

PRAIRIE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY

Sunday, August 20, 2006

Prelude - "Precious Memories," Mike Briggs, pianist

Welcome - Mary Mullen, Program Committee Co-Chair

Opening Words - Sonya Sidky

*Hymn - p. 27, "I Am That Great and Fiery Force,"
accompanist Mike Briggs

Chalice Lighting - Today the chalice is lit especially for all
of us who have lost friends and loved ones in the past year.

Silent Meditation (one minute)

Stories for All Ages - Children will be asked to share
brief stories of how they commemorated a pet that died.
(In the absence of children who wish to share, one or two
adults may volunteer a story.)

Song as children go downstairs [to melody of # 400,
"Shalom Havayreem,"]

*Farewell, good friends... Farewell... Till we meet again...
Farewell...*

(Sing each phrase twice.)

Joys and Concerns

Presentation - "Making Memorial Services Meaningful"

Part 1 - Mary Mullen - Introduction

Reading - "I Did Not Die," by Melinda Sue Pacheco

Part 2 - Sonya Sidky - A Personal Perspective on Memorial Services

*Hymn - p. 87 - "Nearer My God to Thee,"
accompanist Mike Briggs

Reading - "I'll Return Again," by Ralph Waldo Emerson

Part 3 - Erin Bosch - Prairie Memorial Services from a
Planning Helper's Perspective

Discussion

Offertory - "Angel Band," Mike Briggs, pianist

Introduction of Guests and Visitors

Prairie Announcements. (Additional announcements are
in your order of service.)

*Hymn - p. 411, "Part in Peace," accompanist Mike Briggs

Closing Words - "Peace my heart," by Rabindranath Tagore.

*Stand as you are able.

Welcome to our service! We are glad you are here. Please join us after the program for coffee and conversation. The presiders today have been long-time members, Erin Bosch, Caring Committee member, and Mary Mullen, Program Committee Co-Chair. They also were involved in the presentation along with new member Sonya Sidky who is a member of the Program Committee and is the person who suggested the topic for this service. Our accompanist was Mike Briggs, Prairie's president. Mary Mullen coordinated this service.

Announcements

Prairie Fire deadline is today, August 20. Please send submissions to prouds@tds.net or admin@uuprairie.org.

Program surveys are on the table in the foyer. Please give the Program Committee your input.

Special Meeting - Prairie's Capital Fundraising Committee has scheduled an informational meeting for friends and members to share the progress that has been made with fundraising for Prairie's new home, and to brainstorm on where we go from here. Meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 30, following the meal.

Prairie Elders will meet on Tuesday, August 22, at 2:00 p.m. at Oakwood West. The topic will be "Two Truths and One Fib". See the upcoming Prairie Fire for more details.

Annual Retreat registration forms are available in the lobby. See Robin Proud with any questions on registration, and Mary Mullen with program ideas.

EnAct Program can show you how to save money -- and the planet. See Prairie Fire for details or contact Judy Skog.

Calendar

Tuesday, August 22

Prairie Elders meets at Oakwood West, Oaks Building, 2nd Floor Exercise Room.

Wednesday, August 23

6:30 p.m. Midweek Meal @ Prairie

Thursday, August 24

7:00 p.m. Prairie Film Group views *Brazil*.

Sunday, August 27

10:00 a.m. "Ingathering" led by Barbara Chatterton. Bring water from places you have visited over the summer for this traditional Unitarian service. Religious Education program also begins this morning.

Wednesday, August 30

6:30 p.m. Midweek Meal @ Prairie

7:00 p.m. Building Progress Review Meeting.

Sunday, September 3

10:00 a.m. "Labor with Dignity" featuring a union speaker.

Sunday, September 10

10:00 a.m. "Sacred Voices: A Pilgrimage of Story and Poem Into Sacred Traditions," presented by Andy Fraenkel.

Friday-Sunday, September 15-17

Prairie Retreat at Bethel Horizons.