

*You are invited to the  
Prairie Association Fall Meeting*



*Saturday, September 24, 2016*

*Mayfield Congregational United Church of Christ in rural Sycamore*

Dear Prairie Association,

You are warmly invited to the 2016 Fall Meeting of the Prairie Association on Saturday, September 24. Our hosts are the members and friends of the Mayfield Congregational\* United Church of Christ in rural Sycamore. The gathering will run from 9:00 – 2:00 with registration beginning at 8:30 am.

We are meeting earlier than usual this fall to take advantage of warm September weather and to have the best opportunity to view the workings of the Mayfield Church's Monarch Butterfly Waystation before the fall temperatures arrive. Our host pastor, Rev. Martha Brunell, writes:

The day's worship and activities will be focused in our waystation, highlighting this earth sanctuary, our spiritual learnings as we participate in the critical restoration of habitat for the Monarchs' annual migration, and modest planting actions we can all take at church, around home, and in our neighborhoods for the sake of the Monarchs and ourselves. Weather permitting, this Association meeting will be held outside and inside. If you have a portable lawn chair, bring it along for the outside portions. Be prepared for a delicious Mayfield lunch that will acknowledge our critical dependence on all the pollinators including the Monarchs. We hope to welcome young and old to Mayfield on September 24!

The day's agenda and a registration form are included in this emailing. We are grateful for the congregation of our Mayfield church for hosting us, and I look forward to seeing each of you there!

In anticipation of a rich and wonderful day together,

*Kathy Lawes*

Associate Conference Minister Serving Prairie and Western Associations

\*The church is located at:  
28405 Church Road, Sycamore, IL 60178  
(at the corner of Church and Aldrich Roads)

# Schedule

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Weather permitting, we will meet both inside the church and outside on the church grounds. Please wear comfortable walking shoes and bring, if you have one, a lawn chair for outdoor seating.

- 8:30am      Registration table opens  
                 Coffee and refreshments
  
- 9:00am      Opening Worship in the Monarch Waystation
  
- 10:00am     Rotation among three Monarch-based stations
  
- 11:40am     Shared time together
  
- 12:00pm     Homemade lunch with locally-sourced food
  
- 1:00pm      Final time as a whole group
  
- 2:00pm      Traveling mercies

# Registration

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(as it will appear on your name badge)

Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
(\_\_\_\_check here if you prefer NOT to receive email from the Prairie Association)

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_ Town: \_\_\_\_\_

Displays: I would like table space for a display for \_\_\_\_\_

Announcement: I would like to make an announcement about \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary preferences/restrictions \_\_\_\_\_

Childcare for \_\_\_\_\_ name(s) and age(s) \_\_\_\_\_

The \$30.00 registration fee includes refreshments and lunch; retired clergy are the guests of the Association.

Please make checks payable to ILLINOIS CONFERENCE UCC, and submit your registration form and remittance to:

Prairie Association  
617 North First Street  
DeKalb, Illinois 60115

**Please register by Tuesday, September 20.** Going to miss the mailing deadline? Just call the Prairie Association at (815) 758-3497 or email Tracy Diehl at [ilconftracy@gmail.com](mailto:ilconftracy@gmail.com) and let us know you're coming!

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You are invited to join the members and friends of the Association congregations of the United Church of Christ for our Fall Meeting on Saturday, September 24. Registration opens at 8:30 with worship at 9:00 a.m.

Our host congregation, Mayfield in rural Sycamore, is engaged in creating a waystation for Monarch butterflies. The day's worship and activities will be focused in the waystation, highlighting this earth sanctuary, our spiritual learnings as we participate in the critical restoration of habitat for the Monarchs' annual migration, and modest planting actions we can all take at church, around home, and in our neighborhoods for the sake of the Monarchs and ourselves. Weather permitting, this Association meeting will be held outside and inside. If you have a portable lawn chair, bring it along for the outside portions. Be prepared for a delicious Mayfield lunch that will acknowledge our critical dependence on all the pollinators including the Monarchs. We hope to welcome young and old to Mayfield on September 24!