

**“Backpacks & Bags:
A Back to School Service”
Holly Tellander**

August 25, 2019

Order of Service

Prelude: Performed by Amber Bruns.

Welcome and Announcements: Barbara Chatterton-Frye

Opening Words: by Albert Einstein

“I have no special talents. I am only passionately curious.”

Opening Hymn (Attached): “Make New Friends” Amber Bruns, accompanist

Chalice Lighting: by Christian Schmidt and Alexis Capen

We light this chalice for our children and youth, and for us: celebrating the flame of faith lit in each of us, honoring the light each of us bring into the world, rejoicing in the community we create together.

Story for All Ages: The Day You Begin, by Jacqueline Woodson, illustrated by Rafael Lopez. Read by Renee Deschard.

Back to School Blessing: by Holly Tellander

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

Presentation: “Everyone’s A Teacher: 10 Daily Practices to Support the Learners in Your Life.” by Holly Tellander.

Discussion

Offering and Offertory

Introduction of Guests and Visitors

***Closing Hymn #14 (SLT):** “The Sun at High Noon”

Closing Words: by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr

“The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education.”

Greet Your Neighbor

*Please stand as you are able.

Announcements

We will share our offering for the third quarter with the Allied Wellness Center. The Center focuses on health promotion, direct assistance in obtaining medications, bus fare and gas cards to help people get to medical appointments and to jobs. The Center has one half time staff person, a Community Health Liaison/Chaplain whose position is funded by a city grant. The Center depends on donations from churches that make up the Allied Partners and grants to fund its activities. Prairie has been a long time member of Allied Partners.

The Humanist Union will meet on Sunday, September 1, in the Annex. The meeting will begin at noon with a potluck lunch, followed by a presentation by Mary Sommers entitled “Humanitarian Aid is Never a Crime - The Trial of Scott Warren.” Mary has worked with No More Deaths along the Arizona/Mexico border and Scott Warren is a fellow volunteer. Scott Warren will go on trial for a 2nd time in November for providing humanitarian aid to migrants.

The Prairie Book Club will meet in the Annex on September 22 after the service. September’s book is After the Prophet: The Epic Story of the Shia-Sunni Split in Islam by Lesley Hazleton. All are welcome to attend, even if you haven’t read the book.

After the service, please help us clean up by:

- Returning your hymnal to the cart
 - Placing your Order of Service on the cart
 - Tidying up the area around your seat.
- And please don’t forget to bring a spill-proof mug next week if you’d like coffee or tea. Thank you!

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.

Calendar

Sunday services meet at Oak Park Place. All other events and meetings will be in the Annex until further notice.

Sunday, August 25, 2019

10:00 Service
11:30 Archive Committee and Communication Committee in Annex

Sunday, September 1, 2019

10:00 Service
12:00 Humanist Union in Annex

Thursday, September 5, 2019

7:00 Program Committee

Saturday, September 7, 2019

5:00 Men's Shelter Breakfast at Grace Episcopal
9:00 PrairieWOW

Sunday, September 8, 2019

10:00 Service

Sunday, September 15, 2019

8:45 Choir rehearsal
10:00 Service
11:45 Board in Annex

Friday, September 20, 2019

6:00 Dungeons and Dragons and Subversive Threads

Sunday, September 22, 2019

8:45 Choir rehearsal
10:00 Service
11:45 Book Club

Thursday, September 26

7:00 Program Committee

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Upcoming Services

Sunday, September 1, 2019

Service: "Labor in the Pulpit," by Alexia Kulwiec.

We will discuss income inequality, and some of the ways U.S. policy supports exploitation of labor. We will also discuss how as a community of faith, we can help support low income workers and work to bring justice to the community.

Sunday, September 8, 2019

Service: Ingathering

Gather together to renew connections at the beginning of the church year.

Sunday, September 15, 2019

Service: "Fact or Fake: News in the Digital Era Part 1," by Renee Deschard.

Prairie's Renee Deschard will help us discern fact from fake in the media.

Sunday, September 22, 2019

Service: "Fact or Fake: News in the Digital Era Part 2," by Renee Deschard.

Renee will continue her discussion on fact versus fake in the media.

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.