

Calendar

PRAIRIE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY

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Rev. Ralph Tyksinski, Minister

fairy shrimp
hibernate for
centuries

Sunday, August 26, 2007

Prelude

From *Water Musick* by G. F. Handel

Welcome – Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

Opening Words – Rev. Ralph

With water we have life. 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 beginning of history, humans have built their homes and their lives around water. Today we celebrate water, which connects and nourishes all life.

* Hymn -#100 (SLT) - *I've Got Peace Like a River* (Verses 1,2,3)

Chalice Lighting

*The chalice is a vessel, a bowl, a cup.
With this light, we place in this vessel
Our common hopes, our shared dreams,
Our mutual commitment
For a world made healthy and whole*

Silent Meditation

Joys and Concerns

*Hymn 1046 (STJ) - *Shall We Gather at the River*
(Aileen Nettleton, Accompanist)

Sunday, August 26

11:30 a.m. RE lunch, followed by pool party

Tuesday, August 28

2:00 p.m. Prairie Elders meet at Oakwood West

Sunday, September 2

10:00 a.m. Labor Day program presented by Ruth Gundlach

Saturday, September 8

4:30 a.m. Serve breakfast at Men's Homeless Shelter, Grace Episcopal Church

Sunday, September 9

10:00 a.m. "Revisioning our Vision" presented by Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

12:00 noon. Humanist Union potluck and meeting

Wednesday, September 12

7:30 p.m. Pre-retreat Folk Dance Session

Friday-Sunday, September 14-16

*Annual Prairie Retreat at Bethel Horizons Retreat Center, Dodgeville

Sunday, September 16

10:00 a.m. Key Log Ceremony at Bethel

2:00-4:00 p.m. Interfaith Hospitality Network open house at Midvale Lutheran Church, with a short program at 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 30

11:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting

Reading

Water Ceremony led by Rev. Ralph

Reading

Offertory- *Deep River* ,
African-American Spiritual, Arr. John M. Williams -
Aileen Nettleton

Introduction of Guests and Visitors

Prairie Announcements

(Additional announcements are in your order of service.)

*Hymn #145 (SLT)- *As Tranquil Streams* -
Aileen Nettleton, Accompanist

Closing Words -

*I am but a drop of water.
Alone, I would disappear,
Dried up by the scorching sun
Or sucked up by the dry, thirsty earth.
But together we can wear out stones,
Carve out the Grand Canyon,
Make fresh streams and mighty rivers,
And find our way to the sea.*

> Postlude - From *Water Musick* by G.F. Handel

*Stand as you are able.

Welcome to our service! We are glad you are here. Our presider today is the Rev. Ralph Tyksinski; and our accompanist is Aileen Nettleton. Please join us after the program for coffee and fellowship.

Announcements

Religious Education students and their parents are welcome to stay today for lunch and the pool party in Middleton.

Retreat Reminders - Previews of retreat sessions, details on accommodations, directions to Bethel Horizons, and a registration form are all found in the August 24 Prairie Fire in its paper and online forms.

Prairie Elders will meet on Tuesday, August 27, 2:00-3:50 p.m. in the Nakoma Room, Heritage Oaks Building, Oakwood Village West. The topic will be a children's book that has special meaning in your adult life. This could be a book from your childhood, a book you read to your children or a book you discovered as an adult. See the Prairie Fire newsletter for more details.

Pre-Retreat Folk Dance Session will be led by Doleta Chapru at Prairie on Wednesday, September 12, 7:30 p.m. The goal is for a group of people to be familiar with dances that will be taught at the Retreat, but anyone is welcome to attend. See Prairie Fire for more details.

Prairie Book Club will meet at the Retreat to discuss *Midnight at the Dragon Cafe* by Judy Fong Bates.