

Calendar

Sunday, December 10

11:30 a.m. Book group potluck and discussion

Wednesday, December 13

6:30 p.m. Midweek Meal

7:30 p.m. Doleta Chapru's birthday party

Thursday, December 14

6:30 p.m. Everyday Spiritual Practice Covenant Group meets

Sunday, December 17

10:00 a.m. "Prairie's Winter Wonderland: A Celebration of a Magical Season" led by Dorothy Krause

10:00 a.m. Nifty Gifty in R.E.

12:30 p.m. Humanist Union sponsors HumanLight celebration

Wednesday, December 20

6:30 p.m. Midweek Meal

Sunday, December 24

10:00 a.m. Symbol Tree Service led by Erin Bosch

Wednesday, December 27

6:30 p.m. Midweek Meal

Tuesday, December 28

5:00 a.m. Prairie serves breakfast at Men's Homeless Shelter.

Sunday, December 31

6:00 p.m. Potluck

7:00 p.m. New Year's Eve service led by Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

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Sunday, December 3, 2006

Prelude- Recording of *Om-Boor Buvaswaha*
(Gayatri Mantra), a Hindu hymn

Welcome - Mike Briggs, President of Prairie

Chalice Lighting – drawn from a talk by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, a Dalit (Untouchable), leader of the Indian Independence movement, and chief architect of Article 17 of the Indian Constitution that abolishes untouchability

Moment of Silent Meditation

*Hymn #151 – *I Wish I Knew How*
(3 pages in hymnbook), Doleta Chapru, accompanist

Story for All Ages – told by VeeraRaju (John) Eligenti

Song as children go downstairs - *Farewell, Good Friends*
(melody from *Shalom Havayreem*)
Farewell, good friends... Farewell...
Till we meet again... Farewell...
(Sing each phrase twice.)

Joys and Concerns

Hymn #148 – *Let Freedom Span Both East and West*

Presentation – *Child Labor and Dalit Rights* -
VerraRaju (John) Eligenti and Rebecca Malke-Eligenti

Discussion

Offertory - *Evening Prayer* from *Hansel and Gretel* by
Engelbert Humperdinck, played by Doleta Chapru

Introduction of Guests and Visitors

Prairie Announcements (*also see insert announcements*)

*Hymn # 153 - *Oh, I Woke Up This Morning*

Closing Words – from Dr. B.R. Ambedkar

*Stand as you are able.

Welcome to our service! We are glad you are here. Mike Briggs, President of Prairie, presided at today's service. Speaker Rebecca Malke-Eligenti is Prairie's Youth Volunteer Coordinator. Our accompanist was Doleta Chapru, a long-time member and frequent accompanist. Mary Mullen, Program Committee Co-Chair, coordinated this service. We invite you to socialize with us after the service over a cup of coffee or tea.

Announcements

Prairie Fire deadline is today. This will be the only newsletter in December.

Humanist Union will host a HumanLight Celebration at Prairie on December 17, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. See **Prairie Fire** or <http://humanist.madisonwi.us/events.htm> for more information.

Doleta Chapru's 70th Birthday will have the theme of "I'm alive and kickin' in the way I want to be". Come for food, fun, music, and dancing on Wednesday, December 13, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Choir will not practice on December 24 or 31.

Book Club will meet today to discuss *Gaviotas: A Village to Reinvent the World*. All are welcome. Book selections for the next seven months are listed in the current **Prairie Fire**

Prairie Elders will not meet in December. The next meeting will be January 23.

Guest at Your Table kickoff is today. GAYT is our UU tradition for educating ourselves about human needs and human rights, and sharing our blessings. Donations support the programs of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee. Please return boxes or checks to Prairie in January.