

# Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society

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

## Symbol Tree Celebration

December 21, 2014



### Today's Order of Service

**Prelude:** St. Lucia Procession (Congregation hums "Silent Night" while Cecylia Richards, as Lucia, leads the procession.)

**Welcome and Announcements:** Anne Pryor

#### Opening Words

**\*Hymn #235 (SLT):** "Deck the Halls," accompanied by Aileen Nettleton.

#### Chalice Lighting:

In this holiday season  
May we find peace inside ourselves;  
May we be peace for those around us,  
And may we renew our commitment  
To bring peace with justice  
To our community and the world.  
May we be peace.  
– David Breeden

#### Silent Meditation

**Presentation:** Symbol Tree Celebration

**\*Hymn #241 (SLT):** "In the Bleak Midwinter"

#### Dedication of Guest at Your Table

**Offering & Offertory:** "Vilda," by Caradog Roberts.  
Performed by the Prairie Choir.

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

**\*Hymn #245 (SLT):** "Joy to the World!"

#### Closing Words:

Spirit of winter rest, help us to enjoy your peace in this quiet place. Remind us to pause during this season. Grant us awareness, keep our gratitude fresh each day. May the songs in our heart be blessings and insights to us and to others and may compassion always shine forth from the depths of our hearts.  
– Christine C. Robinson

#### Greet Your Neighbor

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

### Announcements

**Green Note:** Are you considering buying a children's gift requiring batteries? Consider also purchasing rechargeable batteries and a charger for mom and dad.

**Today is Soup Sunday!** Stay after the service and enjoy a soup lunch with your family and family of friends. Suggested donation is \$5 per person. Guests and kids under 12 are on us!

**Carol Sing tonight at Prairie!** There will be an evening carol sing service at 7:00pm tonight led by Mike Peterson of the Madison Choral Project. The service will have plenty of carol singing and some readings. Bring a snack to share after the program.

**The Prairie Elders** will meet on Tuesday, December 30, at 1:30pm in their regular space: The Nakoma Room, Heritage Oaks Building, Oakwood Village West. This month's topic of conversation will be, "Ferguson, now NYC?" Please bring a beverage cup and some snacks to pass if convenient – if not convenient, come anyway! Please call Rosemary Dorney (238-4382) or Donna Murdoch (238-3802) for more information.

**Prairie will hold a Parish Meeting** on January 18 after the service. Agenda items include reports from President Gary Gates and Treasurer Al Nettleton, and Finance Committee Chair Kathy Converse will present a budget for the 2015 fiscal year. The remodel of 2006 Whenona may be completed by January 18. If so, we'll have a walk-through!

#### **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 21, 2014**

8:45 Choir rehearsal  
10:00 Service – Symbol Tree  
11:30 Soup Sunday  
7:00 Carol Sing at Prairie

### **Sunday, December 28, 2014**

8:45 NO Choir rehearsal  
10:00 Service – “Will the *Real* Jesus Please Stand Up”

### **Tuesday, December 30, 2014**

1:30 Prairie Elders meets

### **Saturday, January 3, 2014**

9:00 Prairie WOW meets at Prairie

### **Sunday, January 4, 2015**

8:45 Choir rehearsal  
10:00 Service  
11:45 Humanist Union meets  
5:30 Prairie's Men's Group meets

### **Sunday, January 11, 2015**

8:45 Choir rehearsal  
10:00 Service

### **Monday, January 12, 2015**

7:00 Prairie's Board meets

### **Sunday, January 18, 2015**

8:45 Choir rehearsal  
10:00 Service  
11:30 Soup Sunday  
12:00 **Parish Meeting**

### **Monday, January 19, 2015**

7:00 Program Committee meets

### **Sunday, January 25, 2015**

8:45 Choir rehearsal  
10:00 Service

### **Sunday, February 1, 2015**

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:**

“Will the *Real* Jesus Please Stand Up,” by  
Rev. Sandra Ingham.

