Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society

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"Overcoming Confirmation Bias: Advice from an Ex-Pastor," by Rob Brink.

September 6, 2015



Today's Order of Service

Prelude: Performed by Amber Bruns.

Welcome and Announcements: Erin Bosch

Opening Words:

"Thanks to Google, we can instantly seek out support for the most bizarre idea imaginable. If our initial search fails to turn up the results we want, we don't give it a second thought, rather we just try out a different query and search again."

- Justin Owings

*Hymn #297 (SLT): "The Star of Truth" accompanied by Amber Bruns.

Chalice Lighting:

Let the light of this chalice illuminate the inherent worth and dignity of every person and their labor on this weekend that is set aside to honor the benefits we enjoy from the fruits of labor.

Story for All Ages: Told by Penny Eiler.

Singing the Children Out: "Farewell Good Friends"

**Jovs and Concerns

Silent Meditation

Presentation: "Overcoming Confirmation Bias: Advice from an Ex-Pastor," by Rob Brink.

Discussion

Offering and Offertory: "Both Sides Now," performed by Lynn Currie.

**Introduction of Guests and Visitors

Hymn #339: "Knowledge, They Say"

Closing Words

Greet Your Neighbor

Today's tech assistant is John Richards.

Announcements

Green Note: Save energy when you use your dishwasher by choosing the "air dry" option. Better yet, when your dishwasher switches to the dry cycle, hit the cancel button and open the door. You'll be surprised how quickly your dishes dry.

The Humanist Union will meet today in the Meeting House starting with a potluck lunch at 11:45am. Rob Brink will also lead the Humanist Union program with an opportunity for a "Q&A with an Ex-Pastor."

The Prairie Book Club will meet on Sunday, September 20, after the service to discuss *Orange is the New Black: My Year in a Women's Prison* by Piper Kerman. Convicted and sentenced to fifteen months in a federal correctional facility, the well-heeled Smith College alumna is now inmate #11187–424 – one of the millions of people who disappear "down the rabbit hole" of the American penal system.

Attention Prairie artists! Would you like to have your original artwork displayed in the Meeting Hall? Please contact Kathy Converse (conversekrtm@gmail.com, (608) 239-9385). Matting and framing is available while your art is displayed at Prairie.

Do you have a copy of Singing the Living Tradition at home? Please consider returning it. We're running short on Sunday mornings.

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.

^{*}please stand as you are able.

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

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Prairie Calendar Sunday, September 13, 2015 Saturday October 3, 2015 Choir rehearsal in the Annex Men's Shelter Breakfast 8:45 5:00 10:00 Service – "Water Ceremony/Annex Dedication" 9:00 PrairieWOW meets RE Ice Cream Social in the Meeting House 11:30 3:00 Fall Frolic 11:45 Prairie's Board meets in the Annex Sunday, October 4, 2015 Monday, September 14, 2015 Choir rehearsal in the Annex 8:45 6:30 Finance Committee meets 10:00 Service 7:00 **Program Committee meets** 11:45 **Humanist Union meets** 5:30 Men's Group meets Sunday, September 20, 2015 8:45 Choir rehearsal in the Annex Sunday, October 11, 2015 10:00 Service – "Churches We've Visited" 8:45 Choir rehearsal in the Annex 11:30 Soup Sunday 10:00 Service 11:30 Book Club meets 11:45 Board meets in the Annex Tuesday, September 22, 2015 Sunday, October 18, 2015 1:30 Prairie Elders meets in the Annex 8:45 Choir rehearsal in the Annex 10:00 Service Sunday, September 27, 2015 11:45 Soup Sunday 10:00 Service – "Humanism: Hubris and Humility" Saturday, October 24, 2015 Friday, October 2, 2015 9:00 Flea Market at Prairie **Board Game Night** 6:00

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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/Annex Dedication"

