

Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society

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“Kwanzaa” by Margaret Carpenter

December 31, 2017

Announcements

Order of Service

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements: Kathy Converse

Opening Words:

For everything there is a season—a time to die and a time to be born. With the arrival of winter’s low dark sky, communities around the world look to the miracle of light as a sign of rebirth and a source of hope. We celebrate the promise of new life and recommit ourselves to the protection of everyone’s right to his or her own radiant humanity. Celebrating the Winter Holidays, thus, is an excellent opportunity for Unitarian Universalist (UU) congregations to express their commitment to our Sixth Principle: We Covenant to Affirm and Promote the Goal of World Community with Peace, Liberty and Justice for All.

***Opening Hymn #18 (PSB or Handout):** “Turn, Turn, Turn” Aileen Nettleton, accompanist

Chalice Lighting:

So long as a single light illuminates the world's darkness, there will be a joy on earth that empowers our lives.
– Herbert Napiersky

Story for All Ages: “Kevin’s Kwanzaa,” by Lisa Bullard.

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

***Hymn #147 (SLT):** “When All the Peoples on This Earth”

Silent Meditation

Presentation: “Kwanzaa,” by Margaret Carpenter.

Discussion

Offering and Offertory:

Introduction of Guests and Visitors

***Closing Hymn #149 (SLT):** “Lift Every Voice and Sing”

Closing Words:

Everybody can be great. Because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve.... You don't have to know the second theory of thermodynamics in physics to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.
– Martin Luther King, Jr.

Greet Your Neighbor

*Please stand as you are able.

We will share our offering for the rest of the year with Beacon House, the homeless day shelter which opened Oct. 16. The shelter offers laundry facilities, counseling, and help finding employment, as well as a place to stay warm and fed during the day. Prairie is trying to do its part!

Sign up to volunteer at the Interfaith Hospitality Network Homeless Shelter! The week of Dec. 31 to Jan. 7 will be Prairie’s last time volunteering with IHN. To volunteer for this last host week, go to this link and click on the sign-up: midvalelutheran.org/serve-share/road-home. The City of Madison has worked with area agencies to consolidate services for homeless families. The Salvation Army now has the capacity to house families most months of the year. IHN’s Board of Trustees voted to discontinue its church-based homeless shelter network, but will work in other ways to support homeless families. Thank you Erin Bosch for coordinating volunteers from Prairie!

Prairie continues to volunteer making breakfast at the Men’s Shelter at Grace Episcopal! Our next turn will be on Saturday, January 6. If you’d like to volunteer or would like more information, please contact Paula Pachciarz.

Thank you Mary Mullen and Patty Stockdale for selecting (and delivering to Prairie’s doorstep) this year’s Symbol Tree, and to Raju (John) Eliganti for setting it up.

The Prairie Book Club will meet in the Annex after the service on Sunday, January 21, to discuss To Dance with the White Dog by Terry Kay.

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

Friday, January 5, 2018

6:00 Board Game night

Saturday, January 6, 2018

5:00 Men's Shelter Breakfast

9:00 Prairie WOW in Annex

Sunday, January 7, 2018

8:45 Choir rehearsal in Annex

10:00 Service

11:45 Humanist Union in Annex

Monday, January 8, 2018

6:30 Program Committee in Annex

Tuesday, January 9, 2018

2:30 History Committee meets

Sunday, January 14, 2018

8:45 Choir rehearsal in Annex

10:00 Service

11:30 Board Meets

Saturday, January 20, 2018

Auction Item: Revolutionary Dinner

Sunday, January 21, 2018

8:45 Choir rehearsal in Annex

10:00 Service

11:30 Soup Sunday

11:45 Book Club in Annex

Sunday, January 28, 2018

8:45 Choir rehearsal in Annex

10:00 Service

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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:
"New Year Revolutions"
by Rev. Sandra Ingham

