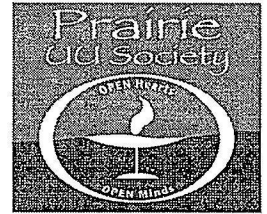


# Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society

2010 Whenona Drive, Madison, WI 53711 \* 608-271-8218 \* www.uuprairie.org

"In the Midst of Darkness," presented by  
Rev. Jane Esbensen.

January 16, 2011



## Today's Order of Service

**Prelude** - "How Sweet the Darkness," Prairie Choir, Barbara Park, director; Mary Frantz, accompanist

**Welcome and Announcements** - Christina Klock

**Ring of the Bell**

**Opening Words**

**Lighting of the Chalice** - adapted from the Passover Haggadah

**Story for All Ages**

**Singing the Children off to class** - Farewell Good Friends

**Offering & Offertory** - "Choose Something Like a Star," performed by the Prairie Choir, Barbara Park, director; Mary Frantz, accompanist

**Reading** - "Resurrection," by Molly Fumia, read by Marcia Johnson

**\*Hymn #55 (SLT)** - "Dark of Winter" Mary Frantz, accompanist

**Joys and Concerns** - all are invited to come forwards and light a candle in silence

**Meditation** - "Blessings at Year End," by Howard Thurman, read by Isaac Vetter

**\*Hymn #391 (SLT)** - "Voice Still and Small," Mary Frantz, accompanist

**Reading** - "Snowy Night," by Mary Oliver, read by Rev. Jane Esbensen

**Reflection:** "In the Midst of Darkness," presented by Rev. Jane Esbensen

**Reading** - "Between Seasons," by Elizabeth Tarbox, read by Kate Liu

**\*Hymn #346 (SLT)** - "Come Sing a Song with Me," Mary Frantz, accompanist

**Closing Words** - "May this Light," by Kathleen McTigue

**Benediction and Blessing**

*\*please stand as you are able.*

## Announcements

**Green Tip** You can recycle old computers and TVs for free at several places in Madison. Goodwill will take computers, working or not; but no TVs. Savers, American TV, Best Buy, & Madison Recycling Center all take TVs. See the poster on the bulletin board for more information.

**Please Help Homeless Families** Prairie is a buddy church for the Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN); we send volunteers to help Midvale Lutheran Church, which houses homeless families for a week. Midvale's next week of sheltering begins on January 23. For more information, contact Erin Bosch at hillfarms2002@yahoo.com or 238-6285.

**Fund Raising Trip!** Pat Watkins has arranged a Prairie fund raising trip to the Milwaukee Art Museum, Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, to see the Frank Lloyd Wright exhibit. The cost of the trip includes lunch, admission, and transportation. See the flier at the back of the room for more information, or call Pat at 233-5795.

**Chairs for Sale** Own a piece of Prairie's history! The old sanctuary chairs (the ones with the white seats) are available for purchase. Please see Kate (Prairie's admin) if you are interested in buying some of the chairs. This is the final week they will be offered... act now!

**Adult Ed Classes coming soon** Registration will be open shortly for classes on UU Parenting and Immigration. For more information visit Prairie's website or talk to Aileen Nettleton, acting chair for Adult Ed - 238-6053.

## Prairie UU Society Bond of Union

*We, the members of Prairie, wish to associate ourselves together in a religious community which affirms that we share a common humanity, that we need one another, and that our futures are inescapably bound together. Together we would expand our intellectual horizons, enrich our sensory experiences, and deepen our emotional sensitivities. We would sharpen our ethical awareness and broaden our sense of social responsibility. We would stand tall in our quest for integrity of life, yet not at others' expense. As the prairie stretches out until it becomes one with the sky, let us reach out to touch and be one with the natural world, and with one another.*

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### Prairie Calendar

#### Sunday, January 16, 2011

11:45 Prairie Book Club meets to discuss John Updike's Rabbit Redux.

#### Monday, January 17, 2011

6:30 Spanish Speaker's Potluck at the home of Dave and Marcia Johnson, 305 S. Segoe Rd. For directions call the Johnsons at 441-0271, for information call Rosemary Dorney 238-4382.

#### Wednesday, January 19, 2011

7:00 Program Committee meets at Prairie.

#### Thursday, January 20, 2011

7:00 Prairie Board meets.

#### Sunday, January 23, 2011

8:45 Choir rehearsal  
10:00 Service - "Correctional Education," presented by Margaret Carpenter.

#### Tuesday, January 25, 2011

1:30 Prairie Elders meet at Oakwood; topic is lessons from the Great Depression of 1929-1941.

#### Thursday, January 27, 2011

7:00 H&P committee meets at Prairie.

#### Saturday, January 29, 2011

9:00 New Member Orientation.  
5:00 Wild Wintering RE event.

#### Sunday, January 30, 2011

8:45 Choir rehearsal  
10:00 Service - "Educating the Jailors," presented by Marty Drapkin.

#### Sunday, February 6, 2011

8:45 Choir rehearsal  
10:00 Service  
11:45 Humanist Union of Madison meets. Potluck at 11:45, discussion at 12:30.

#### Monday, February 7, 2011

7:00 RE Committee meets.

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### Principles of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote:

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

#### Next week's service:

"Correctional Education," presented by Margaret Carpenter.

