

Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society

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Symbol Tree

December 18, 2016

Today's Order of Service

Prelude: Performed by Mary Frantz.

Santa Lucia Procession: Led by Gavin Richards.
Congregation hums Silent Night during procession.

Welcome and Announcements: Karen Deaton and Holly Tellander

Opening Words:

Turn down the noise. Reduce the speed.
Be like the somnolent bears, or those other animals that
slow down and almost die in the cold season. Let it be the
way it is. The magic is there in its power. – Henry Mitchell

***Opening Hymn #73:** “Chant for the Season,” accompanied
by Aileen Nettleton.

Chalice Lighting

Silent Meditation

Symbol Tree Ceremony

***Hymn #352:** “Find a Stillness”

Symbol Tree continues

Offering and Offertory: Performed by Mary Frantz.

Today's offering will be shared with the Dane County jail.

Introduction of Guests and Visitors

***Closing Hymn #235:** “Deck the Halls”

Closing Words:

I prefer winter and fall, when you feel the bone structure in
the landscape – the loneliness of it – the dead feeling of
winter. Something waits beneath it – the whole story
doesn't show.
– Andrew Wyeth

Greet Your Neighbor

*Please stand as you are able.
This week's technical assistant is Al Nettleton.

Announcements

Previous procession leaders (starting with most recent): Amber Gordon, Cecylia Richards, Jesse Cooper-Whitehead (Star Boy: Loren Pawelski), Rachel Hughes (Star Boy: James Hughes), Caitlyn Nicholson, Cheyenne Hale, Katherine Liu (last year with real candles), Jessie Garst, Tatum Mueller, Xena Anderson, Valerie Anderson (Drummer Boy: Reuben Arnold, multiple years), Marie Nahlik, Toby Wacker, Madeline Arnold, Lushana Peterson, Judy Wacker, Katrina Schroeder.

Our shared offering for December will be used to purchase warm clothing for inmates at the Dane County jail. The Social Action Committee will be working with the chaplain to purchase hats, gloves, and thermal wear. The Social Action Committee also invites people to stay after the service to write messages in Christmas cards to inmates. Cards will be provided

Prairie Book Club will meet today after the service to discuss Windy City by Scott Simon. Windy City “captures politics in the multiethnic tumult of today's big city. The story takes a raft of colorful characters through City Hall corridors, neighborhood restaurants and clubs, weddings, sex scandals, gospel churches, police stations, and sting operations to deliver an ending that is unexpectedly noble.”

The Prairie Elders will meet on Tuesday, December 27, at 1:30 pm in the Annex. This month's topic will be “Memorable Christmastime experiences. Coffee and tea provided. Bring a snack to share if convenient.

Stay after the service for a holiday potluck!

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 18, 2016

8:45 Choir rehearsal in the Annex
10:00 Service: Symbol Tree
11:30 Book Club meets
11:30 OWL informational meeting
11:30 Holiday Potluck

Tuesday, December 20, 2016

1:30 History Committee meets in Annex

Sunday, December 25, 2016

10:00 Service: "Sages, Seers, and Superheroes, Part II," by Rev. Sandra Ingham.

Tuesday, December 27, 2016

1:30 Prairie Elders meets in Annex

Sunday, January 1, 2017

10:00 Service: Hymn Sing/Request

Monday, January 2, 2017

6:30 Program Committee meets

Tuesday, January 3, 2017

1:30 History Committee meets in Annex

Wednesday, January 4, 2017

6:15 Finance Committee meets in Annex

Friday, January 6, 2017

6:00 Board Game Night

Saturday, January 7, 2017

5:00 Men's Shelter Breakfast
9:00 Prairie WOW meets in in the Annex

Sunday January 8, 2016

8:45 Choir rehearsal in the Annex
10:00 Service
10:00 RE Classes resume
11:45 Humanist Union meets
11:45 Board meets

Sunday January 15, 2016

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

Tuesday, January 17, 2017

1:30 History Committee 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:

"Sages, Seers, and Superheroes, Part II," by
Rev. Sandra Ingham.

