

# PRAIRIE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY

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Rev. Ralph Tyksinski, Minister

**Sunday, January 4, 2009**

**Prelude:** Allegro, from duet Op 487 by W.A. Mozart  
Robyn Perrin and Doleta Chapru, clarinets

**Welcome** – Rev. Ralph Tyksinski, Consulting Minister

**Opening Words** – read by Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

We gather here to seek unity of spirit.  
We gather here in the midst of our differing beliefs  
and faiths to grow our spirit,  
to heal the broken hearted and confront injustice,  
to instill joy and confidence in our children,  
to grow in mind, body, and spirit ourselves,  
and to bear witness to the transforming power of love  
beyond which not a single soul is lost forever.  
Thus do we covenant with each other  
in the presence of that which inspires us to be and do  
our best.

**\*Hymn #347, SLT- "Gather the Spirit"**  
Aileen Nettleton, accompanist

## **Chalice Lighting-**

As we kindle this flame,  
We celebrate the light it brings in times of darkness  
We welcome the warmth it brings in times of chilling  
temperatures  
We welcome the light for our curiosity and questing,  
We welcome the fire to flame our imaginations.  
Our community of open minds and open hearts is  
strengthened by  
the sharing of our vision for the coming year of 2009.

## **Silent Meditation**

### **Presentation**

"Voices of a Liberal Faith"  
DVD visiting Unitarian Universalism for 2009

"Your Resolutions for Prairie - 2009"  
Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

### **Offering**

**Offertory** - Andante, from duet Op 487 by W.A. Mozart  
Robyn Perrin and Doleta Chapru, clarinets

### **Introduction of Guests and Visitors**

\***Hymn #163, SLT**- "For the Earth Forever Turning"  
Aileen Nettleton, accompanist

### **Closing Words**

If you are proud of this church, become its advocate.  
If you are concerned for its future, share its message.  
If its values resonate deep within you, give it a  
measure of your devotion.  
This church cannot survive without your faith, your  
confidence, your enthusiasm.  
Its destiny, the larger hope, rests in your hands.

Rev. Michael Schuler, FUS Madison, WI

\*Please stand as you are able.

Welcome to our service! We are glad you are here. Many thanks to all who contributed to making this service possible. Please join us after the service for coffee and fellowship.

## Announcements

### **Book Club**

The book selection for January is Blink: The Power of Thinking Without Thinking by Malcolm Gladwell and will be discussed on January 18th after service.

### **Cradle Club finishes today**

The "Cradle Club" deadline has been extended until today, Sunday, January 4th. The committee is extremely grateful to Orange and Dean Schroeder, who donated the packing and shipping of our collected goods.

### **Prairie Fire Deadline January 15**

Feature articles for the Prairie Fire will be due to Kate Liu, Prairie's administrator, on January 15th. The full-featured Prairie Fire will be published on January 22nd; a Prairie Fire Bulletin (just calendar and programs) will be published January 6th.

### **Time to Start Thinking about Auction!**

Please take care of any outstanding items from the 2008 auction, and start thinking about what you might offer for the 2009 auction. Please send your ideas to Kate Liu or Mary Mullen.

### **UUA Draft Peacemaking Statement of Conscience Available**

Our congregation will have the opportunity to vote on the Unitarian Universalist Association's draft Statement of Conscience regarding Peacemaking. For a Draft Statement of Conscience (SOC) to appear on the 2009 General Assembly Final Agenda, our Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) bylaws require a minimum of 25% of certified congregations to participate in the ballot vote on whether the Draft SOC should be placed on the Final Agenda. Please take a moment to read the draft, which is available online at

<http://www.uua.org/socialjustice/issuesprocess/currentissues/peacemaking/121606.shtml> and is also posted at the back of the church. We will have a brief, 1-agenda-item parish meeting to vote on the SOC on January 25, 2009.

### **New RE Semester Begins Today**

Parents: Are your kids ready for another exciting year of being in Prairie RE? We are glad to see you! To help us plan for the spring semester, we appreciate you taking a few minutes to fill out the registration form, available online and on the greeting table. For returning students please write down any updated information. Even if you will only be coming to Prairie RE classes occasionally, we would like to know.

## Prairie Calendar

### Sunday, January 4, 2009

New RE semester begins today, please register.

12:00 noon - Humanist Union meets. Program TBA.

### Saturday, January 10, 2009

9:00 am - WOW meets at the home of Kathy Converse.

### Sunday, January 11, 2009

9:00 am - Choir rehearsal.

10:00 am - service - "Journey to Selma," presented by Rev. Darrel Richey of James Reeb Unitarian Universalist Congregation.

11:45 am -Prairie Board meeting. Potluck lunch at 11:45, meeting begins at noon.

### Sunday, January 18, 2009

9:00 am - Choir rehearsal.

10:00 am - service - "Coincidence and Ambiguity," presented by Rev. Ralph Tyksinski.

11:45 am - Prairie Book Club meets to discuss Blink: The Power of Thinking Without Thinking by Malcolm Gladwell.

### Thursday, January 22, 2009

7:00 pm - Movie group meets to view "Ride the High Country." Bring snacks to share.

### Sunday, January 25, 2009

9:00 am Choir Rehearsal

10:00 am - Service - "The Pain of War, the Joy of Peace," presented by Pat Watkins.

11:45 am - Parish Meeting: to vote on the UUA's Statement of Conscience on peacemaking.

12:00 noon - All-society potluck lunch.