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## PRAIRIE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY

### Calendar

Sunday, December 16, 2007

#### Sunday, December 16

11:30 a.m. "Who Are UU?" Q&A with Rev. Ralph  
7:00 p.m. Meditation group meets

#### Wednesday, December 19

6:30 p.m. Spanish speakers potluck at the home of Ema Pachon  
6:30 p.m. Midweek Meal  
7:15 p.m. Board Meeting

#### Sunday, December 23

10:00 a.m. "A Child's Christmas in Wales" led by Rev. Ralph Tyksinski  
11:45 a.m. Meditation Group

#### Sunday, December 30

##### NO MORNING SERVICE

6:00 p.m. "Honoring the Days of Our Years: Going and Coming"  
Intergenerational service followed by dancing

#### Sunday, January 6

10:00 a.m. "This I Believe" led by Anne Lundin  
12:00 p.m. Humanist Union meets for lunch and presentation by  
Al Nettleton on "Protecting Freedom of Speech in an Electronic Age"

Prelude – *La Valentina*, Ruth Calden and Rosemarie Lester

Welcome – Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

Chalice Lighting

Moment of Silent Meditation

\*Hymn #237 – *The First Noel*

Introduction – Erin Bosch

Santa Lucia Procession

Story for All Ages – *A Cup of Christmas Tea*

*The Christmas Truce* by Aaron Shepherd.

Readers: Madeline Arnold, Reuben Arnold, Sarah Gray,  
and Toby Wacker

On a Christmas Eve during World War I, British and German soldiers laid down their weapons to celebrate the holiday together. The Christmas Truce of 1914 started in some places on Christmas Eve and in others on Christmas Day. The truce covered as much as two-thirds of the British-German front, with thousands of soldiers taking part. Perhaps most remarkably, it grew out of no single initiative but sprang up in each place spontaneously and independently. Nearly everything described here is drawn from first-hand accounts in letters and diaries of the time.

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Symbol Tree Sharing

Offertory

Choir: *Simple Gifts/Pachelbel's Canon*

Introduction of Guests and Visitors

\*Hymn #235 - *Deck the Hall*

\*Please stand as you are able.

Welcome to our service! We are glad you are here. Many thanks to our presider, accompanist, readers, and to Erin Bosch, who has led this traditional program for many years. Please join us for coffee and treats after the service.

Jessie Garst is leading our Santa Lucia procession this year. In previous years, it has been led by Katrina Schroeder, Judy Wacker, Lushana Peterson, Madeline Arnold, Toby Wacker, Marie Nahlik, Valerie Anderson, and Tatum Mueller.

## Announcements

**PROGRAM ALERT:** Sunday December 30th - There will be no morning service. We will be meeting at 6 p.m. Join Prairie in seeing the year out with "Honoring the Days of Our Years: Going and Coming" at 6 p.m. on December 30th. This 45 minute intergenerational program includes music, readings, stories and imagination. Bring the family, a snack to share after the program and also bring your dancing shoes as we will have live toe-tapping music after the program by which to dance.

**Prairie Fire** deadline is today. Send items to [admin@uuprairie.org](mailto:admin@uuprairie.org).

**Who are UU?** Rev. Ralph will be on hand after today's service to supply answers and give an overview of the rich heritage of Unitarian Universalism.

**Meditation Group** meets this evening at 7:00 p.m. in the high school room downstairs. All are welcome to join, no experience is necessary. The time will be 30-45 minutes, including both led and silent meditation. You may wish to bring a pillow or an extra layer of clothing.

**Adult Education** class "Building Your Own Theology" will be led by Rev. Ralph Tyksinski beginning in February. See Prairie Fire for details.

**Spanish Speakers** will hold a holiday potluck and celebration on Wednesday, December 19 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Ema Pachon, 1459 E. Main, Apt. 205. For information or rides, call Rosemary Dorney at 238-4382.

**Prairie Elders** will not meet in December. Next meeting will be January 22.