

# PRAIRIE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY

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Rev. Ralph Tyksinski, Minister

**Sunday, January 3, 2010**

**Prelude** - "Székely Blessing," by Elizabeth H. Horton  
performed by Gavin McFarlane, alto saxophone, and Doleta Chapru, clarinet

**Welcome** - Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

**Opening Words** - Responsive Reading #544 (SLT)  
"New Year's Day," by Kathleen Tigue

**Hymn #350 (SLT)** - "The Ceaseless Flow of Endless Time,  
Doleta Chapru, accompanist

## **Chalice Lighting**

We spend January 1 walking through our lives, room by room, drawing up a list of work to be done, cracks to be patched. Maybe this year, to balance the list, we ought to walk through the rooms of our lives... not looking for flaws, but for potential.

Ellen Goodman

## **Silent Meditation**

## **Joys and Concerns**

**Presentation:** Looking Backward: My Top News Story of 2009 & Looking Forward: My Top News Story in 2010 - An open discussion  
led by Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

## **Offering**

**Offertory** - "Ländler," by Franz Schubert  
performed by Doleta Chapru and Gavin McFarlane

## **Introduction of Guests and Visitors**

**Prairie Announcements**

Additional announcements are in your order of service

**\*Hymn #359 (SLT) - "When We Are Gathered,"**  
Doleta Chapru, accompanist

**Closing Words**

A happy New Year! Grant that I  
May bring no tear to any eye  
When this New Year in time shall end  
Let it be said I've played the friend,  
Have lived and loved and labored here,  
And made of it a happy year.  
Edgar Guest

\*Please stand as you are able.



Welcome to our service! We are glad you are here. Thanks to everyone who made this service possible. Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service.

## Announcements

**Green Tip** YES! magazine's Winter 2010 issue, in the article titled "10 Ways to Change Your Life (not just your light bulbs,)" suggests observing an "eco-sabbath." For a period of time of your choosing, "don't buy anything, don't switch on anything electric, don't cook, don't answer your phone, and in general, don't use any resources. Give yourself and the planet a break." Partaking in a regular eco-sabbath cuts your carbon emissions - even for as little as an hour a week, you cut your carbon emissions by 0.6% annually.

**Coming up soon - Prairie Service Auction** The Service Auction is scheduled for February 28th with Orange Schroeder again acting as our Auctioneer. Start thinking about what services you would like to contribute. You may also be longing to bid on an item - suggest it and we will try to find someone willing to put it up for auction. Send your items to Barbara Park at [barpark@gmail.com](mailto:barpark@gmail.com). This is also a good time to review what you bought or promised last year so you can get those things done before the auction rolls around again. There is a spreadsheet hanging on the bulletin board across from the greeting table at Prairie; or you can contact Kate Liu, Prairie's administrator, at [admin@uuprairie.org](mailto:admin@uuprairie.org).

**Prairie Society Book Club News** Prairie's book club meets once a month over potluck lunch to discuss a book. For January, the book club is reading The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer and her niece Annie Barrows, which will be discussed on January 24th. For February, the book is Cutting For Stone by Abraham Verghese and March's book is Remarkable Creatures: Epic Adventures in the Search for the Origins of Species by Sean Carroll.

**Spanish Speaker's Potluck** - The next Spanish Speaker's Potluck will be at the home of Dave and Marcia Johnson, 305 S. Segoe Rd, on Thursday, January 7th at 6:30 pm. Please call Dave and Marcia if you need directions (441-0271,) or Rosemary Dorney (238-4382) for information about the group or to arrange a ride.

**Religious Education News** Today is the start of our 2010 Spring semester. Even if you have filled out a form for our Fall semester you will need to complete another form. Having an accurate headcount for RE (nursery-high school) is useful to us in a number of ways. It helps in planning for teachers, classroom aides, overnight events and lets us know if there's any changes to your child's health (new allergies) and/or needs of your child(ren). Your prompt completion of this form is most appreciated. Forms can be found on the visitor table or can be downloaded off our web site at [www.uuprairie.org/re](http://www.uuprairie.org/re). You can also find a flier and permission form for our Wild Wintering event which is scheduled for Feb. 20th-21st.

## Prairie Calendar

### Sunday, January 3, 2010

11:45 am - Humanist Union potluck, followed by group discussion.

### Wednesday, January 6, 2010

7:00 pm - Finance committee meeting at the home of Barb Park, 5610 Hammersley.

### Thursday, January 7, 2010

6:30 pm - Spanish Speaker's Potluck at the home of Dave and Marcia Johnson.

### Sunday, January 10, 2010\*

8:45 am - Choir Rehearsal

10:00 am - service - "Prophetic Love," presented by Rev. Ralph Tyksinski.

11:30 am - Prairie Board meeting. Potluck at 11:30, meeting begins at 11:45am.

### Friday, January 15, 2010

Prairie Fire articles due.

### Sunday, January 17, 2010

8:45 am - Choir Rehearsal

9:00 am - RE Committee meets. Childcare provided.

10:00 am - service - "Friends of the Deaf - Giving Help and Hope to the Deaf in Guatemala," presented by Chris Tackett.

### Sunday, January 24, 2010

8:45 am - Choir rehearsal.

10:00 am - service- "Rev. Dr. Mary J. Harrington: A Lifetime Isn't Long Enough," presented by Rachel Long.

11:45 am - Book Club meets to discuss The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer and her niece Annie Barrows.

### Tuesday, January 26, 2010

2:00 pm - Prairie Elders meet.

### Sunday, January 31, 2010

8:45 am - Choir rehearsal.

10:00 am - service - visiting speaker Andrew Kerr from the Free Congregation of Sauk City.