

PRAIRIE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY

Sunday, December 21, 2003

Prelude - Madeline Arnold

Welcome - Ken Skog

Introduction of Program - Erin Bosch

Candlelight Procession

Chalice Lighting

Story for All Ages

Hymn #244 - *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

Carol of the Bells - Prairie Choir

SYMBOL TREE CEREMONY

Intermission: *The Little Drummer Boy March*

SYMBOL TREE CONTINUED

Offering

Introduction of Guests and Visitors

Brief Prairie Announcements

Hymn #235 - *Deck the Hall*

Marie Nahlik is our Santa Lucia girl this year. Some former ones were: Katrina Schroeder, Judy Wacker, Erica Skog, Mei Lien Converse, Toby Wacker, Lushana Peterson, and Madeline Arnold. (We'd like to keep a complete list of these, so if we've forgotten someone, please let Erin know.)

Vincent Peterson is the Little Drummer Boy soloist this year. Last year was Reuben Arnold.

Announcements

Volunteers and shoppers are needed for the breakfast at the **Men's Drop-In Shelter**. See Paula Pachciarz.

A Guest at Your Table is an annual fundraising and membership drive for the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee. The program kickoff was last week and boxes are still available to take home. We will return boxes and accept donations in January.

*Correction to Prairie Fire - no choir Dec. 28
Choir will practice Jan. 4.*

Calendar

Tuesday, December 23. Breakfast at Men's Drop-In Shelter

Wednesday, December 24, 7:00pm, Las Posadas Pageant and Carol
Singing at James Reeb UU

Thursday, December 25, 2:30pm. Potluck at James Reeb UU

Sunday, December 28. Intergenerational Game Day

Sunday, January 4. "Winter Reading"

Monday, January 6, 6:00pm. WOW (Prairie Women's Group)

For more than 60 years, the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee has been a leader in advancing human rights. Through partnerships, education and advocacy, UUSC creates opportunities for social change at home and overseas. The Service Committee works with grassroots partners in Latin America and the Caribbean, Asia, Africa and the United States to make a difference in people's lives and to educate U.S. opinion leaders, policy-makers and others about human rights issues. The Service Committee also helps U.S. citizens advocate for justice at the state and national levels, and in their home communities.

While the specific programs may change, the guiding principle of UUSC remains always to work for justice at home and throughout the world.



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Prairie Bond of Union

We, the members of Prairie, wish to associate ourselves together in a religious community which affirms that we share a common humanity, that we need one another, and that our futures are inescapably bound together. Together we would expand our intellectual horizons, enrich our sensory experiences, and deepen our emotional sensitivities. We would sharpen our ethical awareness and broaden our sense of social responsibility. We would stand tall in our quest for integrity of life, yet not at others' expense. As the prairie stretches out until it becomes one with the sky, let us reach out to touch and be one with the natural world, and with one another.

Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society welcomes people from various ethnicities, religious backgrounds and sexual orientations.

2003-2004 officers and committee chairs

- **President** – *Ken Skog*
- **Vice-President** -- *KK Anderson*
- **Secretary** – *Mike Briggs*
- **Treasurer** -- *Susan Hagstrom*
- **Denominational Affairs Committee** – *Mary Somers*
- **Finance Committee** – *Kathy Converse*
- **Housing & Property Committee** – *Larry Nahlik*
- **Long Range Planning Committee** – *Barb Park*
- **Membership Committee** – *Dan Proud*
- **Program Committee** – *Doleta Chapru & Warren Hagstrom*
- **Religious Education Committee** – *Anne Urbanski*
- **Social Action Committee** -- *Bob Park*

(Officers and committee chairs are elected to one year terms in April.)

- **Administrators** – *Dan & Robin Proud*
(Monday 7 – 9 p.m. & Saturday 11 a.m. – 12 noon)

Prairie UU Society Mission Statement (Adopted November 21, 1999)

Prairie is a diverse, lay-led congregation. We aspire to be both open-hearted and open-minded. We welcome all who enter our doors with any combination of strengths and weaknesses, beliefs and doubts.

Our small size allows us to be like an extended family: we aspire to support one another and nurture the growth of each of our members. By sharing joys and sorrows, we keep each other company on the journey through life.

We seek to learn with and from each other in an atmosphere that respects diverse ideas, lifestyles, cultures, and wisdom traditions. Our shared values include respect for all forms of life and stewardship of the environment. Helping our youth to understand and appreciate these values is part of our mission.

We seek to promote dignity, worth, and justice for people worldwide by supporting individual and collective social action.