

PRAIRIE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY

2010 Whenóna Drive, Madison 53711.

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Rev. Ralph Tyksinski, Minister

Sunday, December 2, 2007

Prelude -- *Cuando El Rey Nimrod* -- Ladino song
(*King Nimrod sees a sign that Abraham is about to be born.*)

Dan Proud, guitar; Doleta Chapru, piano

Welcome -- Anne Lundin, Prairie's Vice-President

Opening Words -- Reading # 483

"When despair for the world grows in me ..." by Wendell Berry

*Hymn # 125 - "From the Crush of Wealth and Power"

Chalice Lighting -- Anne Lundin

Silent Meditation

Joys and Concerns

Presentation -- Russell Gardner: "Religion's Biology"

Religion seems to involve the non-biological "spirit", but this presentation argues that brain biology may explain many religious phenomena.

Discussion

Offertory: *Ano Dao Idlong Sa Gogon* -
Luzon, Philippines (Bikol)
(*Don't pick the flower for the flower is for Mary.*)
Dan Proud, guitar; Doleta Chapru, piano

Introduction of Guests and Visitors
Prairie Announcements
(Additional announcements are in your order of service.)

*Hymn -- # 182 "O The Beauty in a Life"

Closing Words — Reading # 521 "May I be no one's enemy"
(Responsive Reading)

*Please stand as you are able.

Born in rural Wisconsin, Russell Gardner earned his M.D. at the U. of Chicago with further training and experience in psychiatry, psychoanalysis and sleep-dream research. Dr. Gardner held two University faculty positions and now is an artist, writes on psychiatry and administers Epidemic Peace Initiative.

Thanks to today's coordinator, Galen Smith, Presider, Anne Lundin, and musicians, Doleta Chapru and Dan Proud.

Welcome to any guests and visitors. Please join us for potluck and conversation after the service.

Announcements

Parish Meeting and potluck follows today's service. Guests are welcome to join us for potluck.

Prairie Fire deadline is today. Send items to admin@uuprairie.org.

Humanist Union announces its next program, December 9 - Potluck lunch at noon, presentation about 12:20 pm on "Humanism's Contemporary Challengers: Who controls our public image?" by Doleta Chapru.

Nifty Gifty on December 9 is a chance for children and youth to create homemade gifts for their friends and family. See Rebecca if you'd like to help. 9:30

Women's Group (WOW) will meet next on Saturday, December 8, 9:00 a.m., at the home of Kathy Converse, to have breakfast and read and write haiku.

Weekly Meditation sessions will begin on Sunday, December 9, 7:00-7:45 p.m. See Paula Pachciarz for more information.

Adult Education class "Building Your Own Theology" will be led by Rev. Ralph Tyksinski beginning in February. See Prairie Fire for details.

Calendar

Sunday, December 2

11:45 a.m. Parish Meeting and potluck

Monday, December 3

7:30 p.m. Membership & Hospitality Committee meets in couch room

Wednesday, December 5

6:30 p.m. Midweek Meal

7:00 p.m. Communications Committee meets

Saturday, December 8

WOW (Women's Group) meets at the home of Kathy Converse

Sunday, December 9

Nifty Gifty in R.E.

10:00 a.m. "Ways of Seeing – Part 2" presented by Rick Ruecking

12:00 noon. Humanist Union meets

7:00 p.m. Meditation group meets

Wednesday, December 12

6:30 p.m. Midweek Meal

7:30 p.m. Program Committee meets

Thursday, December 13

7:00 p.m. Prairie Film Group meets

Sunday, December 16

10:00 a.m. Symbol Tree Intergenerational Service led by Erin Bosch and Ralph Tyksinski

7:00 p.m. Meditation group meets

Wednesday, December 19

6:30 p.m. Midweek Meal

7:15 p.m. Board Meeting