Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society

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When UUs Have Reunions: General Assembly at a Glance

February 23, 2014



Today's Order of Service

"The central task of the religious community is to unveil the bonds that bind each to all." – Mark Morrison-Reed

Prelude: Performed by Mary Frantz.

Welcome and Announcements – Rev. Sandra Ingham

**Introduction of Guests and Visitors

Opening Words

*Hymn #358 (SLT): "Rank by Rank Again We Stand," accompanied by Phil Nelson.

Chalice Lighting: "Blessing the Candles," by Rev. Lynn Ungar.

Story for All Ages: "The Relatives Came," by Cynthia Rylant.

Singing the Children Out: Farewell Good Friends

**Joys and Concerns

*Hymn #113: "Where Is Our Holy Church?"

Silent Meditation

Presentation: "When UUs Have Reunions: General Assembly at a Glance," by Rev. Sandra Ingham, Kate Liu, and other GA attendees.

Offering & Offertory: "I Dream a World," by Andre J. Thomas. Text by Langston Hughes. Performed by the Prairie Choir.

*Hymn #300 (SLT): "With Heart and Mind"

Closing Words

Extinguishing the Chalice

We extinguish this flame but not the light of truth, the warmth of community, or the fire of commitment. These we carry in our hearts until we meet again.

– Elizabeth Selle Jones

Greet Your Neighbor

*please stand as you are able.

**please wait for the microphone before speaking; this allows those using the assistive listening devices to hear.

Announcements

The Annual Service Auction is scheduled for March 9, 2014 12:00 immediately following the Sunday program. We will follow our fun-filled tradition of having Orange Schroeder as our auctioneer. We will also have a silent auction table again this year. Got an idea? Send Kathy Converse an email or give her a call at conversekrtm@gmail.com, 608-238-1856.

The Spanish Speakers Potluck scheduled for last Monday has been moved to this coming Monday, February 24. The Potluck will be held at 6:30 pm at the home of Amy Schulz, 2304 S. Seyene Rd. All levels of Spanish speakers are welcome, including beginners. Bring a dish to pass if you can -- all are welcome! Please contact Rosemary Dorney for more information or to arrange a ride.

The Prairie Elders will meet on Tuesday, February 25, at 1:30pm in the Nakoma Room, Heritage Oaks building, Oakwood Village West. Bring snacks to pass and your own drinking cup, if convenient. Newcomers welcome!

The Caring Committee invites you to a "Supporting Our Aging Parents" group at 11:45-1:30 on Sundays, March 2 and March 30. The purpose of these sessions is for us to share our concerns about caring for or supporting our parents as they age. Aileen Nettleton will facilitate the group on behalf of the Caring Committee. Please let Aileen know if you plan to attend.

The Prairie Book Club will meet on Sunday, March 16, after the service to discuss *Final Salute: The Story of Unfinished Lives* by Jim Sheeler. *Final Salute* was recommended by Pat Watkins.

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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Prairie Calendar

Sunday, February 23, 2014

8:45 Choir rehearsal

10:00 Service – "What Really Happens at GA," by Rev. Sandra Ingham, Kate Liu, and other GA attendees.

11:30 Mystery Friends party 1:00 **DMNA Tracing Party**

Monday, February 24, 2014

6:30 Spanish Speakers Potluck

Tuesday, February 25, 2014

1:30 Prairie Elders meets

Saturday, March 1, 2014

9:00 PrairieWOW meets at Prairie

Sunday, March 2, 2014

8:45 Choir rehearsal

10:00 Service – "Race to Equity -- A Baseline Report on the State of Racial Disparities in Dane County," by Erica Nelson, Project Director, and Torry Winn,

Consultant for Strategic Partnerships and Engagement.

12:00 **Humanist Union meets**

11:45 Supporting our Aging Parents group meets

Prairie Men's Group meets at Prairie 5:30

Sunday, March 9, 2014

8:45 Choir rehearsal

10:00 Service – "Summer in Antarctica," by John

Richards.

11:30 Soup Sunday Service Auction 12:00

3:00 **DMNA** Design Party

Saturday, March 15, 2014

Marlborough Park Community Garden sign-up 12:00

5:00 Dunn's Marsh Community Chili Fest

Sunday, March 16, 2014

8:45 Choir rehearsal

10:00 Service – Reflections by Rev. Sandra Ingham.

Tuesday, March 18, 2014

Marlborough Park Community Garden sign-up 5:00

Sunday, March 23, 2014

8:45 Choir rehearsal

10:00 Service – "An Ex-Catholic's Take on Pope

Francis' First Year as Pope," by Johanna Hatch.

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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:

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