

PRAIRIE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY

2010 Whenona Drive, Madison 53711

<http://uuprairie.org>

Rev. Ralph Tyksinski, Minister

Sunday, January 18, 2009

Prelude- "Bring Your Mind,"
Prairie Choir, Barb Park, director

Welcome – Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

Opening Words - Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

We gather together as a beloved community. We are called to set aside distractions and differences, that we might reach for deeper truths and larger goals yet unfulfilled. We are called to seek out and offer comfort to those whose hurts are greater than our own. We are called to seek compassionate ways to practice the generous yet risky art of hospitality, that all may live life more abundantly. Let us answer the many voices calling to us with humility and courage.

***Hymn #6, SLT-** "Just as Long as I Have Breath"
Mary Frantz, accompanist

Chalice Lighting-

We light the flame of our chalice,
May the Heat of the flame bring warmth to our hearts
in the deep freeze of these frigid days of our Wisconsin Winter,
May it ignite a Spark of Love to set our hearts on fire,
May it keep the Flame of Freedom burning within us,
Now and in the days and seasons to come.

Silent Meditation

Joys and Concerns

Reading, #732 SLT - "For Martin Luther King, Jr."

Presentation -

"Coincidence and Ambiguity," presented by Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

Offering

Offertory - "We Shall Overcome"

Karleen Tyksinski, accompanist

Introduction of Guests and Visitors

Prairie Announcements

(additional announcements are in your order of service.)

***Hymn #1018, STJ- "Come and Go With Me"**

Mary Frantz, accompanist

Closing Words

We shall overcome.

When we can truly celebrate the diversity of contributions and talents offered by all people, we shall overcome hatred and prejudice and oppression.

When we can truly extend our hands to one another in loving acceptance, we shall overcome the past that haunts us now. Living in peace and freedom, we shall overcome the wrongs that have happened and the debts left unpaid.

Let us join together in that commitment to overcome.

Let us say together, "Amen."

Rev. Jonalu Johnstone

Postlude

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

Parish Meeting Announcement

We will have a brief Parish Meeting at 11:45 am, 1/25/09. The only agenda item to discuss and then vote on is the UUA Statement of Conscience on peacemaking. The draft is available online at <http://www.uua.org/socialjustice/issuesprocess/currentissues/peacemaking/121606.shtml> and is also posted at the back of the church.

All-Society Potluck January 25, 2009

What better way to get to know newer members than at a potluck? Our all-society potluck after the service on January 25 will provide that opportunity. We are especially encouraging those who recently signed the book to join us and give "oldtimers" the chance to know you better. Please bring a dish to share and also lend a hand in setting up or cleaning up that day.

Humanist Union to Attend "Blasphemy"

For our January meeting, on Sunday, January 18, the Humanist Union will have a group outing to attend the 2 pm matinee performance of *Blasphemy: An Unholy Trinity of Musicals* by Catherine Capellaro at the Drury Theatre, on the second level at the Bartell Theatre, 113 E. Mifflin Street. Meet us at the Bartell at 1:45 pm. You can reserve your ticket by calling 661-9696x1. Rosemarie Lester is organizing a group to attend an evening performance for those who cannot attend the matinee performance. This is a fundraising event for the Bartell, suggested donation \$15.00.

Lifespan Religious Education Program

Beginning Tuesday, February 10, 2009, 7:00pm, as a follow-up of the program on "Final Choices," the following will be offered: "Faithful Choices: An Adult Program in Clinical Ethics and Religious Values." For more information, contact Rev. Ralph Tyksinski; a complete description will be available in the next Prairie Fire, and a sign-up sheet will be in the back of the church.

Prairie Elders meet January 27th at Oakwood from 2-4pm

This month's topic: Your Favorite Poems. From serious sentiments to humorous doggerel. From famous poets to unknowns to your own compositions. Add comments about the poets if you wish. If convenient, please bring a few snacks to pass and your own beverage cup. Prairie Elders aims to provide good times and mutual support for Prairie UU Members and Friends over 65. Current participants range from age 65 to 90-something. We welcome other UUs who live in the facility where we meet. CONTACTS: Donna Murdoch 238-3802, Gordon Cunningham 230-3367, Rosemary Dorney 238-4382 or Rose Smith 233-3363.

Spanish Speakers to meet Weds. February 11, 2009

Potluck at the home of Marcia and Dave Johnson, 6:30 pm. Please call Rosemary Dorney at 238-4382 for more information or to arrange a ride.

Prairie Calendar

Sunday, January 18, 2009

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

2:00 pm - Humanist Union outing to see *Blasphemy: an Unholy Trinity of Musicals* at the Bartell Theater. Contact Bob Park for more information.

Wednesday, January 21, 2009

6:30 pm - Green Committee meets at Prairie. Remember to do your ecological self-assessments! The survey will be taken down at the end of the month.

7:00 pm - Program Committee meets at Prairie.

Thursday, January 22, 2009

7:00 pm - Movie Group meets to view "Ride the High Country." Please bring snacks to share.

Saturday, January 24, 2009

2:00 pm - Beginning Spanish Conversation, taught by Marcia Johnson.

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 - Brief Parish Meeting.

12:00 noon - All-Society Potluck lunch.

Tuesday, January 27, 2009

2:00 pm - Prairie Elders meet at Oakwood.

Sunday, February 1, 2009

9:00 am - Choir Rehearsal.

10:00am - service - "Darwin and His Dangerous Idea," presented by Jane Shoup.

12 noon - Humanist Union meets. Potluck begins at noon, informal discussion with Jane Shoup begins at 12:30pm.

Please mark your calendars for these dates:

Sunday, February 22, 2009: Annual Prairie Service Auction. Contact Mary Mullen with services you wish to donate.

Saturday, March 7, 2009: Racial Justice workshop. Contact Mary Somers for more information.