

Spring Parish Meeting

Order Of Service - May 19th 2024

Prelude: "Choose Something Like a Star" by Randall Thompson. Performed by the Prairie Choir, directed by Barb Park, accompanied by Carl Wacker

Welcome: Ron Frye

Chalice Lighting by Adam Slate

We gather this morning as one community
 A community united by common ideals:
 Love, justice, diversity, freedom, mutual care, equity.
 Yet look around.
 Look at the faces of those around you.
 Each face represents an individual
 Every one of us with our own story, needs, strengths,
 and faults.
 We light our chalice today honoring our common
 connection
 And also the uniqueness that lives within each of us.

Announcements

Joys/Concerns & Welcoming Guests/Visitors

Silent Meditation

Parish Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order.
2. Finance update.
3. Vote to approve November 2023 Parish meeting minutes.
4. Results of the delegate voting survey.
5. Presentation of updated Mission Statement and Vision.

Mission Statement

Guided by hope and kindness, we nurture a welcoming community that fosters caring connections, open-mindedness, lifelong learning, and spiritual growth; while championing social justice and environmental stewardship.

Vision

We aspire to be a community where all voices are heard and valued, collectively acting as a catalyst for positive change, inspiring empathy and curiosity to champion a more just, equitable, and sustainable world.

Motion: Call for unanimous consent to accept updated Mission Statement and Vision as previously reviewed by the board and congregation.

6. Announce Committee Chairs appointed by the Board in May.

Archives - Dirk Herr-Hoyman
 Housing & Property - John Gernandt
 Membership (co-chair) - Desa Pence (2nd term)
 Program - Renee Deschard (several terms)
 RE (co-chair) - Susan Herr-Hoyman
 Social Action (co-chair) - Chris Porter (2nd term)

7. Vote on elections of Board and Nominating Committee members.

Board

President	Ken Skog
Vice President	Renee Deschard
At Large	Molly Plunkett
At Large	Susan Herr-Hoyman
At Large	John Wunderlin (partial term, ending 6/30/25)

Nominating Committee

Mary Frantz
 Barbara Chatterton

Parish Meeting Agenda, *continued*

8. Election for moving forward with a Minister Search Committee.

Per section 12.4 of our Bylaws, the Membership can adopt another option by a majority of Members voting for a resolution. We propose the following resolution:

Motion: Be it resolved that Prairie will move forward with hiring up to a half time minister to share their ministry with our lay-led congregation. Further, be it resolved that a Minister Search Committee (including Board and Community representatives) be elected by the congregation to hire a minister.

9. Discuss/accept committee reports.

10. Closing words.

11. Adjourn.

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.

UUA General Assembly - Prairie Delegates

The UUA General Assembly (GA) takes place virtually Thursday, June 20 through Sunday, June 23, 2024. Please contact our admin Nancy by May 20th if you are interested in being a voting delegate representing Prairie. Prairie's budget includes paying for delegate registration if requested.

Announcements

Prairie's 2nd Quarter Offertory Sharing is with Willma's Fund, which provides assistance to homeless members of Dane County's LGBTQ+ community. This is in keeping with one of Prairie's social action focuses: homelessness.

Next Sunday, May 26th, 10:30am Joint Service

Prairie UU Society and the Second Baptist congregation are meeting for a shared service. The service will be held at Second Baptist which is just down the street from Prairie. Our Rev. Ralph Tyksinski will give the presentation. Note the service starts at 10:30am. There will not be a service at Prairie.

We will be exploring the first Memorial Day in 1865 that was started by African-Americans as a celebration to honor their Union soldiers who had died for their freedom and for the cause of liberation and justice. We also will explain the ways that were created to deny this truth by "Lost Cause" believers and legalizing segregation in the South.

Location: Second Baptist, 4303 Britta Pkwy, Madison, WI 53711, 10:30am

Date/Time: May 26th, 10:30am

Next Sunday in RE: Children will begin the morning with their families at Second Baptist. After the story for all ages, our RE group will walk back up the block to Prairie for age group classes (no OWL on the 26th). We plan to have 2 of our child care workers stay at Second Baptist to care for little ones who are not comfortable leaving their parents behind.

Prairie Evening Potluck, Thurs May 23, 6pm

We hope you can join us for friendly conversation and food! It's a potluck and everyone is invited. Please bring a dish to share. Please contact Patty Stockdale or Chris Unger if you plan to attend. This will help get an estimate for the number of tables needed for setup.