

Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society

2010 Whenona Drive, Madison, WI 53711 * 608-271-8218 * www.uuprairie.org

Symbol Tree

December 16, 2012



Today's Order of Service

Prelude: "What Child is This," sung by Paula Pachciarz, accompanied by Prairie Winds.

Greeting and Announcements – Karen Deaton

Santa Lucia Procession: Congregation hums "Silent Night." This year's Santa Lucia girl is Cecylia Richards, and the Star boy is Lauren Pawelski.

Chalice Lighting #653 (SLT): Responsive Reading

How short the daylight hours have now become. How gray the skies, how barren seem the trees.

A damp and chilling wind has gripped my mind and made me gloomy, too.

But there is that in me which reaches up toward light and laughter, bells, and carolers,

And knows that my religious myth and dream of reborn joy and goodness must be true.

Because it speaks the truths of older myths;

That light returns to balance darkness, life surges in the evergreen – and us,

And babes are hope, and saviours of the world, as miracles about in common things.

Rejoice!

And join in the gladness of Christmas.

– Dori Jeanine Somers

Silent Meditation

Story for All Ages: "The Latke Who Couldn't Stop Crying," by Lemony Snicket. Read by Kate Franzman.

Symbol Tree Sharing, Part 1

Hymn #259 (SLT): "We Three Kings of Orient Are," accompanied by Marcia Johnson.

Symbol Tree Sharing, Part 2

Hymn #246 (SLT): "Oh Little Town of Bethlehem," accompanied by Marcia Johnson.

Offering and Offertory: "Light One Little Candle," by George Mysels and J. Maloy Roach. Performed by the Prairie Choir. The Special Offering will go to Allied Partners.

****Introduction of Guests and Visitors**

Announcement of Congregational Meeting

Closing Words #663 (SLT): Responsive Reading

***Hymn #235 (SLT):** "Deck the Halls with Boughs of Holly," accompanied by Marcia Johnson.

Postlude: "Angels We Have Heard on High," performed by the Prairie Winds.

Greet Your Neighbor

*please stand as you are able.

**please wait for the microphone before speaking; this allows those using the assistive listening devices to hear.

Announcements

Green Note The average life span of an incandescent bulb is 1,200 hours, compared to 10,000 hours for a compact fluorescent light (CFL), and 50,000 hours for a light emitting diode (LED). Always make sure to turn off lights when you leave a room.

Previous Santa Lucia girls are: Katrina Schroeder, Judy Wacker, Lushana Peterson, Madeline Arnold, Toby Wacker, Marie Nahlik, Valerie Anderson, Xena Anderson, Tatum Mueller, Jessie Garst, Katherine Liu, Cheyenne Hale, Caitlyn Nicholson, and Rachel Hughes. **The previous Star boy** was James Hughes.

Potluck Today! Please stay after the service for a Prairie Potluck!

House Discussion after the service During the potluck, the Ad Hoc committee looking into the purchase of 2006 Whenona Drive will update the congregation on its status. A number of points to be considered will be provided at each table. Feedback will be gathered and questions answered to the best of the committee's knowledge. The Ad Hoc committee's members are Dirk Herr-Hoyman (chair), Anne Urbanski, Peter Anderson, Mary Mullen, Bob Park, and Barb Park as an ex-officio member.

The Winter WomanSpirit 2013 conference, There Is Something About the Women: Art and Activism, will be held from February 1-3 in Brookfield, WI. This year's presenter is Holly Near. For more information and to register online, visit www.womenandreligion.org.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! from the 4th-7th grade RE class to our Prairie friends. We sold 13 large chocolate bars and 100 minis during our Green Sanctuary Fair Trade fundraiser on December 2nd. All our profits will go toward microloans for our friends in Vietnam.

HumanLight Holiday Party next Sunday! The Humanist Union sponsored annual HumanLight holiday party will take place from 5 to 8 pm at the Meeting House next Sunday. Bring the whole family for our potluck supper, singing, dancing and a generally festive time. (Donations of non-perishable items for the Allied Drive Food Pantry will be collected at the door.)

Prairie UU Society Bond of Union

We, the members of Prairie, wish to associate ourselves together in a religious community which affirms that we share a common humanity, that we need one another, and that our futures are inescapably bound together. Together we would expand our intellectual horizons, enrich our sensory experiences, and deepen our emotional sensitivities. We would sharpen our ethical awareness and broaden our sense of social responsibility. We would stand tall in our quest for integrity of life, yet not at others' expense. As the prairie stretches out until it becomes one with the sky, let us reach out to touch and be one with the natural world, and with one another.

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Prairie Calendar

Sunday, December 16, 2012

8:45 Choir rehearsal
10:00 Service – Symbol Tree
11:30 Potluck
11:30 House discussion

Wednesday, December 19, 2012

7:00 Program Committee meets

Sunday, December 23, 2012

8:45 Choir rehearsal
10:00 Service – “Far and Near - a Joyful Noise,” presented by Rosemarie Lester.
5:00 HumanLight Holiday potluck and party for all

Sunday, December 30, 2012

10:00 Service by Reverend Sandra Ingham

Sunday, January 6, 2012

10:00 Service

Sunday, January 15, 2012

8:45 Choir rehearsal
10:00 Service – Symbol Tree

Sunday, January 22, 2012

8:45 Choir rehearsal
10:00 Service – Symbol Tree

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Principles of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote:

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

Next week's service:

“Far and Near – A Joyful Noise,”
presented by Rosemarie K. Lester.

