

## Calendar

**Sunday, December 4, 11:45 a.m.** Discussion of possible building designs.

**Wednesday, December 7, 6:30 p.m.** Midweek Meal @ Prairie.

**Thursday, December 8, 7:00 p.m.** Social Action Committee Meeting at the home of Bob and Barb Park

**Sunday, December 11**

9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal.

9:30 a.m. Nifty Gifty

10:00 a.m. "Lighting our Lives with Hope – The Christmas Message", presented by the Rev. Jody Whelden.

**Wednesday, December 14, 6:30 p.m.** Midweek Meal @ Prairie.

**Sunday, December 18**

9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal.

10:00 a.m. Symbol Tree Intergenerational Service, led by Erin Bosch. You are invited to bring a symbol to place on the tree.

**Wednesday, December 21, 6:30 p.m.** Midweek Meal @ Prairie.

## PRAIRIE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY

Sunday, December 4, 2005

Prelude – "There Is Time" by Terry Spear  
Paula Pachciarz, Dan Proud, and Carl Wacker (guitars, vocals)  
(Words are inside this cover)

Welcome - Mike Briggs

Chalice Lighting & Opening Words  
Bob Reuschlein  
Reading #657 – *It Matters What We Believe*

Hymn #369 – *This is the Truth that Passes Understanding\**

Joys and Concerns

*Jesus and Empire*  
presented by Bob Reuschlein

Discussion

Offering  
Introduction of Guests and Visitors  
Prairie Announcements  
(Additional announcements are in your order of service)

Hymn # 354 – *We Laugh, We Cry\**

Closing Words  
Bob Reuschlein

\*Stand as you are able

"There Is Time"  
by Terry Spear

## Announcements

- 1. When the sun warms the leaves on the elm trees  
And the tall grass rolls like the sea,  
When the moon turns the wheat from gold to silver  
And the mountain wind is fresh and soft and free,  
  
Then there is time to be gentle, Time for all that we dream of,  
Time to touch the flower's petals, Time to turn the world to  
love.*
- 2. When the snow winds come across the meadows'  
And the farm men harvest this year's crop,  
When the new wine is put away to mellow  
And the old leaves are gathered up by God,  
  
Then there is time....*
- 3. When the snow melts upon a rusted rifle  
And the winter's graves turn green with new-grown grass,  
When the torn wounds of earth are freshly seeded  
And the healing we are promised comes to pass,  
  
Then there is time....*
- 4. When you wake up to the noise and confusion  
And the faces that surround you won't forgive,  
Remember that the threats we face are empty,  
Unless we lose our lives we cannot live.  
  
And there is time....*

**Meeting on new building design** follows today's service. Lunch and childcare are provided.

**Nifty Gifty** - Volunteers needed! Questions answered! Ideas encouraged! Food requested! You are invited to a short meeting after today's service to talk about and plan for next Sunday's Nifty Gifty. We need help doing projects with the kids. We need food and music and wrappers - be an elf! Find Bob Radford or Kathy Converse for a chat.  
**Note: Nifty Gifty begins at 9:30 next Sunday, not 10:00.**

**Book Club** meeting has moved to Dec. 11. All are welcome to bring food and discuss *Blood Done Sign My Name*.

**Christmas presents for Allied Drive** can be dropped off at Prairie until December 17. You can purchase gifts for all ages. See Barb Park for more details. Cash donations are also welcome.

**Cradle Club** is still accepting donations of baby items.

**Prairie Fire Deadlines** and dates will change to avoid conflict with holidays. Upcoming deadline is December 11. In January, the normal schedule of 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays will return.

**Social Action Committee** will meet December 8, at 7:00 p.m at the home of Bob and Barb Park.

**Christmas program** on December 25 will be an evening vesper service of carols and readings.