

Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society

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"The Gift of Years"

by Millie Moffet and Mary Frantz

April 26, 2015

Today's Order of Service

Prelude: "Old Devil Time," by Pete Seeger. Performed by Dan Proud.

Welcome and Announcements: Christina Klock

Opening Words:

For age is opportunity no less
than youth itself though in another dress. And as the
evening twilight fades away
the sky is filled with stars
invisible by day.
– Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

***Hymn #360:** "Here We Have Gathered," accompanied by Mary Frantz.

Chalice Lighting #452

Story for All Ages: *When I am Old With You*, by Angela Johnson, pictures by David Soman. Read by Rose Smith.

Singing the Children Out

****Joys and Concerns**

Silent Meditation

Presentation: "The Gift of Years" by Millie Moffet and Mary Frantz.

Discussion

Offering & Offertory: "Get Up and Go," by Pete Seeger.

****Introduction of Guests and Visitors**

***Hymn #350:** "The Ceaseless Flow of Endless Time"

Closing Words:

"A burden of these years is the temptation to cling to the times and things behind us rather than move to the liberating moments ahead. A blessing of these years is the invitation to go light-footed into the here and now—because we spend far too much of life preparing for the future rather than enjoying the present.
– Joan Chittester

Extinguishing the Chalice #456

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: Common soaps such as hand soap and dish washing detergent contain petroleum. Making your own soaps at home might be more work than you want to do, but you can buy a plant-based brand like Seventh Generation and save thousands of oil barrels in the process.

The Spring Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 17, after the service and Soup Sunday. We'll be tidying up the yard and other tasks. Helpers of all ages welcome!

The Prairie Family Retreat will start this coming Friday at 5:00 at Bethel Horizons. The annual Key Log Ceremony will be held on Sunday, May 3, at 9:15am at Bethel Horizons. Or, you can attend a TED Talk and discussion at Prairie's meeting house.

Spring Work Day May 9, 9:00am to 12:00pm. Gather your Spring Cleaning energy and bring it on over to Prairie!

The Prairie Elders will meet on Tuesday, April 28, from 1:30pm to 3:30pm at Prairie. This month's topic of discussion will be, "Dealing with memory loss." Contact Rosemary Dorney (238-4382) or Donna Murdoch (238-3802) for more information.

Do you want to learn more about Prairie UU? Join us at Prairie on May 30, 9 am to noon, to share your religious journeys, etc. Call Erin Bosch to RSVP, 238-6285.

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 28, 2015

1:30 Prairie Elders meet at Prairie

Friday, May 1, 2015

5:00 Prairie Family Retreat begins

Sunday, May 3, 2015

9:15 Key Log Ceremony at Bethel Horizons

10:00 TED Talk viewing at Prairie

Saturday, May 9, 2015

9:00 Prairie Work Day

Sunday, May 10, 2015

8:45 Choir rehearsal

10:00 Service

Sunday, May 17, 2015

8:45 Choir rehearsal

10:00 Service

11:30 Soup Sunday

12:00 **Parish Meeting**

Sunday, May 24, 2015

8:45 Choir rehearsal

10:00 Service

Tuesday, May 26, 2015

1:30 Prairie Elders meets at Prairie

Saturday, May 30, 2015

9:00 Intro to Prairie (Orientation)

Sunday, May 31, 2015

8:45 Choir rehearsal

10:00 Service

Friday, June 5, 2015

5:00 Prairie Game Night

Saturday, June 6, 2015

9:00 PrairieWOW

Sunday, June 7, 2015

8:45 Choir rehearsal

10:00 Service

11:45 Humanist Union 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:

9:15 Key Log Ceremony at Prairie Retreat
10:00 TED Talk at Prairie Meeting House

