

Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society

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“The International Forgiveness Institute”

by Dr. Gayle Reed.

February 26, 2017

Today's Order of Service

Prelude: Performed by Dan Proud.

(To maintain the meditative nature of the service, please refrain from clapping following the special music.)

Welcome and Announcements: Rick Ruecking

Prairie Retreat Video

Opening Words:

The act of forgiveness takes place in our own mind. It really has nothing to do with the other person.

– Louise Hay

***Opening Hymn #307:** “The Human Touch Can Light the Flame” Mary Frantz, accompanist

Chalice Lighting: by Vanessa Southern

Story for All Ages

Children’s Recessional: by Joyce Poley.

Joys and Concerns

Silent Meditation

Presentation: “The International Forgiveness Institute,” by Dr. Gayle Reed.

Discussion

Offering and Offertory: Performed by Dan Proud

This month our collections will be shared with the Street Pulse newspaper.

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Introduction of Guests and Visitors

***Closing Hymn #323:** “Break Not the Circle”

Closing Words:

By signing this Forgiveness Pledge, I affirm that:

Forgiveness is an important part of my life.

I will do my best to forgive people from my family of origin.

I will be a conduit of forgiveness in my family.

I will forgive in the workplace and do my best to create a forgiving atmosphere.

I will encourage forgiveness in my place of worship so that it is a forgiving community.

I will do my best to plant and promote forgiveness in my wider community.

I commit to living the forgiving life.

Greet Your Neighbor

*Please stand as you are able.

Announcements

We will share our offering in February with “The Street Pulse,” which is a monthly newspaper sold on the streets of Madison by homeless vendors to provide them some income. It was started in 2005 by a group of people concerned about homelessness. Madison Urban Ministries was an early financial supporter. Recently the paper applied for nonprofit status. The newspaper publishes stories and poems by homeless individuals as well as the work of local activists. Sellers purchase their papers for 25 cents a piece and sell them for \$1. (At least one Prairie member buys it for \$5.00.) The paper is always looking for submissions and advertisers!

Save the date! Prairie’s annual retreat will be held May 12-14 at Bethel Horizons.

Prairie’s Service Auction will be held on March 5, just one week away! We’ll start with a short service led by Rev. Sandy, followed by a continental breakfast. We’ll then move right into the auction! Do you have an item or service you’d like to include in the auction? Contact Patty Stockdale.

Prairie Elders will meet in the Annex at 1:30 on Tuesday, February 28. The topic will be “The impact of WWII on our lives.” All who are over 65 or retired are invited to join this small Prairie group get-together on the 4th Tuesday each month for lively discussion and sharing. Low sodium snacks are always welcome to accompany the Prairie provided coffee & tea. Contact Al Nettleton (238-6053) or Penny Eiler (395-2423) for more information.

Spanish Speakers Potluck will meet on Monday, March 13, at 6:30 pm in the Annex. All levels of Spanish are welcome. For more information, call Rosemary Dorney at 238-4382.

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

Monday, February 27, 2017

2:30 History Committee meets in Annex

Tuesday, February 28, 2017

1:30 Prairie Elders meets in the Annex

Friday, March 3, 2017

6:00 Game Night in the Annex

Saturday, March 4, 2017

5:00 Men's Shelter Breakfast

9:00 PrairieWOW in the Annex

Sunday, March 5, 2017

8:45 Choir rehearsal in the Annex

10:00 Service and Service Auction

11:30 7th - 9th OWL class in the Annex

Monday, March 6, 2017

6:30 Program Committee meets

Wednesday, March 8, 2017

6:15 Finance Committee meets

Friday, March 10, 2017

4:30 7th - 9th OWL intensive weekend begins

Saturday, March 11, 2017

10:00 7th - 9th OWL intensive weekend continues in the Annex

10:00 Heart-Centered Living by Jody Wheldon

Sunday, March 12, 2017

8:45 Choir rehearsal in the Annex

10:00 Service: "Louisa Adams," by Robin Proud

11:45 Board meets in the Annex

11:45 Humanist Union meets

11:30 7th - 9th OWL class in the Annex

Monday, March 13, 2017

6:30 Spanish Speakers Potluck meets in the Annex

Sunday, March 19, 2017

8:45 Choir rehearsal in the Annex

10:00 Service

11:30 Soup Sunday

Sunday, March 26, 2017

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:

Auction Sunday

