

Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society

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**“Improving Lives through Literacy,”
by Jeff Burkhart, Executive Director of the
Literacy Network.**

October 5, 2014



Today's Order of Service

Prelude: “Nocturne,” by Billy Joel. Performed by Katherine Liu.

Welcome and Announcements – Lynn Pawelski

Opening Words: “Literacy Matters: the Top Ten Ways that Reading and Writing Enrich Your Life,” by Orange Schroeder.

***Hymn #121 (SLT):** “We'll Build a Land,” accompanied by Aileen Nettleton.

Chalice Lighting:

“Literacy is a bridge from misery to hope. It is a tool for daily life in modern society. It is a bulwark against poverty, and a building block of development, an essential complement to investments in roads, dams, clinics and factories. Literacy is a platform for democratization, and a vehicle for the promotion of cultural and national identity. Especially for girls and women, it is an agent of family health and nutrition. For everyone, everywhere, literacy is, along with education in general, a basic human right.”

– Kofi Annan

Story for All Ages: “I Hate English,” by Ellen Levine and Steve Björkman.

Singing the Children Out: Farewell Good Friends

****Joys and Concerns**

***Hymn #1012 (STJ):** “When I am Frightened”

Silent Meditation

Presentation: “Improving Lives through Literacy,” by Jeff Burkhart.

Discussion

Offering & Offertory: “Reach Out and Touch Somebody's Hand,” sung by Dean Schroeder and Anne Urbanski.

****Introduction of Guests and Visitors**

***Hymn #51 (Prairie Song Book):** “This Land is Your Land,” accompanied by Mary Mullen and Dan Proud.

Closing Words

“Literacy is the road to human progress and the means through which every man, woman and child can realize his or her full potential.”

– Kofi Annan

Extinguishing the Chalice: #456 (SLT)

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: Through using recycled paper, the publishing industry saved almost *3 million* trees in 2012. Keep recycling! The paper you recycle today, might become a book tomorrow. (Source: Book Industry Environmental Council)

The Humanist Union meets today to hear and discuss Susan Hagstrom's review of "The Moral Landscape: How Science Can Determine Human Values," a book by Sam Harris. We'll start with a potluck lunch at 11:45, program from 12:30 to 1:30. Participants are also asked to submit topic ideas for the group's monthly meetings for next year.

CROP Walk October 19 after Soup Sunday! CROP Hunger Walks help to support grassroots, hunger-fighting development efforts around the world. Prairie's RE has set a goal to raise \$500 and will be recording the progress on a thermometer in the Meeting Hall. This is NOT JUST AN RE EVENT! All families are encouraged to participate! Last year Prairie had only 3 families walk and we are looking forward to so many more this year!

Would you like to help out on Sunday mornings?

Consider signing up to make coffee before the service or help tidy up after the service! A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the foyer.

Prairie Book Club will be discussing *The Orchardist*, by Amanda Coplin on October 12. It is a tale of the Northwest at the turn of the 20th Century. Goodreads review states, “Set in the untamed American West, a highly original and haunting debut novel about a makeshift family whose dramatic lives are shaped by violence, love, and an indelible connection to the land.”

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

Saturday, October 11, 2014

10:00 Final Choices Workshop

Sunday, October 12, 2014

8:45 Choir rehearsal

10:00 Service – “Conflicted about Compassion,” by
Rev. Sandy Ingham

11:30 Prairie Book Club meets

Monday, October 13, 2014

7:00 Prairie's Board meets

Saturday, October 18, 2014

10:00 Final Choices Workshop

Sunday, October 19, 2014

8:45 Choir rehearsal

10:00 Service

11:30 **Soup Sunday**

12:00 **Crop Walk**

Monday, October 20, 2014

7:00 Program Committee meets

Saturday, October 25, 2014

10:00 Final Choices Workshop

Sunday, October 26, 2014

8:45 Choir rehearsal

10:00 Service

Friday, October 31, 2014

5:00 Halloween Party

Saturday, November 1, 2014

9:00 PrairieWOW meets at Prairie

Sunday, November 2, 2014

8:45 Choir rehearsal

10:00 Service – All Souls Day

11:45 Humanist Union meets

5:30 Men's Group meets

Friday, November 7, 2014

5:00 Board Game Night

Sunday, November 9, 2014

8:45 Choir rehearsal

10:00 Service

11:30 Book Club meets

Monday, November 10, 2014

7:00 Prairie's Board 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:

“Conflicted about Compassion,” by Rev.
Sandra Ingham.

