

"Celebrating our Children" by Prairie RE

Order Of Service - June 9th 2024

Prelude: "The Scary Hodag" by Carl Wacker, sung by Abigail

Welcome: Karen Deaton, Prairie UU Director of Religious Exploration

Announcements

Chalice Lighting: "Prairie RE Children's Chalice Lighting"

This is the church of the flaming chalice
This is the church of the open minds
This is the church of helping hands
This is the church of loving hearts
Where friends come to be together

Opening Music: #401 SLT "Kum ba Yah" accompanied by Prairie Ukuleles

Verses: *Kum ba Yah . . .*
Someone's playing . . .
Someone's laughing . . .
Kum ba Yah . . .

Story For All Ages: *The Circles All Around Us* by Brad Montague

Presentation: Volunteer acknowledgement

Reflective Music/Interlude: variation on "Barn Dance" by Elliot del Borgo, performed by Miles Andrae

Reading: Kira will read poems by Jane Yolen: "Earth Day," "The Grocery Store," and "Skylight"

Offering and Offertory: Musical slide show with kids' pictures

Closing Music: "Make New Friends" as a round, led by Karleen Tyksinski

*Make new friends, but keep the old
One is silver and the other gold
The circle's round. It has no end.
That's how long I want to be your friend.*

Closing Words: excerpt from SLT #714 by Robert Eller-Isaacs

It is our faith that each child born is one more redeemer . . . May we be worthy guardians of these young lives. May we build a community in which they will grow surrounded by beauty, embraced by love, and cradled in the arms of peace.

Joys/Concerns & Welcoming Guests/Visitors

Greet Your Neighbor



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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.

Reserved Accessible Parking Spots

Prairie would like to designate at least two parking spots for accessible parking on Sunday mornings.

The first parking spot is right on the corner of Crawford & Whenona, and the second spot is further up on Crawford, providing direct access to our sidewalk ramp.

We appreciate your cooperation in keeping these spots available for those who need them most. Thank you

Seeking Prairie Retreat Activity Leaders

We are gearing up for our annual Prairie retreat which is again at Bethel Horizons in Dodgeville, Sept 27-29th. Every year people lead activities (crafts, games, hikes, discussions, etc.) to enhance our retreat experience.

Please see Prairie's news of the week email for the link to the online Activities Survey. There are a few printed copies on the hymnal cart today as well.

An initial schedule and registration will open in July. Hope to see you all there in September!

Prairie Game Group Sat, June 15, 1 to 4:30 pm

All ages are invited to play table-top games together. A variety of games are available, For more information or to join the mailing list, please contact Andrea Scott.

Congregational Field Trip - June 30th

There is not a service at Prairie this Sunday. Instead, we are meeting off site for an all ages field trip to the Vilas Zoo. More details coming soon.

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Visitor Orientation - Today

Curious about Prairie UU Society? Want to meet a few more people? Then come to the Visitor Orientation today after the service. Please meet in the foyer by the welcoming table.

PUUPs - Today

PUUPs (Prairie UU Parents' Group) will have a family pizza party after the service, then parents will meet upstairs for a check in and discussion about plans and challenges for the approaching summer.

Next Sunday, June 16th "A Summer Solstice Celebration" by Karen Smith

A celebration of the SummerSolstice through readings, poetry, and meditations designed to 1) locate ourselves in the outer flow of the season and the web of life and 2) help us identify and reflect on the flow of the seasons in our inner life. Some readings we will listen to, some readings we will recite together, and a meditation time to identify our own inner fire or passion will be provided which we may then share with the community if desired.

Next Sunday in RE: Tie dye in the backyard. Bring prewashed light-colored natural-fiber items to dye. Donations of old t-shirts are also welcome!

Next Sunday - Interweave Meeting

Interweave, Prairie's group for LGBTQ+ and questioning folks, as well as allies, will meet after the service in the annex. All are welcome.