

"Spring Parish Meeting" by Prairie
Monthly theme: Creativity

Order Of Service - May 7th 2023

Welcome and Announcements: Kathy Converse
(she/her)

Chalice Lighting

"Democracy is not something you believe in or a place to hang your hat, but it's something you do. You participate. If you stop doing it, democracy crumbles."
Abbie Hoffman

Silent Meditation

Reflection on Democracy: Kathy Converse

Parish Meeting Agenda:

1. Call to Order
2. Vote to approve November 2022 Parish meeting minutes
3. Finance Update
4. Elections for Board and Nominating Committee
 - Board
 - Secretary - Dan Proud
 - Treasurer - Chris Unger
 - At Large - Ken Skog
 - Nominating Committee
 - Heidi Hughes - second term
 - Margit Moses - first term

5. Per section 12.4 of our Bylaws, the Membership can adopt another option by a majority of Members voting for a resolution. We propose the following resolution:
Motion: Be it resolved that if an appropriate candidate can be identified, Prairie will contract with an interim minister for 1 year, with option to renew for a second year at the Board's discretion. Further, be it resolved that an Interim Minister Search Committee be elected, and empowered by the congregation to work on its behalf including all decisions regarding choosing a candidate and negotiating an initial contract.

Interim Minister Search Committee

Board members:

Suzanne Gernandt (Treasurer)
Renee Deschard (At Large)
Molly Plunkett (At Large)

Community members:

Dirk Herr Hoyman
Mary Mullen
Ken Skog

Committee on Ministry representative

(non-voting):
Barb Park

6. Gather in-person Update
7. Discuss/accept Ministerial and Committee Reports
8. Closing Words
"I would not have you descend into your own dream. I would have you be a conscious citizen of this terrible and beautiful world." Ta-Nehisi Coates
9. Adjourn

Greet Your Neighbor



Announcements

2nd Quarter Offertory Sharing: Nehemiah Center for Urban Leadership Development

For the second quarter of 2023, Prairie is sharing its offertory collection with the Nehemiah Center for Urban Leadership Development, which provides peer support to men returning to the community from prison through its Reentry and Dignity Housing programs. Nehemiah also mentors kids who need help navigating school and life and offers an acclaimed course for the general public, "Black History for a New Day."

Prairie Game Group - Saturday, May 13th 1:00 pm

Prairie Game group welcomes everyone May 13th and June 10th to family friendly games! Feel free to bring snacks to share or crafts to work on. We are meeting in the main meeting room 1:00-4:00 pm with 4-4:30 for cleanup. Please contact Andrea Scott with any questions.

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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Service: Sunday, May 14, 10:00 am "Reclaiming the Feminine Divine" by Ilene Haykus

As Unitarian Universalists we are committed to inclusivity. This is evident in our Welcoming Congregation initiatives, as we work to remedy society's marginalization of those in the LGBTQ community. Our commitment to social justice goes back even further as UU women experienced empowerment long before those in other faiths. Today, we'll explore a bit of women's herstory that predates the modern age and continues to be relevant to us all.

Maypole Ceremony - May 14th

Due to bad weather last week our Maypole Ceremony has been rescheduled for after the service on May 14th. Please join us outside to dance around the Maypole.

Service: Sunday, May 21, 10:00 am "Will China Spark WWII?" by Ed Friedman

A brief history of US-China relations, where we are now, and what the future might be. This talk is sponsored by BadgerTalks.

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