# PRAIRIE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY

2010 Whenona Drive, Madison 53711 http://uuprairie.org Rev. Ralph Tyksinski, Minister



Bagpipe Processional performed by Lyn Davis

**Prelude** - "In the Good Old Summertime," by George Evans performed by Karleen Tyksinski

Welcome - Rachel Long, Prairie UU President

Opening Words - Rev. Ralph Tyksinski
Responsive Reading #729, Singing the Living Tradition, "The Winds of Summer"

Hymn #361 (SLT) "Enter, Rejoice, and Come In," Karleen Tyksinski, accompanist

# Chalice Lighting - Prairie Bond of Union

All together: 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.

#### Silent Meditation

Teacher Appreciation for all RE Teachers - Rebecca Malke, Youth RE Coordinator

Water Ceremony - Barbara Chatterton

Reflection on Ingathering and Water Ceremony - Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

# **Offering**

Offertory - "Lake Lucerne," by E. Jaques-Delcroze

New Member Welcome - Dan Proud

Dedication of Gift to Prairie of Rev. Dr. Norbert F. Capek's Hymnal Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

#### **Introduction of Guests and Visitors**

### **Prairie Announcements**

Additional announcements are in your order of service

Hymn # 360 (SLT) - "Here We Have Gathered" Karleen Tyksinski, accompanist

# **Closing Words**

In the river as in life, the water continually flows on, yet the river is ever there. "Our lives flow on in endless song," yet life and joy shall never end. Go in peace and return with love.

Welcome to our service! We are glad you are here. Many thanks to all who contributed to making this service possible. Please join us after the service for coffee and fellowship.

#### **Announcements**

Green Tip of the Week: Why use green cleaners in your home? Perhaps the most compelling reason is to keep potent toxins out of your home and our environment. The EPA notes that many common household cleaners contain volatile organic compounds (VOCs) such as formaldehyde and harsh acids. Indoor VOC levels are often 2-5 times greater than outdoor levels, which can lead to eye, nose, and throat irritation, headaches, and other symptoms. To make your own green glass cleaner, use club soda in a spray bottle. Adding 1 teaspoon of lemon juice increases the cleaner's degreasing power. Using a terry cloth cotton rag with this cleaner will yield the best results. (from the Environmental Task Force of UUs for Social Justice.)

**Spanish Speaker's Potluck** The next Spanish Speaker's potluck will be Tuesday, September 15th at 6:30 pm at the home of Mary, Andy, and Jake Somers, 4467 Crescent Road in Fitchburg. Please call the Somers at 276-8397 for directions, or Rosemary Dorney at 238-4382 for more information.

Long Range Planning News The Long-Range Planning Committee is gearing up for a yearlong congregational exploration of ministry and ministerial relationships, and specifically the topic of whether to call a settled minister. Stay tuned for announcements and events - and feel free to contact any of the Committee members with your thoughts. Members are Robyn Perrin (chair), Ken Skog, Aileen Nettleton, Christina Klock, and Mary Mullen. The next meeting of the Long-Range Planning Committee will be Tuesday, Sept. 1 at 6:00 pm at Prairie.

End of Summer Family RE Picnic TODAY! Due to the cool weather, we are having an end-of-summer picnic in Marlborough Park instead of the originally scheduled Summer Splash. Lunch will be provided for a small donation. Please join us in the park starting at 11:30.

Basement Progress The first phase of the asbestos abatement and new flooring installation will be complete on Monday when the seams of the new flooring are sealed. Volunteers will be needed Monday to help move furniture for the second phase of the project, which will take place beginning Tuesday. A big thanks to everyone who has been helping with this process.

**Parking Reminders** Prairie members are asked to remember to be good neighbors when choosing where to park on Sunday morning. We ask that the spaces in front of the building (on Crawford) be reserved for those less able. In addition, city ordinances require 4 feet of clearance between the end of your vehicle and the edge of a driveway, so please make sure that you are not impeding anyone's access to their driveway.

#### Prairie Calendar

#### Sunday, August 30, 2009

10:00 am - service - "Ingathering and Water Ceremony," presented by Rev. Ralph Tyksinski.

11:30 am - RE Family Picnic at Marlborough Park

#### Tuesday, September 1, 2009

6:00 pm - Long Range Planning Committee meets.

#### Saturday, September 5, 2009

8:00 am - 12 noon: UU Blood Drive at JRUUC. Contact Gordon Cunningham for details.

9:00 am - Prairie WOW group meets for breakfast potluck at Prairie.

### Sunday, September 6, 2009

10:00 am – service - "Labor Day: Key Issues Facing Workers Under the Obama Administration," presented by Prof. Frank Emspak.

11:45 am - Humanist Union meets for a picnic at Marlborough Park. Rain location: Prairie UU.

#### Saturday, September 12, 2009

6:00 pm - Humanist Union reception and meeting with Sean Faircloth.

### Sunday, September 13, 2009

9:00 am - First choir rehearsal of the new season.

10:00 am - service - "Honoring Your Elders," presented by Erin Bosch and Rebecca Malke.

11:45 am - Prairie Board meeting & potluck.

# Tuesday, September 15, 2009

6:30 pm - Spanish Speaker's Potluck at the home of Mary and Andy Somers.

# Wednesday, September 16, 2009

7:00 pm - Program Committee meets at Prairie.

# Thursday, September 17, 2009

7:00 pm - Movie group meets to view "When the Levees Broke."

# Sunday, September 20, 2009

9:00 am - Choir rehearsal

10:00 am - service - "How Gen X Ministers are Changing Unitarian Universalism," presented by Erik David Carlson.

11:30 am - All Society Potluck.

11:45 am - Book club meets.