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# PRAIRIE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY

2010 Whenona Drive, Madison 53711

<http://uuprairie.org>

Rev. Ralph Tyksinski, Minister

**Sunday, February 8, 2009**

**Prelude- "Country Cake Walk"**

Doleta Chapru, accompanist, with Prairie Musicians and RE students

**Welcome – Rachel Long, President**

**Opening Words - read by Madeline Arnold**

A scribe asked Jesus: which is the first commandment of all? And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandment is, . . . thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

Mark 12:28-31

**Hymn #325 SLT "Love Makes a Bridge"**

Doleta Chapru, accompanist

**Chalice Lighting - Aaron Liu**

Reading #562, "A Lifelong Sharing," read by Lew Blank

**Silent Meditation**

**Song, "I Love You"**

Karleen Tyksinski and RE students

**Presentation**

"Love Thy Neighbor"

presented by Religious Education

**Offering**

**Offertory - "A Touch of Mozart," Doleta Chapru**

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## **Introduction of Guests and Visitors**

### **Prairie Announcements**

(additional announcements are in your order of service.)

**Hymn #95 SLT "There Is More Love Somewhere"**

Doleta Chapru, accompanist

### **Closing Words - read by Loren Pawelski**

"O Love, open my eyes that I may see the needs of others; open my ears that I may hear their cries; open my heart so that they need not be without comfort. Let me not be afraid to defend the weak because of the anger of the strong, nor afraid to defend the poor because of the anger of the rich. Show me where love and hope and faith are needed, and use me to bring them to those places. And so open my eyes and my ears that I may this coming day be able to do some work of peace for You."

-Prayer by Alan Paton, author of Cry the Beloved Country,  
his novel about apartheid in South Africa.

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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**

#### **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 Ethics and Religious Values." For more information, contact Rev. Ralph Tyksinski; a complete description is available in the February 22, 2009 Prairie Fire, and a sign-up sheet is in the foyer.

#### **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 # 3: Try to eat organic produce. When this is not possible, choose foods with lower pesticide use, such as onions, frozen corn and sweet peas, bananas, and broccoli, and avoid foods with the highest amounts of pesticides: peaches, apples, strawberries, lettuce, and potatoes.

### **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 today. The group will be led by Ron Solomon, who has over 40 years of experience in the Ethical Culture movement. It is not too late to join us. Our meeting today 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 Moulert : 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.

### **Interfaith Hospitality Network Week February 22 to March 1, 2009**

Please consider helping homeless families. You can call Erin Bosch for more information about IHN (238-6285), or... you can go to this website for an explanation of the volunteer jobs: <http://midvalelutheran.org/ihnjobs.htm> ... and you can sign up online at this address: <http://nordengs.com/ihn/group.asp?eg=10&u=true>

### **RE's Wild Wintering Event: February 21-22, 2009**

Weather permitting we will be sledding at Elver Park; if not we will be bowling at Badger Bowl. A flier and permission form will be posted shortly on [www.uuprairie.org/re](http://www.uuprairie.org/re) Please take note of the deadline: we need to make reservations at the bowling alley ahead of time so Rebecca will need everyone to get back to her asap in order to do this. And as always, in order to have this event we must have chaperones. Please rsvp if your child(ren) can come and if you can help out that evening.

### **Brief Parish Meeting March 8, 2009 at 11:45**

A congregational vote is needed prior to submitting the application for the Green Sanctuary program to the UUA. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

### **Don't forget Prairie's Service Auction, Sunday, February 22, 2009!**

Please contact Mary Mullen ([mmullen@chorus.net](mailto:mmullen@chorus.net) or 298-0843) with your ideas.

## Prairie Calendar

### Sunday, February 8, 2009

11:45 am - Denominational Affairs committee meets; Hospitality Committee meets.  
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.

### Sunday, February 15, 2009

9:00 am - Choir Rehearsal.  
9:00 am - RE committee meets downstairs at Prairie.  
10:00 am - service - "Nurturing Respect in Our Families: at Home and in Community,"  
presented by Rev. Ralph Tyksinski.  
11:45 am - Prairie Board meeting. Potluck lunch begins at 11:45, meeting begins at noon.  
11:45 am - Prairie Book Club meets to discuss Interpreter of Maladies.

### Tuesday, February 17, 2009

7:00 pm - "Faithful Choices" class.

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### Wednesday, February 18, 2009

7:00 pm - Program committee meets at Prairie.

### Thursday, February 19, 2009

7:00 pm - Movie group meets to view "A Face in the Crowd."

### Saturday, February 21, 2009

5:00 pm - RE's Wild Wintering overnight begins.

### Sunday, February 22, 2009 - Interfaith Hospitality Network Week Begins.

9:00 am - Choir Rehearsal.  
10:00 am - service - "Forgiveness and Justice," presented by Amy Owen.  
11:45 am - Prairie Service auction. Lunch at 11:45, the auction will begin shortly after.  
Contact Mary Mullen soon with services you wish to donate.