

## Calendar

### Sunday, August 12

11:30 a.m. Book Club potluck and discussion

### Sunday, August 19

10:00 a.m. "Where Is Our P. T. Barnum, Now That We Could Use Him?" presented by Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

11:45 a.m. Potluck lunch

12:30 p.m. Showing of "A Brief History of Disbelief", Part I

### Thursday, August 23

7:00 p.m. Film Group views *The Bicycle Thief*

### Sunday, August 26

10:00 a.m. Ingathering and Water Ceremony

10:00 a.m. RE classes begin, followed by pool party

### Tuesday, August 28

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

### Friday-Sunday, September 14-16

\*Annual Prairie Retreat at Bethel Horizons Retreat Center, Dodgeville

### Sunday, September 30

11:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting

## PRAIRIE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY

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Rev. Ralph Tyksinski, Minister

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Prelude - Felix Mendelssohn's *Songs Without Words*:  
"Confidence" played by Mary Frantz

Welcome - Mary Mullen, member of the Program Committee

Opening Words - Rose Smith

"I've traveled the world twice over,  
Met the famous; saints and sinners,  
Poets and artists, kings and queens,  
Old stars and hopeful beginners.  
I've been where no-one's been before,  
Learned secrets from writers and cooks,  
All with one library ticket  
To the wonderful world of books."

Anonymous

*after page* *Raise your hand if*  
*you can't find it*  
\*Hymn: Prairie Song Book # 108; *I Love to Tell the Story*

Chalice Lighting - "When I look back, I am so impressed again with the life-giving power of literature. If I were a young person today, trying to gain a sense of myself in the world, I would do that again by reading, just as I did when I was young." -- Maya Angelou

Silent Meditation

## Joys and Concerns

Presentation - : "How Can I Keep from Reading?" - Rose Smith

## Discussion

Offertory - Francois Couperin's "Soeur Monique"

Introduction of Guests and Visitors

## Prairie Announcements

(Additional announcements are in your order of service.)

\*Hymn - Prairie Song Book #14 "How Can I Keep From Singing"  
(See handout for different words)

Closing Word - Rose Smith

"This is a good book which is opened with expectation and  
closed in profit." -- Amos Bronson Alcott

Postlude - Francois Couperin's "Soeur Monique" concluded

\*Stand as you are able.

Welcome to our service! We are glad you are here. Our presider today is Mary Mullen; our presenter is Rose Smith; our accompanist is Mary Frantz and our coordinator is Susan Herr-Hoyman. Many thanks go to all who made this program possible. Please join us after the program for coffee and fellowship.

## Announcements

**The Social Action Committee** will provide information today to those wishing to join in the *Kit Drive for Displaced People in Iraq* on the last Saturday of the month. On Aug. 25 DOERS, a local aid group, will be collecting and assembling the kits from 4 to 8 pm at the Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center, 953 Jenifer St., to send to Iraq through the Mennonite Central Committee. A listing of the items to be included in each of 5 types of kits, Relief Kits, Health Kits, School Kits, Sewing Kits, and Newborn Kits, will be provided. Blankets and cash donations will also be accepted.

**The Humanist Union and Prairie Program Committee** Sunday Aug. 19, at 12:30 p.m., will present a showing of the first hour of a BBC TV series titled "A Brief History of Disbelief". The 3-part series exploring the idea that God doesn't exist has been broadcast on PBS stations in a number of U.S. cities this year, but not in Madison. Ruth Calden has offered to host a showing of hour 2 at her home on a subsequent evening, and we plan to show hour 3 at our annual retreat at Bethel Horizons on Sept. 14 or 15. The Aug. 19 showing will follow a potluck lunch, 11:45 - 12:30, and be followed by discussion, 1:30 - 2:00 p.m. Please invite your friends, as everyone is welcome.

**Book Club** meets today for lunch and discussion of *The Dead* by James Joyce. The September book discussion will be at the retreat, and the book will be *Midnight at the Dragon Cafe*.

**Film Group** will view *The Bicycle Thief* on August 23 at 7:00 p.m.

**Prairie Elders** will meet on Tuesday, August 27, 2:00-3:50 PM, in the Nakoma Room, Heritage Oaks Building, Oakwood Village West. The topic will be a children's book that has special meaning in your adult life. This could be a book from your childhood, a book you read to your children or a book you discovered as an adult. See Prairie Fire for more details.