

## Calendar

### Sunday, September 14

**9:30 – 10 am and 11:15 am onwards**, registration for Religious Education. The theme for 2008-2009 is social justice.

**11:30 am – 12:30 pm** - Review and discuss Prairie's Strategic Plan for 2008-2009. We want your input on the priorities we have set, and to share our progress so far. This is a repeat of the session held at the retreat.

**12:00 pm** – Humanist Union meets. Potluck lunch at noon, 12:30 pm panel on "What it means to be a humanist". Personal perspectives will be given by panelists Doleta Chapru, Galen Smith and Bob Park followed by open discussion.

### Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup>

The deadline for submitting items for the Prairie Fire newsletter will be Monday at midnight. Please send items to [admin@uuprairie.org](mailto:admin@uuprairie.org).

### Wednesday, September 17

**7:00 pm** – Program Committee will meet at Prairie.

### Thursday, September 18

**7:30 pm** – Housing and Property Committee will meet at Prairie.

### Saturday, September 20

Rummage Sale for Religious Education. Please see details in announcements.

### Sunday, September 21

**9:00 am** – Choir rehearsal. New singers always welcome.

**10:00 a.m.** - "Practical Acts of Peace" presented by Randy Converse.

**11:45 a.m.** – Prairie Board meeting

### Tuesday, September 23

**1:00 – 3:30 pm** - Prairie Elders monthly meeting in the Nakoma Room, Heritage Oaks Building, Oakwood Village West. TOPIC: TBA

### Thursday, September 25

**7:00 pm** – Movie group meets at Prairie. Please see Al Nettleton for details.

## PRAIRIE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY

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Rev. Ralph Tyksinski, Minister

Sunday, September 14, 2008

### **Children's Bagpipe Processional**

David Bradley and Marilyn Duguid of Madison Pipes and Drums

**Prelude – *Peace of the River*** – by Glendore Gosling and Viola Wood

Prairie Choir and Instrumentalists, Barb Park, Director

**Welcome** – Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

### **Opening Words -**

All life comes from water. Life started in the ocean, where it began to take its many and amazing forms. Babies are cradled in water before they are born. Everything that lives needs water, from the smallest plants to the largest whale. From the beginnings of human cultural history, human societies have built their homes and lives around water. Today we celebrate water, which connects and nurtures all life.

**\*Hymn #360 (SLT) – "*Here We Have Gathered*"**

Doleta Chapru, accompanist

### **Chalice Lighting -**

The chalice is an earthen vessel; may the flame that we light in this vessel represent our common hopes, our shared dreams, our mutual commitment to a world of peace making and justice bringing.

**Silent Meditation**

## Presentation

### Water Ceremony for RE Classes – Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

- Preschool and Kindergarten, Patty Stockdale and Kim Truog
- Grades 1 – 3, Robin Proud, Robyn Perrin, and Marcia Johnson
  - Grades 4 – 6, Kathy Converse and Dan Proud
  - Grades 7 – 8, Karen Deaton and Randy Converse
- High School, Steve Blank, Carl Wacker, and Anne Urbanski

### Water Ceremony for Congregation – Barbara Chatterton

**Offertory** – *Mississippi River Blues* by Carol Matz  
Karleen Tyksinski, piano

### **Introduction of Guests and Visitors**

### **Prairie Announcements**

(Additional announcements are in your order of service)

**\*Hymn # 145 (SLT) – “As Tranquil Streams”**

### **Closing Words –**

As single individuals we may appear as a single droplet of water.

Alone, we are vulnerable and lack defenses,

We can become dried up by a blazing sun

Or sucked down into a dry and thirsting earth.

But together we can wear out hardened hearts,

Carve out deep canyons of good will,

Make streams and rivers cleaner and unpolluted

And find our way together to a greener earth for all humanity.

\*Please stand

### **Welcome**

Welcome to our service! We are glad you are here. Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service. Our thanks to everyone who participated in making this program.

## Announcements

### **“Final Choices” Workshop Series**

Sponsored by the Caring Committee, a free, 3-week series of workshops will be presented relating to making end of life decisions. The sessions will be held on Tuesdays October 21 and 28 and November 11 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Prairie. For more information, contact Aileen Nettleton.

### **Religious Education Rummage Sale**

As our first Service Sunday project of the year, the Prairie UU RE program will have a rummage sale on Saturday, September 20 at 8am. The proceeds will be divided between our RE classes. Each class will select a worthy social action organization or project to receive their funds. There are many ways you can help: you can help with sorting and pricing today after the service; you can donate baked goods for the students to sell; you can help with set up on the morning of the sale; you can help staff the sale or clean up after; you can shop the Prairie-only pre-sale. Please contact Rebecca (695-3425) with any questions or to volunteer.

### **Spanish Speaker’s Potluck**

Spanish Speakers will meet next on Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at the home of Prudence Barber, 1104 Mound Street Apt C. All levels of speakers are welcome. Please call Prudence at 251-0852 for directions, or Rosemary Dorney at 238-4382 for information.

*Edgar and Fleur 18 - Solstice ceremony*