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PRAIRIE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY

2010 Whenona Drive, Madison 53711

<http://uuprairie.org>

Rev. Ralph Tyksinski, Minister

Sunday, August 17, 2008

Prelude – *La Tejedora de Nanduti* - (The Lacemaker of Paraguay)

Ruth Calden and Doleta Chapru

Welcome – Mary Mullen

Opening Words -

Tell me, what is it you plan to do

With your one wild and precious life?

-Mary Oliver, "The Summer Day"

*Hymn #136, *-Where Gentle Tides Go Rolling By*
Doleta Chapru, Ruth Calden, Mary Mullen, accompanists

Chalice Lighting -

There's a thread you follow. It goes among
things that change. But it doesn't change.

People wonder about what you are pursuing.

You have to explain about the thread.

But it is hard for others to see.

While you hold it you can't get lost.

Tragedies happen; people get hurt

or die; and you suffer and get old.

Nothing you do can stop time's unfolding.

You don't ever let go of that thread.

-William Stafford, "The Way It Is"

Silent Meditation

Joys and Concerns

Presentation -

*Eighteen Years in Asia and Latin America:
Some Observations and Impressions -
Dave and Marcia Johnson*

Discussion

Offertory – Paraguayan national anthem,
Marcia Johnson, piano

Introduction of Guests and Visitors

Prairie Announcements

(Additional announcements are in your order of service)

*Hymn # 70 (Prairie song book) - *Oh, Had I a Golden Thread*
Ruth Calden, Doleta Chapru, Mary Mullen, accompanists

Closing Words –

*We shall not cease from exploration.
And the end of all our exploring
Will be to arrive at where we started
And know the place for the first time.*

-T. S. Eliot, “Little Gidding”

*Please stand

Welcome

Welcome to our service! We are glad you are here. Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service. Our thanks to everyone who participated in making this program.

Announcements

UU Blood Drive will be Saturday, August 30, from 8:00 a.m. to noon, at James Reeb UU Congregation, 2146 E Johnson. You can walk in or schedule an appointment. See *Prairie Fire* for more details or contact Gordon Cunningham.

Annual Retreat registration forms are available in the lobby. Bring to *Prairie* or mail to Robin Proud.

Book Club will meet August 24 to discuss *La Linea* by Ann Jaramillo.

Office Administrator position has been posted. After 5 years, Dan and Robin Proud will be stepping down from this role. See *Prairie Fire* for more information.

Clearing out your home? Recycle and support our Religious Education program by saving items for the rummage sale September 20. Volunteers of all ages are also needed to set up, staff, and clean up. See Karen Deaton if you can help.

Prairie Elders will meet on Tuesday, August 26, 1:30 p.m. at Oakwood West, to share stories of escapades, adventures, and accomplishments.

Prairie Film Group will view *Catch 22* on Thursday, August 28, at 7:00 p.m.

Labor Day program will be "The American Worker – From Joe Hill to Joe Walmart", a celebration of labor and an examination of the changing landscape facing working people here and abroad. Come and sing along to "Joe Hill," "This Land is Your Land" and "Solidarity Forever." The presenter is Steve Blank, from our own *Prairie* community, a social justice activist who has volunteered with Chicago Jobs With Justice, a labor organization.

Calendar

Sunday, August 17

11:45 a.m. Board Meeting

Sunday, August 24 – Deadline to register for Bethel Retreat

10:00 a.m. “A Journey through Bilingual Education” presented by Jamie Kobishop-Herold

11:45 a.m. Book Club discusses *La Linea*

Saturday, August 30

8:00 a.m. - noon - Blood Drive at James Reeb

Sunday, August 31

10:00 a.m. “The American Worker – From Joe Hill to Joe Walmart” presented by Steve Blank

Friday, September 5 - Sunday September 7 – Retreat at Bethel

Horizons – No service at Prairie

Sunday, September 14

10:00 a.m. Ingathering Water Ceremony

Sunday, September 21

10:00 a.m. “International Day of Peace” presented by Randy Converse