

PRAIRIE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY

2010 Whenona Drive, Madison 53711

<http://uuprairie.org>

Rev. Ralph Tyksinski, Minister

Sunday, April 4, 2010

Prelude - "Nocturne" by John Field
Performed by Mary Frantz

Welcome - Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

Opening Words -

We gather ^{to} gather this morning to seek meaning
In the wonder of this day,

In the freshness brought by April showers,
And in each others hearts and minds.

Yet still we hope for something more,
A disclosure of the extraordinary in the ordinary,
An infusion of the unexpected,
An explosion of life renewed,
A miracle,
Revealing more than we hope to understand.

***Hymn #61 (SLT) "Lo, the Earth Awakes Again"**
Karleen Tyksinski, accompanist

Chalice Lighting

For holy days on which we recall the old stories, we light the flame.

For Passover which reminds us of the courage and strength of those who sought freedom
in the past, to those who seek freedom in the present, we light the flame.

For Easter which reminds us that love is our greatest challenge, we light the flame.

For gathering today in this special place, we light the flame.

For the opportunity to be together as a community, to remember the past, to plan for
our future, to be alive in the here and now.

Silent Meditation

Joys and Concerns

Richard
Really Monroe St.

Christopher Ball

Angela

April 25 - Local Foods
2-6:30 FUS
Food, Faith, Eating

Crazy Heart
Movie

Kim True
dedication
Thomas.
Ask Rebecca
Transition

Long fellow
e.e. Cummings

Ministerial Search
Dorothy
Al Nettleton
Ken Skog
Heidi Hughes
Anne Lundin



Readings

"A Few Words on the Soul" by Wislawa Szymborska
"At Blackwater Pond" by Mary Oliver

Presentation: "A Celebration of Renewal" by Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

Discussion

Offering

Offertory - "Easter Chorale" by Walther
Performed by Mary Frantz

Introduction of Guests and Visitors

Prairie Announcements

Additional announcements are in your order of service

***Hymn #266 (SLT) "Now the Green Blade Riseth"**
Karleen Tyksinski, accompanist

Closing Words

As we extinguish the chalice.
Let us be ever mindful
Of the renewing power of the love that overcomes all differences,
that heals all wounds,
that puts to flight all fears,
that reconciles all who are separated,
May that love be in us and among us,
And go out from us, now and in the days ahead.
Shalom, Peace, Amen.

***Please stand as you are able.**

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

District Assembly and General Assembly coming up! District Assembly is a conference for all the UU congregations in the Central Midwest District in Wheeling, Illinois, from April 30 to May 2. General Assembly is a meeting of all UU congregations in the United States, and will be in Minneapolis from June 23 through 27. If you are interested in either meeting, you can get more information from Heidi Hughes, our denominational affairs chair (hughesha@yahoo.com.)

Green Tip: "LazyEnvironmental.com is a destination to help people easily and enjoyably green their lives without sacrifice or inconvenience. Reducing the environmental impact of our consumption while maintaining - or even improving - the quality of our lives is where The Lazy Environmentalist comes in. Here you'll find articles, videos, and green product recommendations to help busy people figure out which green choices to make. It's also the online home of environmental author and television host Josh Dorfman whose TV series – *The Lazy Environmentalist* – airs on Sundance Channel."

Auction followup There are still a few open auction items - check them out on the sign-up sheet in the foyer. Also hanging there are the sheets with the who-bought-what-from-who; though if you need price information, you need to contact Prairie's admin, Kate Liu, at 271-8218 or admin@uuprairie.org.

News from The Free Congregation of Sauk County – The Sauk City Unitarian Universalist Fellowship is now seeking to hire a part-time administrator. Approximately 15 hours/week. Begins June/July, 2010. Experience required. Complete details at: <http://www.freecongregation.org/about-us/staff/>

Memorial Service Planned for Mary Lou Diehl A memorial service for long-time Prairie member Mary Lou Diehl will be held at Prairie on Sunday, May 30th, 2010, at 3pm. A reception will follow at her home, 5729 Elder Place in Madison.

Spanish Speaker's Potluck The Spanish Speakers will gather for potluck dinner at the home of Prudence Barber (1104 Mound St, Apt C) on Thursday, April 22, at 6:30pm. (*Note that this is a change of date!*) Please call Prudence at 251-0852 for directions or Rosemary Dorney at 238-4382 for more information or to arrange for a ride.

RE News The RE Spring Fling has been scheduled for Saturday, April 17th. Prairie youth are invited to have dinner and enjoy some fun and games together. Please RSVP with Rebecca Malke, our Director of Religious Education, at 271-8218, or by email youthcoordinator@uuprairie.org.

Prairie Calendar

Wednesday, April 7, 2010

6:00 pm - Adult Ed committee meeting.

Saturday, April 10, 2010

9:00 am - WOW (Prairie's Women's Group) meets for breakfast potluck.

Sunday, April 11, 2010

8:45 am - Choir rehearsal.

10:00 am – service- "Who Is My Neighbor," Presented by Jim Jaeger, UU minister in training.

Thursday, April 15, 2010 - Prairie Fire Bulletin items due.

Saturday, April 17, 2010

5:00 pm - Spring Fling RE event!

Sunday, April 18, 2010

8:45 am - Choir Rehearsal.

9:00 am - RE committee meeting.

10:00 am – service- "Breaking Ground - Planting Seeds" (working title), presented by Robert Pierce.

11:45 am - Prairie Board meeting; potluck at 11:45, meeting begins upstairs at noon.

11:45 am - Humanist Union meets; potluck at 11:45, program downstairs at 12:30.

Wednesday, April 21, 2010

7:00 pm - Program committee meets at Prairie.

Thursday, April 22, 2010

6:30 pm - Spanish Speaker's Potluck at the home of Prudence Barber.

Sunday, April 25, 2010

8:45 am - Choir Rehearsal.

10:00 am – service - "The Boston Pilgrimage," presented by the Prairie High School RE class.

11:45 am - Prairie Book club meets to discuss The Gate to Women's Country by Sheri Tepper.

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

2:00 pm - Prairie Elders meet at Oakwood.

Looking further ahead:

May 16 - Spring Parish Meeting

May 30 - Memorial Service for Mary Lou Diehl, at Prairie, 3pm