

# **PRAIRIE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY**

2010 Whenona Drive, Madison 53711

<http://uuprairie.org>

Rev. Ralph Tyksinski, Minister

**Sunday, January 25, 2009**

**Prelude-** "Ain't Gonna Study War No More"

Mary Mullen, Dan Proud, Karleen Tyksinski, Carl Wacker

**Welcome** – Pat Watkins, chair of Denominational Affairs

**Chalice Lighting & Opening Words** - Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

**Silent Meditation**

**Presentation** - "The Pain of War; The Joy of Peace," presented by Pat Watkins

**Reading** - "The Box," by Lascelles Abercrombie

read by Rosemary Dorney and Rose Smith

**Hymn**, "Peace Round," pg 195 *Rise Up Singing*, led by Karleen Tyksinski

**Reading** - selection from "Iliad" by Homer

read by Reuben Arnold, Madeline Arnold, Donna Murdoch, and Al Nettleton

**Music** - "On the Hills of Shiloh," Prairie Choir, Barb Park, Director

**Offering**

**Offertory** - Dan Proud on guitar

**Music** - "Two Brothers," Prairie Choir, Barb Park, Director

**Reading** - "The Man I Killed," by Thomas Hardy, read by Donna Murdoch

**Hymn**, "Johnny, I Hardly Knew You," pg 161 *Rise Up Singing*

**Music** - "Soldat," sung by Rosemarie Lester

**Joys and Concerns**

**Introduction of Guests and Visitors**

**Prairie Announcements**

(additional announcements are in your order of service.)

**Hymn** - "Where Have All the Flowers Gone?" pg 165, *Rise Up Singing*

**Closing Words**

Introductory paragraph to the UUA's Statement of Conscience on Peacemaking,  
read by Andy Somers

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Welcome to our service! We are glad you are here. Many thanks to all who contributed to making this service possible. Please join us after the service for coffee and fellowship.

**Announcements**

**Parish Meeting Announcement**

We will have a brief Parish Meeting today at 11:45 am, 1/25/09. The only agenda item to discuss and then vote on is the UUA Statement of Conscience on peacemaking. The draft will be available on the tables at lunch.

**All-Society Potluck Today! January 25, 2009**

What better way to get to know newer members than at a potluck? Our all-society potluck after the service today will provide that opportunity. We are especially encouraging those who recently signed the book to join us and give "oldtimers" the chance to know you better. Please plan to stay and also lend a hand in setting up or cleaning up.

**Lifespan Religious Education Program**

Beginning Tuesday, February 10, 2009, 7:00pm, as a follow-up of the program on "Final Choices," the following will be offered: "Faithful Choices: An Adult Program in Clinical

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Ethics and Religious Values." For more information, contact Rev. Ralph Tyksinski; a complete description is available in the current Prairie Fire, and a sign-up sheet is in the foyer.

### **Prairie Elders meet January 27th at Oakwood from 2-4pm**

This month's topic: Your Favorite Poems. Please bring a few snacks to pass and your own beverage cup. Prairie Elders aims to provide good times and mutual support for Prairie UU Members and Friends over 65. CONTACTS: Donna Murdoch 238-3802, Gordon Cunningham 230-3367, Rosemary Dorney 238-4382 or Rose Smith 233-3363.

### **Spanish Speakers to meet Weds. February 11, 2009**

Potluck at the home of Marcia and Dave Johnson, 6:30 pm. Please call Rosemary Dorney at 238-4382 for more information or to arrange a ride.

### **Tip of the Week from the Green Committee**

Great Idea # 1: Add insulation to your attic. Fiberglass now comes with recycled content, cellulose is made from 85% recycled newspapers, and formaldehyde free spray foam can also be found.

### **Ethical Humanism Study Group**

An adult study group organized around the topic "Ethical Humanism as a Religious Approach" will hold its first meeting at Prairie on Sunday, Feb. 8. The group will be led by Ron Solomon, who has over 40 years of experience in the Ethical Culture movement. An outline of topics that Ron proposes to cover in a series of monthly meetings is available online at

<http://humanist.madisonwi.us/Ethical/outline.htm>. It is not too late to join us. Our meeting on Feb. 8 will start with an optional potluck lunch at noon. The study group discussion will start at 12:45 pm. To be added to the list of participants, contact Bob Park at [rwpark@loonfoot.com](mailto:rwpark@loonfoot.com) or at 273-8775.

### **"Building the Beloved Community: Realizing Racial Justice" Program, Sat., March 7, 2009**

From 9am to 4pm, this interactive workshop will explore the everyday unspoken realities of white privilege and grappling with how to be an effective ally in bringing about a racially just world. Lunch will be at Prairie as a potluck with suggestions of soup, salad and breads. This program will be facilitated by Sha'an Mouliert : national consultant, community organizer, educator, artist and co-founder of the African American Alliance of the Northeast Kingdom (Vermont), a grassroots organization committed to racial justice. Space is limited and reservations required. Call or email Mary Somers 276 8397, [marysomers44@charter.net](mailto:marysomers44@charter.net) for reservations and more information.

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## Prairie Calendar

### Sunday, January 25, 2009

11:45 am - Brief Parish Meeting, followed by an All-Society Potluck lunch.

### Tuesday, January 27, 2009

2:00 pm - Prairie Elders meet at Oakwood.

7:30 pm - Housing and Property committee meets at Prairie.

### Sunday, February 1, 2009

9:00 am - Choir Rehearsal.

10:00am - service - "Darwin and His Dangerous Idea," presented by Jane Shoup.

12 noon - Humanist Union meets. Potluck begins at noon, informal discussion with Jane Shoup begins at 12:30pm.

### Saturday, February 7, 2009

Men's Homeless Shelter Breakfast. Prairie is in charge of shopping and cooking, please see Kathy Converse to volunteer.

9:00 am - WOW, Prairie's women's group, meets at the home of Barb Park for breakfast potluck.

### Sunday, February 8, 2009

9:00 am - Choir Rehearsal.

10:00am - service - "Love Thy Neighbor," presented by Religious Education.

12 noon - Ethical Humanism Study Group potluck; formal program begins at 12:45.

### Tuesday, February 10, 2009

7:00 pm - "Faithful Choices" class begins. Continues every Tuesday night through March 17.

### Wednesday, February 11, 2009

6:30 pm - Spanish Speakers potluck at the home of Marcia and Dave Johnson.

### **Looking Further Ahead...**

Sunday, February 15, 2009 - Prairie Board meeting, Prairie Book Club.

Saturday, February 21, 2009 - RE's Wild Wintering.

Sunday, February 22, 2009: Annual Prairie Service Auction. Contact Mary Mullen with services you wish to donate.

Sat., March 7, 2009 - Racial Justice workshop. Contact Mary Somers for more information.

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The Box

Rosemary {  
Once upon a time, in the land of Hush-A-Bye,  
Around about the wondrous days of yore,  
They came across a kind of box  
Bound up with chains and locked with locks  
And labeled "Kindly do not touch; it's war."  
A decree was issued round about, and all with a flourish and a shout  
And a gaily colored mascot tripping lightly on before.  
Don't fiddle with this deadly box, Or break the chains, or pick the  
locks.

And please don't ever play about with war.  
The children understood. Children happen to be good  
And they were just as good around the time of yore.  
Rose {  
They didn't try to pick the locks Or break into that deadly box.  
They never tried to play about with war.  
Mommies didn't either; sisters, aunts, grannies neither  
'Cause they were quiet, and sweet, and pretty  
In those wondrous days of yore.

Rose {  
Well, very much the same as now,  
And not the ones to blame somehow  
For opening up that deadly box of war.  
~~But someone did. Someone battered in the lid~~  
And spilled the insides out across the floor.  
A kind of bouncy, bumpy ball made up of guns and flags  
And all the tears, and horror, and death that comes with war.  
It bounced right out and went bashing all about,  
Bumping into everything 'in store. And what was sad and most unfair  
Was that it didn't really seem to care  
Much who it bumped, or why, or what, or for.

Rose {  
It bumped the children mainly. And I'll tell you this quite plainly,  
It bumps them every day and more, and more,  
And leaves them dead, and burned, and dying  
Thousands of them sick and crying.  
'Cause when it bumps, it's really very sore.  
Now there's a way to stop the ball. It isn't difficult at all.  
All it takes is wisdom, and I'm absolutely sure,  
That we can get it back into the box, And bind the chains, and lock the  
locks.

But no one seems to want to save the children anymore.  
Both {  
Well, that's the way it all appears, 'cause it's been bouncing round  
for years and years  
In spite of all the wisdom wizzed since those wondrous days of yore  
And the time they came across the box,  
Bound up with chains and locked with locks,  
And labeled "Kindly do not touch; it's war."

## Peace Round

1. Oh What a goodly thing
2. If the children of all men
3. could dwell together
4. in peace

## Johnny, I Hardly Knew You

With guns and drums and drums and guns  
hurroo hurroo (x2)  
With guns and drums and drums and guns the  
enemy nearly slew you  
Oh my darling dear you looked so queer  
And Johnny, I hardly knew you

Where are your eyes that were so mild (x3)  
That looked upon the world and smiled  
Oh why did you run from me and the child  
And Johnny I hardly knew you

Where are your legs that used to run (x3)  
when first you went to carry a gun  
I fear your dancing days are done And Johnny  
I hardly knew you

You haven't an arm you haven't a leg (x3)  
You're a eyeless boneless chickenless egg  
And you'll have to put with your bowl to beg  
And Johnny I hardly knew you

They're rolling out the guns again (x3)  
But they'll never take my sons again  
No they never will take our sons again  
Yes, Johnny I'm swearing to you

## WHERE HAVE ALL THE FLOWERS GONE

*words and music by Pete Seeger  
performed by Pete Seeger and Tao Rodriguez-  
Seeger*

Where have all the flowers gone?  
Long time passing  
Where have all the flowers gone?  
Long time ago  
Where have all the flowers gone?  
Girls have picked them every one  
When will they ever learn?  
When will they ever learn?

Where have all the young girls gone?  
Long time passing

Where have all the young girls gone?  
Long time ago  
Where have all the young girls gone?  
Taken husbands every one  
When will they ever learn?  
When will they ever learn?

Where have all the young men gone?  
Long time passing  
Where have all the young men gone?  
Long time ago  
Where have all the young men gone?  
Gone for soldiers every one  
When will they ever learn?  
When will they ever learn?

Where have all the soldiers gone?  
Long time passing  
Where have all the soldiers gone?  
Long time ago  
Where have all the soldiers gone?  
Gone to graveyards every one  
When will they ever learn?  
When will they ever learn?

Where have all the graveyards gone?  
Long time passing  
Where have all the graveyards gone?  
Long time ago  
Where have all the graveyards gone?  
Covered with flowers every one  
When will we ever learn?  
When will we ever learn?