

PRAIRIE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY

2010 Whenona Drive, Madison 53711

<http://uuprairie.org>

Rev. Ralph Tyksinski, Minister

Sunday, December 6, 2009

Prelude

"Greensleeves," an English Ballad
performed by Marcia Johnson, piano

Welcome - Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

Opening Words - #562 (SLT) "A Lifelong Sharing"

Love cannot remain by itself – it has no meaning.
Love has to be put into action and that action is service.

Whatever form we are, able or disabled,

Rich or poor,

It is not how much we do,

But how much love we put in the doing,

A lifelong sharing of love with others.

Mother Teresa

Hymn #360 (SLT) – "Here We Have Gathered"

Doleta Chapru, accompanist

Chalice Lighting

We light our flaming chalice

To illuminate the world we seek.

In the search for truth, may we be just;
the search for justice, may we be loving;

And, in loving, may we find peace.

Elizabeth M. McMaster

Silent Meditation

Joys and Concerns

Reading - # 560 "Commitment," by Dorothy Day

**Presentation - "Our Lady of Hope Clinic,"
Dr. Michael Kloess, MD**

Discussion

Offering

**Offertory - "Music of the Night," by Andrew Lloyd Webber,
performed by Marcia Johnson, piano**

Introduction of Guests and Visitors

Prairie Announcements

Additional announcements are in your order of service

**Hymn #298 (SLT) – "Wake Now My Senses"
Doleta Chapru, accompanist**

Closing Words

In this community we give and we receive. May we go forth, now, to share with,
to serve, to support, those whose needs are great, the bounty of our love.



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 Committee News: To help you with your holiday gift giving, the Green Committee is displaying items from Chalate Arts from Arcatao, Madison's sister city in El Salvador. Money raised from the sales will support the My Lai project,

Celebrate the Birth of Vivian! Join us immediately after the service on Sunday, December 13, for cake to welcome our newest infant, Vivian, daughter of Robyn Perrin and Clint Thayer and sister of Ellie! Our warm congratulations to the family on the birth of Vivian November 25.

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

Pecans for the Holidays! The Social Action Committee would like to call attention to the opportunity to buy fair trade holiday gifts through the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee. For information about their pecans and pecan candies, visit http://www.uusc.org/content/holiday_pecans.

Interfaith Hospitality Network Week is December 27 to January 3. Please consider helping homeless families. You can call Erin Bosch for more information about IHN (238-6285), or... you can go to this website for an explanation of the volunteer jobs: <http://midvalelutheran.org/ihnjobs.htm>... and you can sign up online by going to this address: <http://nordengs.com/ihn/group.asp?eg=14&u=true>.

Christmas Eve, Carols, and Candlelighting On Thursday, December 24th at 7pm, Rev. Ralph Tyksinski will lead our candlelight Christmas eve service. We celebrate with readings, singing of carols, and candlelighting, the story of the birth of Jesus of Nazareth. In the words of Sophia Lyon Fahs, "Each night a child is born is a holy night – A time for singing, A time for wondering, A time for worshipping." This, an intergenerational service, draws from Christian teachings which call us to respond to holy love by seeking peace and good will for humankind.

Prairie's Annual Service Auction Looking ahead to February, the Prairie Service Auction will be held on Sunday, February 28th, 2010, after the service. The service auction is a lot of fun as well as a great fundraiser for Prairie. Start thinking now about what you could offer in the auction, what you would like to purchase at the auction, and wrapping up any last items from 2009's auction. If you have any questions about the auction or need to know who bought your item last year, please contact Kate Liu, Prairie's administrator, at admin@uuprairie.org.

Administrator News Just as a reminder, the deadlines for getting announcements or calendar items into the weekly order of service is Thursdays at noon. For the Prairie Fire newsletters, the deadlines are the 1st of the month for calendar items and the 15th of the month for both calendar items and longer articles and announcements. Please let Kate know when you want to use the building for a meeting or other event - not only will she get you on the calendar to reserve space, she will turn the heat on for you, too. Kate will be out of town from Saturday, December 12th through Wednesday, December 16th, but will still be accessible by email if you need her, admin@uuprairie.org.

Prairie Calendar

Sunday, December 6, 2009

11:45 am - Humanist Union potluck, followed by presentation by Richard Russel at 12:30.

Tuesday, December 8, 2009 - 7:00 pm - Program committee meets.

Thursday, December 10, 2009 - 7:00 pm - Movie group meets to view "Ugetsu."

Sunday, December 13, 2009

8:45 am - Choir rehearsal.

9:00 am - RE committee meets.

10:00 am - service - "Iraq Today: A Peacemaker's Eyewitness Report," presented by Sami Rasouli.

11:15 am - Celebration and Welcome for Vivian Perrin-Thayer

Thursday, December 17, 2009 - 6:30 pm - Adult RE committee meets.

Sunday, December 20, 2009

8:45 am - Choir rehearsal.

10:00 am - service - "Symbol Tree," presented by Rev. Ralph Tyksinski.

11:45 am - Book Club meets to discuss The Yiddish Policeman's Union by Michael Chabon.

Tuesday, December 22, 2009

2:00 pm - Prairie Elders meet at Oakwood.

Wednesday, December 23, 2009

5:30 pm - Humanist Union hosts HumanLight at Prairie.

Thursday, December 24, 2009

7:00 pm - service - "Christmas Eve, Carols, and Candlelighting," presented by Rev. Ralph Tyksinski.

Sunday, December 27, 2009

8:45 am - Choir rehearsal.

10:00 am - service - "Socially Responsible Investing," presented by Nick Abts.

IHN Week Begins.

Thursday, January 7, 2010

6:30 pm - Spanish Speaker's Potluck at the home of Dave and Marcia Johnson.

Sunday, January 10, 2010

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