

Prairie Calendar

Wednesday, December 24, 2008

7:00 pm - Christmas Eve program, presented by Rev. Ralph Tyksinski.

Sunday, December 28, 2008

No morning service, no choir rehearsal.

6:00 pm - service - "Moving Forward," presented by Religious Education. Potluck snacks and dancing after the program.

Tuesday, December 30, 2008

2:00 pm - Prairie Elders will meet at Oakwood.

Thursday, January 1, 2009

Prairie Fire Bulletin deadline today (calendar and program items only.)

Sunday, January 4, 2009

9:00 am - Choir rehearsal.

10:00 am - service - "Journey to Selma," presented by Rev. Darrel Richey of James Reeb UU Congregation.

12:00 noon - Humanist Union meets.

Saturday, January ¹⁰9, 2009

9:00 am - WOW meets at the home of Kathy Converse.

Sunday, January ¹¹10, 2009

9:00 am - Choir rehearsal.

10:00 am - service - "First Amendment: Right or Slogan," presented by Andy Somers.

3:30 at Hilldale - Cambrian Singers - TODAY

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Rev. Ralph Tyksinski, Minister

Sunday, December 21st, 2008

Prelude – *Carol of the Bells*
Prairie Choir, directed by Barb Park

Welcome – Rachel Long, Prairie President

Opening Words - Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

Let there be joy in our coming together this morning.

Let there be truth heard in the words we speak and the hymns
and carols we sing.

Let there be help and healing for our disappointments and disillusion.

Let there be listening for the voice within us and beyond us.

Let there be joy in our coming together.

Hymn #224 SLT - "Let Christmas Come"

Aileen Nettleton, accompanist

Chalice Lighting

We light our flaming chalice

To illuminate the world we seek.

In the search for truth, may we be just;

In the search for justice, may we be loving;

And, in loving, may we find peace.

Elizabeth M. McMaster

Silent Meditation

Joys and Concerns

Choral Interlude - "In the Bleak Midwinter"

Prairie Choir, directed by Barb Park



A Child's Christmas in Wales

written by Dylan Thomas

Readers: Andy Somers, Al Nettleton, Warren Hagstrom,
and Ralph Tyksinski

Hymn #235 SLT - "Deck the Halls with Boughs of Holly"

Aileen Nettleton, accompanist

Holiday Reflection - "How a Unitarian Created Christmas"

Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

Offertory

"Star of the East," written by George Cooper

Karleen Tyksinski

Introduction of Guests and Visitors

Announcements

Welcome of New Members

Paula Pachciarz, Membership Committee Chair

Hymn #236 SLT - "O Thou Joyful Day"

Aileen Nettleton, accompanist

Closing Words - Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

Before we gather here again--

may each of us bring joy into another's life;

may we each be surprised by and thankful for the gifts that surround us;

may each of us be enlivened by constant curiosity and

hopeful tomorrows--

And may we remain together in spirit

til the hour we meet again.

Welcome

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

Announcements

Book Club

The book selection for January is Blink: The Power of Thinking Without Thinking by Malcolm Gladwell and will be discussed on January 18th after service.

Christmas Eve, Carols, and Candlelighting, December 24th

Christmas Eve program, presented by Rev. Ralph Tyksinski. We celebrate with readings, singing of carols, and candlelighting the story of the birth of Jesus of Nazareth. This, an intergenerational service, draws from Christian teachings which call us to respond to God's love by seeking peace and good will for humankind. No childcare will be available.

New Year's Evening Service

Sunday, December 28th, at 6:00 pm, is the Prairie New Year's service, presented by Religious Education. After the service, there will be dancing and snacks, so please join us to ring in the New Year!

Prairie Elders to meet Dec 30th

Prairie Elders meets Tuesday, December 30, 2:00-4:00 pm. Informal conversation 1:30-2:00 pm. *This is a time change and a temporary departure from our usual 4th Tuesday.* We meet in the Nakoma Room, Heritage Oaks building, Oakwood Village West. Newcomers are welcome. Call contacts below for directions or a ride. TOPIC: First focus of the new U.S. administration. What do you think it should be? Why? SNACKS: If convenient, please bring a few snacks to pass and your own beverage cup. CONTACTS: Donna Murdoch 238-3802, Gordon Cunningham 230-3367, Rosemary Dorney 238-4382 or Rose Smith 233-3363.

Cradle Club Extended

The "Cradle Club" deadline has been extended until Sunday, January 4th. If you had planned to donate some baby items, but were unable to get around to doing so, there is still time. The committee is extremely grateful to Orange and Dean Schroeder, who so generously offered to donate the packing and shipping of our collected goods, and we felt that we did not want to burden them with this so close to Christmas when the store is so extremely busy.