

"If we are to have  
real peace, we  
must begin with  
the children."

-Mahatma Gandhi

"Water is the most  
critical resource  
issue of our  
lifetime and our  
children's lifetime.  
The health of our  
waters is the  
principal measure  
of how we live on  
the land."

-Luna Leopold



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# Prairie Lakes Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

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**Welcome to our new Fiscal Year July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018**

**Be sure to check out our amazing new website**

[www.pluuf.org](http://www.pluuf.org)

**Please spread the word  
about PLUUF Kids Camp!  
See page 2 for details.**



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**Sunday, July 2: 10:00 AM** Alternate Sunday Conclusion of the book *Being Mortal* by Atul Gawande. Please join us whether you've read the book or not!

**Sunday, July 9: 10:00 AM** Worship Service We welcome the return of (now retired) Marian University Theology Professor Michael Ketterhagen who focuses on Eastern Religions. The service will emphasize the Vedic Tradition and Peace in the World. (See page 4 for more details.)

**Please stay after the service for our second Sunday Potluck!!**

**Sunday, July 16: 10:00 AM** Alternate Sunday PLUUF Kids Camp Planning Day! Everyone is welcome to join us to work out the details for our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual PLUUF kids camp. Find out how you can help make 7/24 and 7/27 a tremendous success!

**Sunday, July 23: 10:00 AM** Worship Service Dr. Jean Bruce will lead a reflection on Humanism. (See page 4 for more details.)

**Monday, July 24: 10:00 AM** PLUUF Summer Camp Day 1

**Thursday, July 27 10:00 AM** PLUUF Summer Camp Day 2

**Sunday, July 30: 10:00 AM** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday TBA

A 10-MINUTE MEDITATION SESSION FROM 9:40-9:50 TAKES PLACE ALMOST EVERY SUNDAY.

Prairie Lakes Unitarian  
Universalist Fellowship is proud  
to present the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual

# F R E E Summer Camp for Kids



Monday, July 24  
OR

Thursday, July 27  
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
315 Eureka St. Ripon

Camp Goal: To identify and  
understand connections and  
concerns between water and all life.

**The camp is for children  
entering 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade**

A generous grant from the  
Webster Foundation is making this  
camp possible.



This registration  
brochure is available  
on our website, at  
PLUUF or by contacting  
Judy Harris at  
[jdlake@centurytel.net](mailto:jdlake@centurytel.net)

Last year 20 children had so much  
fun at our 1<sup>st</sup> annual summer camp,  
we've decided to open it up to 40  
kids this year by adding an extra  
day!

Would you like to help?

- Distribute the brochure to  
interested participants
- Teach lessons on water
- Help in the kitchen
- Assist as needed during  
activities

Let's make our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual PLUUF  
Summer Camp wildly successful!  
For more information contact Judy:  
[jdlake@centurytel.net](mailto:jdlake@centurytel.net) or

call 920-293-8652



## Message from our Moderator by Becky Feyen



I want to begin by thanking everyone for their dedication to Prairie Lakes. Wow, 2017 has been relentless and rapid. I don't know what I would do without everyone participating and helping out. I am fully aware that each of you has so much going on in your life, and I am thankful that you find time for Prairie Lakes. I want to make sure you do not feel pressured to show up for everything. Granted, I am delighted to see you all the time, but I also want you to take good care of yourself. I hope our Fellowship is an opportunity for you to engage in activities that strengthen you, while interacting with people who support you.

Here we are in July, ("rapid") and our Summer Camp is 7/24 & 7/27 ("relentless"). This event appears daunting, but it comes together and is an amazing day(s). I hope you can spend part of the day(s) with us. The kids make it worth the effort; their energy is invigorating and their joy is irresistible. Overall, the camp is a great experience for everyone!

I think we need a 'fun-day' or 'chill-day', some event where we don't have to bring anything, or set up anything, or clean anything, etc. Not sure what that is or how to make it happen so please share any ideas – OK, any ideas within our financial parameters. Yes, I am dreaming of a day at Even Song Spa with massage, facial, pedi & manicure, lunch, drinks, etc. but that is not going to happen. We can & will find another way to just enjoy a day.

Thank you for everything you do; and you do not need to do everything –

Becky

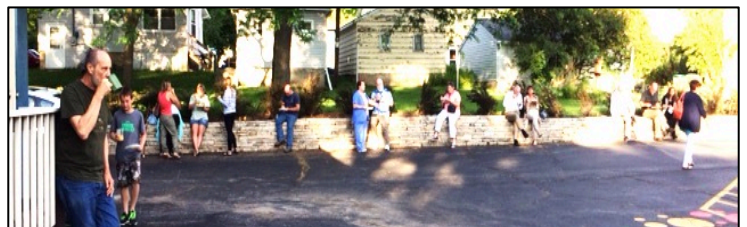
## Grounds & Facility Report by Laird DeCramer

**Linda DeCramer** and **Becky Feyen** spent Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, dividing the hostas on the north side of the building and using them to create another row of hosta next to the building. It looks great and really dresses the area up. As time allows, more improvements to the north side will ensue.

Also, in the storm of a couple of weeks ago, some minor damage was done to a small section of roof edge flashing at the northwest corner of the building. It will be reported to the insurance company and we will be contacting Pinno construction (I believe) to do the necessary repairs.

*Editor's Note: Last September Laird DeCramer rebuilt the wall on the east end of the parking lot stone by stone. The photos were taken on June 21<sup>st</sup> at Linda Holloway's Memorial Service. The wall was a popular gathering spot that evening!*

*See page 6 to read about Linda Holloway's beautiful memorial service.*





## 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> June Worship Services by Jill Stiemsma



Hi, all. A big THANK YOU to all who shared in the Flower Communion...new members, new friends, old members and friends, the PLUUF Singers, etc.!!! The service was apparently one of the highlights of the year, thanks to virtually everyone.

Nonetheless, I'm excited about our upcoming July services as well. Despite busy summer schedules, hopefully you'll share in them, too.

July 9: We welcome the return of (now retired) Marian University Theology Professor Michael Ketterhagen who focuses on Eastern Religions. He is also the current (and only ever) Manager of the FdL Center for Spirituality and Healing. This time at PLUUF, he'll focus on *The Vedic Tradition and Peace in the World*: The Vedic Tradition is an ancient pool of knowledge that is the foundation for many of the Middle Eastern Religions. The Vedas are considered sacred scriptures that guided people to live spiritual and healthy lives. These writings were and still are a guide for us during these troubling times of unrest and violence. We will explore those teachings and see how they apply to our world today.

July 23: Several weeks before her most serious diagnosis, Jean Johnson came up to me and said, "I'm feeling well enough now to lead a service this summer on Humanism." Well, obviously, her optimism was short-lived. But a PLUUF member suggested we ask her good friend and colleague, Dr. Jean Bruce, to lead the Reflection that Jean Johnson had hoped to offer. And Jean B. agreed! So, join us for this service of the "Jeans".

Happy Summer - if it actually ever shows up, that is - everyone!

Jill Stiemsma

## 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Alternative Sundays

**Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> 10:00 AM** Complete discussion of *Being Mortal*

**Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup>** Camp planning day! Work on camp curriculum and activities, assign work, etc. (Everyone involved please try to attend).

## Camp Dates

**Monday, July 24 & Thursday, July 27**

Please see page two for more details and spread the word! 😊



# Committee Reports by Judy Harris



## Community Outreach/Membership

Advertising continues in area shoppers and newspapers. Our camp brochure has been distributed. Thanks to Tanya for the tri-fold, attractive brochure! So far we have 1 registrant!



**New members were recognized at our Flower Communion service. Since then we have added an additional member – welcome Grace!**

*(see more on page 7)*

## Adult Religious Education

On July 2<sup>nd</sup> we will conclude the book discussion of Atul Gatwande's Being Mortal led by Pat Dobrinska. Suggestions for August and the Fall Alternative Sunday topics can come from anyone. Ideas are welcome!

*Please let me know if you have interest in a new UU class focusing on what UU is all about.*

## Children's Religious Education

The children participated in the Flower Service on June 11. The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday was spent with Becky Feyen outside watering seeds Miguel planted and the newly transplanted hostas. They also read about UU's 3<sup>rd</sup> Principle, "We're free to learn together".

*(A survey will go out to parents of children attending RE in August. We welcome volunteers to work with the children during Sunday worship services).*

## Camp PLUUF July 24<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>

Our focus is on clean and abundant water. There will be 20 children each day for a total of 40 different children from those entering 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades. Registration forms are available (see page 2 for more details).

**What is most needed right now are children to enroll.** Encourage friends, neighbors, ANYONE you think may be interested (children entering 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades). Enrollment forms are available at PLUUF, the local library, on our website, or by request [jdlake@centurytel.net](mailto:jdlake@centurytel.net)

With Linda DeCramer's help, we have a musician who will perform for the children. Tanya will help children make paper and Jim will share his computer magic! We will have 2 lessons based on a variety of sources from 4-H to a UUA curriculum including stories and activity stations. Weather permitting, we'll hike to Selfridge park, have a picnic lunch and check out the water. Thanks to Linda DeCramer for reserving the shelter for us. Becky Feyen is in charge of the lunch crew. It's going to be a wonderful camp! We need to share this wonder with children – please help recruit.

# Linda Holloway's Memorial Service At PLUUF

Linda Holloway's beautiful Memorial service was held at PLUUF during the summer solstice on what would have been Linda's 62<sup>nd</sup> birthday. The service was deeply moving with readings and music selected by Linda before she died. We sang her favorite hymns and listened to the instrumental music of her favorite band, Ceresco Prairie Band. Devoted husband Jim not only opened and closed the Memorial service; he led it with heartfelt words and emotion. **Judy Harris** and **Tanya Schwartz-Roeper** assisted Jim in organizing the program and shared their "Linda" stories, as did **Karen Ingvaldstad** and Linda's brother and sister. It takes a village and the friends and members of Prairie Lakes stepped up to help. **Amelia Roost** mowed the lawn the day before the event; **Becky Feyen** scrubbed the outdoor chairs, served as food coordinator and more; **Beth Howman-Combs** brought flowers and helped with cleanup; **Anna Jameson** performed the smudging ceremony. **Laird and Linda DeCramer** brought homemade rolls and **Ellen Mueller** helped with clean-up and more. **Bruce Mueller** quickly jumped into action by bringing the 30 plastic outdoor chairs inside. Why? Because at the last minute we had to create seating for more than 100 people. Our sanctuary holds about 70! Where we couldn't fit chairs, people stood! The service was accompanied by **Jill Stiemsma** on piano and the Ceresco Prairie Band. **Many, Many thanks to EVERYONE who helped with this service, brought food, assisted with cleanup, attended the event or attended in spirit.**



*After the service the Ceresco Prairie Band moved from the sanctuary to the green space. Visitors brought their food outside to listen to the music while punch was served under the canopy. It was a beautiful, warm, sunny evening spent on the grounds. Summer Solstice and PLUUF's green space meant a lot to Linda.*



*(Left) Anna, a dear friend of both Jim and Linda, performed the Native American Smudging ceremony as visitors entered the building.*

*(Right) The Holloways and Goyettes surround Jim with love.*

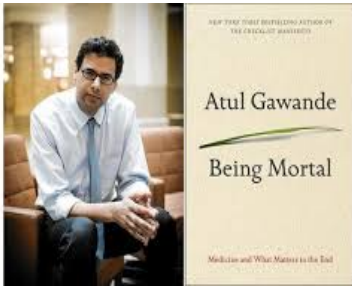




# In Case You Missed It

## Alternative Sundays June 4 and June 18 Book Discussion

An introductory video to the book by Atul Gawande was shown and discussion followed on June 4. Two weeks later about a dozen PLUUF members and friends gathered to discuss the first half of the book. Discussion centered on end of life choices.



## Worship Service June 25 with Myron Eshowsky Using Shamanic Powers For Good



Myron Eshowsky is an author, mediator, consultant, shamanic healer, and educator. He has integrated shamanic methodology to address modern problems around the world. He has authored dozens of articles in a wide range of journals and the highly acclaimed, **Peace with Cancer: Shamanism as a**

**Spiritual Approach to Healing.** For the last two decades, he has studied extensively how cultures throughout the world view and address conflict. He has consulted and taught throughout the United States, Canada, and Europe.

## Worship Service June 11 Annual Flower Communion and Welcome New Members Coordinated by Jill Stiemsma

The Worship Committee and Outreach/Membership Committee planned an amazing service combining our annual flower communion and recognition of new members. **Jill Stiemsma** coordinated a unique service including wonderful music, relevant readings, beautiful flowers, and testimony by a great majority of people on why they are members or friends of PLUUF. After the service, a special cake welcoming new members - **Pat Dobrinska, Jessica French, Dave Harris, Lee Barczak and Kate Klumb** - brought conversation to the social room. In addition, we added **Grace Matson** to our membership on that very same day!



(Left to right) Dave Harris, Grace Matson, Pat Dobrinska, Ellen Mueller (welcoming the new members), and Lee Barczac. Not pictured: Jessica French and Kate Klumb



PLUUF Singers: Brad Roost, Linda DeCramer, Amelia Roost, and Laird DeCramer accompanied by Jill Stiemsma on piano,





## Finance News by Tanya Schwartz Roeper

Fiscal Year July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017 was phenomenal!!

I'm happy to announce that PLUUF's actual income exceeded our fiscal year budget projection by approximately \$13,000! Our actual expenses were approximately \$7,000 below our fiscal year budget projection!

The PLUUF board will be creating a detailed summary of the fiscal year and presenting it in the annual report that will be available in October.

Monthly financial reports are always available at PLUUF or by request:  
[tanyapapermaker@gmail.com](mailto:tanyapapermaker@gmail.com)

## It's the end of our Fiscal Year and it was a GREAT year! Thank you to ALL!

### PLUUF Accounts as of June 29, 2017:

BMO Checking	\$25,400.61 Operating Fund
BMO Savings	\$10,904.66 Short term Vision Fund*
UUCEF* (As of 6/29)	\$43,628.51 Long term Vision Fund
	\$79,933.78

\*Unitarian Universalist Common Endowment Fund

### Board of Directors\*

#### Moderator

Becky Feyen

#### Secretary

Linda DeCramer

#### Treasurer

Tanya Schwartz Roeper

#### At Large Representative

Judy Harris

#### At Large Representative

Jessica French

### Standing Committees

Worship committee chair: Jill Stiemsma

Pat Dobrinska, Lee Barczak, Becky Feyen and Bonnie Wagner

Membership Committee Co-Chairs: Eric Bartelme & Ellen Mueller

RE Co-Chair: Judy Harris

Finance Committee: Tanya Schwartz Roeper

Facility Committee: Laird DeCramer & Brad Roost

### Ad Hoc Committees and Task Groups

Alternate Sunday Programs Co Chairs: Judy Harris

Care & Concern Co-Chairs: Bonnie Wagner & Beth Howman-Combs

Social Justice Committee: ALL

Newsletter Editor: Tanya Schwartz Roeper

Community Outreach/Advertising: Eric Bartelme & Ellen Mueller, Tanya S-R

Music Coordinator: Jill Stiemsma

Supplies: Eric Bartelme

OWL Certified: Nicole Roost & Linda DeCramer

\*Past and present board minutes and detailed treasurer reports are available for viewing at the fellowship or obtain a copy by request.

- Board meetings take place on the Monday after the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month at 4:30 p.m. If there is anything you'd like to put on the agenda, please contact Linda DeCramer [lindadecramer@yahoo.com](mailto:lindadecramer@yahoo.com) or Becky Feyen [r.feyen@yahoo.com](mailto:r.feyen@yahoo.com) at least one week in advance.
- All board and committee members are encouraged to submit information to be included in the newsletter by the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month to [tanyapapermaker@gmail.com](mailto:tanyapapermaker@gmail.com)