

Calendar

Sunday, October 21

11:30 a.m. "Who Are UU?" Q & A Session with Rev. Ralph
11:30 a.m. Book Club
11:45 a.m. Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 23

2:00 p.m. Prairie Elders meet at Oakwood West

Wednesday, October 24

6:30 p.m. Midweek Meal
7:30 p.m. Finance Committee meets

Sunday, October 28

10:00 a.m. "Day of the Dead" presented by Dorothy Krause

Thursday, November 1

Spanish Speakers meet at the home of Mary and Andy Somers

Sunday, November 4

10:00 a.m. "Keeping Religion and Government Separate" presented
by Dan Barker
12:00 Humanist Union meeting with Dan Barker as speaker

Monday, November 5

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

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PRAIRIE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY

2010 Whenona Drive, Madison 53711
<http://uuprairie.org>
Rev. Ralph Tyksinski, Minister

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Prelude: *Siina Miiri* - Somalia - Prairie Musicians

Welcome: Rachel Long, President of Prairie

Opening Words: Preamble of the Charter of the United Nations
read by Wendy Cooper

Song: #1026 in *Singing the Journey -
If Every Woman in the World*
Words and Music by Karen MacKay

Chalice Lighting

To face the world's shadows, a chalice of light.
To face the world's coldness, a chalice of warmth
To face the world's terrors, a chalice of courage
To face the world's turmoil, a chalice of peace.
May its glow fill our spirits, our hearts and our lives.

Lindsay Bates

Silent Meditation

Joys and Concerns

Presentation:

"The United Nations' Role in Building a Peaceful World: Success or Failure?"

Presented by Wendy Cooper,
Coordinator of Social Justice programs,
First Unitarian Society of Madison

Discussion

Offertory: *Heaven in a Wild Flower*
music by Bill Douglas, words by William Blake
Sung by Prairie Choir

Introduction of Guests and Visitors
Prairie Announcements.

Additional announcements are in your order of service.

Reading of the Social Action Committee
resolution on the death penalty - led by Bob Park

Closing Words: *A Meditation on Peace* by Kendyl Gibbons
Read by Wendy Cooper

Song: #1030 in *Singing the Journey - Siyahamba*
- South Africa, 20th Century

Many thanks to Wendy Cooper for presenting and all the Prairie folks who worked to make this program happen. Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the program.

Prairie Resolution on the Death Penalty

Resolved: That Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society of Madison is opposed to returning the death penalty to Wisconsin. The willful taking of a human life by the state violates our belief in the intrinsic worth of every human being. We believe the state should continue to impose nonviolent penalties for violent crimes to set a positive example aimed at reducing the violence in our society. We believe capital punishment degrades and brutalizes any society which practices it. We find the death penalty particularly abhorrent because it is based on an unjustified assumption of infallibility in the process of determining guilt, with the greatest risk of error being borne by those who are economically disadvantaged. We find the death penalty wholly unacceptable, whether imposed to prevent repetition of a crime by an individual, as a deterrent to others, or as social retribution.

Announcements

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

Who are UU? Who wrote the Seven Principles? Are UU's theists? Where does UUism fit into history? Can one be a Buddhist and a UU too? If you are new to Unitarian Universalism, you may have such questions as these and more. We invite you to attend a short introductory session today after the service. Rev. Ralph Tyksinski will be on hand to supply answers and give an overview of the rich heritage of Unitarian Universalism.

Prairie Book Group meets today after the service.

Prairie Elders will meet at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 23, at Oakwood West to share personal reflections on becoming a Unitarian.

Humanist Union will meet on November 4 to hear "Losing Faith in Faith" by Dan Barker of the Freedom from Religion Foundation.

Spanish Speakers will meet for potluck and conversation on Thursday, November 1, at the home of Mary and Andy Somers.