

Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society

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“Searching for Alternatives to Homelessness” presented by Heidi Wegleitner.

July 29, 2012



Today's Order of Service

Prelude: “Oh, Freedom (African American spiritual),” performed by Rosemarie Lester, accordion, Ruth Calden, recorder, and Paula Pachciarz, voice.

Greeting and Announcements – Dorothy Krause

Opening Words:

I mean, I don't think I'm alone when I look at the homeless person or the bum or the psychotic or the drunk or the drug addict or the criminal and see their baby pictures in my mind's eye. You don't think they were cute like every other baby?

– Dustin Hoffman

***Hymn #325 (SLT):** “Love Makes a Bridge,” accompanied by Aileen Nettleton.

Chalice Lighting:

There is much suffering in the world – physical, material, mental. The suffering of some can be blamed on the greed of others. The material and physical suffering is suffering from hunger, from homelessness, from all kinds of diseases. But the greatest suffering is being lonely, feeling unloved, having no one. I have come more and more to realize that it is being unwanted that is the worst disease that any human being can ever experience.

– Mother Teresa (1910-1998)

Silent Meditation

Story for All Ages

Singing the Children Out

****Joys and Concerns**

****Introduction of Guests and Visitors**

Presentation: “Searching for Alternatives to Homelessness,” presented by Heidi Wegleitner.

Offering & Offertory: “*Das Kelbl* (The Little Calf),” by Jtschak Katzenelson. Performed by Ruth Calden, recorder, and Rosemarie Lester, accordion.

***Hymn #121 (SLT):** “We'll Build a Land,” accompanied by Aileen Nettleton.

Closing Words:

We have weapons of mass destruction we have to address here at home. Poverty is a weapon of mass destruction. Homelessness is a weapon of mass destruction. Unemployment is a weapon of mass destruction.

– Dennis Kucinich

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 All those little indicator lights on our appliances mean that the appliance is drawing power even when it's turned off. To cut out this "phantom load," you can either unplug your appliances when not in use, or plug them into a power strip which you can turn off when not needed. Doing this can cut your carbon dioxide emissions by 1600 pounds! (Source: Real Simple.)

The next Spanish Speakers Potluck will be held on Monday, July 30, at 6:30pm Location to be determined. Bring a dish to pass if you can – all are welcome! Please call Rosemary Dorney at (608) 238-4382 with questions or if you need to arrange a ride.

The Prairie Book Club discusses **Alien Charm**, Judith Lazarus' science fiction book published under the name Judith Thain, **after the service today**. Judy attends Prairie. You are welcome to attend whether or not you have read the book. We'll share food starting between 11:30 and 11:45 a.m. right after the service and then start the discussion. We meet in one of the basement classrooms.

Prairie Men's Group Men from Prairie are organizing a men's group for good company, good entertainment, and good works. We are starting up on Sunday evening, August 5, from 6 pm to 9 pm at Prairie. We'll have a potluck and talk about how and when to proceed as a group. (Please bring your calendar.) If Sunday evenings don't work, let us know in case we choose another meeting time. You can send questions and comments to Dan Proud (212-3793 or derrproud@att.net).

Wherever your travels may take you this summer, save a small sample of water for the Water Ceremony on September 9th.

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 29, 2012

10:00 Service – Presentation on the Occupy Movement presented by Heidi Wegleitner.
11:30 Prairie Book Club meets to discuss *Alien Charm*, by Judy Thain (Prairie's own Judy Lazarus).

Monday, July 30, 2012

6:30 Spanish Speakers Potluck. Location to be determined.

Saturday, August 4, 2012

9:00 PrairieWOW meets at Prairie

Sunday, August 5, 2012

10:00 Service – Summer Reads with Rose Smith.
12:00 Humanist Union meets
6:00 Prairie Men's Group

Sunday, August 12, 2012

10:00 Service – “Putting Your Faith in Action,” presented by Mary and Andy Somers.
11:30 Salad Sunday

Saturday, August 18, 2012

8:00 Urban and Environmentally Friendly Farm Trip

Sunday, August 19, 2012

9:00 Service Sunday at First Unitarian Society

Sunday, August 26, 2012

10:00 Service – Gaviotas presented by Claire Norelle.

Monday, August 27, 2012

7:00 Program 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:

Summer Reads with Rose Smith.

