

# **PRAIRIE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY**

**Sunday, June 27, 2004**

**Prelude - Aileen Nettleton**

**Welcome**

**Chalice Lighting - Galen & Rose Smith**

**Moment of Silent Meditation**

**Joys and Concerns**

**Hymn #108 - *How Can I Keep from Reading?* \***

**(words on separate sheet)**

***Sharing Books We Love***

**led by Galen and Rose Smith**

**Offering**

**Introduction of Guests and Visitors**

**Prairie Announcements**

**Hymn #291 - *Die Gedanken Sind Frei* \***

**Closing Words from Emily Dickinson -**

**Rose Smith**

**Greet Your Neighbor**

**\*stand as you are able**

## Announcements

**Independence Day Picnic** will be on July 4 at 11:00a.m. Please bring dish to share, your own plates, cups, utensils, and, if you wish, something to grill. See the Prairie Fire for more details.

**Adult Education** series continues on Tuesday evenings at 7:00p.m. The topic of "Challenge Corporate Power" (June 8) alternates with discussion of the war in Iraq (June 15). Discussions are open to the public. For more information, contact Nancy Graham at 244-6495.

**Central Midwest District** will offer the Lake Geneva Summer Assembly on July 4-10. The WomanSpirit summer Conference will be at Camp Ronona August 6-8. For information contact Mary Somers.

## Calendar

**Tuesday, June 29.** Prairie Cooks Breakfast at Men's Drop-In Shelter

**Tuesday, June 29, 7:00p.m.** Adult Education Series on Iraq War

**Sunday, July 4, 11:00a.m.** Independence Day Picnic at Hoyt Park

**Sunday, July 11, 10:00a.m.** "Nothing Left to Lose: The Life and Times of Janis Joplin" presented by Susan Urban.

**Sunday, July 18, 10:00a.m.** "Pledging Allegiance" presented by Rev. Sarah Oelberg,

**Sunday, July 25, 10:00a.m.** "Same-Sex Marriage: A UU Perspective" Round-table discussion organized by Mike & Norma Briggs.

**Sunday, August 1.** Four-congregations service in Sauk City.

## HOW CAN I KEEP FROM READING?

My life flows on in endless words above earth's lamentation.

I hear the real tho' far-off hymn that hails a new creation.

Thru all the tumult and the strife I see those words I'm needing,

They sound an echo in my soul, how can I keep from reading?

What tho' the tempest loudly roars, I know the truth, it liveth,

What tho' the darkness round me close, words in the night it giveth.

No storm can shake my inmost calm while on that truth I'm feeding,

Since love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from reading?

When tyrants tremble sick with fear and see their death wounds bleeding,

When friends rejoice both far and near, how can I keep from reading?

In prison cell and dungeon vile our thoughts to them are speeding

When friends by shame are undefiled, how can I keep from reading?

I lift my eyes, the cloud grows thin, I see the blue above it,

And day by day this pathway clears, since first I learned to love it.

The peace of words restores my soul, a signpost ever leading,

All things are mine since I love books, how can I keep from reading?