

Calendar

Saturday, September 8

4:30 a.m. Serve breakfast at Men's Homeless Shelter, Grace Episcopal Church

Sunday, September 9

10:00 a.m. "Revisioning our Vision" presented by Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

12:00 noon. Humanist Union potluck and meeting

Monday, September 10

7:30 p.m. Membership and Hospitality Committee meets

Wednesday, September 12

7:30 p.m. Pre-retreat Folk Dance Session

Friday-Sunday, September 14-16

*Annual Prairie Retreat at Bethel Horizons Retreat Center, Dodgeville

Sunday, September 16

10:00 a.m. Key Log Ceremony at Bethel

2:00-4:00 p.m. Interfaith Hospitality Network open house at Midvale Lutheran Church, with a short program at 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 23

10:00 a.m. "Breaking Barriers Between Old and New" presented by Marion Nelson

11:45 a.m. Board Meeting

Sunday, September 30

10:30 a.m. "General Assembly Inspiration" presented by Barb Park, Mike Briggs, and Norma Briggs

11:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting

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Rev. Ralph Tyksinski, Minister

Sunday, September 2, 2007

Prelude -*Union Maid*
played by Prairie Musicians

Welcome – Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

Opening Words – Rev. Ralph

As we gather together this morning,
May we learn to recognize and affirm
The options of possibility that await our actions,
The bits of good -- we bring.

May we encourage rather than control;
Love rather than possess;
Enable rather than envy.

Each of us is indispensable

If we are to minister to a broken and wounded world.
Together, in our gathered diversity, we form the whole.
So be it.

* Hymn -#358 - *Rank by Rank Again We Stand*

Chalice Lighting

Blessed is the fire that burns deep in every soul. It is the flame of the human spirit touched into being by the mystery of life. It is the fire of reason; the fire of compassion; the fire of community; the fire of justice; the fire of our laboring; the fire of faith. It is the fire of love burning deep in the human heart; the divine glow in every life.

Silent Meditation

Joys and Concerns

Presentation: "Challenges Facing Today's Worker" -
Ruth Gundlach, AFSCME

Discussion

Offertory

Introduction of Guests and Visitors

Prairie Announcements

(Additional announcements are in your order of service.)

*Hymn #128 - *For All That Is Our Life*

Closing Words -

Let us be mindful of the highest aspirations of
all working people, bound by common faith and purpose,
And, yet, beginning with ourselves as we are,

Let us take one more step, together,
in our unending quest for dignity, justice and truth.

Postlude

*Stand as you are able.

Announcements

Prairie Fire deadline is today. Please send items to prouds@tds.net or admin@uuprairie.org.

Retreat Reminders - Previews of retreat sessions, details on accommodations, directions to Bethel Horizons, and a registration form are all found in the August 24 Prairie Fire in its paper and online forms.

Spanish Speakers will meet for potluck and conversation on Wednesday, September 26, at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Prudence Barber, 1104 Mound St, Apt. C. For questions, contact Rosemary Dorney.

Pre-Retreat Folk Dance Session will be led by Doleta Chapru at Prairie on Wednesday, September 12, 7:30 p.m. The goal is for a group of people to be familiar with dances that will be taught at the Retreat, but anyone is welcome to attend. See Prairie Fire for more details.

Prairie Book Club will meet at the Retreat to discuss *Midnight at the Dragon Cafe* by Judy Fong Bates.

Welcome to our service! We are glad you are here. Our presider today is the Rev. Ralph Tyksinski, and our musicians are Doleta Chapru and other Prairie members and friends. Please join us after the program for coffee and fellowship.