

Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society

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**“The Road Home,”
by Kristin Rucinski.**

January 25, 2015



Today's Order of Service

Prelude: “Homeward Bound,” by Paul Simon. Performed by Dan Proud, Anne Urbanski, and Nevenah Smith.

Welcome and Announcements: Rev. Sandra Ingham

Opening Words:

“You have been my friend. That in itself is a tremendous thing. I wove my webs for you because I liked you. After all, what’s a life, anyway? We’re born, we live a little while, we die. A spider’s life can’t help being something of a mess, with all this trapping and eating flies. By helping you, perhaps I was trying to lift up my life a trifle. Heaven knows anyone’s life can stand a little of that.”
– E.B. White, from *Charlotte’s Web*.

***Hymn #38 (SLT):** “Morning Has Broken,” accompanied by Mary Frantz.

Global Chalice Lighting:

Here we are gathered, by our Unitarian and Universalist traditions, around our chalice which we light. Our ritual which brings us together, we who come from diverse backgrounds. Other faiths use prayer beads, make the sign of the cross, turn prayer mills, kneel on carpets, light candles, commune in circles. For us, our meditation and sharing today begin with this gesture, which, for us, is sacred in the secular sense of the word.
– Jean-Claude Barbier, Conseil des Unitariens et Universalistes Français

Story for All Ages: “A Badger’s Neighbor?” told by Penny Eiler.

Singing the Children Out

****Joys and Concerns**

Silent Meditation

Presentation: “The Road Home,” Kristin Rucinski.

Discussion

Offering & Offertory: “There But for Fortune,” by Phil Ochs.

****Introduction of Guests and Visitors**

***Hymn #16 (SLT):** “’Tis a Gift to Be Simple”

Closing Words:

“If you wait until you can do everything for everybody, instead of something for somebody, you’ll end up not doing anything for anybody.”
--Malcolm Bane

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

The Prairie Elders will meet on Tuesday, January 27, at 1:30pm **at Prairie**. This month’s topic of conversation is still to be determined. Please call Rosemary Dorney (238-4382) or Donna Murdoch (238-3802) for more information.

Want to learn more about MOSES and its goal of reducing the prison population in Wisconsin? Want to honor Martin Luther King, Jr.’s legacy more than one day a year?? Then, come to an informational meeting on Saturday, January 31st, at 9 a.m., at Prairie. This meeting is a follow-up to the question raised by Rev. Sandy in her reflections on January 18th: What can we do right now to help end racism? The probability of snacks is high.

Interfaith Hospitality Network Week is February 1 to 8 One of Prairie’s social action commitments is being a buddy church for Midvale Lutheran as they house homeless families as part of the Interfaith Hospitality Network, which is part of The Road Home. Please consider volunteering to serve dinner or various other jobs to help Prairie honor its commitment to this wonderful organization. You can call Erin Bosch for more information about IHN (238-6285) or you can go to this website for an explanation of the volunteer jobs and a link to the sign-up sheet:
<http://www.midvalelutheran.org/share/our-community/road-home>

The Humanist Union will meet on Sunday, February 1, after the service at Prairie. The meeting will start at 11:45 with a potluck lunch, followed by a presentation and discussion led by Dr. Henry Steinberger on SMART Recovery, a secular addiction recovery program.

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, January 27, 2015

1:30 Prairie Elders meets at **Prairie**

Saturday, January 31, 2015

9:00 Informal MOSES meeting

Sunday, February 1, 2015

8:45 Choir rehearsal
10:00 Service - "SMART Recovery"
11:45 Humanist Union meets
5:30 Prairie Men's Group meets

Friday, February 6, 2015

5:00 Board Game Night

Saturday, February 7, 2015

11:00 Memorial service for Mona Birong

Sunday, February 8, 2015

8:45 Choir rehearsal
10:00 Service – Reflection by Rev. Sandra Ingham

Monday, February 9, 2015

7:00 Prairie's Board meets

Saturday, February 14, 2015

10:00 PrairieWOW meets at Prairie

Sunday, February 15, 2015

8:45 Choir rehearsal
10:00 Service – "Our Place in the Cosmos"
11:30 Soup Sunday
11:45 Book Club meets to discuss *The Bucolic Plague* and *Rambunctious Garden*

Monday, February 16, 2015

7:00 Program Committee meets

Sunday, February 22, 2015

8:45 Choir rehearsal
10:00 Service – Reflection by Rev. Sandra Ingham

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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:
"SMART Recovery," by Dr. Henry
Steinberger.

