# PRAIRIE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY

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

# Sunday, September 20, 2009

Prelude - "Dragonfly," composed and performed by Erik David Carlson

Welcome - Rachel Long, Prairie UU President

#### **Opening Words**

In this hour may we be open

To a rededication of treasured friendships, a renewal of spirit;

May we relinquish the worries and anxieties of the past week,

If just for this hour, may we regain our vision,

For justice seeking, and for strengthening our abiding concern for others.

Hymn #347 (SLT) "Gather the Spirit" Dan Proud, accompanist

## **Chalice Lighting**

In the mystery of life about us there is light.

It gives us a place to be, to grow, to rejoice together.

It opens the pathways to love.

In this place of friendship there is freedom.

Let the light we kindle go before us,

Strong in hope, wide in good will,

Inviting the day to come.

George Kimmich Beach

**Silent Meditation** 

## **Joys and Concerns**

Presentation: "How Gen X Ministers are Changing Unitarian Universalism," presented by Erik David Carlson, 2009 Meadville Lombard Seminary graduate

#### Discussion

### Offering

Offertory – "Conversations with Barbara (reprise)" composed and performed by Erik David Carlson

## **Introduction of Guests and Visitors**

#### Prairie Announcements

Additional announcements are in your order of service

Hymn # 298 (SLT) - "Wake Now My Senses" Dan Proud, accompanist

### **Closing Words**

May the love of truth and meaning guide us on our life long journeys, may the warmth of love hold us and the spirit of peace be with us, this day and in the days and weeks to come.

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: A leaky faucet can waste 450 gallons of water month. If it is hot water, you are also paying to heat all that unused water. Fixing the leak or calling in a plumber will save you money, energy, and water.

**Spanish Speaker's Potluck** The next Spanish Speaker's potluck will be Monday, October 26th at 6:30 pm at the home of Kate Tucker, 4504 Camden Road in Madison. Please call Kate at 221-2168 for directions, or Rosemary Dorney at 238-4382 for more information.

**Spanish Conversation Class** Spanish Conversation will be held Sundays October 4, 11, and 18: Saturday October 24 (at the retreat,) and Sundays November 1 & 8. All times are right after service except for the Saturday class at the retreat. Please bring your own lunch to all Sunday classes and a Spanish-English dictionary to all classes. Please contact Marcia Johnson if you have any questions, 441-0271.

**Prairie Elders** The Prairie Elders group will be meeting on Tuesday, September 22, 2-4 pm at Oakwood Village. The discussion topic is the case of Mark Reich, a man with muscular dystrophy who has been cared for by his temple for the last 24 years. For more information about the group, please contact one of the following: Donna Murdoch 238-3802, Gordon Cunningham 230-3367, Rosemary Dorney 238-4382 or Rose Smith 233-3363.

**Humanist Union News** On Sunday, October 4, the Humanist Union will have a potluck lunch at 11:45 am followed at 12:30 pm by a discussion led by Ron Solomon on the American Ethical Union's membership in the Secular Coalition for American and how the latter organization helps promote the goals of today's Ethical Humanism.

Interfaith Hospitality Network Week is October 4 to 11 Please consider helping homeless families. You can call Erin Bosch for more information about IHN (238-6285)... or... you can go to this website for an explanation of the volunteer jobs: <a href="http://midvalelutheran.org/ihnjobs.htm">http://midvalelutheran.org/ihnjobs.htm</a> ... and you can sign up online at this address: <a href="http://nordengs.com/ihn/group.asp?eg=13&u=true">http://nordengs.com/ihn/group.asp?eg=13&u=true</a>. Because of construction at Midvale Lutheran Church, we will be going to Covenant Presbyterian at the corner of Segoe Road and Mineral Point Road for that week, but all the volunteers will still come from Midvale Lutheran and the other buddy churches, like Prairie.

Prairie Retreat coming soon! The annual Prairie retreat is coming up, Friday, October 23 through Sunday, October 25, at Pine Lake Camp in Westfield. This fun and relaxing weekend is a great way to bond with your Prairie family. There are plenty of activities for children and adults, as well as a beautiful setting to just relax and put your feet up. Registration forms, camp maps, and more are available on the greeting table. Scholarships are available, so don't let cost prevent you from attending! If you have any questions, please talk to Robin Proud (661-0776) or Kate Liu (271-8218.)

#### **Prairie Calendar**

### Tuesday, September 22, 2009

2:00 pm - Prairie Elders meet at Oakwood.

Wednesday, September 23, 2009 - 7:00 pm - Program Committee meets at Prairie.

### Sunday, September 27, 2009

9:00 am - Choir rehearsal

10:00 am - service - "Yom Kippur: Ritual, Repentance, Relationship," presented by Dawn Berney.

#### Sunday, October 4, 2009

9:00 am - Choir Rehearsal

10:00 am - service - "Association Sunday," presented by Rev. Ralph Tyksinski.

11:30 am - Spanish Conversation class.

11:45 am - Humanist Union meets for potluck lunch and a presentation by Ron Solomon.

11:45 am to 12:30 pm - Adult RE class, "Sharing our Faith," with Rev Ralph Tyksinski.

### Sunday, October 11, 2009

9:00 am - Choir rehearsal.

10:00 am - service - "It Takes a Village to Raise a Child," presented by Rev. Ralph Tyksinski.

11:30 am - Spanish Conversation class.

11:45 am - Prairie Board meeting & potluck.

11:45 am - 12:30 pm - Adult RE class, "Introduction to Unitarian Universalism," part 1, with Rev. Ralph Tyksinski.

## Tuesday, October 13, 2009

7 - 9 pm - "Building Your Own Theology," Adult RE class with Rev. Ralph Tyksinski. 1st of four sessions.

Thursday, October 15, 2009 - 7:00 pm - Movie group meets to view "Black Narcissus."

## Sunday, October 18, 2009

9:00 am - Choir rehearsal.

10:00 am - service - "Visions of Ministry and Ministerial Relationships at Prairie," presented by the Long Range Planning Committee.

11:30 am - Spanish Conversation class.

11:45 am - 12:30 pm - Adult RE class, "Introduction to Unitarian Universalism," part 2, with Rev. Ralph Tyksinski.

Friday, October 23 - Sunday, October 25: Prairie Family Retreat at Pine Lake.