

Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society

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“Living with Mystery,” presented by Maggie Felker and Michael Byrd.

November 4, 2012

Today's Order of Service

Prelude: “We Give Thanks,” words and music by Wendy Leulla Perkins, arranged by Susan Peck. Performed by the Prairie Choir.

Greeting and Announcements – Peter Anderson

***Hymn # (SLT):** “,” accompanied by Aileen Nettleton.

Chalice Lighting:

The black moment is the moment when the real message of transformation is going to come. At the darkest moment comes the light.

– Joseph Campell

Silent Meditation

Story for All Ages: “Runaway Rabbit,” by Margaret Wise Brown. Read by Maggie Felker.

Singing the Children Out: “Farewell Good Friends”

****Joys and Concerns**

****Introduction of Guests and Visitors**

Presentation: “Living with Mystery,” presented by Maggie Felker and Michael Byrd.

Discussion

Offering and Offertory: “Each Step I Take,” by Wally Kleucker. Performed by the Prairie Choir.

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Closing Words

Better to light a candle than to curse the darkness.
– Chinese Proverb

Greet Your Neighbor

*please stand as you are able.

**please wait for the microphone before speaking; this allows those using the assistive listening devices to hear.

Announcements

Green Note Tune up your system. No matter what type of heating system you have, it's important to give it regular service. A tuned-up system will run more efficiently, lower your energy costs and last longer.

Stay after the service today for a Talk Back session with Maggie and Michael to have more time to discuss their presentation.

Prairie Men's Group meets tonight at 5:30 for a potluck and conversation.

Supporting Our Aging Parents Group Join us for our second session of “Supporting Our Aging Parents” group, facilitated by Katherine Peterson and Aileen Nettleton of the Caring Committee. We will meet from 11:45 to 1:30 on Sunday, December 9, in the large classroom downstairs. Share your concerns, stories, and resources with one another. New participants are welcome. We will begin promptly at 11:45 with finger food. Please contact Katherine or Aileen to be sure we make space for you!

Orientation Set for November 17 On Saturday, November 17, 9 am until noon, there will be an orientation for new members and recent visitors. The session will be attended by newcomers plus a few long-time Prairie members. First, the veterans will share their personal religious backgrounds and journeys and how they ended up at Prairie. Then the newcomers will be invited to share their journeys, but it's okay to pass if you would rather just listen. Next, someone will briefly share some UU history, some Prairie history, and how Prairie is currently organized and operates. Rick Ruecking is the organizer and our part-time minister Sandy Ingham will also be there. Call Rick if you have any questions or to let him know that you are attending (838-8540).

Prairie's Fall Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 18, after the service and Soup Sunday. Agenda items include a policies report, fiscal and budget report, committee reports, and a minister report.

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, November 4, 2012

8:45 Choir rehearsal
10:00 Service – “A Journal from Despair to Hope,”
presented by Maggie Felker.
12:00 Humanist Union meets
5:30 Prairie Men's group meets

Sunday, November 11, 2012

8:45 Choir rehearsal
10:00 Service by Rev. Sandra Ingham
11:30 Soup Sunday

Saturday, November 17, 2012

9:00 New Members and Friends Orientation

Sunday, November 18, 2012

8:45 Choir rehearsal
10:00 Service
11:30 Fall Parish Meeting

Sunday, November 25, 2012

8:45 Choir rehearsal
10:00 Service

Friday, November 30, 2012

6:00 Brews and Stews

Saturday, December 1, 2012

9:00 PrairieWOW meets at Prairie

Sunday, December 2, 2012

8:45 Choir rehearsal
10:00 Service

Saturday, December 8, 2012

5:00 Men's Shelter Breakfast volunteer opportunity

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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:

Service by Reverend Sandy Ingham.

