

# **PRAIRIE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY**

2010 Whenona Drive, Madison 53711

<http://uuprairie.org>

Rev. Ralph Tyksinski, Minister

**Sunday, December 27, 2009**

**Prelude** - "Sheep May Safely Graze," by Johann Sebastian Bach

Paula Pachciarz, vocals; Doleta Chapru and Ruth Calden, recorders; Mary Frantz, piano

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

## **Opening Words**

For the beauty of the earth, this spinning blue green ball, yes!

Gaia, mother of everything, we walk gently across your back, to come together again in this place, to remember how we can live; to remember who we are; to create who we will be.

Gaia, our home, the lap in which we live - welcome us.

Barbara J. Pescan

**Hymn #348 (SLT)** - "Guide My Feet,"

Aileen Nettleton, accompanist

## **Chalice Lighting**

Be doers of the word, and not merely hearers. Those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act - they will be blessed in their doing.

James 1

## **Silent Meditation**

**Hymn #175 (SLT)** - "We Celebrate the Web of Life,"

Aileen Nettleton, accompanist

## **Joys and Concerns**

**Presentation: Socially Responsible Investing**

presented by Nick Abts

## **Offering**

**Offertory** - Choral Prelude, "Wachet Auf," performed by Mary Frantz

## **Introduction of Guests and Visitors**

### **Prairie Announcements**

Additional announcements are in your order of service

**Hymn #134 (SLT) - "Our World is One World,"**

Aileen Nettleton, accompanist

### **Closing Words**

I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something.  
And because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something that I can do.

Edward Everett Hale



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** Your Green Sanctuary Committee will be inaugurating a 6 week course on "Menus for the Future". This is one of a series of courses offered by the Northwest Earth Institute. The courses are directed and led by the participants and consist of readings from a course book with the meetings consisting of discussions of the questions listed in the readings. There is no "leader". Participants take turns chairing the meetings. Each participant, or couple if you wish, needs to buy a course book. The cost is about 20 dollars. Groups usually consist of 8 to 10 people. The groups decide when, where, and how often they will meet and how long the meetings will last. The final meeting is a feast, either a potluck or restaurant meal. Dave and Marcia Johnson will be facilitating the course (or courses, if there are enough people interested.) A time and place will be announced later but, it will start shortly after the holidays. For more information, contact Dave and Marcia or any member of the Green Sanctuary Committee. Their e-mail is [pinefarm@uniontel.net](mailto:pinefarm@uniontel.net) .

**Coming up soon - Prairie Service Auction** The Service Auction is scheduled for February 28th with Orange Schroeder again acting as our Auctioneer. Start thinking about what services you would like to contribute. You may also be longing to bid on an item - suggest it and we will try to find someone willing to put it up for auction. Send your items to Barbara Park at [barpark@gmail.com](mailto:barpark@gmail.com). This is also a good time to review what you bought or promised last year so you can get those things done before the auction rolls around again. There is a spreadsheet hanging on the bulletin board across from the greeting table at Prairie; or you can contact Kate Liu, Prairie's administrator, at [admin@uuprairie.org](mailto:admin@uuprairie.org).

**Prairie Society Book Club News** Prairie's book club meets once a month over potluck lunch to discuss a book. For January, the book club is reading The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer and her niece Annie Barrows, which will be discussed on January 24th. For February, the book is Cutting For Stone by Abraham Verghese and March's book is Remarkable Creatures: Epic Adventures in the Search for the Origins of Species by Sean Carroll.

**Spanish Speaker's Potluck** - The next Spanish Speaker's Potluck will be at the home of Dave and Marcia Johnson, 305 S. Segoe Rd, on Thursday, January 7th at 6:30 pm. Please call Dave and Marcia if you need directions (441-0271,) or Rosemary Dorney (238-4382) for information about the group or to arrange a ride.

**Religious Education News** January 3rd is the start of our 2010 Spring semester. Even if you have filled out a form for our Fall semester you will need to complete another form. Having an accurate headcount for RE (nursery-high school) is useful to us in a number of ways. It helps in planning for teachers, classroom aides, overnight events and lets us know if there's any changes to your child's health (new allergies) and/or needs of your child(ren). Your prompt completion of this form is most appreciated. Forms can be found on the visitor table or can be downloaded off our web site at [www.uuprairie.org/re](http://www.uuprairie.org/re). You can also find a flier and permission form for our Wild Wintering event which is scheduled for Feb. 20th-21st.

## Prairie Calendar

**Sunday, December 27, 2009** - IHN Week Begins.

**Tuesday, December 29, 2009** - 7:00 pm - program committee meets upstairs at Prairie.

**Friday, January 1, 2010** - Happy New Year! Prairie Fire Bulletin items due.

**Sunday, January 3, 2010** - 8:45 am - Choir Rehearsal

9:00 am - RE Committee meets. Childcare provided.

10:00 am - service - "Looking Forward to News Stories in 2010."

11:45 am - Humanist Union potluck, followed by group discussion.

**Wednesday, January 6, 2010**

7:00 pm - Finance committee meeting at the home of Barb Park, 5610 Hammersley.

**Thursday, January 7, 2010**

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

**Sunday, January 10, 2010** - 8:45 am - Choir Rehearsal

10:00 am - service - "Prophetic Love," presented by Rev. Ralph Tyksinski.

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

**Friday, January 15, 2010** - Prairie Fire articles due.

**Sunday, January 17, 2010** - 8:45 am - Choir Rehearsal

9:00 am - RE Committee meets. Childcare provided.

10:00 am - service - "Friends of the Deaf - Giving Help and Hope to the Deaf in Guatemala," presented by Chris Tackett.

**Sunday, January 24, 2010** - 8:45 am - Choir rehearsal.

10:00 am - service - "Best of General Assembly," presented by Rachel Long.

11:45 am - Book Club meets to discuss The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer and her niece Annie Barrows.

**Tuesday, January 26, 2010** - 2:00 pm - Prairie Elders meet.

**Sunday, January 31, 2010** - 8:45 am - Choir rehearsal.

9:00 am - RE Committee meets. Childcare provided.

10:00 am - service - visiting speaker Andrew Kerr from the Free Congregation of Sauk City.