

## Parish Meeting

### Order of Service and Parish Meeting Agenda

November 21, 2021

**Pledge Drive Song:** “Money, Money, Money,” performed by Deesa Pence, Dan Proud, Barb Park, Patty Stockdale, and Mary Mullen.

**Welcome and Announcements:** Matt Aspin

**1. Chalice Lighting and Opening Words:** by Judith L. Quarles

At this hour, in small towns and big cities, in single rooms and ornate sanctuaries (outside & on Zoom), many of our sibling Unitarian Universalist congregations are also lighting a flaming chalice.

As we light our chalice today, let us remember that we are part of a great community of faith.

May this dancing flame inspire us to fill our lives with the Unitarian Universalist ideals of love, justice and truth.

### **Joys and Concerns**

#### **Silent Meditation**

2. Review of the process for this meeting
3. Approve minutes of 5/23/21, 8/29/21, and 10/24/21 Parish Meetings
4. Election of At Large Board Member
5. Plans for our Minister 2022-23
6. Plans for our RE (Religious Exploration) program
7. Following up on our Widening the Circle Committee's report
8. Finance update
9. Approve the 2022 budget
10. Updates from the Minister and Committees
11. **Closing Words and Extinguishing the Chalice:** “Community Means Strength” by Starhawk
12. **Adjourn**

*The audio of this meeting is being recorded to aid in note taking.*

### Announcements

**We are sharing this quarter's offering with The Catalyst Project**, a community of up to four single moms and their kids who are experiencing homelessness. In partnership with founders Susan and Anna Donahoe, the families gain access to permanent housing and other support services while living community-style in a house on Madison's east side. Catalyst is founded on the belief that the wisdom of those who are not well served by society is essential to creating a society that serves all of its people.

**The Study Group Continues in November!** Prairie's Study Group meets via Zoom the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of each month. November's book selection will be Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City by Matthew Desmond. Part 2 of the discussion will be on November 22 at 7:00 pm.

**Join Rev. Matt Wednesday, December 1 at 1:00pm or 7:30 pm, for Matt's Chats!** Matt's Chats offer a space where Prairie Members can drop in to touch base, develop new connections, and potentially have some interesting discussions along the way.

No long term commitment required, just a desire to connect, share a bit of your story, and maybe even learn a thing or two.

Find the link to Rev. Matt's Chats [on Prairie's website](#).

### **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, November 21, 2021**

10:00 Parish Meeting

**Monday, November 22, 2021**

7:00 Study Group

**Thursday, November 25, 2021**

Happy Thanksgiving!

**Friday, November 26, 2021**

4:30 Dungeons&Dragons (advanced)

**Saturday, November 27, 2021**

10:00 Creativity and Connection

4:30 Dungeons&Dragons (beginners)

**Sunday, November 28, 2021**

10:00 Service

**Wednesday, December 1, 2021**

1:00 Rev. Matt's Chats

7:30 Rev. Matt's Chats

**Friday, December 3, 2021**

4:30 Dungeons&Dragons (advanced)

**Saturday, December 4, 2021**

10:00 PrairieWOW

4:30 Dungeons&Dragons (beginners)

**Sunday, December 5, 2021**

10:00 Service

**Tuesday, December 7, 2021**

7:00 Tuesday Trivia

**Friday, December 10, 2021**

4:30 Dungeons&Dragons (advanced)

**Saturday, December 11, 2021**

4:30 Dungeons&Dragons (beginners)

Prairie Staff and Board Members

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Upcoming Services

**Sunday, November 28, 2021**

**Guest at Your Table**

Guest At Your Table is the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee's (UUSC's) longest-established fundraising and educational program for congregations. The UUSC believes that the transformational solutions we need come from communities most directly impacted by injustice. Join us for this year's Guest at Your Table program to learn what UUSC partners are doing to address immediate injustices – as well as what they envision for the future. At this extraordinary juncture in history, we think their stories will offer inspiration and guidance on the path toward justice. The UUSC has a 4-star rating (the highest) with Charity Navigator.

**Sunday, December 5, 2021**

Prairie member John Gernandt will talk about the Dane County chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness's work with the police.

**Sunday, December 12, 2021**

**Symbol Tree**

In this all ages service, attendees can bring a physical item that represents an important milestone from the past year and talk about it.

**Principles of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations**

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote:

1. The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
2. Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
3. Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
4. A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
5. The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
6. The goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all;
7. Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.