

Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society

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Water Ceremony led by Barb Park

September 7, 2014



Today's Order of Service

Prelude Promenade: Religious Education students

Welcome and Announcements – Barb Park

Opening Words:

The rivers of this country are sweet
As a troubadour's song,
The heavy sun wanders westward
On yellow circus wagons.

Little village churches
hold a fabric of silence so fine
and old that even a breath
could tear it.
I love to swim in the sea,
which keeps talking to itself
in the monotone of a vagabond who no longer recalls
exactly how long he's been on the road.

From "On Swimming" by Adam Zagajewski

***Hymn #100 (Prairie Song Book):** "I've Got Peace Like a River," accompanied by Mary Frantz.

Chalice Lighting:

It starts with a drop,
Then a trickle....
A burble, a rush of water, bubbling toward its destination;
And finally the wide, endless sea.

All rivers run to the sea.
From "All Rivers Run to the Sea" by Kayle Rice

Water Ceremony Part I

Singing the Children Out: Farewell Good Friends

Water Ceremony Part II

Offering & Offertory: Performed by Mary Frantz

****Introduction of Guests and Visitors**

***Hymn #1064 (STJ):** "Blue Boat Home"

Closing Words

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

Green Note: Fix those leaks! On average, plumbing leaks account for more than 10,000 gallons of water wasted per year per household. Those leaks add up to more than *one trillion* gallons of water wasted annually nationwide! That's equal to the annual household water use of more than 11 million homes. (epa.gov)

The Prairie Elders will meet on Tuesday, September 23, at 1:30 pm in the Nakoma Room, Heritage Oaks Building, Oakwood Village West. This month's topic is: "The Common Core: What is it? A good idea? Bad?" For more information, call Rosemary Dorney (238-4382) or Donna Murdoch (238-3802). If convenient, bring your own beverage cup and a few snacks. If not convenient, don't worry about it, and come anyway. Newcomers are always welcome!

Prairie runs on love and volunteer time – but it also needs your financial support to bring quality programs every Sunday, support our staff, and maintain our buildings. Pledges are the primary way that this financial support comes in. Pledges are promises that allow us to develop a proposed budget for the year. You'll be receiving a letter and pledge form from the Finance Committee soon. It would be very helpful if you could return the pledge form on or before October 5. Thank you for your commitment to Prairie!

The next Spanish Speakers Potluck will be held on Monday, September 29, at 6:15 pm, at the home of Audrey Shomos, 134 Grove St., Evansville. All levels of Spanish speakers are welcome, including beginners! Bring a dish to pass if you can -- if you can't, come anyway! Please contact Rosemary Dorney (238-4382) for more information or to arrange a ride.

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, September 7, 2014

10:00 Service
11:45 Humanist Union meets
5:30 Men's Group meets

Monday, September 8, 2014

7:00 Prairie's Board meets

Sunday, September 14, 2014

8:45 Choir rehearsal
10:00 Service
11:30 Book Club meets to discuss *How Green Was My Valley*, by Richard Llewellyn.

Monday, September 15, 2014

7:00 Program Committee meets

Saturday, September 20, 2014

10:00 Sock Monkey auction activity

Sunday, September 21, 2014

8:45 Choir rehearsal
10:00 Service
11:30 Soup Sunday

Tuesday, September 23, 2014

1:30 Prairie Elders meet

Saturday, September 27, 2014

9:00 Fall Frolic

Sunday, September 28, 2014

8:45 Choir rehearsal
10:00 Service

Monday, September 29, 2014

6:15 Spanish Speakers Potluck at the home of Audrey Shomos.

Friday, October 3, 2014

5:00 Board Game Night

Saturday, October 4, 2014

9:00 PrairieWOW meets

Sunday, October 5, 2014

8:45 Choir rehearsal
10:00 Service
11:45 Humanist Union meets

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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:

“Water Ceremony,” lead by Barbara Park.

