

PRAIRIE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY

Sunday, January 8, 2006

Prelude –Mike Briggs
Medley of Traditional Hymns

Welcome - Mike Briggs, President

Hymn #115 – *God of Grace and God of Glory**
Accompanist – Aileen Nettleton

Chalice Lighting – Steve Vorass
John 17:20-23

Moment of Silent Meditation

Joys and Concerns

Presentation – Steve Vorass
*Evangelical Christian Casserole -
What leftovers went into today's'
strange-looking meal?*

Discussion
Offering

Introduction of Guests and Visitors

Prairie Announcements
(Additional announcements are in your order of service)

Hymn # 205– *Amazing Grace**

Closing Words – Steve Vorass
(printed on next page)

*stand as you are able

Closing Words -

Gilbert Haven, noted Methodist abolitionist, from National Sermons, Boston, 1869

“let Christ abolish sin from your souls, of whatever sort, by His indwelling grace. Let your heart become His peaceful realm, with its every passion, thought, and purpose subject to His sway. Labor by every work and deed to make all other hearts equally perfect. Strive to bring the laws of society into subjection to His control. Root up the gnarled tusks of prejudice. Toil cheerfully, hopefully, faithfully, to bring in the Grand Sabbatic Year, the Jubilee of Heaven.”

Welcome to our Service! We are so glad you are here. Please stay afterwards for fellowship and coffee. Our Presider this morning is Mike Briggs, and the Coordinator (who gets everything ready for us) is Mary Somers. Our musicians are Mike Briggs and Aileen Nettleton. Our Consulting Minister is the Rev. Jody Whelden.

Announcements

Meditation group is forming which will meet Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. at Prairie. See Prairie Fire for details or speak with Judy Skog or the Rev. Jody Whelden.

Guest at your Table campaign is on. Boxes were distributed last week and there are extras on the table just outside the meeting-room entrance. Place a box on your table and imagine you have a guest sharing your bill. Family members of any age can insert coins or bills to support your guest. We will collect boxes next week.

Interfaith Hospitality Network depends on volunteer support. Prairie will be taking our turn the week of January 22-29. Helpers are needed in many capacities. See Paula Pachciarz for details.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day program will be at the Overture Center on Monday, January 16, at 6:00 p.m. The annual Humanitarian Award recipient will be Mary Kay Baum, long-time director of the Madison-Area Urban Ministry (MUM).

Book Club meets today to discuss *Dreams from my Father* by Barack Obama, and on February 5 will discuss *The Bookseller of Kabul* by Asn Seierstad. Everyone is welcome. Please bring food to share.

Lay Ministry Begins – Rachel Long will present a 6-part series, "World Religions – Know Your Neighbor", along with Rebecca Malke-Eligent and guest speakers. The first two programs will be in January and cover Lutheranism and Hinduism.

Calendar

Sunday, January 8, 11:45 a.m. Book club lunch and discussion of *Dreams from my Father* by Barack Obama.

Wednesday, January 11, 6:00 p. m. Meditation Group meets

Wednesday, January 11, 6:30 p. m. Midweek Meal

Sunday, January 15, 9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal;

Sunday, January 15, 10:00 a.m. "Religious Humanism: A UU Bloodline", presented by the Rev. Jody Whelden.

Wednesday, January 18, 6:00 p. m. Meditation Group meets

Wednesday, January 18, 6:30 p. m. Midweek Meal

Wednesday, January 18, 7:30 p. m. Board meeting at Prairie.

Thursday, January 19, 6:30 p. m. Spanish speakers potluck at Dave and Marcia Johnson's house, 313 Glenway.

Sunday, January 22, 9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, January 22, 10:00 a.m. "Christianity from a Lutheran Perspective", presented by the Rev. Margo Peterson.

Sunday, January 22 – Saturday, January 29. Prairie IHN volunteers at Midvale Lutheran.

Tuesday, January 24. 2:00 p.m. Prairie Elders meet at Oakwood West

Wednesday, January 25, 6:00 p. m. Meditation Group meets

Wednesday, January 25, 6:30 p. m. Midweek Meal

Sunday, January 29, 9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

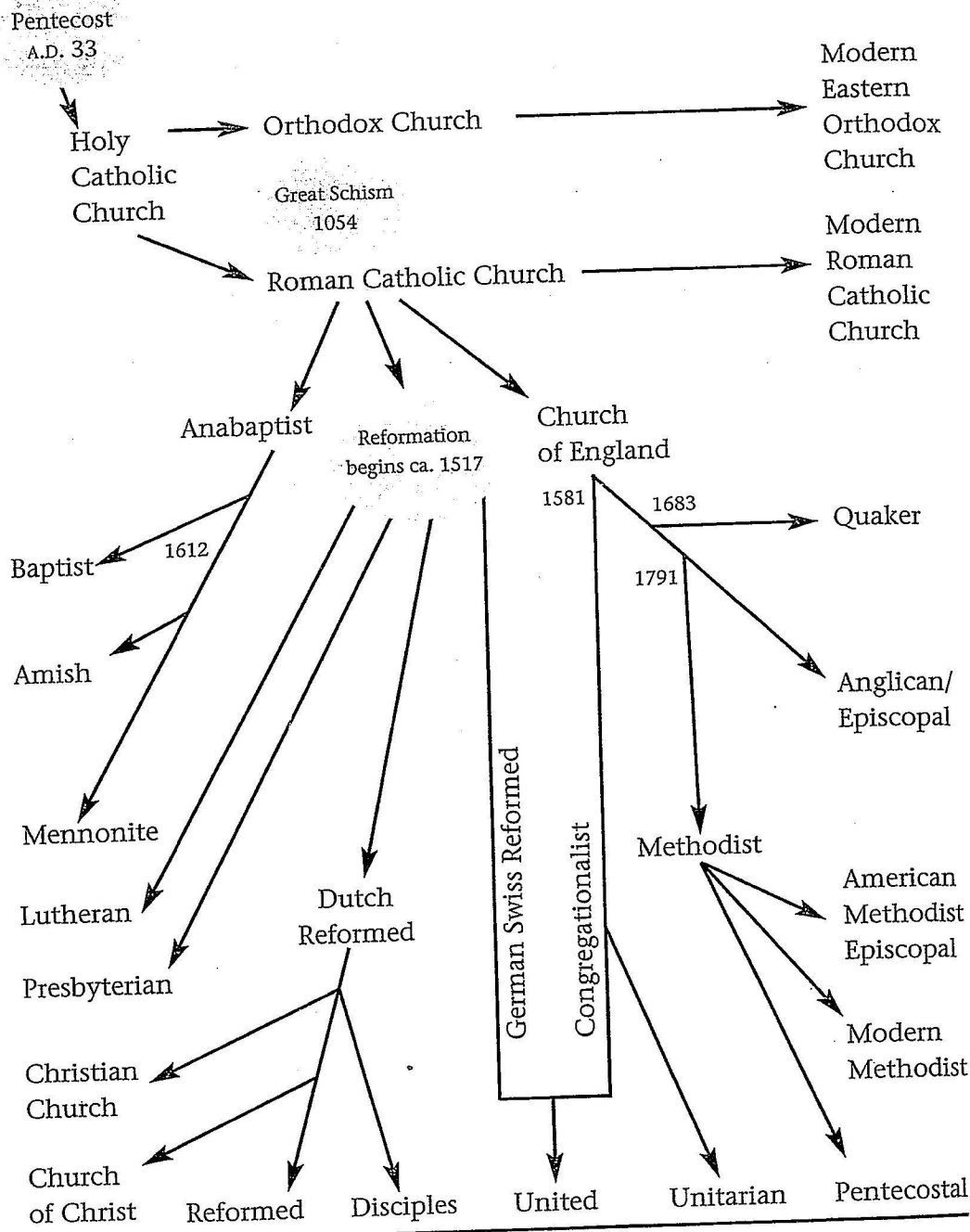
Sunday, January 29, 10:00 a.m. "Introduction to Humanism", presented by Dr. Frank Morales

Sunday, January 29, 11:30 a.m. Mystery Friends signup

Sunday, January 29, 11:45 a.m. OWL Family/Teacher Orientation

Sunday, January 29. 1:30 p.m. Humanist Union meets at Prairie.

FAMILY TREE OF CHRISTIANITY



U.S. CHRISTIAN DENOMINATIONS

Listed by approximate number of adult adherents:

Catholic	60 million
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Presbyterian	4 million
Episcopalian/Anglican	3 million
Churches of Christ	3 million
Congregational/ United Church of Christ	2 million
Assemblies of God	1 million
Anabaptist	600,000
Adventist	100,000

COMPARATIVE DENOMINATIONS:

	Lutheran	Catholic	Orthodox
Founded when and by whom?	1517: Martin Luther challenges Catholic teachings with his Ninety-five Theses. 1530: the Augsburg Confession is published.	Catholics consider Jesus' disciple Peter (died ca. A.D. 66) the first pope. Through Gregory the Great (540-604), papacy is firmly established.	A.D. 330: Emperor Constantine renames Byzantium "Constantinople" and declares Christianity the empire's religion.
Adherents in 2000?	About 60 million worldwide; about 9 million U.S.	About 1 billion worldwide; 60 million U.S.	About 225 million worldwide; about 4 million U.S.
How is Scripture viewed?	Protestant canon contains 39 OT books; 27 NT. Scripture alone is the authoritative witness to the gospel.	The canon is 46 books in the OT (Apocrypha included) and 27 in the NT. Interpretation is subject to church tradition.	49 OT books (Catholic plus three more) and 27 NT. Scripture is subject to tradition.
How are we saved?	We are saved by grace when God grants righteousness through faith alone. Good works inevitably result, but they are not the basis of salvation.	God infuses the gift of faith in the baptized, which is maintained by good works and receiving Penance and the Eucharist.	God became human so humans could be deified, that is, have the energy of God's life in them.
What is the church?	The congregation of believers, mixed with the lost, in which the gospel is preached and the sacraments are administered.	The mystical body of Christ, who established it with the pope as its head; he pronounces doctrine in communion with all bishops.	The body of Christ in unbroken historical connection with the apostles; the Roman pope is one of many patriarchs who govern.
What about the sacraments?	Baptism is necessary for salvation. The Lord's Supper is bread & wine that, with God's Word are truly Jesus' body & blood.	Catholics hold seven sacraments. Baptism removes original sin; usually infants. The Eucharist undergoes transubstantiation.	Baptism initiates God's life in the baptized; adults and children. In the Eucharist, bread & wine are changed into body & blood.

Liturgical Churches

	Anglican	Presbyterian	Methodist
Founded when and by whom?	1534: Henry VIII is declared head of the Church of England. 1549: Thomas Cranmer produces the first <i>Book of Common Prayer</i> .	1536: John Calvin writes <i>Institutes of the Christian Religion</i> . 1789: Presbyterian Church U.S.A. is organized.	1738: Anglican ministers John and Charles Wesley convert. 1784: U.S. Methodists form a separate church body.
Adherents in 2000?	45-75 million worldwide; about 3 million U.S.	40-48 million worldwide; 4 million U.S.	20-40 million worldwide; about 13 million U.S.
How is Scripture viewed?	Protestant canon accepted. Scripture is interpreted in light of tradition and reason.	Protestant canon accepted. Scripture is "witness without parallel" to Christ, but in human words reflecting beliefs of the time.	Protestant canon accepted. Scripture is primary source for Christian doctrine.
How are we saved?	We share in Christ's victory, who died for our sins, freeing us through baptism to become living members of the church.	We are saved by grace alone. Good works result, but are not the basis of salvation.	We are saved by grace alone. Good works must result, but do not obtain salvation.
What is the church?	The body of Christ is the congregation gathered around Word and sacraments. In the U.S., it is the Episcopal Church.	The body of Christ includes all of God's chosen and is represented by the visible church. Governed by regional "presbyteries" of elders.	The body of Christ, represented by church institutions. Bishops oversee regions and appoint pastors, who are itinerant.
What about the sacraments?	Baptism brings infant and convert initiates into the church; in Communion, Christ's body & blood are truly present.	Baptism is not necessary for salvation. The Lord's Supper is Christ's body & blood, which are spiritually present to believers.	Baptism is a sign of regeneration; in the Lord's Supper, Jesus is really present.

COMPARATIVE DENOMINATIONS:

	Anabaptist	Congregational	Baptist
Founded when and by whom?	1523: Protestants in Zurich, Switzerland, begin believers' baptism. 1537: Menno Simons begins Mennonite movement.	1607: Members of England's illegal "house church" exiled. 1620: Congregationalists arrive in the New World on the <i>Mayflower</i> .	1612: John Smythe and other Puritans form the first Baptist church. 1639: The first Baptist church in America is established.
Adherents in 2000?	About 2 million worldwide; about 600,000 U.S.	More than 2 million worldwide; about 2 million U.S.	100 million worldwide; about 30 million U.S.
How is Scripture viewed?	Protestant canon accepted. Scripture is inspired but not infallible. Jesus is living Word; Scripture is written Word.	Protestant canon accepted. Bible is the authoritative witness to the Word of God.	Protestant canon accepted. Scripture is inspired and without error; the sole rule of faith.
How are we saved?	Salvation is a personal experience. Through faith in Jesus, we become at peace with God, moving us to follow Jesus' example by being peacemakers.	God promises forgiveness and grace to save "from sin and aimlessness" all who trust him, who accept his call to serve the whole human family.	Salvation is offered freely to all who accept Jesus as Saviour. There is no salvation apart from personal faith in Christ.
What is the church?	The body of Christ, the assembly and society of believers. No one system of government is recognized.	The people of God living as Jesus' disciples. Each local church is self-governing and chooses its own ministers.	The body of Christ; the redeemed throughout history. The term <i>church</i> usually refers to local congregations, which are autonomous.
What about the sacraments?	Baptism is for believers only. The Lord's Supper is a memorial of his death.	Congregations may practice infant baptism or believers' baptism or both. Sacraments are symbols.	Baptism is immersion of believers, only as a symbol. The Lord's Supper is symbolic.

Non-Liturgical Churches

	Churches of Christ	Adventist	Pentecostal
Founded when and by whom?	1801: Barton Stone holds Cane Ridge Revival in Kentucky. 1832: Stone's Christians unite with Disciples of Christ.	1844: William Miller's prediction of Christ's return that year failed. 1863: Seventh-Day Adventist Church is organized.	1901: Kansas college students speak in tongues. 1906: Azusa Street revival in L.A. launches movement. 1914: Assemblies of God organized.
Adherents in 2000?	5-6 million worldwide; about 3 million U.S.	About 11 million worldwide; about 100,000 U.S.	About 500 million worldwide; about 5 million U.S.
How is Scripture viewed?	Protestant canon accepted. Scripture is the Word of God. Disciples of Christ view it as a witness to Christ, but fallible.	Protestant canon accepted. Scripture is inspired and without error; Ellen G. White, an early leader, was a prophet.	Protestant canon accepted. Scripture is inspired and without error. Some leaders are considered prophets.
How are we saved?	We must hear the gospel, repent, confess Christ, and be baptized. Disciples of Christ: God saves people by grace.	We repent by believing in Christ as Example (in his life) and Substitute (by his death). Those who are found right with God will be saved.	We are saved by God's grace through Jesus, resulting in our being born again in the Spirit, as evidenced by a life of holiness.
What is the church?	The assembly of those who have responded rightly to the gospel; it must be called only by the name of Christ.	Includes all who believe in Christ. The last days are a time of apostasy, when a remnant keeps God's commandments faithfully.	The body of Christ, in which the Holy Spirit dwells; the agency for bringing the gospel of salvation to the whole world.
What about the sacraments?	Baptism is the immersion of believers only, as the initial act of obedience to the gospel. The Lord's Supper is a symbolic memorial.	Baptism is the immersion of believers only. Baptism and the Lord's Supper are symbolic only.	Baptism is immersion of believers only. A further "baptism in the Holy Spirit" is offered. Lord's Supper is symbolic.

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