

Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society

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“The Gift of Nothing,”
by Rev. Sandra Ingham

November 30, 2014

Today's Order of Service

“We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.” – Winston Churchill

Prelude: “A Flow of Tears,” by Jim Reilly. Performed by the Prairie Choir.

Welcome and Announcements – Rev. Sandra Ingham

Testimonial: Rosemarie Lester

Opening Words

***Hymn #301 (SLT):** “Touch the Earth, Reach the Sky!” accompanied by Mary Frantz.

Chalice Lighting

Dedication of Aurora Beatrix Hatch Creed

Responsive Reading #715 (SLT): “Your Children,” by Kahlil Gibran.

Congregation's Pledge

***Hymn #409 (SLT):** “Sleep My Child”

Story for All Ages: “The Gift of Nothing,” by Patrick McDonnell

****Joys and Concerns**

Silent Meditation

Reflection: “The Gift of Nothing,” by Rev. Sandra Ingham

Congregational Response

Offering & Offertory: “Resist the Tide,” performed by Johanna Hatch and Dan Proud.

****Introduction of Guests and Visitors**

***Hymn #1064 (STJ):** “Blue Boat Home”

Closing Words

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: Give the gift of your time and talent to loved ones this year. Offer to make dinner, walk the dog, help with gardening or home repairs, or invite friends over for coffee and tea.

(Green America – greenamerica.org)

Circle Dinner groups are set and can begin meeting. Printed contact lists for your group are available in the foyer. The groups meet monthly, each hosted by group members on a rotating basis. Your group will have to agree on a meeting date and time. It works best to select a leader/contact person to keep your dinners going smoothly. For help, see Rick Ruecking (838-8540) or Dan Proud (212-3793) from the Membership Committee.

Drop and Shop! Noon to 4:00 pm December 13

Drop your kids off at Prairie for an afternoon of games, crafts, music, movies and fun! Suggested donation is \$15 for one child, \$20 for two, and \$25 for three or more. If you don't have students in RE, consider gifting this to someone you know who does have children! It's a low-cost way to make a big impact for someone who does the daily work of raising great kids. If you know you can make it please register by emailing dre@uuprairie.org - and letting us know how many kids you plan to bring. This will help with planning.

The Humanist Union will meet on Sunday, December 7, after the service at Prairie. The meeting will start with a potluck lunch at 11:45, followed by a presentation led by Ken Haydock entitled “Quakers in the 21st Century.”

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

Friday, December 5, 2015

5:00 Board Game night

Saturday, December 6, 2015

9:00 PrairieWOW meets at Prairie

Sunday, December 7, 2015

8:45 Choir rehearsal

10:00 Service

10:00 Nifty Gifty

11:45 Humanist Union meets

5:30 Prairie Men's Group meets

Monday, December 8, 2014

7:00 Prairie's Board meets

Tuesday, December 9, 2014

7:00 Program Committee meets

Saturday, December 13, 2014

12:00 Drop and Shop!

Sunday, December 14, 2014

8:45 Choir rehearsal

10:00 Service – “Following Yonder Star”

11:30 Book Club – *Salt, Sugar, and Fat: How the Food Giants Hooked Us* by Michael Moss

Sunday, December 21, 2014

8:45 Choir rehearsal

10:00 Service – Symbol Tree

11:30 Soup Sunday

Sunday, December 28, 2014

8:45 Choir rehearsal

10:00 Service – Reflection by Rev. Sandra Ingham

Sunday, January 4, 2015

8:45 Choir rehearsal

10:00 Service

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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:

“Quakers,” by Ken Haydock

