

# Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society

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**“The Dairy Farmer's Guide to the Universe,”  
presented by Dennis Merritt.**

**July 8, 2012**



## Today's Order of Service

**Prelude:** Performed by Mary Frantz.

**Greeting and Announcements** – Peter Anderson

**\*Hymn #21 (SLT):** “For the Beauty of the Earth,”  
accompanied by Aileen Nettleton.

### **Chalice Lighting:**

“Ever bigger machines, entailing ever bigger concentrations of economic power and exerting ever greater violence against the environment, do not represent progress: they are a denial of wisdom. Wisdom demands a new orientation of science and technology towards the organic, the gentle, the non-violent, the elegant and beautiful.”

– E F Schumacher: Small is Beautiful, 1973

### **Silent Meditation**

### **Story for All Ages**

### **Singing the Children Out**

### **\*\*Joys and Concerns**

### **\*\*Introduction of Guests and Visitors**

**Presentation:** “The Dairy Farmer's Guide to the Universe,” presented by Denis Merritt.

### **Discussion**

**Offering & Offertory:** Performed by Mary Frantz.

**\*Hymn #16 (SLT):** “’Tis A Gift To Be Simple,”  
accompanied by Aileen Nettleton.

### **Closing Words:**

“Metaphor is important because to deal with, understand and even ameliorate the fix we are now in over global change requires us to know the true nature of the Earth and imagine it as the largest living thing in the solar system...”

– James Lovelock: Revenge of Gaia, 2006

### **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:** Water your gardens late in the evening or early in the morning. The loss from evaporation can be substantial if you water in direct sunlight.

**Meet the Minister Lawn Party!** Stop by Prairie's meeting house on Saturday, July 14, to meet Reverend Sandra Ingham, the candidate for Prairie's minister! The party starts at 7:00pm. Bring a summer beverage or finger foods if you can. Everyone is welcome!

**Reverend Sandra Ingham to speak on July 15** Rev. Ingham will present the Sunday program on July 15. Following the service and Salad Sunday, we will have a **Parish Meeting** to vote whether to accept Rev. Ingham as our consulting minister. Please attend!

**The next Spanish Speakers Potluck** will be held on Monday, July 30, at 6:30pm Location to be determined. Bring a dish to pass if you can – all are welcome! Please call Rosemary Dorney at (608) 238-4382 with questions or if you need to arrange a ride.

**Wherever your travels may take you** this summer, save a small sample of water for the Water Ceremony in early September.

**Social Action Habitat Project** The Social Action Committee invites you to join other Prairie volunteers in August for a Habitat for Humanity workday. Either Saturday, August 11, or Saturday, August 11, will be our date, depending on how many people can commit. It would be great to have enough volunteers to help out on both dates. Volunteers must be at least 16 years of age. Youths ages 16 and 17 will need to turn in a permission slip from parent or guardian and need to be accompanied by an adult on the workday. We encourage volunteers to commit to a full day, 8:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Half days are discouraged because training is done in the morning and the afternoon is when volunteers can apply their new skills. If you are not able to work on the Habitat building project, please consider helping to provide lunch and refreshments to the Prairie crew. Please contact Paula Pachciarz soon if you can commit to one of the workdays so she can inform the volunteer coordinator at Habitat for Humanity how many to expect.

### **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, July 15, 2012**

10:00 Service – Rev. Sandra Ingham will speak.  
11:30 Salad Sunday  
11:45 Parish Meeting

#### **Sunday, July 22, 2012**

Joint service with the Free Congregation of Sauk County at 307 Polk St, Sauk City.

#### **Monday, July 23, 2012**

7:00 Prairie's Board meets

#### **Sunday, July 29, 2012**

10:00 Service – Presentation on the Occupy

Movement presented by Heidi Wegleitner.

11:30 Prairie Book Club meets to discuss *Alien Charm*, by Judy Thain (Prairie's own Judy Lazarus).

#### **Monday, July 30, 2012**

6:30 Spanish Speakers Potluck. Location to be determined.

#### **Saturday, August 4, 2012**

5:00 Men's Shelter Breakfast at Grace Episcopal

#### **Sunday, August 5, 2012**

10:00 Service – Summer Reads with Rose Smith.

12:00 Humanist Union meets



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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:**

Presentation by Rev. Sandra Ingham

