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PRAIRIE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY

2010 Whenona Drive, Madison 53711

<http://uuprairie.org>

Rev. Ralph Tyksinski, Minister

Sunday, November 22, 2009

Prelude

Welcome - Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

Opening Words

Reading #512 (SLT) "We Give Thanks This Day"

Hymn #80 (Prairie Songbook) – "Come, Ye Thankful People"

Aileen Nettleton, accompanist

Chalice Lighting

I do not think of all the misery, but of the glory that remains. Go outside into the fields, nature and the sun, go out and seek happiness in yourself and in God. Think of the beauty that again and again discharges itself within and without you and be happy.

Anne Frank

Silent Meditation

Story for All Ages

Joseph Had a Little Overcoat by Simms Zback, read by Rose Smith

Hymn #80 (Prairie Songbook) – "Give Thanks"

Aileen Nettleton, accompanist

Presentation - "A Prairie Family Thanksgiving,"

Rebecca Malke, Youth Religious Education Coordinator

Offering

Offertory - "Goodbye," by Gordon Jenkins

performed by Marcia Johnson, piano, and Andy Somers, trumpet

Introduction of Guests and Visitors

Prairie Announcements

Additional announcements are in your order of service

Hymn #83 (Prairie Songbook) – “For All the Gifts of Life”

Aileen Nettleton, accompanist

Closing Words

May the glory of the passing away of autumn lie about us fresh gold for a time. And when the dark comes, and the cold may we remember how today we stand in glory, how we walk in bounty heaped upon earth's dark carpet, how we move knee deep in abundance flung against night's winter curtain. We are thankful for its coming and for its passing.

Let it be.



Welcome to our service! We are glad you are here. Thanks to everyone who made this service possible. Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service.

Announcements

Humanist Union News Humanist Union will meet for a potluck lunch at 11:45 am on December 6th, followed by a 12:30-1:30 pm presentation and discussion on "How We Decide: from Logic to Faith" led by Richard Russell.

Pecans for the Holidays! The Social Action Committee would like to call attention to the opportunity to buy fair trade holiday gifts through the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee. For information about their pecans and pecan candies, visit http://www.uusc.org/content/holiday_pecans.

Special Visitor Today! The Long Range Planning Committee is delighted to invite all interested members to join us in a meeting with Glenda Cosenza of the Dekalb UU Church to learn more about Ministerial Options. We are very fortunate that Glenda has agreed to share the experiences of the Dekalb congregation, as it moved from having a year-to-year "contract minister" to making the decision to have a "settled" minister several years ago. Glenda was the president of the board during this process and will share how the change has impacted the relationship between the minister and the congregation. There will be time for questions for Glenda about their situation and changes that have taken place. We will meet in the upstairs Meeting Room immediately following the service. Pizza will be provided (donations encouraged).

Green Tip of the Week: A green option for your pledge payment: consider using Prairie's automated withdrawal system. You can divide your pledge into monthly amounts and pick the day of the month you would like them withdrawn. No paper, no checks, no having to remember the checkbook on Sunday. If you are interested in signing up for this service, please speak to Kate Liu, Prairie's Administrator.

Book Club The Prairie Book Club is currently reading Here If You Need Me – A True Story by Kate Braestrup. This is the memoir of a middle aged woman who becomes a UU minister after being widowed and serves as a chaplain in Maine's Forest Service. The book club will meet Sunday, November 29th, at Prairie. For December, the book club is reading The Yiddish Policeman's Union by Michael Chabon, to be discussed on December 20th.

Joint UU Thanksgiving Eve Service On Wednesday, November 25, 2009 at 6:30 pm - "Radical Gratitude," featuring the Reverends Kelly Crocker, Ralph Tyksinski and Darrel Richey. We'll explore how claiming the gift of gratitude in times of challenge can lead to transformation. This year, the multi-congregational service on Thanksgiving Eve will be hosted by James Reeb UU Congregation. Please come to their newly-remodeled building and bring the whole family! Directors of Religious Education have planned children's activities during the service. Children will attend the beginning part until after the Message for All Ages and a song from the three-congregation Choir before heading off for stories, crafts, and games. A pot luck reception for all will follow the service. JRUUC is located at 2146 E. Johnson Street with plenty of free street parking. The joint choir will gather at 5:45 to rehearse.

Prairie Calendar

Sunday, November 22, 2009

11:30 am - Special presentation: Glenda Cosenza of Dekalb UU on transitioning from consulting to called ministry. Light lunch provided.

Tuesday, November 24, 2009 - 2:00 pm – Prairie Elders meet.

Wednesday, November 25, 2009

6:30 pm - Joint Madison UU Family Thanksgiving service at James Reeb.

Sunday, November 29, 2009 - 8:45 am - Choir rehearsal

9:00 am - RE Committee meeting.

10:00 am – service - "Generosity: Living Out Our Unitarian Universalist Tradition," presented by Rev. Christopher Long.

11:45 am - Book Club meets to discuss Here If You Need Me – A True Story by Kate Braestrup.

Monday, November 30, 2009 - 7pm - Caring Committee meets.

Wednesday, December 2, 2009 - 7:00 pm - Program committee meets

Saturday, December 5, 2009

9:00 am - WOW group meets at Prairie for breakfast potluck, conversation, and gift-making.

6 - 9pm - Bollywood Night at Prairie. Dancing and movie "Om Shanti Om."

Sunday, December 6, 2009 - 8:45 am - Choir rehearsal.

10:00 am – service - "Our Lady of Hope Clinic."

11:45 am - Humanist Union potluck, followed by presentation by Richard Russell at 12:30.

Thursday, December 10, 2009 - 7:00 pm - Movie group meets to view "Ugetsu."

Sunday, December 13, 2009

8:45 am - Choir rehearsal.

10:00 am – service - "The Work of a Peacemaker," presented by Sami Rasouli.

11:30 am - Prairie Board meeting. Potluck begins at 11:30 in downstairs kitchen area, meeting begins at 11:45 in the "couch room."

Wednesday, December 16, 2009 - 7:00 pm - Program committee meets.

Sunday, December 20, 2009

Symbol Tree Service.