

Calendar

Sunday, April 22

11:45 a.m. Parish meeting and potluck

Tuesday, April 24

2:00 p.m. Prairie Elders meet at Oakwood West.

Wednesday, April 25

6:30 p.m. Midweek Meal at Prairie

Thursday, April 26

7:00 p.m. Prairie Film Group views "Saraband"

Sunday, April 29

10:00 a.m. "Human Rights in Occupied Tibet" presented by Students for a Free Tibet

Wednesday, May 2

6:30 p.m. Midweek Meal at Prairie

Sunday, May 6

10:00 a.m. "The Genius of Irving Berlin" presented by Warren Hagstrom and Prairie musicians. See Warren if you'd like to participate.

12:00 noon. Humanist Union potluck and program led by Randy Converse

Sunday, May 13

10:00 a.m. "Memories, Meanings and Mother's Day" presented by Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

Wednesday, May 23

6:30 p.m. Spanish Speakers potluck at the home of Prudence Barber

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Prelude - *Ye Banks and Braes of Bonnie Doon* –
Doleta Chapru, Mary Mullen, Ruth Calden, Mike Briggs

Welcome – Mike Briggs, Prairie UU President

Opening Words – Galen Smith

"This earth is a creation which we have been given. Our Unitarian Universalist theology helps us know that our role is not to exercise our dominion or control over the earth but to stand as stewards of the finely balanced system which sustains all life. We call this the interdependent web of existence. We watch with anguish as this delicate web is damaged and the life itself threatened by changes to our environment caused by us." (Rev. William G. Sinkford, in Celebrating Earth Day 2006, on the UU web site)

*Hymn #207 *Earth Was Given As a Garden*
Choir and congregation

Chalice Lighting – Rose Smith

We light this chalice for the health of Gaia the Earth, with all of its wondrous living things.

"When we contemplate the whole globe as one great dewdrop, striped and spotted with continents and islands, flying through space with other stars all singing and shining together as one, the whole universe appears as an infinite storm of beauty."

(John Muir, *Travels in Alaska*, 1915)

Moment of Silent Meditation

Joys and Concerns

Presentation "John Muir, Pioneer Conservationist" - Galen Smith

Part 1. Boyhood in Scotland

*Song: *Wild Mountain Thyme* -- Page 157 in *Rise Up Singing*

Part 2. Youth and maturity in the United States and the world

Discussion

Offertory – *Loch Lomond*

Introduction of Guests and Visitors

Prairie Announcements

*Hymn #1067 (*Singing the Journey*) – *Mother Earth Beloved Garden*

Closing Words – Galen Smith

..... [John Muir] lived to bring people back to the wilderness for the spiritual and physical healing it could give them. But even in the 1870's he realized that the pure wilderness areas of America were fast disappearing before the woodsman's axe, the shepherd's flock, and miner's pick. Muir's prose served to awaken the public to the thoughtless waste and unrestrained exploitation that were destroying natural beauty of the United States. More than anyone else, he massed public sentiment behind the preservation of America's forests and mountains. The entire American environmentalist tradition – from the National Park Service to Earth First! – owes him a great debt. (Mark R. Stroll, "God and John Muir: A Psychological Interpretation of John Muir's Life and Religion", essay, on the Internet)

Postlude - *Road to the Isles*

**Stand as you are able.*

We invite you to join us for potluck after the program. Our thanks to those making this program possible: Galen Smith speaker; Mike Briggs, presider; Doleta Chapru, accompanist, Rose Smith, coordinator, and Mary Mullen, Ruth Calden and the Prairie choir for additional music.

Other quotes by John Muir:

"This sudden splash into pure wildness – baptism in Nature's warm heart – how utterly happy it made us! Nature streaming into us, wooingly teaching her wonderful glowing lessons, how unlike the dismal grammar ashes and cinders too long thrashed into us. Here without knowing it we were at school; every wild lesson a love lesson, not whipped but charmed into us. Oh, that glorious Wisconsin wildness! Everything new and pure in the very prime of the spring when Nature's pulses were beating highest and mysteriously keeping time with our own! Young hearts, young leaves, flowers, animals, the winds and the streams and sparkling lake, all wildly, gladly rejoicing together!" (John Muir, *The Story of My Boyhood and Youth*, 1912 & 1913).

"These temple-destroyers, devotees of ravaging commercialism, seem to have a perfect contempt for Nature, and instead of lifting their eyes to the God of the mountains, lift them to the Almighty Dollar. Dam Hetch Hetchy! As well dam for water-tanks the people's cathedrals and churches, for no holier temple has ever been consecrated by the heart of man." (John Muir, *The Mountains of California* vol. 2, 1916)

Announcements

Spring Parish Meeting will take place today after a potluck. Topics will include election of officers, changes to bylaws and discussion on the future of our building project.

Spanish Speakers will meet next on Wednesday, May 23, 6:30 p.m. at the new residence of Prudence Barber, 1104 Mound St. For directions or rides, call Rosemary Dorney at 238-4382.