

PRAIRIE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY

2010 Whenona Drive, Madison 53711

<http://uuprairie.org>

Rev. Ralph Tyksinski, Minister

Sunday, April 5, 2009

Prelude - Folk Medley - "I'll Fly Away," "I've Got That Joy," and "This Land is Your Land,"
performed by the Prairie String Band: Carl Wacker, Judy Wacker, Dan Proud, Karleen
Tyksinski, Doleta Chapru, & Mary Mullen

Welcome - Mary Somers

Opening Words

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free
exercise thereof; or abridging freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people
peaceably to assemble; and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

1st Amendment to the U.S. Constitution

Hymn #119 (SLT) - "Once to Every Soul and Nation"
text by Unitarian James Russell Lowell (1819 - 1891)

Chalice Lighting

"If something seems wrong to me, I want to do something about it!" She also
called for us to "interrupt the Agenda and to disrupt the business, social, family,
organizational, and political agendas... to compel the community to talk about the
oil wars in Afganistan and Iraq."

Lea Zeldin, 1928 - 2009

Madison Times Quote of the year, 4- 01-09

Silent Meditation

Joys and Concerns

Presentation

"First Amendment: Right or Slogan?"
presented by Andy Somers

Discussion

Offering

Offertory- "O Freedom" by
performed by the Prairie String Band

Welcoming of Guests and Visitors

Prairie Announcements

(additional announcements are in your order of service.)

Song - "And With Your Words Be Handy"
text by Doleta Chapru
to the tune of "Yankee Doodle Dandy"

Closing Words

"I'm not a humanitarian, I'm a hell-raiser. Pray for the dead,
and fight like hell for the living."
Mary "Mother Jones" Harris, 1830-1930

*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.*

And With Your Words Be Handy!

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Tune: Yankee Doodle

- Preamble: In seventeen-hundred-eighty-nine they made a resolution
To add a dozen articles to the U.S. Constitution.
- CHORUS: Yankee Doodle keep it up, Yankee Doodle Dandy,
Mind the process of the law and with your words be handy.
- Article 1 We can represent ourselves in appropriate proportion
And cap it off at just one Rep for every fifty-thousand.
- Article 2 Senators can raise their pay if their bankrolls are depleted
But if their raise gets out of hand they're sure to be unseated.
- Article 3 Citizens can go to church or peaceably assemble,
Find a soapbox in the park and preach until they tremble.
- Article 4 Americans can carry guns and keep them for protection
But how we regulate their use defies a definition.
- Article 5 Soldiers can't stay in your house if you don't choose to let them.
Unless in time of war a law is passed that you must bed them.
- Article 6 No one can invade your home and read your true confessions
Unless they've got a warrant and a list of your possessions.
- Article 7 If you've done a deed so bad that no one can define it,
You'll find yourself in front of folks appointed to outline it.
- Article 8 Anyone who wants to make a serious accusation
Had better do it promptly in a public situation.
- Article 9 Suspects can't be put in jail upon an allegation
Unless a thoughtful jury finds a reason for conviction.

- Article 10 If you end up in the clink and someone comes to free you,
 You shan't be charged excessive bail nor judges over-fee you.
- Article 11 If an item in these Rights opposes your convictions,
 Take it to the highest court to settle contradictions.
- Article 12 If the powers stated here don't offer a solution,
 Take it to your governor to find a resolution.
- Postamble Three through ten were ratified there've been additions since then.
 If you want to know the rest, go read your Constitution.

Announcements

RE News - The Easter service on April 12th will be an all ages service, so all RE students will be upstairs. (There will be nursery care available for babies and toddlers.) The Spring Fling overnight event is coming up on April 18th and flyers are available now. Spring Fling will conclude on Sunday the 19th with a service project.

Prairie Book Club - The Prairie Book Club will be reading Michael Pollan's An Omnivore's Dilemma in April and discussing it after service on the 19th. This is an excellent book for those of you interested in the UUA's "Congregational Study Issue" on Ethical Eating.

Prairie Orientation, Saturday, April 11, from 9 am to noon - We are holding our spring orientation on Saturday, April 11, and we invite anyone who is interested in getting to know us better, or in becoming Members. We provide a substantial brunch, and child care if needed. The orientation includes several topics we think are key to getting to know who we are: social action projects that Prairie people put their energy into; a condensed history of Unitarian Universalism; what use donations and pledges are put to; a tour of the building and grounds; Prairie's identity and vision. The heart of the orientation, however, is the time we set aside to share our personal journeys, where we are in our individual quests for a meaningful life or spiritual fulfillment. Let Paula Pachciarz (pjpchrz@gamil.com or 273-4806), know if you are interested in attending.

Last Call for Cradle Club Item - Prairie participated in the Cradle Club, sending a box full of new baby supplies to Southwest Indian Relief in January. One of the donations received for the Cradle Club, a box of diapers, could not be mailed and is still here. Would that donor please call Vera Cunningham (230-3367) to discuss what should happen to this donation. Thank you.

Food, Faith, and Earth Day Event Planned

John Ikerd, a widely celebrated economist, teacher, author and public advocate for sustainability, will be the keynote speaker at a special ecumenical Earth Day event planned for Sunday, April 19 in Madison. He will talk about how the local food movement reconnects us physically with the earth, socially with each other and spiritually with our role as stewards of the earth. Faith, Food and Earth Day 2009 will also feature workshops that highlight ways to pursue environmental stewardship, from gardening to eating locally grown food. Local farmers along with food and faith groups will have exhibits. Two community meals featuring local foods and prepared by area chefs will be served. The afternoon event will be held at First United Methodist Church at 203 Wisconsin Avenue in downtown Madison. Admission is free. Meal cost is \$8 with advance reservation by April 12 and \$12 at the door; reservations are advised. For more information go to www.FoodFaithEarthDay.org or call 608-256-9061.

Spring Parish Meeting, Sunday May 3rd, 2009 - watch for the agenda on prairienews, or check the bulletin board at Prairie.

Prairie Calendar

Sunday, April 5, 2009

12:00 noon - Ethical Humanism study group meets.

Tuesday, April 7, 2009

7:00 pm - Software Seminar presented by AI Nettleton. (You can still get in on this auction item! Please contact AI Nettleton for details.)

Saturday, April 11, 2009

8 am - 8 pm -- Art Institute trip.

9:00 am to noon - Prairie Orientation.

2:00 pm - Memorial service for long time Prairie Member, Dick Bonser.

Sunday, April 12, 2009

9:00 am - Choir Rehearsal

10:00 am - all-ages service - "Easter Customs and Traditions: Old and New" presented by Rev. Selena Fox.

11:45 am - Hospitality Committee meets.

Wednesday, April 15, 2009 - Prairie Fire Article Deadline

7:00 pm - Program committee meets.

Saturday, April 18, 2009

10:30 am - Adult Education Committee meets.

12:30 pm - 6:00 pm - Downstairs of building rented.

5:30 pm - Spring Fling overnight event begins.

Sunday, April 19, 2009

9:00 am - Choir rehearsal.

10:00 am - RE service project.

10:00 am - service - "Feeding the Hungry in the Face of the Global Economic Crisis," an Earth Day presentation by Florence Chenoweth.

11:45 am - Board meeting. Potluck lunch begins at 11:45, meeting begins at noon.

11:45 am - Prairie Book Club meets.

12:30 pm - Food, Faith, and Earth Day event at First United Methodist. Please contact Judy Skog for more information.

Wednesday, April 22, 2009

7:00 pm - Fr. Thomas Pallithanam, details to follow.

Thursday, April 23, 2009

7:00 pm - Film group meets at Prairie; movie TBA.