## PRAIRIE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY

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

#### Sunday, January 27, 2008

Prelude – Purcell Suite #1 - Prelude and Almand - Mary Frantz Rachel Welcome - Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

Opening Words -

It is a good morning to be together!

When winter's deep clutches spread across the land, and cold seeps through our warmest coats, we gather here, drawn by the warmth of faces familiar and new, to the welcoming walls of this meeting house.

Here, for this brief time together, may we open ourselves to new understanding, reassurance, and hope, for this is a place where truth, love, and challenge meet.

\*Hymn #298 - Wake, Now, My Senses

Chalice Lighting -Amid all the noise in our lives, we take this moment to light our chalice -to give thanks for another day; to give thanks for all those in our lives who have brought us warmth and love; to give thanks for the gift of life. We know we are on our journeying here but a brief moment in time. Let us open ourselves, here, now, to the process of becoming more whole -of living more fully; of giving and forgiving more willingly; of understanding more deeply the meaning of our lives here on this planet we call home.

#### Silent Meditation

Joys and Concerns

Presentation: "The Transient and the Permanent Through Generational Eyes" - Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

Discussion

Offertory – "Contemplation" from Songs Without Words by Mendelssohn – Mary Frantz

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

\*Closing Hymn #346 - Come, Sing a Song with Me

Closing Words -

Consider our many shared ministries as a *benediction* speaking well of each other and to those of different communities A speaking well of what we value hope, love, forgiveness, trust

A speaking well of our efforts --A speaking well of our individual and collective dreams. This is how we celebrate life: Through speaking well of it, Living the benediction. Go forth living your ministries, striding forth as embodied messages

of Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society

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Welcome to our service! We are glad that you are here. Thanks to all who have made today's service possible. Please gather after the service for refreshments and fellowship.

## Announcements

**Guest at Your Table** continues. Please support the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee by taking home a box and putting some money in at each meal. Please return your boxes by April 27. Boxes are in the front lobby.

**Congregational Planning Session** is now scheduled for Saturday, February 23, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Humanist** Union will meet on February 3 at noon for potluck lunch and a presentation by John Eligenti on human rights in India.

Spanish Speakers will meet on Monday, February 11, 6:30 p.m. at the home of Dave and Marcia Johnson, 305 S. Segoe Rd.

**WOW, Wild Outstanding Women**, meet at 9:00 am on the second Saturday of each month. The meeting February 9 will be at the home of Susan Herr-Hoyman, 503 S. Prospect.

Building Your Own Theology class starts Tuesday, February 12.

Service Auction will be on Sunday, February 24. Please consider what you can donate and inform Mary Mullen. See Prairie Fire for more information.

**Book Club** will discuss "Murder in Amsterdam" on February 10. See Prairie Fire for more details on upcoming sessions.

# Calendar

Sunday, January 27 11:45 a.m. Meditation group

**Thursday, January 31** 7:00 p.m. Film Group views "The Rules of the Game"

Sunday, January 27–Sunday, February 3 Interfaith Hospitality Network volunteer week

Monday, January 28 7:30 p.m. Communications Committee (rescheduled)

**Thursday, January 31** 7:30 p.m. Committee on Ministry

Sunday, February 3 10:00 a.m. "Another Option for Preserving Land: Conservation Cemeteries" presented by Allison Eyring-Green

Monday, February 4 7:00 p.m. Social Action Committee 7:30 p.m. Membership & Hospitality Committee

**Sunday, February 10** 10:00 a.m. "Cultural Diversity in a Spiritual Community" presented by Gladis Benavides

Monday, February 11 6:30 p.m. Spanish Speakers meet at the Johnsons' home

**Tuesday, February 12** 7:00 p.m. Building Your Own Theology class starts at Prairie

Sunday, February 17 10:00 a.m. "Fannie Barrier Williams" presented by Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

Sunday, February 24 10:00 a.m. "This I Believe, Part 2" 11:30 a.m. Potluck and Annual Prairie Auction