

# Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society

2010 Whenona Drive, Madison, WI 53711 \* 608-271-8218 \* www.uuprairie.org

## “Why Are We Here?” by Rev. Sandra Ingham

September 9, 2018



### Order of Service

“The Unitarian Universalist religion's gift to me has been the opportunity to unfold: the special joy of breaking out of the cocoon, of finding a greater freedom in the exercise of my intelligence and in the growth of my experience of love, beauty and justice.” – Rev. Jack Mendelsohn

**Prelude:** Performed by Mary Frantz

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

### **Opening Words**

**\*Opening Hymn #361 (SLT):** “Enter, Rejoice, and Come In” (*all verses*) Mary Frantz, accompanist

### **Chalice Lighting**

### **Story for All Ages**

**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 #352:** “Find a Stillness”

**Reading:** “The Duck of Enlightenment,” by Rev. Kathleen McTigue

**Reflections:** “Why Are We Here?” by Rev. Sandra Ingham.

**Responsive Reading #657:** “It Matters What We Believe,” by Sophia Lyon Fahs.

### **Congregational Response**

### **Offering and Offertory**

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

**\*Closing Hymn #346:** “Come, Sing a Song With Me”

### **Closing Words**

### **Greet Your Neighbor**

\*Please stand as you are able.

### Announcements

**We will share our offering** for the third quarter of 2018 with the Allied Neighborhood Wellness Center, a health center in the Allied Neighborhood. The center offers financial assistance with prescription co-pays and bus passes and gas vouchers for doctor appointments, job interviews, and emergencies.

**The Social Action Committee** continues Prairie’s collaboration with the Tenant Resource Center to collect items for formerly homeless individuals and couples. We’ve donated four baskets so far! Donation baskets and a list of items to donate are in the foyer. Please add to that list more laundry baskets for donations! Thank you, and keep those donations coming!

**A special Parish Meeting** will be held on September 23 after the service. We’ll vote on a Youth Member to the Board of Trustees and on a proposed change to the By-laws, and hear an update on the remodel.

**Prairie’s Family Retreat** will be held Friday, October 19, through Sunday, October 21, at Bethel Horizons. Rick Ruecking is this year’s registrar. Activities begin Friday at 5:00 p.m. with check-in, a finger-food potluck, and games. Saturday will start bright and early with a full day of activities, 3 meals, and a talent show! Sunday will start with brunch followed by the Key-Log Fire and Service. (Please note there will be an activity at Prairie’s Meeting House on Sunday as well.)

**RE Lunch and Fun after the service!** This is a great opportunity to come down and see what a typical RE Sunday looks like. We’ve flipped the script a bit though, and today, the kids will be the teachers guiding the adults through fun activities in each learning space. Regular RE volunteers will be on hand to answer questions and keep everything flowing smoothly.

### **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.*

# Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society

2010 Whenona Drive, Madison, WI 53711 \* 608-271-8218 \* www.uuprairie.org

## Calendar

### **Sunday, September 9, 2018**

8:45 Choir Rehearsal in Annex  
10:00 Service: "Why Are We Here?" by Rev. Sandra Ingham  
10:15 RE Begins  
11:30 RE Lunch and Fun

### **Sunday, September 16, 2018**

8:45 Choir Rehearsal in Annex  
10:00 Service: "Usona Institute," by Dr. Charles Raison  
11:30 Soup Sunday  
11:45 Board in Annex

### **Sunday, September 23, 2018**

8:45 Choir Rehearsal in Annex  
10:00 Service: "Eating to Live...Living to Eat," by Rev. Sandra Ingham  
11:10 Parish Meeting

### **Sunday, September 30, 2018**

8:45 Choir Rehearsal in Annex  
10:00 Service: "Religious Education Goes Green," by Holly Tellander, DRE

### **Thursday, October 4, 2018**

7:00 p.m. Program Committee in Annex

### **Friday, October 5, 2018**

6:00 p.m. Board Game Night

### **Saturday, October 6, 2018**

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

### **Sunday, October 7, 2018**

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

### **Sunday, October 14, 2018**

8:45 Choir Rehearsal in Annex  
10:00 Service

### **Friday, October 19, 2018**

5:00 p.m. Retreat begins at Bethel Horizons

### **Saturday, October 20, 2018**

8:00 Retreat continues

### **Sunday, October 21, 2018**

Noon Retreat ends

## **Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society**

2010 Whenona Dr. Madison, WI 53711  
608-271-8218 www.uuprairie.org

**Reverend Sandra Ingham**, Minister, minister@uuprairie.org  
**Dan Klock**, Congregational Administrator, admin@uuprairie.org  
**Holly Tellander**, DRE, priaire\_UU\_dre@outlook.com  
**John (Raju) Eliganti**, Janitor, janitor@uuprairie.org  
**Rachel Long**, President, raarlong@gmail.com  
**Chris Porter**, Vice President, richersport@gmail.com  
**Kathy Converse**, Treasurer, conversekrtm@gmail.com  
**Phyllis Long**, Board Secretary, phyllis.long.9436@gmail.com  
**John Wunderlin**, Trustee, johnw@allprosoftware.com  
**Anne Pryor**, Trustee, bluezinnias@yahoo.com  
**Patty Stockdale**, Finance, pstockdale828@gmail.com  
**Phyllis Long**, Denominational Affairs, phyllis.long.9436@gmail.com  
**Deesa Pence and Erin Bosch**, Membership co-chairs deesalp@icloud.com and hillfarms2002@yahoo.com  
**Karen Deaton**, Religious Education, wisconsinkaren@gmail.com  
**Molly Plunkett and Pam Gates**, Social Action, plunkettma@gmail.com, pml.gts@gmail.com  
**Jim Lyne and Randy Converse**, Housing and Property co-chairs, jwlyne@gmail.com and conversekrtm@gmail.com  
**Penny Eiler**, Program, pennyeiler@gmail.com  
**Cheryl Robinson**, Caring, cherobl@msn.com  
**Barbara Park**, music director, barpark@gmail.com

## **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:**

"Usona Institute," by Dr. Charles Raison

