

Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society

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“In the Beginning...”

by Rev. Sandra Ingham

January 4, 2015



Today's Order of Service

“What day is it?”

“It's today,” squeaked Piglet.

“My favorite day,” said Pooh.

Prelude: Performed by Ron Frye.

Welcome and Announcements: Rev. Sandra Ingham

Opening Words

***Hymn #1 (SLT):** “May Nothing Evil Cross This Door,” accompanied by Aileen Nettleton.

Chalice Lighting

Story for All Ages: “Edwardo...The Horriblest Boy in the Whole Wide World,” by John Burningham.

Singing the Children Out

****Joys and Concerns**

Silent Meditation

***Hymn #55:** “Dark of Winter”

Reading: “Clean...Overcoming Addiction and Ending America's Greatest Tragedy,” by David Sheff.

Reflection: “In the Beginning...” by Rev. Sandra Ingham

Responsive Reading #655: “Change Alone is Unchanging”

Offering & Offertory: “I've Been Everywhere,” by Johnny Cash. Performed by Dirk Herr-Hoyman and Ron Frye.

****Introduction of Guests and Visitors**

***Hymn #350:** “The Ceaseless Flow of Endless Time”

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: Grow lots of indoor plants. House plants help reduce toxins in your home. Spider plants and English Ivy are particularly good at absorbing formaldehyde. Boston Fern and the rubber plant are great for this, too.

(www.greencleancertified.com)

Prairie will hold a Parish Meeting on January 18 after the service. Agenda items include reports from President Gary Gates and Treasurer Al Nettleton, and Finance Committee Chair Kathy Converse will present a budget for the 2015 fiscal year. The remodel of 2006 Whenona may be completed by January 18. If so, we'll have a walk-through!

The Humanist Union will meet today after the service. The meeting will start with a potluck lunch at 11:45, followed by the presentation “Frontline Report from the Battle of Church and State” by Dan Barker of the Freedom from Religion Foundation.

The Prairie Book Club will meet on January 25 after the service to discuss *The Bucolic Plague: How Two Manhattanites Became Gentlemen Farmers: An Unconventional Memoir* by Josh Kilmer-Purcell, recommended by Barb Park. “I adore the Beekman boys’ story. Their unlikely story of love, the land, and a herd of goats is hilariously honest. If these two can go from Manhattan to a goat farm in upstate New York, then I can’t help feeling there is hope for us all.” –Alice Waters

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, January 11, 2015

8:45 Choir rehearsal
10:00 Service – “A Dose of Empathy”

Monday, January 12, 2015

6:30 Spanish Speakers Potluck
7:00 Prairie's Board meets

Sunday, January 18, 2015

8:45 Choir rehearsal
10:00 Service – “Reverse Racism”
11:30 Soup Sunday
12:00 **Parish Meeting**

Monday, January 19, 2015

7:00 Program Committee meets

Sunday, January 25, 2015

8:45 Choir rehearsal
10:00 Service – “The Road Home”
11:30 Prairie Book Club meets

Tuesday, January 27, 2015

1:30 Prairie Elders meets

Sunday, February 1, 2015

8:45 Choir rehearsal
10:00 Service
11:45 Humanist Union meets

Friday, February 6, 2015

5:00 Board Game Night

Saturday, February 7, 2015

9:00 PrairieWOW meets

Sunday, February 8, 2015

8:45 Choir rehearsal
10:00 Service

Monday, February 9, 2015

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:

“A Dose of Empathy,” by Robin Proud.

