

Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society

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**“Thanks and Ever Thanks”
Rev. Sandra Ingham**

November 25, 2018



Order of Service

“Anyone can be happy when they get what they want; the challenge is to stay grateful and peaceful even when the world around you feels crazy and dangerous and horrible.”
-- Elizabeth Gilbert

Prelude: Performed by Amber Bruns

Welcome and Announcements: Rev. Sandra Ingham

Opening Words

***Opening Hymn #67 (SLT):** “We Sing Now Together”
Amber Bruns, accompanist

Chalice Lighting

A Short Skit: Presented by Children in Prairie's Religious Education Program.

Story for All Ages: Butterflies Under Our Hats, by Sandy Eisenberg Sasso.

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

***Hymn #1010 (STJ):** “We Give Thanks”

Reading

Reflections on Gratitude: “Thanks and Ever Thanks” by Rev. Sandra Ingham

***Hymn #1000 (STJ):** “Morning Has Come”

Reading

Congregational Response

Offering and Offertory

Introduction of Guests and Visitors

***Closing Hymn #322 (SLT):** “Thanks Be for These” (*all verses*)

Closing Words

Greet Your Neighbor

*Please stand as you are able.

Announcements

We will share our offering this quarter with The Beacon, the day shelter for those experiencing homelessness. In addition to a warm, safe space to stay during the day, The Beacon provides shower facilities, lunch and snacks, laundry facilities, transportation to night shelters, access to phones and computers, and mental health counseling and case management. The Beacon also assists in finding employment and housing.

We are collecting household goods for The Road Home, which helps homeless families find housing and maintain it. Laundry baskets for donated items are under the tables in the meeting house foyer.

Special Event Next Sunday! Ken Lonquist and Friends will present their highly acclaimed production of “Old Befana” at Prairie. From “The Isthmus”:
“Local troubadour Ken Lonquist’s nondenominational holiday musical is loosely based on the Italian legend of La Befana, the ‘Christmas Witch,’ who fills shoes with presents and candy, and sweeps away the year’s problems with a broom.” “Old Befana” delivers a message of peace, a message that is needed now more than ever.

The RE kids will be collecting items for a Homeless Support Drive every Sunday in November. Items needed are small bottles of water, single serving packs of crackers, single servings of tuna, travel-sized deodorant, travel-sized toothpaste, small packs of flushable wipes, \$5 bills, and packs of safety pins. Please join us for a donation kit packing party on Friday, December 7, at 6:00 p.m.!

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

Thursday, November 29, 2018

7:00 pm Prairie Ukulele Group in Meeting House

Saturday, December 1, 2018

9:00 Prairie WOW in Annex

Sunday, December 2, 2018

8:45 Choir Rehearsal in Annex

10:00 Service: "Old Befana" – Ken Lonquist Troupe

11:45 Humanist Union in Annex

Thursday, December 6, 2018

2:30 pm Prairie Ukulele Group in Annex

7:00 pm Program Committee in Annex

Friday, December 7, 2018

6:00 pm Board Game Night

6:00 pm Homeless Kit Packing Party

Saturday, December 8, 2018

5:00 Men's Shelter Breakfast

Sunday, December 9, 2018

8:45 Choir Rehearsal in Annex

10:00 Service

11:45 Board in Annex

Sunday, December 16, 2018

8:45 Choir Rehearsal in Annex

10:00 Service

10:00 Nifty Gifty

11:30 Soup Sunday

Thursday, December 20, 2018

2:30 pm Prairie Ukulele Group in Annex

Friday, December 21, 2018

6:00 pm Dungeons and Dragons and Subversive Threads in Annex

Sunday, December 23, 2018

8:45 Choir Rehearsal in Annex

10:00 Service: Symbol Tree

Thursday, January 3, 2018

2:30 pm Prairie Ukulele Group in Annex

Friday, January 4, 2018

6:00 pm Board Game Night

Saturday, January 5, 2018

5:00 Men's Shelter Breakfast

Roaring 20s Auction Event

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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:

"Old Befana"

Ken Lonquist and Friends

