

Calendar

Sunday, December 3

11:45 a.m. Parish Meeting.

Wednesday, December 6

6:30 p.m. Midweek Meal

7:30 p.m. Program Committee Meeting

Thursday, December 7

7:00 p.m. Prairie Film Group views *The Conversation*

Sunday, December 10

10:00 a.m. "Child Labor and Dalit Rights in India" presented by Rebecca Malke-Eligenti and John Eligenti

~~10:00 a.m. Nifty Gifty in RE~~

11:30 a.m. Book group potluck and discussion

Wednesday, December 13

6:30 p.m. Midweek Meal

7:30 p.m. Doleta Chapru's birthday party

Thursday, December 14

6:30 p.m. Everyday Spiritual Practice Covenant Group meets

Sunday, December 17

10:00 a.m. "Prairie's Winter Wonderland: A Celebration of a Magical Season" led by Dorothy Krause

12:30 p.m. Humanist Union sponsors HumanLight celebration

Wednesday, December 20

6:30 p.m. Midweek Meal

Sunday, December 24

10:00 a.m. Symbol Tree Service led by Erin Bosch

Tuesday, December 28

5:00 a.m. Prairie serves breakfast at Men's Homeless Shelter.

"Jesus Camp" - Orpheum movie
for 11th Dorothy - imagery - send to her. Poems to
Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society
Same set available
2017 Danbury

Sunday, December 3, 2006 Next Sunday at
2 p.m.

Prelude - *Andante grazioso*, from Viennese sonatina No. 4,
Mozart, performed by Mike Briggs

Welcome: Ken Skog, Chair of Long Range Planning

Opening Words: Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

It is a beautiful morning to gather together!

When winter's whiteness spreads across the land, the snow mounds
pile on roads and walkways, and the cold wind tingles on our brows,
we come together here, drawn by the warmth of faces familiar and
new, to the welcoming walls of this house.

Here, for this hour, we open ourselves to new understanding,
inspiration, and hope, for this is a place where truth, love, and
goodness meet. May it be a good morning to be together.

*Hymn #347 - *We Gather Together*

Chalice Lighting: led by Rev. Ralph
(source: Charles A. Howe, Adapted from a unison affirmation
by Napoleon Lovely)

Read responsively:

We light this chalice to affirm that new light is ever waiting to
break through to enlighten our ways:

That new truth is ever waiting to break through to illumine our minds:

And that new love is ever waiting to break through to warm our hearts.

*May we be open to this light, and to the rich possibilities that it
brings us.*

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Silent Meditation

Joys and Concerns

Presentation

Elizabeth Cady Stanton & Susan B. Anthony: Lives Lived as Metaphors for Living our Lives Today - Rev. Ralph

Discussion

Offertory - *Adagio (non troppo)*, from Viennese sonatina No. 3, Mozart, performed by Mike Briggs

Introduction of Guests and Visitors

Prairie Announcements (*also see insert announcements*)

*Hymn : #109 - *As We Come Marching, Marching*

Closing Words: Rev. Ralph

We shall overcome.

When we can truly celebrate the diversity of contributions and talents offered by all people, we shall overcome hatred and prejudice and oppression.

When we can truly extend our hands to one another in loving acceptance, we shall overcome the past that haunts us now.

Living in peace and freedom and justice for all, we shall overcome the wrongs that have happened and the debts left unpaid.

Let us join together in that commitment to overcome.

Let us overcome together, So be it.

*Stand as you are able.

Welcome to our service! We are glad you are here. Our presider today is Ken Skog, co-chair of Prairie's Long Range Planning committee. Our accompanist is Mike Briggs, Prairie's president. Our presenter is our part time minister, Rev. Ralph Tyksinski. Sarah Lord coordinated this service for the Program Committee.

Announcements

Parish Meeting will follow today's service.

Prairie Fire deadline will be next Sunday, December 10.

Prairie Film Group will meet next on Thursday, December 7 to view *The Conversation*.

Humanist Union will host a HumanLight Celebration at Prairie on December 17, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. See Prairie Fire or <http://humanist.madisonwi.us/events.htm> for more information.

Doleta Chapru's 70th Birthday will have the theme of "I'm alive and kickin' in the way I want to be". Come for food, fun, music, and dancing on Wednesday, December 13, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Fundraising trip to Old Orchard Center on December 10 has been cancelled.

Choir will not practice on December 24 or 31.

Book Club will meet next week to discuss *Gaviotas: A Village to Reinvent the World*. All are welcome. Book selections for the next seven months are listed in the current Prairie Fire