

PRAIRIE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY

2010 Whenona Drive, Madison 53711

<http://uuprairie.org>

Rev. Ralph Tyksinski, Minister

Sunday, April 25, 2010

Prelude - "Canon in D," by Bach
Caitlyn Nicholson, piano

Welcome - Barb Park

Opening Words - Gavin McFarlane
#429 (SLT)

Come into this place of peace
and let its silence heal your spirit;
Come into this place of memory
and let its history warm your soul;
Come into this place of prophecy and power
and let its vision change your heart.

William F. Schulz

***Hymn #105 (SLT)** "From Age to Age"
Aileen Nettleton, accompanist

Chalice Lighting - Caitlyn Nicholson

In honor of those we have known and loved in the past,
In recognition of the gifts and sacrifices they have made on our behalf,
And in our sincere hopes that we may be worthy of their memory,

We light our candles,

We give our thanks,

And we offer our prayers. Amen.

Charles F. Flagg

Silent Meditation

Joys and Concerns

Responsive Reading- #652 (SLT) - "The Great End in Religious Instruction"

Presentation: "Pilgrimage to Boston," presented by the Prairie High School RE Class

Discussion

Offering

Offertory - "Butterfly Waltz" by June C. Montgomery
Madeline Arnold, piano

Introduction of Guests and Visitors

Prairie Announcements

Additional announcements are in your order of service

***Hymn #1030 (STJ) "Siyahamba"**

Doleta Chapru, accompanist

Closing Words - Madeline Arnold

"Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be always acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer."

Psalm 19:14 (from the Book of Common Prayer)

*Please stand as you are able.

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: Mother's Day is right around the corner, and as one of the largest gift-giving holidays on the year, it provides you with an opportunity to make a green choice. The article at [greenlivingtips.com](http://www.greenlivingtips.com) provides a great list of green gifts for mom. To get right to the article, go to <http://www.greenlivingtips.com/articles/104/1/Green-mothers-day-gifts.html>

Memorial Service Planned for Mary Lou Diehl A memorial service for long-time Prairie member Mary Lou Diehl will be held at Prairie on Sunday, May 30th, 2010, at 3pm. A reception will follow at her home, 5729 Elder Place in Madison.

General Assembly coming up! General Assembly is a meeting of all UU congregations in the United States, and will be in Minneapolis from June 23 through 27. If you are interested in attending, you can get more information from Heidi Hughes, our denominational affairs chair (hughesha@yahoo.com.) Since it's so close to us this year, please strongly consider attending.

Food, Faith, and Earth Day Event TODAY "The Sacred Act of Eating," 2:00 to 6:30 p.m. at the First Unitarian Meeting House, 900 University Bay Drive, Madison. This, the fourth annual "Food, Faith and Earth Day" event will feature an interfaith panel reflecting on sacred food traditions, music, workshops, and exhibits. It will culminate in a community meal. The event is free except for dinner which is \$8 with an advance reservation or \$12 at the door. For more information go to www.foodfaithearthday.org.

Prairie Elders Prairie Elders will meet at Oakwood on Tuesday, April 27th, at 2pm to discuss the topic "Something you always wanted to know but were afraid to ask - for fear of feeling stupid, because you thought the topic was too big or other reasons." Please contact Donna Murdoch 238-3802, Gordon Cunningham 230-3367, Rosemary Dorney 238-4382 or Rose Smith 233-3363 for more information.

Pledge Reminder Please remember to turn in your pledge form to our finance chair, Barb Park, as soon as you can. If you have lost your form, or if you did not receive one, please ask Barb (or Kate) for a new one. Thank you for your support of Prairie!

Outdoor Workday at Prairie Saturday May 15 - 9:00 - 1:00. (Rain date May 22) Weeding, trimming, raking, digging and planing to spruce up the appearance of our meeting house. We'll also wash some windows. If it rains two weeks in a row, there will be some interior painting we can do on the 22nd.

Retirement Party for Rev. Ralph Tyksinski Our consulting minister, Rev. Ralph Tyksinski, will be retiring at the end of his contract term with us, on June 30th. To celebrate his years of service with us and wish him well in his retirement, we will be having a party for him on Sunday June 20th. Please contact Rebecca Malke or Aileen Nettleton if you would like to help in planning this event.

Parish Meeting May 16, 2010, 11:45am. Agenda items include an update to the strategic plan, report from the ministerial planning committee, election of officers, approving the 2010-2011 budget, a proposed bylaws change, and more. Potluck at 11:30, and child care available. Full text of the agenda and other materials will be distributed before the meeting via US mail and Prairie News.

Prairie Calendar

Sunday, April 25, 2010

11:45 am - Prairie Book club meets to discuss The Gate to Women's Country by Sheri Tepper.

Tuesday, April 27, 2010 - 2:00 pm - Prairie Elders meet at Oakwood.

Thursday, April 29, 2010 - 6:30 pm - Adult Ed committee meets.

Saturday, May 1, 2010 - Prairie Fire Bulletin items due.

9:00 am - Prairie WOW (Women's group) meets for potluck breakfast and ribbon weaving project.

Sunday, May 2, 2010

8:45 am - Choir Rehearsal.

10:00 am – service - "Terratheism: A New Way to View Science and Religion," presented by Andrew Kerr.

11:15 am - Q&A about ministry with Andrew Kerr.

11:45 am - Humanist Union Potluck, with guest speaker Andrew Kerr at 12:30pm.

Sunday, May 9, 2010 - 8:45 am - Choir Rehearsal.

10:00 am – service - "Women Composers II," presented by Jim Reilly.

Saturday, May 15, 2010 - Prairie Fire item deadline.

9:00 am - 1:00 pm: Outdoor workday at Prairie. (Rain date May 22.)

Sunday, May 16, 2010 - 8:45 am - Choir Rehearsal.

10:00 am – service - "Transitions," presented by the RE committee.

11:30 am - Spring Parish Meeting. Potluck at 11:30, meeting begins at 11:45

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

7:00 pm - Program committee meets.

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

2:00 pm - Prairie Elders meet at Oakwood. Topic is "Housing Transitions."

Sunday, May 30, 2010

Memorial Service for Mary Lou Diehl, 3pm, at Prairie

Sunday, June 20, 2010

11:45 am - Retirement Party for Rev. Ralph Tyksinski.