

Calendar

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

No morning service and no R.E.

6:00 p.m. Potluck

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

Wednesday, January 3

6:30 p.m. Midweek Meal

Sunday, January 7

10:00 a.m. "Propaganda Overview" presented by Andy Somers

Monday, January 8

7:00 p.m. EnAct class

Wednesday, January 10

6:30 p.m. Midweek Meal

7:30 p.m. Board Meeting

Thursday, January 11

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

Sunday, January 14

10:00 a.m. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr: Artist, Prophet, Dreamer"
presented by Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

Saturday, February 24

Fundraising Trip to Art Institute to see "Cezanne to Picasso".

Envelopes to record \$ gifts
5048 present for
main part of service

PRAIRIE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY

Sunday, December 24, 2006

Prelude – Mike Briggs

Welcome - Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

Chalice Lighting

Moment of Silent Meditation

*Hymn #231 – *Angels We Have Heard on High*

Introduction – Erin Bosch

Santa Lucia Procession

Story for All Ages – *A Cup of Christmas Tea*

The Christmas Truce by Aaron Shepherd.

Readers: Mike Briggs, Dan Proud, Dean Schroeder, and Ralph Tyksinski

On a Christmas Eve during World War I, British and German soldiers laid down their weapons to celebrate the holiday together. The Christmas Truce of 1914 started in some places on Christmas Eve and in others on Christmas Day. The truce covered as much as two-thirds of the British-German front, with thousands of soldiers taking part. Perhaps most remarkably, it grew out of no single initiative but sprang up in each place spontaneously and independently. Nearly everything described here is drawn from first-hand accounts in letters and diaries of the time.

Symbol Tree Sharing

Offertory

Introduction of Guests and Visitors

*Hymn #235 - *Deck the Hall*

*Stand as you are able.

Welcome to our service! We are glad you are here. Many thanks to our presider, accompanist, readers, and to Erin Bosch, who has led this traditional program for many years. Rose and Galen Smith coordinated this service for the program committee. Please join us for coffee and treats after the service.

Emma Swartz is leading our Santa Lucia procession this year. In previous years, it has been led by Katrina Schroeder, Judy Wacker, Lushana Peterson, Madeline Arnold, Toby Wacker, Marie Nahlik, and Valerie Anderson.

Announcements

New Directories are available from Dan and Robin Proud and a few corrections have already been printed in Prairie Fire. Please let us know of any other changes needed.

Choir will not practice on December 31.

On December 31, there will be no morning service at Prairie. Instead, join your friends and family at Prairie at 6:00 p.m. for a potluck dinner followed by community singing, led by Rev. Ralph and Karleen Tyksinski.

Prairie Elders next meeting will be January 23.

Spanish Speakers will meet for conversation and potluck at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 24 at the current home of Dave and Marcia Johnson, 3855 E. Oakbridge Way, #2A, Madison.

Guest at Your Table continues through December. 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.

Prairie's next turn to help host homeless families through the **Interfaith Hospitality Network** will be Jan 14-21. Prairie is one of the buddy churches helping Midvale Lutheran provide shelter, meals and support to those families. See Paula Pachciarz to help.

Thanks from George – George Calden would like to express his thanks for the wonderful expressions of appreciation in the current Prairie Fire, contributed by so many long-time members.