

Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society

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“Never Forget – Newtown”

by Kelly Herda and Khary Penebacker from
Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America

December 13, 2015

Today's Order of Service

Prelude: Performed by Lynn Currie.

Welcome and Announcements: Linda Colletti

Opening Words

***Hymn #170 (SLT):** “We Are a Gentle, Angry People,”
Mary Frantz, accompanist.

Chalice Lighting

****Joys and Concerns**

Silent Meditation

Presentation: “Never Forget – Newtown,” by Kelly
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Discussion

Offering and Offertory

****Introduction of Guests and Visitors**

***Hymn #169:** “We Shall Overcome” Additional verses
on insert.

Closing Words:

Let us remember all who have been harmed by violence.

**We acknowledge the strength of those who survived
and of those still struggling to heal.**

For their sake and for ours, we commit ourselves to
building each other up and to healing together.

**Let us remember the families and loved ones of those
who have died in violent crimes.**

We acknowledge their pain and their deep grief

**They too are part of our community and need our
love and help towards healing.**

Let us remember the families of those who commit violent
crimes.

**We acknowledge that their lives too are devastated
and their hopes dashed.**

We remember that pain goes out in many directions from
each act of violence.

We will stand up to violence.

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.

Today's tech assistant is Bill Parmenter.

Announcements

Green Note: Are you looking for an environmentally
friendly activity for the family over the holiday? Try
decorating a tree for the birds! Place seed bells, suet,
pine cones with peanut butter, and seed trays on any
tree in your yard, preferably a tree in the open where
cats can be seen easily by the birds. To attract a wide
variety of birds, use varied seed types such as black
oil sunflower seed, wild bird mixed seed and nyger
seed bells. This is a great activity for kids, and offers
an important food source for birds during the winter.
(from eartheasy.com)

Prairie Elders meets in the Annex at 1:30 on
December 22. This month we will be discussing the
following. How do those with non-Christian, atheist
or humanist beliefs feel at this time of year. Are your
buttons being pushed? If you are over 65, or there
abouts, please join the Elders three days before
Christmas for a stimulating social time and
discussion. For more information, contact Al
Nettleton or Penny Eiler. The first meeting in the
new year will be January 26.

The Book Club will meet December 27 after the
service to discuss Being Mortal: Medicine and What
Matters in the End by Atul Gawande (nonfiction, 282
pages) (recommended by Pam Gates and Mary
Frantz) His book is a personal meditation on how we
can better live with age-related frailty, serious illness
and approaching death. (New York Times Sunday
Book Review)

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, December 13, 2015

8:45 Choir rehearsal in the Annex
10:00 Service – Never Forget – Newtown
11:45 Board meets in the Annex

Monday, December 14, 2015

6:00 Finance Committee Meets
7:00 Program Committee Meets

Sunday, December 20, 2015

8:45 Choir rehearsal in the Annex
10:00 Service – Symbol Tree
11:30 Cookie Sunday

Tuesday, December 22, 2015

1:30 Prairie Elders meets

Sunday, December 27, 2015

10:00 Service – The Seven Principles as New Year Resolutions

Saturday, January 2, 2015

5:00 Men's Shelter Breakfast
9:00 Prairie WOW

Sunday, January 3, 2015

8:45 Choir rehearsal in the Annex
10:00 Service
11:45 Humanist Union
5:30 Men's Group

Sunday, January 10, 2015

8:45 Choir rehearsal in the Annex
10:00 Service
11:45 Board meets

Monday, January 11, 2015

6:00 Finance Committee meets in the Annex
7:00 Program Committee meets in the Meeting Hall

Sunday, January 17, 2015

8:45 Choir rehearsal in the Annex
10:00 Service
11:30 Soup Sunday

Sunday, January 24, 2015

8:45 Choir rehearsal in the Annex
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:
"The Symbol Tree"

