

Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society

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**“Good for Nothing”
Rev. Sandra Ingham**

July 17, 2016



Today's Order of Service

"Something is wrong with a society whose members are endlessly preoccupied with feeling better, rather than obsessed with making the world better." – Robert Coles

Prelude: Performed by Dan Haug.

Welcome and Announcements: Rev. Sandra Ingham

Opening Words

***Hymn #301 (SLT):** "Touch the Earth, Reach the Sky!" accompanied by Mike Briggs

Chalice Lighting

Story for All Ages: Zen Ties, by Jon J. Muth.

Singing the Children Out

****Joys and Concerns**

Silent Meditation

***Hymn #300 (SLT):** "With Heart and Mind"

Readings: From Van Cleve Morris and Bertrand Russell.

Reflections: "Good for Nothing," by Rev. Sandra Ingham.

Responsive Reading #521: "May I Be No One's Enemy," by Eusebius.

Congregational Response

Offering and Offertory: Performed by Dan Haug.

****Introduction of Guests and Visitors**

***Hymn #295:** "Sing Out Praises for the Journey"

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.

This week's tech assistant is John Wunderlin.

Announcements

For the month of July, we will share our offertory collection with Porchlight, a community agency that supports people struggling with mental health issues and homelessness. Porchlight runs several programs: a Daytime Resource Center that offers employment counseling, housing counseling, assistance with obtaining identifications, personal hygiene products, and use of telephone and mail services; they have an Emergency Shelter for adult men at the drop in shelter (Grace Episcopal) and two over flow shelters. Porchlight also helps prevent evictions with people experiencing financial difficulties. And finally, it operates Safe Haven, which provides temporary support for people with mental illness. Please be generous.

The Prairie Elders will meet at 1:30, Tuesday, July 26, in the Prairie Annex, 2006 Whenona Drive. The July topic will be "Are prisons 'criminal' justice?" Elders meets in the Annex the 4th Tuesday of each month to chat and enjoy shared snacks, with coffee and tea provided. For more information, contact Al Nettleton (238-6053) or Penny Eiler (852-8750).

The annual joint service with the Free Congregation in Sauk City will be held on July 24. The service begins at 10:00am with a potluck afterward. If you'd like to participate in the service by choosing and reading a poem about trees (or nature in general), please contact Dan Klock or Rev. Sandy.

Interfaith Hospitality Network Week is July 31 to August 7. You can call Erin Bosch for more information about IHN (238-6285) or you can go to this website to find info on the volunteer jobs and a link to the signup grid: <http://midvalelutheran.org/share/our-community/road-home>

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, July 17, 2016

10:00 Service: "Good for Nothing" – Rev. Ingham
11:30 Book Club: "The Worst Hard Time" – Timothy Eagan

Tuesday, July 19, 2016

1:30 History Committee meets in the Annex

Sunday, July 24, 2016

10:00 Service: "In My Back Yard" – Joint service with the Free Congregation in Sauk City with a potluck afterward
12:00 "Meet the Candidate" luncheon with Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray at James Reeb UUC

Tuesday, July 26, 2016

1:30 Prairie Elders meets in the Annex

Sunday, July 31, 2016

Interfaith Hospitality Network week begins
10:00 Service: Music service

Friday, August 5, 2016

6:00 Board Game Night

Saturday, August 6, 2016

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

Sunday, August 7, 2016

10:00 Service
11:45 Humanist Union meets

Monday, August 8, 2016

6:00 Finance Committee meets
7:00 Program Committee meets

Sunday, August 14, 2016

10:00 Service
11:45 Board meets

Sunday, August 21, 2016

10:00 Service:
11:30 Book Club: "Surely You're Joking, Mr. Feynman!" by Richard Feynman

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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:

10:00 - "IMBY – In My Back Yard," by
Rev. Larry Collins in Sauk City.

12:00 - Luncheon with Rev. Susan
Frederick-Gray at Reeb.

