

## Calendar

### Monday, October 29

7:00 p.m. Communications Committee meets

### Thursday, November 1

6:30 p.m. Spanish Speakers meet at the Somers' home

### Sunday, November 4

**Change clocks back one hour to Central Standard Time**

10:00 a.m. "Keeping Religion and Government Separate" presented by Dan Barker

12:00 Humanist Union potluck with Dan Barker as speaker

### Monday, November 5

7:30 p.m. Membership and Hospitality Committee meets

### Wednesday, November 7

6:30 p.m. Midweek Meal

7:30 p.m. Committee on Ministry meets

### Saturday, November 10

9:00 a.m. WOW Women's Group meets at Kathy Converse's house

### Sunday, November 11

10:00 a.m. "Deep Listening, Deep Lessons" presented by Rev. Ralph

11:30 a.m. Book Club discusses *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time* by Mark Haddon

### Wednesday, November 14

6:30 p.m. Midweek Meal

7:30 p.m. Program committee meets

### Thursday, November 15

7:00 p.m. Prairie Movie Group views *Cinema Paradiso*

### Saturday, November 17

9:30 a.m. "Path to Membership" Orientation session

*Hosemanie will do MUSIC instead  
of Violeta (Polita) will do Nov 18*  
**PRAIRIE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY**

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Rev. Ralph Tyksinski, Minister p. 349 We Gather Together

**Sunday, October 28, 2007** p. 32 Now Thank We All our God

### The Final Harvest

Prelude: *Chorus of the Blessed Spirits* p. 21 - For the beauty of the earth  
by Christoph Willibald Gluck -  
played by Aileen Nettleton The earth

Welcome: Rachel Long, Prairie President Intro & Offering

Opening Words: Ruth Calden

The long Summer is fading fast, as first days of November approach to mark the beginning of the coming of Winter. The frost has taken our tender plants, leaves have begun to fall from the trees, geese begin to arrive from the north. The days are cooler, the weather unsettled, and the evenings are suddenly dark. Our children will soon play with death and fear at the time of Halloween, Christians will mark All Saints and All Souls days, both holidays commemorating the dead, and our Hispanic neighbors will soon celebrate the Day of the Dead. If we were members of traditional Mexican families, we would go on the evening of the Day of the Dead to have a picnic on the graves of our family members, celebrating, remembering, and honoring. Most of us are far from the grave sites of our ancestors, but we can also honor those who have gone before us.

Hymn - "Breaths" by Ysaye Barnwell

Chalice Lighting: Rachel Long

*This light unites us.  
This light unites us with our neighbors,  
Our friends and our enemies.  
Most importantly,  
This light unites us within ourselves.  
Our hearts,  
Our souls,  
Our spirits.  
This light unites us.*

Joys and Concerns

Introduction of Guests and Visitors

Day of the Dead Ritual: Facilitated by Dorothy Krause

Offertory: *Pavane* by Ravel -  
played by Aileen Nettleton

Prairie Announcements

Hymn: SLT #18 - *What Wondrous Love* -  
Aileen Nettleton, accompanist

Closing words: Rachel Long

Spirit of Life, whom we know best in our own loving and being loved, hold us as we remember those we have loved, and those who have loved us.

May our gratitude sparkle in our lives, may our tears lubricate our souls. Help us to know that we are not alone in our grieving, and help us also to come to that peaceful place in which we can take what we learned from those who have gone before us into our own lives.

Remind us that we, too, are mortal; and that the only enduring legacy we leave is the love that shines through our lives.

Welcome to Prairie! We are glad that you are here. Please stay to share coffee or tea, snacks and hospitality with us.

Thank you to all who have contributed to this service!

### Announcements

**Tonight**, Maggie Siegfried invites music lovers to a concert/farewell party for fellow musician Jeff Costello. Refreshments will be served at this event at Rachel Siegfried's old house, 5209 Tolman Terrace. For info, call 274-4535.

**Humanist Union** will meet on November 4 to hear "Losing Faith in Faith" by Dan Barker of the Freedom from Religion Foundation.

**Spanish Speakers** will meet for potluck and conversation on Thursday, November 1, at the home of Mary and Andy Somers.

**WOW** (Prairie's Womens' Group) will meet on Saturday, November 10, at the home of Kathy Converse, 630 Pickford St. We will be assembling gift baskets and sharing fruit and breads.

**Fall Frolic** for all Prairie youth and their friends takes place on November 10-11. Children and parents are welcome to come for the evening or stay overnight. See Rebecca Malke-Eligenti to sign up.

**Who Are UU?** Session for those new to Unitarian Universalism will take place on Sunday, November 18, after the service. Rev. Ralph Tyksinski will be on hand to give an overview of our heritage.

**Prairie Elders** will meet next on Tuesday, November 27. Watch *Prairie Fire* for details.