

PRAIRIE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY

2010 Whenona Drive, Madison 53711

<http://uuprairie.org>

Rev. Ralph Tyksinski, Minister

Sunday, October 19th, 2008

Prelude

“Like a Mighty Stream” by Moses Hogan and John Jacobson,
Prairie Choir, Barb Park, Director

Welcome - Rachel Long, President

Opening Words – Rev. Ralph Tyksinski, Consulting Minister

We gather here to seek unity of spirit.

We gather here in the midst of diversity to grow our spirit
to heal the wounded and confront the oppressor,
to instill joy and confidence in our children,
to grow in mind, body, and spirit ourselves,
and to bear witness to the transforming power of love
beyond which not a single atom nor soul is lost forever.

Thus do we covenant with each other
in the presence of that which inspires us to be and do our best.

Hymn 347 (SLT) - “Gather the Spirit”

Accompanist: Sarah-Babeek *Deleta Chapru*

Chalice Lighting

At this hour, in small towns and big cities, in single rooms and ornate sanctuaries, many of our sister Unitarian Universalist congregations are also lighting a flaming chalice. As we light our chalice today, let us remember that we are part of a great community of faith. May this dancing flame inspire us to fill our lives with the Unitarian Universalist ideals of love, justice and truth.

Silent Meditation

Young Voices of Prairie - directed by Karleen Tyksinski

Joys and Concerns

Reading:

From the writing of Rev. Dr. Edward Frost, Senior Minister Emeritus of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Atlanta, GA

Hymn 1020 (STJ) - "Woyaya"

Accompanist: Sarah Babeock ~~Deleta~~ *Chorus*

Presentation

"Growing Our Spirit," Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

Offering for Prairie and Special UU Association Sunday Offering

"Meditation", by Felix Mendelssohn, accompanist Mary Frantz

Introduction of Visitors

Prairie Announcements

Hymn 1014 (STJ) - "Standing on the Side of Love"

Accompanist: Sarah Babeock ~~Deleta~~ *Chorus*

Closing Words

Have you felt any "stirrings" within you this morning? Did these rise up filling you with hope? Can you feel glad you came this morning? Are you more committed to this religious community, one among over 1000 other Unitarian Universalist congregations, more committed to freedom, peace, and justice? Will you think at least once this week about how you can act out our faith in the inherent worth and dignity of someone? Well, if so, then you have been enriched and will be a greater good unto others. Let us go forth with this calling and share its message with all who will listen.

May it be so.

Welcome

Welcome to our service! We are glad you are here. Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service. Our thanks to everyone who participated in making this program.

Announcements

Sunday Prairie Potlucks

Prompted by the results of the recent strategic planning sessions, the membership committee is initiating a post-service potluck lunch once a month, near the end of the month. Bring a dish to pass and enjoy some unstructured community time with your Prairie family. The first potluck will be held on Sunday, October 26th.

Prairie Spanish Potluck

Thursday Oct 30th at 6 pm there will be a special Spanish Potluck, featuring Pat Wright and Dave Ranney, who recently returned from a fact-finding trip to Bolivia. They will report on their observations, show some slides, and then lead a discussion of U. S. foreign policy in Latin America.

New Member Orientation

We are holding our fall orientation on Saturday, November first and we invite anyone who is interested in getting to know us better, or in becoming Members. The orientation begins at 9 and will end at 12 noon. We provide a substantial brunch, and child care if needed. Please contact Paula Pachciarz for more information.

Upcoming Parish Meeting

Mark your calendars for the Fall Parish meeting, Sunday, November 9th, after the service.

Prairie's Pretty Good Pancake Breakfast

Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 15, 8:30 - 10:30. This event is a fund raiser for Prairie and the finance committee is hoping for a lot of support. How can you do that? Come to the breakfast! Volunteer to help out on that morning! Be a musician for 20 minutes! Make a fruit salad or pumpkin bread! Tell friends and family about this fund raiser! The breakfast is going to be superb - good food, good company, good fun!

Book Club

The Prairie Book Club will read *Defying Hitler: A Memoir* by Sebastian Haffner for discussion on Sunday, November 16th.

Prairie Calendar

Sunday, October 19th

9 am Choir Rehearsal

10 am – Service – “Growing our Spirit” presented by Rev. Ralph Tyksinski for Association Sunday.

11:45 am – Prairie Board meeting. Pot luck lunch at 11:45, meeting to begin at noon.

7 pm – Meditation.

Tuesday, October 21st

6:30 pm - Final Choices workshop series begins.

Thursday, October 23rd

7:00 pm – Movie group will view “Sicko.”

7:00 pm – Denominational Affairs committee meets at Pat Watkins’ home. Call Pat for more information, 233-5795.

Sunday, October 26th

9 am Choir Rehearsal

10 am – Service – “A Spiritual and Humanist Approach to the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights” presented by Pat Watkins.

11:45 am – Prairie Potluck Lunch.

7 pm – Meditation.

Tuesday, October 28th

1 pm – Prairie Elders will meet at Prairie.

6:30 pm – Final Choices workshop series 2nd meeting. (3rd meeting will be held November 11th.)

Thursday, October 30th

6 pm – Prairie Spanish Potluck.

Saturday, November 1st

9 am – New Member Orientation.

5 pm – Fall Frolic begins.