

Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society

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“What Better Time?” by Rev. Sandra Ingham

December 3, 2017

Announcements

Order of Service

When people ask the Dalai Lama, “Is Buddhism a religion?” he answers, “Yes, it is.” Then they ask, “What kind of religion is it?” He responds, “My religion is kindness.”

Prelude: Performed by Amber Bruns.

Welcome and Announcements: Rev. Sandra Ingham

Opening Words

***Opening Hymn #181 (SLT):** “No Matter If You Live Now Far or Near,” Amber Bruns, accompanist.

Chalice Lighting

Story for All Ages: Zen Socks, by John J. Muth.

Children’s Recessional: by Joyce Poley.

As you go on your way, may you be filled with gladness.

Go in joy, go in joy!

May fortune bless your day with peace and loving kindness.

Go in love, go in love.

Joys and Concerns

Silent Meditation

***Hymn #1031 (STJ):** “Filled with Loving Kindness”

Reading: from Pay Attention, for Goodness’ Sake, by Sylvia Boorstein.

Reflections, Part I: “What Better Time?” by Rev. Sandra Ingham.

A Few Moments of Silence

Reading: from Happiness Is an Inside Job, Sylvia Boorstein.

Reflections, Part II: “What Better Time?”

Responsive Reading #598: “Without Hate”

A Few Moments of Silence

Offering and Offertory: Performed by Amber Bruns.

Introduction of Guests and Visitors

***Closing Hymn #354:** “We Laugh, We Cry”

Closing Words

Greet Your Neighbor

*Please stand as you are able.

Al Nettleton is today’s tech assistant.

We will share our offering for the rest of the year with Beacon House, the homeless day shelter which opened Oct. 16. The shelter offers laundry facilities, counseling, and help finding employment, as well as a place to stay warm and fed during the day. Prairie is trying to do its part!

Spanish Speakers Potluck will meet on Monday, December 11, at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Emma Pachon. Please bring a dish to pass if convenient. If not, come anyway! Contact Rosemary Dorney at 298-0843 for more information.

The Book Club will meet next Sunday after the service to discuss Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis, by J.D. Vance. It is about the Appalachian values of his upbringing and their relation to the social problems of his hometown.

The Humanist Union will meet in the meeting hall after today’s service for a potluck lunch at 11:45 and a "Tree Stories" program from 12:30 to 1:30. If you wondered about some of the slides on the screen as Kathy Converse presented her Aug. 20 program on "The Hidden Life of Trees," you'll have a chance to ask her about them at this meeting. Barb and Bob Park will add some slides to Kathy's of trees about which they have a story to tell.

It is time for us to hang a new art display at Prairie UU. I am looking for contributions of portraits done by you, a friend or family member, or art work you have collected. The portraits can be done in any medium including oil, acrylic, watercolor, pen., pencil or photographs. Please contact Kathy Converse at 608-239-9385 or conversekrtn@gmail.com.

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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Calendar

Sunday, December 3, 2017

8:45 Choir Rehearsal in Annex
10:00 Service: "What Better Time?"
11:45 Humanist Union in Meeting House

Monday, December 4, 2017

6:30 Program Committee in Annex

Sunday, December 10, 2017

8:45 Choir Rehearsal in Annex
10:00 Service: "The Fork in the Road"
11:30 Board meets in Annex
11:45 Book Club in Meeting Hall

Monday, December 11, 2017

6:30 Spanish Speakers Potluck

Sunday, December 17, 2017

8:45 Choir Rehearsal in Annex
10:00 Service: "Symbol Tree"
11:30 Soup Sunday

Sunday, December 24, 2017

NO choir rehearsal
10:00 Service: "Rainbows and Tarantulas"

Sunday, December 31, 2017

NO choir rehearsal
10:00 Service

Friday, January 5, 2018

6:00 Board Game night

Saturday, January 6, 2018

5:00 Men's Shelter Breakfast
9:00 Prairie WOW in Annex

Sunday, January 7, 2018

8:45 Choir rehearsal in Annex
10:00 Service
11:45 Humanist Union in Annex

Monday, January 8, 2018

6:30 Program Committee in 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:

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