

# Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society

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## “Rainbows and Tarantulas” by Rev. Sandra Ingham

December 24, 2017



### Announcements

#### Order of Service

“We make a holiday, the rituals varied as the hopes of humanity, the reasons as obscure as ancient solar festivals, as clear as joy on one small face.” – Margaret Starkey

“We are the ones who keep Christmas. Christmas is what we want it to be. Christmas is loveliness, happiness, singing, laughter, giving, and sharing, if we will make it so.”  
– Jeanne H.M. Bell

#### **Prelude**

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

**Opening Words:** by Alfred S. Cole.

**\*Opening Hymn #245 (SLT):** “Joy to the World!” Mary Frantz, accompanist

**Chalice Lighting:** by Patrick Green.

**Story for All Ages:** Christmas Tapestry, by Patricia Polacco.

**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 #241:** “In the Bleak Midwinter”

**Readings:** “The Choice,” by Rev. Jane Ranney Rzepka, and “The Children’s Christmas Pageant,” by Barbara Rohde

**\*Hymn #240:** “I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day” (all verses)

**Reflections:** “Rainbows and Tarantulas,” by Rev. Sandra Ingham.

#### **A Few Moments of Silence**

#### **Congregational Response**

#### **Offering and Offertory**

#### **Introduction of Guests and Visitors**

**\*Closing Hymn #58:** “Ring Out, Wild Bells”

**Closing Words:** “Christmas Eve,” by Rev. Kathleen McTigue

#### **Greet Your Neighbor**

\*Please stand as you are able.

**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!

**Sign up to volunteer at the Interfaith Hospitality Network Homeless Shelter!** The week of Dec. 31 to Jan. 7 will be Prairie’s last time volunteering with IHN. To volunteer for this last host week, go to this link and click on the sign-up: [midvalelutheran.org/serve-share/road-home](http://midvalelutheran.org/serve-share/road-home). The City of Madison has worked with area agencies to consolidate services for homeless families. The Salvation Army now has the capacity to house families most months of the year. IHN’s Board of Trustees voted to discontinue its church-based homeless shelter network, but will work in other ways to support homeless families. Thank you Erin Bosch for coordinating volunteers from Prairie!

**Prairie continues to volunteer** making breakfast at the Men’s Shelter at Grace Episcopal! Our next turn will be on Saturday, January 6. If you’d like to volunteer or would like more information, please contact Paula Pachciarz.

**Thank you** Mary Mullen and Patty Stockdale for selecting (and delivering to Prairie’s doorstep) this year’s Symbol Tree, and to Raju (John) Eliganti for setting it up.

**The Prairie Book Club** will meet in the Annex after the service on Sunday, January 21, to discuss To Dance with the White Dog by Terry Kay.

#### **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 31, 2017**

NO choir rehearsal

10:00 Service: "Kwanzaa," by Margaret Carpenter.

### **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

### **Tuesday, January 9, 2018**

2:30 History Committee meets

### **Sunday, January 14, 2018**

8:45 Choir rehearsal in Annex

10:00 Service

11:45 Board Meets

### **Saturday, January 20, 2018**

Auction Item: Revolutionary Dinner

### **Sunday, January 21, 2018**

8:45 Choir rehearsal in Annex

10:00 Service

11:30 Soup Sunday

11:45 Book Club in Annex

### **Sunday, January 28, 2018**

8:45 Choir rehearsal in Annex

10:00 Service

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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:**

"Kwanzaa"

by Margaret Carpenter

