

## Calendar

### Wednesday, May 2

6:30 p.m. Midweek Meal at Prairie

### Sunday, May 6

10:00 a.m. "The Genius of Irving Berlin" presented by Warren Hagstrom and Prairie musicians

12:00 noon. Humanist Union potluck and program led by Randy Converse

### Monday, May 7

6:00 p.m. EnAct potluck and meeting

7:30 p.m. Hospitality and Membership Committee meets

### Wednesday, May 9

6:30 p.m. Midweek Meal at Prairie

### Thursday, May 10

6:30 p.m. Everyday Spiritual Practice Covenant Group meets

### Sunday, May 13

10:00 a.m. "Memories, Meanings and Mother's Day" presented by Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

11:30 a.m. Book club lunch and discussion of *The Plot Against America*

### Wednesday, May 16

6:30 p.m. Midweek Meal at Prairie

### Sunday, May 20

10:00 a.m. "Controversies about Teaching Evolution" presented by Robert Weitzel

### Wednesday, May 23

6:30 p.m. Spanish Speakers potluck at the home of Prudence Barber

### Thursday, May 24

7:00 p.m. Prairie Film Group meets

## PRAIRIE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY

Sunday, April 29, 2007

Prelude – Tibetan Music

Welcome – Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

Chalice Lighting

Moment of Silent Meditation

Reading

*The Simile of the Ship*

(from *The Perfection of Wisdom in 8,000 Lines*)

translated by Edward Conze

Read by Asius Vangio

\*Hymn #148 - *Let Freedom Span Both East and West*

Story for All Ages –

*Little Dog Moon*

by Maxine Trottier, Laura Fernandez and Rick Jacobson

Presented by Alexandria King

Song as children go downstairs

(to melody of # 400, *Shalom Havayreem*)

Farewell, good friends... Farewell... Till we meet again... Farewell...

Joys and Concerns

Presentation - "The current state of Tibet"  
presented by Tom Boman,  
University of Wisconsin Students for a Free Tibet  
Chapter Coordinator

Discussion

Offertory – Tibetan Music

Introduction of Guests and Visitors

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

\*Meditation:  
Jampa Khedup-la will lead the congregation in meditation

Closing Words - "My Tibetanness",  
a poem from Kora by Tenzin Tsundue

\*Please stand as you are able.

Welcome to our service! We are glad you are here. Today's presider is our minister, Rev. Ralph Tyksinski. Our accompanist is Doleta Chapru.

We are delighted to have a service presented by the UW Students for a Free Tibet. This program includes contributions from Hilary Edwards (Midwest Regional coordinator), Tom Boman (UW chapter coordinator), Asius Vangio, Alexandria King, Jampa Khedup-la, and Abi Scott. Sonya Sidky coordinated this service for the program committee.

Please join us afterward for fellowship and coffee.

## Announcements

### Humanist Union May Program

On Sunday May 6, Randy Converse will lead us in a discussion of ideas from a monograph by his brother, Steven Converse, entitled *Free Enough: Doing What Comes Naturally*. To see the full 90 page monograph, follow the link in the middle of the page at <http://naturalism.org/>. If you are interested in learning more about naturalism, please join us. We start with a potluck lunch at noon, followed by Randy's presentation and discussion from about 12:20 to 1:30 pm.

**Spanish Speakers** will meet next on Wednesday, May 23, 6:30 p.m. at the new residence of Prudence Barber, 1104 Mound St. For directions or rides, call Rosemary Dorney at 238-4382.

**Book Group's** next selection is *The Plot Against America* by Phillip Roth, to be discussed on Sunday, May 13 after a potluck lunch.

**Memorial Day** Sunday, May 27, we will have an outdoor service at Prairie, followed by a picnic on the grounds. In case of rain, we will meet and picnic indoors.

*The Simile of the Ship* (from *The Perfection of Wisdom in 8,000 Lines*)  
translated by Edward Conze

When a ship breaks up in the ocean,  
Those who do not get hold of a corpse, a stick or a log,  
Go to their destruction in the midst of the water, without having gained the shore;  
But those who hold on to something, travel to the other shore and reach it:  
Just so those who, although endowed with some faith and in possession of some serenity,  
Reject the perfection of wisdom, the mother:  
In the ocean of birth-and-death they must wander about for ever and ever,  
In birth, decay, death, sorrow, turmoil, and the breaking up [of limbs].  
But those who have been taken hold of by the supreme wisdom,  
Skilled in seeing the own-being of existence, seers, of ultimate reality:  
They are persons worthy of the vehicle who have collected the wealth of merit and  
cognition.  
They will speedily experience the exceedingly wonderful Sugata-enlightenment.

Jang chub sem chog rinpoche  
Ma kye pa nam kye gyur chig  
Kye pa nyam pa mey par yang  
Gong ne gong dhu phel war shog

Ge wa di yi nyur du dhag  
La ma sang gye drub gyur ne  
Dro wa chig kyang ma lue pa  
Dhe yi sa la goed par shog

*My Tibetanness* (from *Kora*)  
by Tenzin Tsundue

Thirty-nine years in exile.  
Yet no nation supports us.  
Not a single bloody nation!

We are refugees here.  
People of a lost country.  
Citizen to no nation.

Tibetans: the world's sympathy stock.  
Serene monks and bubbly traditionalists;  
one lakh and several thousand odd,  
nicely mixed, steeped  
in various assimilating cultural hegemonies.

At every check-post and office,  
I am an "Indian-Tibetan".  
My Registration Certificate,  
I renew every year, with a *salaam*.  
A foreigner born in India.

I am more of an Indian.  
Except for my chinky Tibetan face.  
"Nepali?" "Thai?" "Japanese?"  
"Chinese?" "Naga?" "Manipuri?"  
but never the question – "Tibetan?"

I am Tibetan.  
But I am not from Tibet.  
Never been there.  
Yet I dream  
of dying there.

The mind of enlightenment is supreme and most precious.  
Where it has not arisen, may it arise,  
Where it has arisen, may it never decline,  
And may it only grow stronger and stronger

Due to this virtue of mine and others,  
May I quickly become Enlightened,  
And lead each and every sentient being  
To the state of Enlightenment.