

## Calendar

### Sunday, December 23

11:45 a.m. Meditation Group

### Wednesday, December 26

6:30 p.m. Midweek Meal

### 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" presented 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"

### Wednesday, January 9

6:30 p.m. Midweek Meal

### Saturday, January 12

9:00 a.m. WOW Women's Group meets at the home of Kathy Converse

### Sunday, January 13

10:00 a.m. "Behind Every Great Man: The Peabody Sisters"  
presented by Robin Proud  
11:45 a.m. Book Club potluck and discussion of Call it Sleep

### Wednesday, January 16

6:30 p.m. Midweek Meal  
6:30 p.m. Spanish Speakers meet at the home of Kate Tucker

### Sunday, January 20

10:00 a.m. "Yip Harburg: Lyricist/Poet/Activist" presented by Susan  
Hagstrom  
11:30 a.m. Chili Pledge luncheon at Prairie

## PRAIRIE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY

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Rev. Ralph Tyksinski, Minister

### Sunday, December 23, 2007

Prelude – *Ar Gyfer Heddiw'r Bore* - Cambrian Singers

Welcome - Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

#### Opening Words:

Fill your heart like a vessel with the spirit of the season. Take the time to let your vision clear and your thoughts deepen. Allow your heart to overflow with all the authentic gifts that this season has to offer. Let us allow the rush of the season to be calmed. Let us allow the spirit of the season to enter our being. Let us clear our vision and deepen our concern. Let it move us toward relationships of love and care and wonder and joy with all of life around us.

\*Hymn 241 - *In the Bleak Midwinter*

#### Chalice Lighting:

Deep calls unto deep, joy calls unto joy, light calls unto light. Let the kindling of this flame rekindle in us the inner light of love, of peace, of hope. And "as one flame lights another, nor grows the less," let us be bearers of the light, wherever we are, with whomever we are with.

#### Moment of Silent Meditation

Joys and Concerns

## Announcements

Welsh Carols - Prairie Choir and Cambrian Singers

*Vilda and Llanbedr*

*A Child's Christmas in Wales* -  
a poem by Dylan Thomas

Readers: Andy Somers, Al Nettleton, Warren Hagstrom,  
Ralph Tyksinski

*Sleep, My Child* - Musicians: Orange Schroeder, Karleen Tyksinski

Offertory – *Tua Bethlem Dref* - Prairie Choir and Cambrian Singers

Holiday Meditation: *How Unitarians Reframed Christmas* -  
Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

\*Closing Carol: #244 - "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

Closing Words –

This morning, we have received fragments of meaning, glimpses of peace, brief moments of beauty. Gather them up for the precious gifts that they are, and, then renewed by their grace, let us journey forward boldly and lovingly toward the days to come. Go in peace, return in love.

Postlude - *Suo Gan* - Cambrian Singers

\*Please stand as you are able.

Welcome to our service! We are glad you are here. Many thanks to all who contributed their parts in making this service possible. Please gather after the service for refreshments and fellowship.

**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.

**Meditation Group** meets at 11:45 a.m. today. All are welcome to join; no experience is necessary. The time will be 30-45 minutes, including both led and silent meditation.

**Humanist Union** will meet on Sunday, January 6. Al Nettleton will speak on "Protecting Freedom of Speech in an Electronic Age".

**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 meet on Wednesday, January 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Kate Tucker.

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

**Book Club** meets January 13 to discuss *Call it Sleep*.

**Playreaders** will meet on January 2, 2008, at the Hagstrom residence to read "The Belles Stratagem". See Prairie Fire for details.

**Save the date** – March 15 will be a fundraising trip to the Chicago Art Institute for the Winslow Homer and Edward Hopper exhibit.