

Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society

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**"Becoming an LGBT Advocate," presented by
Patrick Farabaugh.**

February 12, 2012



Today's Order of Service

Prelude – “Everything Possible,” by Fred Small.
Performed by Paula Pachciarz and Toby Wacker.

Greeting and Announcements – Mary Mullen

Opening Words:

We are here to awaken from the illusion of our separateness.
--Thich Nhat Hanh

***Hymn #86 (SLT):** “Blessed Spirit of my Life,”
accompanied by Aileen Nettleton.

Chalice Lighting

The best thing about coming out is, it's totally liberating. You feel like you've made this incredible discovery about yourself and you want to share it and be open and honest and not spend all your time wondering how is this person going to react, or should I be careful around this person, or what will the neighbors say? And it's more. It's about getting past the question of what's wrong with me, to knowing there's nothing wrong, that you were born this way. You're a normal person and a beautiful person and you should be proud of who you are. You deserve to live with dignity and show people your pride.
--Julie Anne Peters

Silent Meditation

Story for All Ages

Singing the Children Out

****Joys and Concerns**

****Introduction of Guests and Visitors**

Presentation: "Becoming an LGBT Advocate," presented by Patrick Farabaugh.

Discussion

Reading – “Could Have,” by Wislawa Szymborska (translated from Polish). Read by Erin Bosch.

Offering & Offertory – “Song for His N' Hers,” by Jeffery Jones. Performed by Paula Pachciarz.

***Hymn #170 (SLT):** “We Are a Gentle, Angry People,” accompanied by Aileen Nettleton. Verses 1, 5, and 6.

Closing Words:

The greatest gift that you can give to others is the gift of unconditional love and acceptance.
--Brian Tracy

Greet Your Neighbor

*please stand as you are able.

**please wait for the microphone before speaking; this allows those using the assistive listening devices to hear.

Announcements

Green Note Baking soda is a very mild compound that has tons of uses around the house. It can be used as a non-scratching cleaner, a refrigerator deodorizer, an ant deterrent, and even as toothpaste! For more tips visit <http://www.greenlivingtips.com/articles/154/1/30-baking-soda-tips.html>

Parish Meeting on Feb. 19 Prairie will hold a Parish Meeting on Sunday, Feb. 19, to vote on proposed changes to Prairie's bylaws. Changing the fiscal year from July 1-June 30 to Jan. 1-Dec. 31 will also be voted on. Please stay after the service to enjoy Soup Sunday lunch and to cast your vote!

Attention all Chocolate lovers and lovers in general: The 4th-6th grade RE class is planning to do a fundraiser today to celebrate the ideas of St. Valentine's Day. We will be selling chocolate chip cookies and Fair Trade chocolate, so come and indulge!

Prairie Elders Meeting: Tuesday, February 28, 1:30-3:20, Nakoma Room, Heritage Oaks building, Oakwood Village West. If convenient, bring your own beverage cup and a few snacks. Newcomers welcome. This month's topic will be, “Animals we have known.”

The next Spanish Speakers Potluck will be held on Monday, February 27, at the home of Ema Pachon, 1459 E. Main St. #205. Please call Ema at 257-6265 for directions, or Rosemary Dorney at 238-4382 for more information or to arrange a ride.

Prairie Book Club: Please note the Book Club meeting has changed from February 26 to March 4. The book to be discussed is *Ten Nobodies and Their Somebodies* by Prairie's own Marty Drapkin.

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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Prairie Calendar

Sunday, February 12, 2012

8:45 Choir rehearsal
10:00 Service

Monday, February 13, 2012

7:00 Prairie's Board meets

Saturday, February 18, 2012

5:00 Wild Wintering

Sunday, February 19, 2012

8:45 Choir Rehearsal
10:00 Service
11:15 Soup Sunday
11:45 Special Parish Meeting

Sunday, February 26, 2012

8:45 Choir Rehearsal
10:00 Service
11:45 Humanist Union meets starting with a potluck

at 11:45, followed by a presentation entitled "Inside Humanism Today – Q&A," by Howard Katz, president of the Humanist Society.

Monday, February 27, 2012

6:30 Spanish Speaker's Potluck at the home of Ema Pachon.

7:00 Program Committee meets

Tuesday, February 28, 2012

1:30 Prairie Elders meet

Sunday, March 4, 2012

8:45 Choir Rehearsal
10:00 Service
11:30 Prairie Book Club meets to discuss *Ten Nobodies (and Their Somebodies)* by Prairie's own Marty Drapkin.

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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:

"The Story of A Black Family,"
presented by Pat Watkins.

