

# Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society

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



December 9, 2012

## “Watch Your Christmas Wasteline, Reducing Your Stress. Put Meaning Back In the Season”

### Today's Order of Service

**Prelude:** Performed by Lynn Pawelski.

**Greeting and Announcements** – Barbara Park

#### **Opening Words:**

“The modern expansion of the custom of gifting Christmas presents has done more than anything else to rob Christmas of its traditional joyousness...Most people nowadays are so fagged out, physically and mentally, by the time Christmas Day arrives that they are in no condition to enjoy it. As soon as the Thanksgiving turkey is eaten, the great question of buying Christmas presents begins to take the terrifying shape it has come to assume in recent years...The reason of Christmas needs to be dematerialized.”  
– 1894 New York Tribune editorial.

**\*Hymn #16 (SLT):** “’Tis a Gift to Be Simple,”  
accompanied Mary Frantz.

#### **Chalice Lighting #16 (SLT):**

“Christmas gift suggestions: To your enemy, forgiveness. To an opponent, tolerance. To a friend, your heart. To a customer, service. To all, charity. To every child, a good example. To yourself, respect.”  
– Oren Arnold

#### **Silent Meditation**

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

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

**Presentation:** “Watch Your Christmas Wasteline,  
Reducing Your Stress. Put Meaning Back In the Season”

#### **Discussion**

**Offering and Offertory:** Performed by Lynn Pawelski.

**\*Hymn #9 (SLT):** “No Longer Forward nor Behind,”  
accompanied by Mary Frantz.

#### **Closing Words**

“There is no ideal Christmas; only the one Christmas you decide to make as a reflection of your values, desires, affections, traditions.”  
– Bill McKibben

#### **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** Give locally made gifts this season. Many gifts in today's marketplace come from halfway around the world, and the impact of transportation contributes significantly to greenhouse emissions and global warming. Local craft fairs and artisan shops are a good source for gifts that come without the added costs of transportation. And gifts made locally often have a story which goes with the gift, since the artisan and the origin of the gift are known. (From eartheasy.com.)

**Potluck next Sunday!** Bring a dish to pass if you can, but everyone is welcome! The potluck is in lieu of a December Soup Sunday.

**House Discussion next Sunday** During the potluck, the Ad Hoc committee looking into the purchase of 2006 Whenona Drive will update the congregation on its status. A number of points to be considered will be provided at each table. Feedback will be gathered and questions answered to the best of the committee's knowledge. The Ad Hoc committee's members are Anne Urbanski, Peter Anderson, Mary Mullen, Bob Park, and Barb Park as an ex-officio member.

**Prairie's Board will meet** this Monday, December 10, at 7:00pm in the Meeting Hall. Agenda items include an update from the Ad Hoc housing committee, setting the dates for future meetings (i.e. the Spring Parish Meeting), and an update from the Ad Hoc Policy and Procedure committee.

**The Winter WomanSpirit 2013 conference,** There Is Something About the Women: Art and Activism, will be held from February 1-3 in Brookfield, WI. This year's presenter is Holly Near. For more information and to register online, visit [www.womenandreligion.org](http://www.womenandreligion.org).

**The Supporting Our Aging Parents Support Groups** meets today from 11:45 to 1:30. Share your stories and concerns with one another. New participants are welcome!

#### **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, December 9, 2012**

8:45 Choir rehearsal  
10:00 Service  
11:45 "Supporting Our Aging Parents" group meets

#### **Monday, December 10, 2012**

7:00 Prairie's Board meets

#### **Sunday, December 16, 2012**

8:45 Choir rehearsal  
10:00 Service – Symbol Tree  
11:30 Potluck  
11:30 House discussion

#### **Wednesday, December 19, 2012**

7:00 Program Committee meets

#### **Sunday, December 23, 2012**

8:45 Choir rehearsal  
10:00 Service – "Far and Near - a Joyful Noise," presented by Rosemarie Lester.

#### **Sunday, December 30, 2012**

8:45 Choir rehearsal  
10:00 Service by Reverend Sandra Ingham

#### **Sunday, January 6, 2012**

8:45 Choir rehearsal  
10:00 Service

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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:**

Symbol Tree

