

PRAIRIE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY

2010 Whenona Drive, Madison 53711

<http://uuprairie.org>

Rev. Ralph Tyksinski, Minister

Sunday, January 24, 2010

Prelude - All join in singing **Hymn #361 (SLT)**, verses 1-3, "Enter, Rejoice, and Come In"
Mary Frantz, accompanist

Welcome - Rachel Long, Prairie UU President

Hymn #1018 (STJ) - "Come and Go With Me"
Mary Frantz, accompanist

Opening Words - Nick Abts

Come, take a pickaxe, and break apart your stony self.

The heart's matrix is glutted with rubies.

Springs of laughter are buried in your breast.

Unstop the wine jar, batter down the door to the treasury of nonexistence.

The water in your jug is brackish and low.

Smash the jug and come to the river!

By Rumi

Hymn #1009 (STJ) - "Meditation on Breathing"
led by members of the Prairie Choir

Chalice Lighting - Read in unison

May the flame kindled in this vessel,
symbol of the holy within every heart,
illuminate for us today

the past that has brought us thus far
and the future we travel together.

Silent Meditation

Joys and Concerns

Reading for Two: Excerpts from "Flare" by Mary Oliver
Wayne Hammerstrom and Linda Colletti

Presentation: "A Lifetime Isn't Long Enough," Rev. Dr. Mary J. Harrington

Discussion

Reading - Cara Abts
"Signing My Name," by Alison Townsend

Offering

Offertory - "Spirit of Life," performed by Karleen Tyksinski

Introduction of Guests and Visitors

Prairie Announcements

Additional announcements are in your order of service

***Hymn #163 (SLT)** - "For the Earth Forever Turning,"
Mary Frantz, accompanist

Closing Words - Katherine Peterson
words by Rev. Dr. Mary J. Harrington

*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 As a community, Prairie is already living out one of the suggestions from Yes! magazine's Winter 2010 issue, in the article titled "10 Ways to Change Your Life (not just your light bulbs.) - Build a Community. "Play charades. Sing together. Enjoying each other costs the planet much less than enjoying its resources."

Coming up soon - Prairie Service Auction The Service Auction is scheduled for February 28th with Orange Schroeder again acting as our Auctioneer. Send your items (or requests) to Barbara Park at 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.

Long Range Planning News Congregational Workshop on Ministerial Relationships, Saturday, January 30, 2010, beginning at 8:30 am. Join us for a dynamic morning of small- and large-group discussion, appreciative inquiry techniques, scenario-building, and panel discussion. We will gather at 8:30 am for bagels, coffee, and conversation; workshop begins at 9:00 am. Workshop concludes at 12:30 pm, with lunch and informal discussion to follow. Childcare available - please contact Robyn Perrin (robyn@perrinhome.com or 345-1862) .

Menus for the Future Your Green Sanctuary Committee will be inaugurating a 6 week course on "Menus for the Future". For more information, contact the Johnsons (pinefarm@uniontel.net) or any member of the Green Sanctuary Committee.

Spanish Speaker's Potluck The next Spanish Speaker's potluck will be held at the home of Dave and Marcia Johnson on Wednesday, February 10th at 6:30. Please call the Johnson's for directions at 441-0271 or Rosemary Dorney at 238-4382 for more information about the group.

Homeless Shelter Breakfast If you are interested in serving breakfast at the Grace Episcopal Men's Homeless Shelter, your next opportunity will be Saturday, February 6th. Please contact Dave Johnson if you are interested.

RE News Notes Sign-up for Mystery Friends is still going on. If you are interested in connecting with one of our young people through exchanging letters, please sign up on the greeting table. RE's Wild Wintering begins February 20th at 5pm, with sledding if there is good snow and bowling if there isn't. Please visit the RE website www.uuprairie.org/re for more information and to get a permission slip.

Kitchen Reminders A great big thank you to those who stay after service to clean up the kitchen. Just as a reminder, please make sure that no food is left out on the counters - if it's unclaimed, either throw it out or put it in the refrigerator. We are trying to discourage pests, thanks for your help in this.

Prairie Calendar

Sunday, January 24, 2010

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. Topic is "Top Films."

Wednesday, January 27, 2010 - 7:00 pm - Housing and Property committee meets.

Thursday, January 28, 2010 - Evening time TBA - Adult Ed Committee meets.

Saturday, January 30, 2010

8:00am - noon: UU Blood Drive at FUS.

8:30 am - Congregational Workshop on Ministerial Relations. Concludes at 12:30 with lunch.

Sunday, January 31, 2010 - 8:45 am - Choir rehearsal.

10:00 am – service - "Terraism: A New Way to View Science and Religion" - presented by Andrew Kerr.

11:15 am - Q&A session with Andrew Kerr.

Monday, February 1, 2010 - Prairie Fire Bulletin calendar items due.

Wednesday, February 3, 2010

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

Saturday, February 6, 2010

9:00 am - Prairie WOW meets for breakfast potluck and conversation.

Sunday, February 7, 2010

8:45 am - Choir rehearsal.

9:00 am - RE committee meets.

10:00 am – service- "Science Education and the Scientific Public" - presented by Prof. John Hawks.

11:45 am - Humanist Union potluck, followed by a presentation by Prof. John Hawks.

Wednesday, February 10, 2010

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

Mark Your Calendars!

February 20-21: RE Wild Wintering event

February 28: Prairie's Service Auction