

# Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society

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**“Far and Near – A Joyful Noise,” presented  
by Rosemarie Lester.**

**December 23, 2012**



## Today's Order of Service

**Prelude:** “Sweet Bells,” by Mozart, performed by Prairie Choir. Our first foreigner – Mozart – was Austrian!

**Greeting and Announcements** – Rev. Sandy Ingham

**Opening Words:** “A Christmas Poem,” by Lawrence Ferlinghetti, slightly abbreviated, heard on December 23, 1995, on WORT, read by Rosemarie Lester.

**Chalice Lighting #621 (SLT):** “Why Not a Star,” by Margaret Gooding. Responsive Reading.

**Silent Meditation**

**Hymn #227 (SLT):** “Crèche Flickers Bright Here,” from Hungary, Carl Wacker accompanist.

**Story for All Ages – From the Austrian Tyrol:** “Schnitzel, Schnotzel and Schnootzel,” read by everyone's favorite grandma, Rose Smith.

**Singing the Children Out:** Farewell Good Friends

**\*\*Joys and Concerns**

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

**Presentation:** Christmas Eve - “Far and Near – A Joyful Noise,” presented by Rosemarie Lester.

**Santa Lucia – Swedish Tradition** Paula Pachciarz, singing the Santa Lucia song, Aileen Nettleton Accompanist.

**An Egyptian Coptic Christmas:** Sonya Sidky

**Daive Costa, exchange student from Italy,** tells us about his Christmases back home.

**Hymn #236 (SLT):** “Oh Thou Joyful Day,” traditional Sicilian melody, published in London 1792 and very popular in Germany.

**“Mari Lwyd (the Grey Mare),”** a weird Welsh Christmas tradition, performed by Dan Proud.

**Christmas Time in the Ukraine.** Larissa and Mike Brady with Lana, Noah, Hannah, and Brody.

**Discussion**

**Offering and Offertory:** “A Holly Jolly Christmas,” performed on CD by Chicken Scratch, a Tohono O’odham group of desert people, located on the Gila River and Pima Salt River in Arizona.

**\*Hymn #243 (SLT):** “Jesus, our Brother,” aka The Friendly Beasts, 12<sup>th</sup> century French carol with Medieval French melody. Special introduction by Ruth Calden.

**Greet Your Neighbor** while listening to a Navajo chorale play and sing Silent Night in the Navajo language.

\*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** Are you looking for an environmentally friendly activity for the family on Christmas afternoon? Try decorating a tree for the birds! Place seed bells, suet, pine cones with peanut butter, and seed trays on any tree in your yard, preferably a tree in the open where cats can be seen easily by the birds. To attract a wide variety of birds, use varied seed types such as black oil sunflower seed, wild bird mixed seed and nyger seed bells. This is a great activity for kids, and offers an important food source for birds during the winter. (from eartheasy.com)

**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).

**HumanLight Holiday Party Tonight!** The Humanist Union sponsored annual HumanLight holiday party will take place from 5 to 8 pm at Prairie's Meeting House tonight. Bring the whole family for our potluck supper, singing, dancing and a generally festive time. (Donations of non-perishable items for the Allied Drive Food Pantry will be collected at the door.)

**Lost and Found!** A pair of Simmons binoculars and a wooden recorder. Both are safe and sound in the office. If either are yours, please please contact Dan Klock (271-8218 or [admin@uuprairie.org](mailto:admin@uuprairie.org)).

**The next Spanish Speakers Potluck** will be held on Monday, January 21, at the home of Ema Pachon, 1459 E. Main St., Madison. Please bring a dish to pass if you can – everyone is welcome! Please call Rosemary Dorney at 238-4382 for directions, parking tips, or for more information. See you there, and Happy New Year!

**Book Club Today,** Sunday, December 30 - On a Pale Horse by Piers Anthony is a fantasy novel, first published in 1983, and the first of 8 books in the Incarnations of Immortality series. It focuses on a photographer about to commit suicide, but who instead kills Death and must assume his office. Piers Anthony is the English American writer Piers Anthony Dillingham Jacob. He has publishing a book for every letter of the alphabet. Published in 1983. 432 pages. Suggested by Gary Gates.

## **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 23, 2012**

8:45 Choir rehearsal  
10:00 Service – “Far and Near - a Joyful Noise,” presented by Rosemarie Lester.  
11:30 Prairie Book Club meets to discuss On a Pale Horse by Piers Anthony.  
5:00 HumanLight Holiday potluck and party for all

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

10:00 Service by Reverend Sandra Ingham

### **Sunday, January 6, 2013**

10:00 Service – Wisdom's Well

### **Sunday, January 13, 2013**

8:45 Choir rehearsal  
10:00 Service – Madeline Para on Climate Change  
11:30 Soup Sunday

### **Monday, January 14, 2013**

7:00 Prairie Board meeting

### **Sunday, January 20, 2013**

8:45 Choir rehearsal  
10:00 Service

### **Sunday, January 27, 2013**

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

### **Sunday, February 3, 2013**

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:**

Service by Reverend Sandy Ingham

