

Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society

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**“Respecting Wisconsin's Environmental Heritage,”
presented by Don Ferber.**

November 25, 2012

Today's Order of Service

Prelude: “Solveig's Song,” from Peer Gynt by Edvard Grieg. Performed by Marcia Johnson.

Greeting and Announcements – Christina Klock

***Hymn #174 (SLT):** “O Earth, You Are Surpassing Fair,” accompanied by Mary Frantz.

Chalice Lighting:

We stand at a critical moment in Earth's history, a time when humanity must choose its future. As the world becomes increasingly interdependent and fragile, the future at once holds great peril and great promise. To move forward we must recognize that in the midst of a magnificent diversity of cultures and life forms we are one human family and one Earth community with a common destiny. We must join together to bring forth a sustainable global society founded on respect for nature, universal human rights, economic justice, and a culture of peace. Towards this end, it is imperative that we, the peoples of Earth, declare our responsibility to one another, to the greater community of life, and to future generations.
– Preamble to the Earth Charter

Silent Meditation

Story for All Ages

Singing the Children Out: “Farewell Good Friends”

****Joys and Concerns**

****Introduction of Guests and Visitors**

Presentation: “Respecting Wisconsin's Environmental Heritage,” presented by Don Ferber.

Discussion

Offering and Offertory: “Sarabande from Suite No. 11,” by G. F. Handel. Performed by the Marcia Johnson.

***Hymn #317 (SLT):** “We Are Not Our Own,” accompanied by Mary Frantz.

Closing Words

Let ours be a time remembered for the awakening of a new reverence for life, the firm resolve to achieve sustainability, the quickening of the struggle for justice and peace, and the joyful celebration of life.

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 Recycle last year's holiday cards into this year's gift tags. Use serrated scissors to cut the front of the card into appealing shapes and sizes.

For more information on today's topic, please visit www.sierraclub.org and www.earthcharterinaction.org.

Supporting Our Aging Parents Group Join us for our second session of “Supporting Our Aging Parents” group, facilitated by Katherine Peterson and Aileen Nettleton of the Caring Committee. We will meet from 11:45 to 1:30 on Sunday, December 9, in the large classroom downstairs. Share your concerns, stories, and resources with one another. New participants are welcome. We will begin promptly at 11:45 with finger food. Please contact Katherine or Aileen to be sure we make space for you!

The Prairie Elders will meet on Tuesday, November 27, from 1:30 to 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 “The Elections: Postmortem Comments.”

The next Spanish Speakers Potluck will be held on Monday, November 26, at 6:30pm. This month's potluck will be at the home of Amy Schulz, 2304 S. Seyene Rd, Madison. Please call Amy if you need directions at 273-2639, or call Rosemary Dorney at 238-4382 if you need more information or would like to arrange a ride.

An Interfaith discussion honoring Wisconsin's Sikh community will be held on Wednesday, December 5, in the Capitol Rotunda. The discussion will continue at Prairie's Meeting House from 6pm to 7pm. Barbara Park will be facilitating the discussion at Prairie. We will also be participating in the Interfaith Week, December 3 through 8. Please stop by and see our booth!

The next Humanist Union meeting will be on Sunday, December 2, after the service at Prairie. This month will feature an open discussion titled, “Holiday Wish List.”

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, November 25, 2012

8:45 Choir rehearsal
10:00 Service

Monday, November 26, 2012

6:30 Spanish Speakers Potluck

Tuesday, November 27, 2012

1:30 Prairie Elders meet

Friday, November 30, 2012

6:00 Brews and Stews

Saturday, December 1, 2012

9:00 PrairieWOW meets at Prairie

Sunday, December 2, 2012

8:45 Choir rehearsal
10:00 Service

Saturday, December 8, 2012

5:00 Men's Shelter Breakfast volunteer opportunity

Sunday, December 9, 2012

8:45 Choir rehearsal
10:00 Service
11:45 "Supporting Our Aging Parents" group meets

Monday, December 10, 2012

7:00 Prairie's Board meets

Sunday, December 16, 2012

8:45 Choir rehearsal
10:00 Service – Symbol Tree
11:30 Potluck

Wednesday, December 19, 2012

7:00 Program Committee meets

Sunday, December 23, 2012

8:45 Choir rehearsal
10:00 Service – Music Service

Sunday, December 30, 2012

10:00 Service by Reverend Sandra Ingham

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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:

Chalica

