

# Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society

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## Christmas at Prairie

December 25, 2016



### Today's Order of Service

"Once again may we pause, look up, and in the far-off distances hear that old, old music, the music of hope, brotherhood, sisterhood, and blessed peace!"

– Alfred S. Cole

**Prelude:** Performed by Mike Briggs.

**Welcome and Announcements:** Rev. Sandra Ingham

**UU Reflections on Christmas**

**Opening Words #663.**

\***Opening Carol #245:** "Joy to the World" accompanied by Mike Briggs.

**Chalice Lighting:** by Alfred S. Cole

**Story for All Ages:** The Trees of the Dancing Goats, by Patricia Polacco.

"Solstice," by Diane Lee Moomey.

**Carol #241:** "In the Bleak Midwinter"

"Such Silence," by Mary Oliver

**Joys and Concerns**

"Lo, the Star," by Rev. Robert R. Walsh

\***Carol #249:** "On This Day Everywhere"

**Silent Meditation**

**Carol #240:** "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day"

"Myth and Miracle," by Rev. Jane Ranny Rzepka

**Offering and Offertory**

*Today's offering will be shared with the Dane County jail.*

"Angels," by Mary Oliver

**Carol #256:** "Winter Night"

**Responsive Reading #621:** "Why Not a Star," By Margaret Gooding

"Hanukkah," by Rev. Kathleen McTigue

**Carol #231:** "Angels We Have Heard on High"

"For Unto Us a Child Is Born," by Barbara Rohde

**Christmas Comments from the Congregation**

**Introduction of Guests and Visitors**

\***Closing Carol #235:** "Deck the Halls with Boughs of Holly"

**Closing Words:** "The Work of Christmas," by Howard Thurman

**Greet Your Neighbor**

\*Please stand as you are able.

### Announcements

**Our shared offering for December** will be used to purchase warm clothing for inmates at the Dane County jail. The Social Action Committee will be working with the chaplain to purchase hats, gloves, and thermal wear. The Social Action Committee also invites people to stay after the service to write messages in Christmas cards to inmates. Cards will be provided

**The Prairie Elders** will meet this Tuesday, December 27, at 1:30 pm in the Annex. This month's topic will be "Memorable Christmastime experiences." Coffee and tea provided. Bring a snack to share if convenient.

**The Prairie Choir** is on hiatus! The next rehearsal will be on Sunday, January 8, at 8:45am in the Annex.

**RE classes** will resume on January 8.

**The Spanish Speakers Potluck** will meet on Monday, January 9, at 6:30pm at the home of Scott Freeman and Cassi Neff, 404 S. Blount St. #301. All levels of Spanish are welcome. Bring a dish to pass, if you can; if not come anyway. For more information or to arrange a ride, call Rosemary Dorney at 238-4382.

**The Humanist Union** will meet on Sunday, January 8, at 11:45am. Please note this meeting will be the second Sunday of January. This month, John Rummel of the American Astronomical Society will speak on the solar eclipse on August 21, 2017. The meeting will begin with a potluck lunch at 11:45, with the presentation beginning shortly after.

### **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, December 27, 2016**

1:30 Prairie Elders meets in Annex

### **Sunday, January 1, 2017**

10:00 Service: Hymn Sing/Request

### **Monday, January 2, 2017**

6:30 Program Committee meets

### **Tuesday, January 3, 2017**

1:30 History Committee meets

### **Wednesday, January 4, 2017**

6:15 Finance Committee meets in Annex

### **Friday, January 6, 2017**

6:00 Board Game Night

### **Saturday, January 7, 2017**

5:00 Men's Shelter Breakfast

9:00 Prairie WOW meets in the Annex

### **Sunday January 8, 2017**

8:45 Choir rehearsal in the Annex

10:00 RE classes resume

10:00 Service

11:45 Humanist Union meets

11:45 Board meets

### **Monday, January 9, 2017**

6:30 Spanish Speakers Potluck

### **Sunday, January 15, 2017**

8:45 Choir rehearsal in the Annex

10:00 Service

11:30 Soup Sunday

11:45 Book Club meets

### **Tuesday, January 17, 2017**

2:00 History Committee meets in the Annex

### **Thursday, January 19, 2017**

6:30 Humanist Movie Night in the Annex

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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:**  
Hymn Request and Sing

