday. Her first two times speaking will be a slight variation on this schedule, as she is going to present the Sunday morning program on both September 23rd and September 30th. She will not be around much in October as she needs to move from Arizona to Madison and will drive here with an apartment worth of things during October. She will be starting a regular schedule of speaking, office hours, attending meetings and pastoral care beginning in November, although she will be available off and on before then. We will publish her office hours once they are established, but we have already decided that one of the days will be Monday.

Remember that our Water Ceremony "Ingathering" takes place on September 9th. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone who has been away over the summer and anticipate a wonderful year.