

PRAIRIE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY

2010 Whenona Drive, Madison 53711

<http://uuprairie.org>

Rev. Ralph Tyksinski, Minister

May 24 - 1

Sunday, May 31, 2009

Prelude - Beethoven's "Für Elise"

performed by Marcia Johnson

Welcome – Rachel Long, President of Prairie

Opening Words:

When I see
Heaven and earth as
My own garden,
I live that moment
Outside the Universe.

from *A Zen Harvest: Japanese Folk Zen Sayings*

***Hymn #38 (SLT)** – "Morning Has Broken"

accompanist, Aileen Nettleton

Chalice Lighting

"Connection with gardens, even small ones, even potted plants, can become windows to the inner life. The simple act of stopping and looking at the beauty around us can be prayer."

by Patricia R. Barrett, *The Sacred Garden*, read by Cathy Converse

Silent Meditation

Joys and Concerns

Song - "English Country Garden"

performed by Paula Pachiarz & Mary Mullen

Presentation: "The Zen of Gardening and Gardens"

with panelists Pat Watkins, Anne Pryor, Kate Franzmann, & Mary Mullen,
with a PowerPoint presentation by Carl Wacker.

Discussion

Offering

Offertory - "Aura Lee" by G.R. Poulton, performed by Marcia Johnson

Introduction of Guests and Visitors

Prairie Announcements

Additional announcements are in your order of service.

***Hymn** - the round "White Coral Bells"
White coral bells upon a slender stalk
Lilies of the valley deck my garden walk
Oh, don't you wish that you could hear them ring.
That will happen only when the fairies sing.
accompanied and led by Aileen Nettleton

Closing Words - Amy Lowell's "The Fruit Garden Path"

*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

Summer Fun with Prairie Kids! We need volunteers on Sunday mornings for our very low-key summer activities. We will have either Xena or Isha to look after the babies each Sunday, but we need volunteers to spend time with the older children. Please sign up to take a turn with our young people! We have games and craft supplies and books on hand. They love to cook and make things and just play together. Trips to the park are another possibility. If you feel uneasy about volunteering solo, find an adult buddy and do it together! We would also like to have a volunteer on hand each week to greet visiting families, show them the downstairs, and tell them a little about our RE program. Please sign up on the sheet in the main meeting room.

Summer Spree (the weekend retreat for grades 6-12) will be July 24-26. Chaperones are needed. Contact Robin Proud or Rebecca Malke-Eligenti for information.

Congregational Study Action Issue (CSAI) and All-Prairie Book Read At the 2008 General Assembly, the delegates voted on the current CSAI, "Ethical Eating: Food and Environmental Justice" which our congregation should be involved in study and action on until 2112, when, after refinements and alterations it will come before the General Assembly to be voted on as the UUA's next Statement of Conscience. As part of Prairie's participation in this ongoing study, we will be having an "All-Prairie Book Read," culminating in the August 2nd Sunday Service at which we will all discuss the book The Omnivore's Dilemma, by Michael Pollan. (You can get a copy of the book at the library; even using the library's "hold" system you should get a copy within 1-2 weeks.) The purpose of the CSAI process is to provide the member UUA congregations with an opportunity to mobilize energy, ideas, and resources around a common issue, thus providing a deeper understanding of our religious position on the issue, and giving congregations a greater capacity to take effective action on the issue and then resulting in a clear statement of UU policy which will be expressed in our later Statement of Conscience.

New Southwest Madison Farmer's Market begins Every Wednesday, from June 24 to October 28, there will be a farmer's market in the parking lot of Orchard Ridge UCC at 1501 Gilbert Road. Hours are 3-7pm.

Save the Dates!

June 24-28, 2009 UUA General Assembly in Salt Lake City.

July 26, 2009 - Joint UU Service at Sauk City

August 2, 2009 - All Prairie Book Read service, The Omnivore's Dilemma

August 8, 2009 - Potluck Picnic for the Herr Hoyman family at Wingra Park.

Prairie Calendar

Sunday, May 31, 2009

10:00

am - service - "The Zen of Gardens and Gardening," presented by Mary Mullen.

11:30 am - Joint board meeting and potluck.

2:30 pm - Humanist Union picnic.

Sunday, June 7, 2009

10:00 am - service - "Found: Nuggets of Wisdom from District Assembly," presented by Prairie members.

Monday, June 8, 2009

6:30 pm - Spanish Speakers Potluck, at Prairie.

Tuesday, June 9, 2009

7:00 pm - Housing and Property committee meets at Prairie.

Saturday, June 13, 2009

9:00 am - WOW (Prairie Women's Group) meets at Prairie for breakfast potluck.

Sunday, June 14, 2009

10:00 am - service - "Flower Communion - Summer is Acomin'," presented by Rev. Ralph Tyksinski.

Thursday, June 18, 2009

7:00 pm - Movie group meets to view "Everything is Illuminated." Please bring snacks.

Sunday, June 21, 2009

10:00 am - service - "The Changing Landscape of Fatherhood," presented by a panel of Prairie Fathers.

11:45 am - Book Club meets to discuss Nickel and Dimed.

Sunday, June 28, 2009

10:00 am - service - "Summer Reads," presented by Rose Smith.