

Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society

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“The Gifts We Gave” by Kathy Converse, Treasurer

June 24, 2018



Order of Service

Prelude: Performed by Mary Frantz.

Welcome and Announcements: Kathy Converse

Opening Words:

“When giving away your money, it helps to think of it as more than bits of paper and scraps of metal. That's not a \$20 bill you're slipping into the envelope there. It's a bagful of flour. It's soup or a blanket or a bottle of medicine. That handful of quarters is a handful of rice.” – Oprah Winfrey

***Opening Hymn #38 (SLT):** “Morning Has Broken”
accompanist Aileen Nettleton.

Chalice Lighting:

Let's hope that our gifts helped to light the pathway for many to safer places to stay, assistance in getting work, healthy food and medical care, and increased respect as a citizen of Madison.

Story for All Ages: The Quilt Maker's Gift, by Jeff Brunbreaux and Gail de Marken. Read by Randy Converse.

Children's Recessional: by Joyce Poley.

As you go on your way, may you be filled with gladness.

Go in joy, go in joy!

May fortune bless your day with peace and loving kindness.

Go in love, go in love.

Joys and Concerns

Silent Meditation

Readings on Giving

Presentation: “The Gifts We Gave,” by Kathy Converse, Treasurer.

Discussion

Offering and Offertory: performed by Mike Briggs.

Introduction of Guests and Visitors

***Closing Hymn #16:** “'Tis a Gift to Be Simple”

Closing Words:

“If nature has made you for a giver, your hands are born open, and so is your heart; and though there may be times when your hands are empty, your heart is always full, and you can give things out of that—warm things, kind things, sweet things—help and comfort and laughter—and sometimes gay, kind laughter is the best help of all.” – Frances Hodgson Burnett, A Little Princess

Greet Your Neighbor

*Please stand as you are able.

Thank you to Al Nettleton, today's tech assistant.

Announcements

Green Note: Summer is the time for picnics! Here are a few tips to keep them green: 1) Use reusable plates, utensils, tablecloths, and napkins. 2) Take a large cooler of water, instead of individual disposable water bottles. 3) Consider a vegetarian picnic. 4) Choose sunscreen friendly to humans and the environment. 5) For backyard picnics, provide clearly labeled recycling containers. 6) For picnics in a park, bring any recycling and garbage home with you.

We will share our offering for the second fiscal quarter with Project Respect. Project Respect is a women's center which provides advocacy, case management, counseling, crisis intervention, transitional housing, and a safe, nonjudgmental space for peer support group services for women with a history of prostitution.

Benefit Allied Neighborhood: Beautiful photographic note cards created by Diane Stevens are for sale in a basket in lobby. All proceeds go to Allied Partners for eviction prevention and special projects.

You are invited to a book presentation on June 28, from 7-9, at First Unitarian Society. The book is We Rise to Resist: Voices from a New Era in Women's Political Action. “I'm not giving up -- and neither should you” became the mantra for women everywhere who were deeply disappointed in the outcome of the 2016 presidential election. Thirty-six resisters have contributed essays and interviews to We Rise to Resist, including a former Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice, an award-winning female theologian, a New Mexico assistant Attorney General and a naturalized Muslim-American. And, Prairie's own Rev. Sandy had the honor of writing the last essay in the book to wrap it all up. Please join her on June 28th to celebrate the publication of this inspiring collection!!

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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Calendar

Thursday, June 28, 2018

7:00 Book presentation at FUS

Sunday, July 1, 2018

10:00 Service: "Flirting with Freedom," by Rev. Sandra Ingham

Friday, July 6, 2018

6:00 Board Game Night

Saturday, July 7, 2018

5:00 Men's Shelter Breakfast

9:00 PrairieWOW in Annex

Sunday, July 8, 2018

10:00 Service: "Camino de Santiago de Compostela," by Molly Plunkett

Sunday, July 15, 2018

10:00 Service: "Points of Progress," by Aileen Nettleton

Sunday, July 22, 2018

10:00 Joint service with Free Congregation of Sauk County

Sunday, July 29, 2018

10:00 Service: "A Mathematician's Take on Gerrymandering," by Jordan Ellenberg
11:45 Humanist Union in Annex

Friday, August 3, 2018

6:00 Board Game Night

Saturday, August 4, 2018

5:00 Men's Shelter Breakfast at Grace Episcopal

9:00 PrairieWOW in Annex

Sunday, August 5, 2018

10:00 Service: "A Photographic Study of State Street's Homeless," by Mark Golbach.

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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:

"Flirting with Freedom" by Rev. Sandra Ingham

