

Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society

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“All I Want for Christmas...Is to Be More Buddhist”

by Rev. Sandra Ingham

November 29, 2015



Today's Order of Service

“We sing now together our song of thanksgiving...”

Prelude: Performed by Mike Briggs.

Welcome and Announcements: Rev. Sandra Ingham

Opening Words: “Pilgrim Winslow,” by Rev. Jane Ranney Rzepka

***Hymn #67 (SLT):** “We Sing Now Together,” Mike Briggs, accompanist.

Chalice Lighting

Story for All Ages: from “Zen Socks” by Jon J. Muth.

Singing the Children Out: “Farewell Good Friends”

****Joys and Concerns**

Silent Meditation

***Hymn #352:** “Find a Stillness”

Reading: “November,” by Mary Oliver

Reflections: “All I Want for Christmas...Is to be More Buddhist,” by Rev. Sandra Ingham.

Responsive Reading #512: “We Give Thanks This Day,” by Eugene Pickett.

Congregational Response

Offering and Offertory: Performed by Mike Briggs.

****Introduction of Guests and Visitors**

***Hymn #322:** “Thanks Be for These”

Closing Words: “Let Us Give Thanks for the Bounty of People” (Anonymous)

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: Don't forget to check the air pressure in your vehicle's tires, especially before traveling over the river and through the woods.

The Humanist Union will meet next Sunday starting with a potluck lunch at 11:45. Susan Hagstrom will talk about the Freedom From Religion Foundation's 38th Annual National Convention. There should be time to discuss what we like or dislike about the Holiday season.

Prairie's women's group, PrairieWOW, will meet this Saturday, December 5, at 9:00am. Please bring a brunch dish to share.

Consider volunteering for the Men's Shelter Breakfast on the Saturday after the first Friday each month. Volunteers help cook breakfast or purchase groceries. See Paula Pachciarz for more information and to sign up to volunteer.

Prairie Men's Group will meet next Sunday at 5:30pm. Please bring a dish to pass.

The Book Club will meet December 27 after the service to discuss Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End by Atul Gawande (nonfiction, 282 pages) (recommended by Pam Gates and Mary Frantz) His book is a personal meditation on how we can better live with age-related frailty, serious illness and approaching death. (New York Times Sunday Book Review)

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

December 4, 2015

5:00 Board Game Night

Saturday, December 5, 2015

5:00 Men's Shelter Breakfast

9:00 PrairieWOW

Sunday, December 6, 2015

8:45 Choir rehearsal in the Annex

10:00 Service – The Ethics of Assistance

11:45 Humanist Union meets

5:30 Men's Group meets

Saturday, December 12, 2015

10:00 Build Your Own Theology

Sunday, December 13, 2015

8:45 Choir rehearsal in the Annex

10:00 Service – Never Forget – Newtown

11:45 Board meets in the Annex

Monday, December 14, 2015

6:00 Finance Committee Meets

7:00 Program Committee Meets

Sunday, December 20, 2015

8:45 Choir rehearsal in the Annex

10:00 Service – Symbol Tree

11:30 Soup Sunday

Tuesday, December 22, 2015

1:30 Prairie Elders meets

Sunday, December 27, 2015

8:45 Choir rehearsal in the Annex

10:00 Service – The Seven Principles as New Year Resolutions

Friday, January 1, 2016

5:00 Board Game Night

Saturday, January 2, 2015

5:00 Men's Shelter Breakfast

9:00 Prairie WOW

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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:

“The Ethics of Assistance,” by Matt Tedesco.

