

PRAIRIE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY

2010 Whenona Drive, Madison 53711

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Rev. Ralph Tyksinski, Minister

Sunday, November 8, 2009

Prelude - "The Day After Tomorrow" by Tom Waits

Musicians: Mary Mullen, Paula Pachciarz, Lynn Pawelski, ~~Judy Walker~~

Welcome - Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

Opening Words - Responsive Reading

Ours is a world of nuclear giants and ethical infants.

Ours is a world that knows more about war than we know about peace,

Ours is a world that knows more about killing than we know about living.

For our world has grasped the mystery of the atom and forgotten the Sermon on the Mount.

Adapted from a quote by General Omar Bradley

Hymn # 20 (SLT) – "Be Thou My Vision"

Karleen Tyksinski, accompanist

Chalice Lighting

My heart is moved by all I cannot save:

So much has been destroyed

I have cast my lot with those who, age after age,

Perversely, with no extraordinary power

Reconstitute the World.

Adrienne Rich

Silent Meditation

Joys and Concerns

Reading – "The Last of the Light Brigade" by Rudyard Kipling

Presentation

"They Just Fade Away,"

presented by David Pyle, 1stLT, USAR Chaplain Candidate

Discussion

**Honoring Prairie Members who have served
(both in uniform and other forms of national service)**

Offering

**Offertory - "Ashokan Farewell," by Jay Ungar
performed by Judy Wacker**

Introduction of Guests and Visitors

Prairie Announcements

Additional announcements are in your order of service

Hymn # 48 (Prairie Songbook) – "I Ain't Gonna Study War No More"
Karleen Tyksinski, accompanist

Closing Words - David Pyle



Welcome to our service! We are glad you are here. Thanks to everyone who made this service possible. Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service.

Announcements

Green Tip of the Week: How green is your food? No, we're not talking about mold, we're talking about the carbon footprint of your food. The average American meat-centered diet is the equivalent of 2 tons of carbon emissions per year, and the average ovo-lacto vegetarian diet is the equivalent of 1.5 tons of carbon emissions per year. (From a University of Chicago 2006 study, "Diet, Energy, and Global Warming.")

Book Club The Prairie Book Club is currently reading Here If You Need Me – A True Story by Kate Braestrup. This is the memoir of a middle aged woman who becomes a UU minister after being widowed and serves as a chaplain in Maine's Forest Service. The book club will meet Sunday, November ~~22nd~~, at Prairie.

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Humanist Union News Humanist Union will meet for a potluck lunch at 11:45 am on December 6th, followed by a 12:30-1:30 pm presentation and discussion on "How We Decide: from Logic to Faith" led by Richard Russell.

Social Action News The Prairie Social Action Committee, with Andy Somers directing, will present "Seven Jewish Children - a Play for Gaza," at the Socialist Potluck on November 14th at the Wil-Mar neighborhood center. Potluck begins at 5:30, announcements at 6:30, with the play and discussion to follow. No admission will be charged, but a collection will be taken for Medical Aid for Palestinians.

Long Range Planning Committee News After the service on Sunday, Nov. 22, Glenda Cosenza, former board president of the Dekalb, Illinois Unitarian Universalist Church will be visiting for a Q&A session about the differences between roles of settled and contract ministers, and the process her congregation undertook when shifting from a contract to settled minister. Please see the related article in the October 22nd issue of the Prairie Fire for more details.

Parish Meeting is next week! It's time for us to come together for a Parish Meeting, as we do twice each year. Our major business items, such as electing officers and approving the year's budget, are done at the Spring meeting. That leaves us time in the fall to inform each other about what is happening at Prairie, and to continue planning for the future of our congregation. Mark the date: **Sunday, 11/15/09 at 11:45, with a potluck at 11:30.** You'll see from the agenda that there are several issues we'll be covering, and it should be a lively and interesting discussion. Please join us - we hope to see you there.

Agenda:

1. Opening words and Chalice lighting
2. Approval of May 3, 2009 Parish Meeting minutes
3. Update on Strategic Plan
4. Ministerial planning and upcoming congregational sessions
5. Results from our building consultant
6. Governance models presentation
7. Formation of Bylaws Task Force
8. Questions on Committee, Minister, and Treasurer's reports (written, emailed ahead)
9. Closing Words

Prairie Calendar

Sunday, November 8, 2009

11:30 am - Board meeting: Potluck at 11:30, meeting begins at 11:45.

2:00 pm - Spanish Conversation class at Marcia Johnson's home.

Saturday, November 14, 2009

5:30 pm - Social Action Committee presents "Seven Jewish Children" at Socialist Potluck.

Sunday, November 15, 2009

9:00 am - Choir rehearsal & RE Committee meets.

10:00 am – service - "Thinking About Immigration," presented by Rosalind Woodward, John Powell & Leila Pine.

11:30 am- Fall Parish Meeting: potluck begins at 11:30, meeting begins at 11:45.

Thursday, November 19, 2009

7:00pm - The Housing and Property Committee will meet at Prairie.

Saturday, November 21, 2009

8:00am - 4:00pm - Trip to Andy Warhol Exhibit, Milwaukee Art Museum, organized by Pat Watkins.

Sunday, November 22, 2009

9:00 am - Choir rehearsal.

10:00 am – service - Thanksgiving Intergenerational

11:30 am - Special presentation: Glenda Cosenza of Dekalb UU on transitioning from consulting to called ministry. Light lunch provided.

Tuesday, November 24, 2009

2:00 pm – Prairie Elders meet at Oakwood.

Wednesday, November 25, 2009

6:30 pm - Joint Madison UU Family Thanksgiving service at James Reeb. Choir meets to rehearse at 5:45.

Sunday, November 29, 2009

9:00 am - Choir rehearsal.

10:00 am – service -

11:45 am - Book Club meets to discuss Here If You Need Me – A True Story by Kate Braestrup.

Monday, November 30, 2009

7pm - Caring Committee meets.