

# Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society

2010 Whenona Drive, Madison, WI 53711 \* 608-271-8218 \* www.uuprairie.org

**“The Power of Letting Go - Making Life Easy 101,” presented by Dean Hinmon.**

**April 15, 2012**



## Today's Order of Service

**Prelude:** “The Minstrel Boy,” by Thomas Moore. Performed by the Prairie Winds.

### **Greeting and Announcements**

### **Opening Words**

The intellect has little to do on the road to discovery. There comes a leap in consciousness, call it Intuition or what you will, the solution comes to you and you don't know how or why.  
– Albert Einstein

**\*Hymn #331 (SLT):** “Life is the Greatest Gift of All,” accompanied by Mary Frantz.

### **Chalice Lighting #651 (SLT):**

I am a single cell in a body of four billion cells. The body is human-kind.

I am a single cell. My needs are individual but they are not unique.

I am interlocked with other human beings in the consequences of our actions, thoughts, and feelings.

I will work for human unity and human peace; for a moral order in harmony with the order of the universe.  
– Norman Cousins

### **Silent Meditation**

### **Story for All Ages**

### **Singing the Children Out**

### **\*\*Joys and Concerns**

### **\*\*Introduction of Guests and Visitors**

**Presentation:** “The Power of Letting Go - Making Life Easy 101,” presented by Dean Hinmon.

### **Discussion**

**Offering & Offertory:** “When the King Enjoys His Own Again,” English Air. Performed by the Prairie Winds.

**\*Hymn #351 (SLT):** “A long, Long way the Sea-Winds Blow,” accompanied by Mary Frantz.

### **Closing Words:**

There is guidance for each of us, and by lowly listening, we shall hear the right word. Then, without effort, you are impelled to truth and to perfect contentment.  
– Ralph Waldo Emerson

### **Greet Your Neighbor**

\*please stand as you are able.  
\*\*please wait for the microphone before speaking; this allows those using the assistive listening devices to hear.

## Announcements

**Green Note:** Celebrate Earth Day by volunteering to clean up neighborhood parks! The City of Madison's Earth Day Challenge on April 21 still needs volunteers. Visit <http://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/celebrate/earthdayChallenge.cfm> for more information or to sign up.

**Bylaws Meetings:** As most of you know, on February 19<sup>th</sup> our society passed a set of new bylaws that will go into effect July 1, 2012. There are still a few issues we didn't have time to resolve. There will be congregational meetings on April 22 and May 6 to discuss additional amendments for potential passage at the Parish Meeting on June 3. Please submit any changes to Rachel Long by email, mail, or in person at Prairie.

**The next Spanish Speakers Potluck** will be held on Monday, April 16, at the home of Mary Tremaine, 906 Waban Hill, Madison. Please call Mary at 274-3042 for directions or Rosemary Dorney at 238-4382 for more information or if you need a ride.

**Christian-Pagan Dialogue** Wednesday nights, April 18 and 25, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Join in this two part interfaith dialogue series at Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society with George Hinger, Roman Catholic, and Selena Fox, Pagan.

### **Wednesday, April 18: Christian-Pagan Dialogue: Convergence**

George & Selena give an overview of Christian and Pagan religions and their common ground. They also share perspectives on American religious pluralism and Christo-Paganism, a path of spirituality that is a hybrid of both traditions.

### **Wednesday, April 25: Christian-Pagan Dialogue: Collaboration**

Selena & George discuss their experiences with local and global interfaith organizations, conferences, and projects and the contributions that the interfaith movement is making toward world peace, social justice, and environmental protection.

## **Prairie UU Society Bond of Union**

*We, the members of Prairie, wish to associate ourselves together in a religious community which affirms that we share a common humanity, that we need one another, and that our futures are inescapably bound together. Together we would expand our intellectual horizons, enrich our sensory experiences, and deepen our emotional sensitivities. We would sharpen our ethical awareness and broaden our sense of social responsibility. We would stand tall in our quest for integrity of life, yet not at others' expense. As the prairie stretches out until it becomes one with the sky, let us reach out to touch and be one with the natural world, and with one another.*

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### Prairie Calendar

#### **Sunday, April 15, 2012**

10:00 Service - "The Power of Letting Go - Making Life Easy 101," presented by Dean Hinmon.

#### **Monday, April 16, 2012**

7:00 Prairie's Board meets

#### **Wednesday, April 18, 2012**

7:00 Christian-Pagan Dialogue: Convergence

#### **Sunday, April 22, 2012**

10:00 Service - "The Cat in the UU Hat: Dr Seuss and the 7 Principles," presented by Robin Proud.

10:00 RE Service Sunday – Neighborhood Cleanup

11:45 Congregational Bylaws Meeting

#### **Wednesday, April 25, 2012**

7:00 Christian-Pagan Dialogue: Collaboration

#### **Friday, April 27, 2012**

Prairie's Spring Retreat begins

#### **Sunday, April 29, 2012**

Prairie's Spring Retreat ends. NO SERVICE OR RE at Prairie's Meeting House

#### **Sunday, May 6, 2012**

10:00 Service 10:00 a.m. "Keeping the Unified Field in Consciousness in a Distracting World of Sound and Fury," presented by Dean Hinmon.

11:45 Congregational Bylaws Meeting

#### **Saturday, May 12, 2012**

Spring Fling

#### **Sunday, May 13, 2012**

10:00 Service

10:15 RE Service Sunday

11:15 Soup Sunday

12:30 Humanist Union meets

#### **Sunday, May 20, 2012**

10:00 Service

11:30 Supporting Aging Parents support group

#### **Sunday, May 27, 2012**

10:00 Service

10:00 RE Game Day

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### **Principles of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations**

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote:

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

### **Next week's service:**

"The Cat in the UU Hat: Dr Seuss and the 7 Principles," presented by Robin Proud.

