

# **PRAIRIE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY**

2010 Whenona Drive, Madison 53711

<http://uuprairie.org>

Rev. Ralph Tyksinski, Minister

**Sunday, July 19, 2009**

**Prelude** – Piano Concerto # 20, Mozart  
Marcia Johnson

**Welcome** - Rachel Long, Prairie UU President

**Opening Words** – Nancy Graham

"For decades, there has been a stalemate: two people with legitimate aspirations, each with a painful history that makes compromise elusive. It is easy to point fingers -- for Palestinians to point to displacement .... and for Israelis to point to hostility and attacks ... But if we see this conflict only from one side or the other, then we will be blind to the truth: the only resolution is for the aspirations of both sides to be met through two states, where Israelis and Palestinians each live in peace and security. That is in Israel's interest, Palestine's interest, America's interest, and the world's interest."

President Barack Obama in Cairo, Egypt "A New Beginning"

**Hymn #166 (SLT)** - "Years are Coming"  
Aileen Nettleton accompanist

**Chalice Lighting** - Mary Somers

President Obama's speech "A New Beginning", ends with the words: 'The People of the world can live together in peace..... Now, that must be our work here on earth'.

**Silent Meditation**

**Joys and Concerns**

**Introduction of Speakers:** Mary Mullen

**Presentation: "When Breathing is Defiance: Stories from Occupied Palestine,"**  
presented by Sol Thea Kelley-Jones and Nathan Beck

**Discussion**

**Offering**

**Offertory – Berceuse, Godard**  
Aileen Nettleton

**Introduction of Guests and Visitors**

**Announcements**

Additional announcements are in your order of service

**Hymn # 168 (SLT) - "One More Step"**

Aileen Nettleton accompanist

**Closing Words – Andy Somers**

"The blood of Abraham, God's father of the chosen, still flows in the veins of Arab, Jew, and Christian, and too much of it has been spilled in grasping for the inheritance of the revered patriarch in the Middle East. The spilled blood in the Holy Land still cries out to God – an anguished cry for peace."

--from The Blood of Abraham, by Jimmy Carter

\*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

**All-Society Potluck August 2nd** The next all-society potluck is scheduled for Sunday, August 2, 2009, after our Sunday service. This is no ordinary potluck - it has a theme! If you would like, to follow our discussion of The Omnivore's Dilemma by Michael Pollan at the service, please bring something that fits one of these categories: 1- a corn based food, as close to the field as possible, 2- an item prepared by yourself from items you have grown or caught, or 3- a local, farmer's-market based meal. In addition, there will be cake to celebrate Jean Matos's successful sale of her Madison home, and the Humanist Union will join us for the meal before their program at 12:30pm.

**Book Club read for July** The Prairie Book Club is reading The Sewing Circles of Herat by Christina Lamb. The book chronicles the author's experiences in Afghanistan, and will be discussed after the service today, July 19th.

**Green Committee "Green Tip of the Week"** Check out getting some or all of your electricity from wind power. For only \$0.01 per kilowatt hour (kwh) extra each month you can purchase clean wind power from MG&E. Go to [www.MGE.com](http://www.MGE.com) and click on the "Green Power Tomorrow" icon to sign up, or call 252-5697. Prairie Society just signed up for 100% Green Power as part of our Green Sanctuary plan.

**Joint UU Program in Sauk City** On Sunday, July 26, 2009, the Free Congregation of Sauk County will welcome the three Madison area UU congregations to Park Hall in Sauk City for a joint program on the theme of "Simplicity," followed by a picnic potluck in the surrounding park. The doors will be open at 9:30 a.m., the program will begin at 10:15, and the picnic potluck will commence at approximately 11:45. This year marks the 125th anniversary of Park Hall, built in 1884. Rev. Ralph Tyksinski and Rachel Long will be coordinating Prairie's contribution to this service.

**Social Action Committee presents "Seven Jewish Children"** As a follow up to the July 19th service on Palestine, the Social Action Committee of Prairie presents the play *Seven Jewish Children*, written by Caryl Churchill, Sunday evening, 7 pm at Prairie on July 26. The play is about children, not for children, as it is a serious play about children exposed to war. It will be performed by members of the social action committee, Steve Blank, Nancy Graham, Dave Johnson, Barb Park, Marcia Johnson, Andy Somers and Mary Somers, and is directed by Andy Somers. Bob Park, another member of the committee, will be recording the play for CityWIDE Radio. A discussion open to the audience will follow the play. There is no admission fee but a collection will be taken with all proceeds to Medical Aid for Palestinians (<http://www.map-uk.org/>).

**Archiving at Prairie** One of the tasks your administrator has been charged with is to tame to mass quantity of paper and records from Prairie's history. A draft archiving policy is posted on the bulletin board at the back of the meeting room, and any interested parties are invited to a preliminary archive planning meeting at Prairie, Wednesday, July 29th at 7pm.

## Prairie Calendar

### Sunday, July 19, 2009

11:45 am - Prairie Book Club meets to discuss The Sewing Circles of Herat by Christina Lamb.

### Wednesday, July 22, 2009

~~6:30~~ 6:00 pm - Long Range Planning Committee meeting.

### Saturday, July 25, 2009

9:00am - 2:00pm - Volunteers will be painting Prairie's basement.

### Sunday, July 26, 2009

10:15 am - Joint UU Service at Sauk City - "Simplicity."

7:00 pm - Social Action Committee presents the play, *Seven Jewish Children*.

### Tuesday, July 28, 2009

2:00 pm - Prairie Elders meet. Topic is "A crisis in your life and how you handled it."

### Wednesday, July 29, 2009

7:00 pm - Archiving meeting.

### Saturday, August 1, 2009

9:00 am - Prairie WOW meets for breakfast potluck.

### Sunday, August 2, 2009

10:00 am - service - "The Omnivore's Dilemma"- the all-Prairie Book Read service.

11:30 am - All Society Potluck.

Humanist Union will join the all-society potluck, then meet at 12:30 for a discussion.

### Thursday, August 6, 2009

6:30 pm - Spanish Speaker's Potluck at the home of Ray Nashold.

### Saturday, August 8, 2009

5:00 pm - Prairie UU Potluck and Party for the Herr-Hoymann Family, Wingra Park.

### Sunday, August 9, 2009

10:00 am - service - "A Passage to India," presented by Madeline and Reuben Arnold.

11:30 am - Board Meeting. Potluck at 11:30, meeting begins at noon.

### Sunday, August 16, 2009

10:00 am - service - "UU General Assembly 2009," presented by Rachel Long and Ingrid West.