

# Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society

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## “Humanism 101”

by Mary Beth O’Halloran

October 8, 2017

### Announcements

#### Order of Service

**Prelude:** Performed by Mary Beth O’Halloran.

**Welcome and Announcements:** Lynn Currie.

#### **Opening Words:**

“I am a humanist, which means, in part, that I have tried to behave decently without rewards or punishment after I am dead.” – Kurt Vonnegut

**Testimonial:** Kim Tedesco, Trustee of the Board.

**\*Opening Hymn #6 (SLT):** “Just as Long as I Have Breath”  
Mike Briggs, accompanist.

**Chalice Lighting:** by Maureen Killoran.

**Story for All Ages:** “Darwin the Dog”

**Children’s Recessional:** by Joyce Poley.

*As you go on your way, may you be filled with gladness.  
Go in joy, go in joy!  
May fortune bless your day with peace and loving kindness.  
Go in love, go in love.*

#### **Joys and Concerns**

#### **Silent Meditation**

**Presentation:** “Humanism 101,” by Mary Beth O’Halloran.

#### **Discussion**

**Offering and Offertory:** Performed by Mike Briggs.

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

**\*Closing Hymn (Back cover of SLT):** “Bond of Union Song”

#### **Closing Words:**

Humanists recognize that it is only when people feel free to think for themselves, using reason as their guide, that they are best capable of developing values that succeed in satisfying human needs and serving human interests.”  
– Isaac Asimov

#### **Greet Your Neighbor**

\*Please stand as you are able.  
Today’s tech assistant is Bill Parmenter.

**We will share our offering for the rest of the year** with Beacon House, the homeless day shelter scheduled to open Oct. 16. The shelter will offer laundry facilities, counseling, and help finding employment, as well as a place to stay warm and fed during the day. There has been a shortfall in the needed funding, which may cause the opening to be delayed. Prairie is trying to do its part!

**Annual Fall Parish meeting on November 19!** We’ll be discussing and voting on the 2018 budget. Please attend!

**The next Spanish Speakers Potluck** will be held Monday, October 9, at 6:30pm in Prairie’s Annex. All levels of Spanish welcome. Bring a dish to pass if you can – if you can’t, come anyway! Contact Rosemary Dorney at 298-0843 for more information or to arrange a ride.

**Circle Dinners are organizing soon, please sign up!** Circle Dinners are rotating potlucks among assigned groups of Prairie members/families. If you join, you agree to host one meal for your group of 8-10 people during the year. This is a fabulous way to learn more about a set of Prairie friends. People usually host in their home or creatively find another location such as at Prairie, a community site, private club or park shelter, or arrange for a meal at a local restaurant. Email Heidi Hughes (hughesha@yahoo.com) or Erin Bosch (hillfarms2002@yahoo.com) or sign up in the foyer if you would like to join in on this great social event!

**The Prairie Book Club** will meet today after the service to discuss Life and Death in Shanghai by Nien Cheng.

**Join us for Soup Sunday next week!**

#### **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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## Calendar

### **Monday, October 9, 2017**

6:30 Spanish Speakers Potluck in Annex

### **Sunday, October 15, 2017**

8:45 Choir Rehearsal in Annex

10:00 Service

10:30 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade OWL in Annex

11:30 Soup Sunday

### **Sunday, October 22, 2017**

8:45 Choir Rehearsal in Annex

10:00 Service

10:00 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade OWL in Annex

### **Sunday, October 29, 2017**

8:45 Choir Rehearsal in Annex

10:00 Service

10:30 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade OWL in Annex

### **Friday, November 3, 2017**

6:00 Board Game Night

### **Saturday, November 4, 2017**

5:00 Men's Shelter Breakfast

9:00 PrairieWOW meets in Annex

### **Sunday, November 5, 2017**

8:45 Choir Rehearsal in Annex

10:00 Service

10:00 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade OWL in Annex

11:45 Humanist Union in Annex

### **Monday, November 6, 2017**

6:30 Program Committee in Annex

### **Sunday, November 12, 2017**

8:45 Choir Rehearsal in Annex

10:00 Service

10:00 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade OWL in Annex

11:30 Board meets in Annex

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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:**

“Guatemala Adoption Story,” by Robin Carre.

