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Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society

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“A Freedom Seder: Celebration of the Exodus and Freedom Movements Throughout the World,”
presented by Ruth Calden and Mary Mullen.

April 24, 2011



Today's Order of Service

Prelude – “The Passover Symbols Song,” lyrics by Barry Levy, accompaniment Brad Ross – from YouTube

Welcome and Announcements – Christina Klock

Lighting of the Chalice

Silent Meditation

***Hymn #104 (SLT)** “When Israel Was in Egypt's Land,” Mary Frantz, accompanist

Story for All Ages – “Seder Food,” told by Mary Mullen

Singing the children out – Farewell Good Friends

****Joys and Concerns**

****Introduction of Guests and Visitors**

Presentation, Part 1 - “A Freedom Seder: Celebration of the Exodus and Freedom Movements Throughout the World,” presented by Ruth Calden and Mary Mullen.

***Hymn #149 (SLT)** “Lift Every Voice and Sing,” Mary Frantz, accompanist

Presentation, Part 2

#399 (SLT)

***Hymn #63 (PSB)** “Vine and Fig Tree,” Mary Frantz, accompanist

Offering & Offertory – theme from “Exodus,” performed by Marcia Johnson, piano

Closing Words – responsive reading #593 (SLT) - “Liberation Is Costly,” by Desmond Tutu

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.*

Announcements

Green Note Online bill paying is convenient and quick – but did you also know it is an environmentally friendly option as well? According to squidoo.com, if everyone in the US paid their bills online, we would save 18 million trees every year!

The Incredible Story of Ephriam Nute is the new book by Rev. Bobbie Groth, UU minister and Alverno College professor, who will be speaking to us on May 8. If you are interested in reading the book ahead of the service, you may borrow Prairie's copy or order one for yourself. For more information, please see Prairie's admin, Kate Liu.

Finance News Prairie runs on love and volunteer time, but we also need your financial support. We are in the midst of pledge season, and by now you should have received your pledge card, either handed to you directly by the finance chair or in the mail. If you need a new card or more information, please contact finance chair Kathy Converse at 238-1856.

Saturday, May 7th will be a busy day for Prairie! On the calendar for that day is our monthly commitment to serve breakfast at the Grace Episcopal homeless shelter (please see Paula Pachciarz to volunteer,) the Prairie Women's group will meet at Prairie at 9am for Breakfast potluck and conversation, and the RE annual Spring Fling event will occur in the late afternoon.

Reminder – Spring Parish Meeting, Sunday, May 15th, after the service. We will be voting on the budget and electing new board members. There will be lunch and child care, so please plan to stay for this very important meeting.

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

Tuesday, April 26, 2011

2:00 Prairie Elders meet at Oakwood; topic is nuclear energy. For more information please contact Donna Murdoch, 238-3802.

Thursday, April 28, 2011

7:00 Prairie Board meeting.

Saturday, April 30, 2011

9:00 Adult RE class: Immigration.

Sunday, May 1, 2011

8:45 Choir Rehearsal

10:00 Service - "Universalism: Past, Present, and Powerful," presented by Rev. Kalen Fristad.

11:45 Humanist Union meets for potluck and a presentation on the American Humanist Association meeting.

Monday, May 2, 2011

6:30 Spanish Speaker's Potluck at the home of Prudence Barber. Call Rosemary Dorney at 238-4382 for more information.

Saturday, May 7, 2011

4:30 am Homeless shelter breakfast. Contact Paula Pachciarz for more information (273-4806.)

9:00 WOW - Prairie's women's group - meets for breakfast potluck and conversation.

TBA Spring Fling!

Sunday, May 8, 2011

8:45 Choir Rehearsal

10:00 Service - "Sown in Tears: Family Letters From Bleeding Kansas," presented by Rev. Bobbie Groth.

Friday, May 13, 2011

7:00 Humanist Union Party at the home of Barb and Bob Park.

Saturday, May 14, 2011

9:00 Adult RE class: Immigration.

Sunday, May 15, 2011

8:45 Choir Rehearsal

10:00 Service - "Internal Conflicts in our Environmentalism," presented by Peter Anderson.

11:45 Spring Parish meeting. (Lunch and childcare available.)

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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:

"Universalism: Past, Present, and Powerful,"
presented by Rev. Kalen Fristad.



Seder - Congregational Participation

1. Kaddesh or Kiddush - blessings for first drink of juice
Blessed are You, Spirit of Life, Who creates the fruit of the vine
2. Karpas - blessing of the green vegetable, parsley
**May the eating of the karpas renew us as springtime renews the earth.
Praised are You, Spirit of Life, Who creates the fruit of the earth.**
3. Maggid - Story-telling

The Four Children

1. The first child asks: "Why should I be concerned with the rest of humanity?"
Group: "If you are only for yourself, what are you?"
2. The second child asks: "When there is so much suffering and oppression in the world, how can I selfishly be concerned with myself and my family?"
Group: "If you are not for yourself, who will be for you?"
3. The third is so overwhelmed by the magnitude of the problems in the world that s/he doesn't know where to begin, and so does nothing, not even ask.
Group: "It is not up to you to complete the task, but neither are you free to desist from it. If not now, when?"
4. The fourth child asks: "What can I do to help everyone?"
Group: "We must act toward transformation of society. But the first step is to gain an understanding of the society and our position in it, which is what we are trying to do today, with this Freedom Seder."

4. Barech - Blessing after the meal and before taking the third drink of juice
Blessed are You, Spirit of Life, Who creates the fruit of the vine.
5. Blessing before fourth drink of juice
Blessed are You, Spirit of Life, Who creates the fruit of the vine

