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# Prairie Lakes Unitarian Universalist Fellowship



Not-So-Fantastic Plastic 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Kid's Camp!  
Read all about it on page 4!

## Calendar At-A-Glance

**No morning gathering on ENGAGE Sunday, August 5,** Instead, we will meet in Neenah to join the Interfaith Gathering sponsored by the Fox Valley Islamic Society at **3:00 p.m.** If a ride is needed, please contact Judy Harris at 507-273-0558. Individuals planning to attend, please RSVP to the Islamic Society directly. (Details page 3)

**Worship Service Sunday, August 12, 10:00 AM:** Local poet and author Tom Montag will lead a service entitled "Poets, Praying". Thank you to Elisabeth Beuthin for the referral. More information on page 2. **Please stay after the service for our Second Sunday Potluck!!**

**ENGAGE Sunday, August 19, 10:00 AM:** We are pleased to welcome Jackie Dobrinska! She is an ordained minister through Jubilee! in Asheville, NC, an inclusive creative spiritual community that celebrates the divine mystery in all of creation. Jackie spent the past two decades immersed in the mystical traditions of the prophets - Vedanta and Tantric Yoga, esoteric Kabbalah and Christianity, and Peruvian, Native American and Western European Female-Based Shamanism. More information on page 3.

**Worship Service Sunday, August 26, 10:00 AM:** Topic and leader to be announced.

**Every Thursday from 7-9 p.m. Families United** meets at PLUUF. Families United is a support group open to anyone who has been affected by addiction. These meetings are open to the public.

**SAVE THE DATE Sunday, September 16:** An event honoring the memory of PLUUF founder David Conover. This event will highlight Dave's exemplary life, someone living out UU principles over the span of a lifetime. Special guests will include other PLUUF founders. Please don't miss this very special event!

## August Worship Services by Jill Stiemsma



Here we go, starting yet another month as we watch summer dissolve. Boo hoo! But our services continue to invigorate us. I can't thank Judy Harris and Tanya Schwartz-Roeper enough for bringing in the talented art students and teacher from Green Lake High School on the 8<sup>th</sup> of July. What an incredible service, supported by quality advertising which resulted in a packed house (which, I noted, usually only happens for funerals). And that was followed by Penny Andrews' wonderful service on the 22<sup>nd</sup> which focused on the meaning of the 60's - with great 60's music as well as message. Too bad if you missed either service!

Not to be outdone...here's our schedule (sort of) for August:

**Sunday, August 12 10 AM:** Thank you to Elisabeth Beuthin for her referral. Local poet and author Tom Montag will lead a service entitled "Poets, Praying". He says, "A lot of poets pray. They pray for a lot of reasons, in a lot of different ways, out of many traditions. In doing so, all of them seem to acknowledge someone or something greater than themselves. They petition or give thanks or praise or, sometimes, complain." Tom will share (and offer comment on) some of those poem-prayers. Thus, this, too, should prove a most interesting service.

**Sunday, August 26 10 AM:** At the moment, I may lead this service, theme undetermined. However, I sent out an email asking if some of our other members might lead this service instead. If you weren't included in that email, you're nonetheless invited to volunteer! I'll let you know about who will lead this service, on what topic, at a future date! (Remember: We so appreciate your suggestions for future service leaders and/or topics, too.)

### In Case You Missed the Worship Service on July 22



On July 22 we welcomed the return of the Rev. Penny Andrews. Penny's focus was on "Reclaiming the Spirit of the 60's," a topic that was sparked by her watching VietNam and The Black Panthers Movement on PBS this past year. The worship service interspersed personal reflection with 50 years of historical perspective.

Penny stated, "The 60s was a spiritual movement, and a liberation movement, and a social justice movement, and an ecology movement and a political movement ..." Her goal was to spark rich conversation after the Reflection and she did!

Lots of familiar 60's music was played. One of the highlights was Story For All Ages when Penny read/sang the book, "What the World Needs Now" while Jill Stiemsma played and sang the music on the piano.

*Rev. Penny Andrews is a retired hospital chaplain and ordained Interfaith Minister. She received her Doctor Ministry degree from the University of Creation Spirituality, where she studied with Evolutionary Theologian Matthew Fox.*

## August ENGAGE Sundays

**ENGAGE SUNDAY August 5, 3 to 5:50 p.m.:** Fox Valley Islamic Society Interfaith Gathering in Neenah. 103 Kappell Drive, Neenah. *Learn, Interact and Feast for FREE.* RSVP [fvis.interfaith@gmail.com](mailto:fvis.interfaith@gmail.com) or call 618-203-6891. Carpooling available by contacting Judy Harris [jdlake@centurytel.net](mailto:jdlake@centurytel.net)

### PLEASE NOTE:

No events  
scheduled  
at PLUUF  
on Sunday,  
August 5

Hope you  
can join us  
in Neenah  
at the  
Interfaith  
Gathering  
at 3:00 p.m.



**19th Fox Valley Islamic Society  
INTERFAITH GATHERING**

**Sunday, August 5, 2018  
3 to 5:50 pm**

**103 Kappell Drive, Neenah, WI**

**TRUTH**

**Calling us to look up, listen up, speak up, and stand up**  
**Learn, Interact, Feast for Free**

*RSVP Appreciated by Sunday July 29th, Email [fvis.interfaith@gmail.com](mailto:fvis.interfaith@gmail.com) Phone 618 203 6891*  
*In case of bad weather, the Gathering will be held at*  
*St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 140 S. Green Bay Road, Neenah*

### ENGAGE SUNDAY August 19, 10:00 AM:



Jacquelyn Dobrinska is an ordained minister through the Jubilee!, an inclusive creative spiritual community that celebrates the divine mystery in all of creation. Jackie spent the past two decades immersed in the mystical traditions of the prophets - Vedanta and Tantric Yoga, esoteric Kabbalah and Christianity, and Peruvian, Native American and Western European Female-Based Shamanism. Her Jubilee! ministry is to support the health of the individual and the community, allowing each person to cultivate their great gladness and creatively connect to others, so that together, we can be agents of positive change that benefit the Earth and all of its creations. Jackie is also a beloved holistic health educator, wise woman practitioner and internationally recognized teacher, sharing mind-body health wisdom at universities, hospitals and retreat centers around the country. She lives in Asheville, NC.

Jackie will present one of two possible topics: Creation Spirituality or European, earth-based shamanic and magical traditions.



# Prairie Lakes UU Fellowship 3rd Annual Kids Camp

## Not-So-Fantastic Plastic

On Monday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 from 8 a.m.- 4p.m. seventeen children in grades 2-5 attended Prairie Lakes' 3rd annual one-day summer camp called Not-So-Fantastic Plastic. Long-time PLUUF member **Judy Harris** coordinated this event. With the help of several Prairie Lakes UU members and friends and a grant from the **Webster Foundation**, the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual kids camp was a huge success!



Campers and a couple volunteers pictured with performer David HB Drake

The morning began with Lesson 1 led by **Nicole Roost**. Nicole summarized the two previous years of camp and introduced plastics. After lesson 1 and a snack, **Becky Feyen** and her posse of friends - Josie, Tricia and Jennifer led a sewing craft while canvas bags were decorated with fabric paint. **Tanya**, with the assistance of Olivia, led a bracelet/necklace



Becky, Josie, Tricia, & Jennifer



PLUUFer Molly French showing off her braided necklace made of repurposed plastic bags.

craft activity using plastic bags. **Jill Stiemsma** led Lesson 2: *Impact of Plastics on Earth and Its Inhabitants* followed by a video shown by **Jim Goyette**.

**Jerry Davidson** led the children on a hike to Selfridge Park. Jake and Zack Mills and others helped supervise the children at the park.



By mid-afternoon the children were ready for Lesson 3: *Ways to Reduce Plastic Use* taught by Judy Harris followed by a video shown by Jim. Led by Nicole, games with cool names like Kubb and Game of Graces took place outside both morning and afternoon.

Award-winning folk singer and Milwaukee legend **David HB Drake** performed songs, talked with the kids, and created a wonderful song about plastics while collaborating with the campers.



David HB Drake

Key points of the day were:

- Recycle
- Reuse
- Reduce
- Repurpose
- Rethink
- Refuse



Food prep and server team extraordinaire: Jessica French and Kate Klumb.

**Camp Coordinator**  
Judy Harris

**Lesson 1** Nicole Roost  
**Lesson 2** Jill Stiemsma  
**Lesson 3** Judy Harris

**Food/Crafts/Hike/Clean-up Volunteers**  
Jerry Davidson, Jake & Zach (Judy's grandsons), Becky Feyen, Jessica French, Kate Klumb, Tanya Schwartz-Roeper, Anna, Olivia and Becky's gang: Josie, Tricia, Jennifer

**Video Tech**  
Jim Goyette

**Professional Musical Performer**  
David HB Drake

**Boy & Girls Club**  
Nikki

**Tent**  
The Roost Family

Thank you to **everyone** who made our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual kids camp a success!

## Transforming our indoor space July 19,20 and 21 by Tanya Schwartz-Roeper



Sanctuary Wall Before



Sanctuary Wall After



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I had the privilege of working side by side with Linda DeCramer for two full days transforming PLUUF's sanctuary and entryway with fresh paint. On day #1 Becky Feyen took a break from her day job for a couple hours to help out. On day two she arrived at PLUUF after a full workday at her day job, grabbed a paint roller, and worked well into the evening. Sully and Calista DeCramer also helped out on day two. On day #3 Linda, Becky and I put the sanctuary and entryway back together. This project not only included a fresh coat of paint but we tackled a bit of decluttering as well. The sanctuary feels right and we'll continue the project by finishing the ceilings and more. The entryway is undergoing the biggest makeover by reinventing the space to feel more roomy and welcoming. All interested PLUUFers are welcome to help with upcoming projects.

Thank you to Linda DeCramer for having the vision, energy and enthusiasm to make this project happen!



*In Case you missed it:* Our July 8 service combined an art exhibit, presentation and discussion to showcase Green Lake students' artwork designed to "create an emotional response to world issues."

## *What Breaks Your Heart?*



Approximately 60 people attended this unique worship service and art exhibit. When Green Lake High School art teacher, Leslie Wood, gave her 14 Green Lake High School students an assignment a few months ago, little did she know it would create such a response. You may have read or heard about the art assignment: "What Breaks Your Heart?" The result was an art exhibit that "challenged audience perceptions and ignited conversations about what creative expression is all about" (Kristin Radtke writing for the "Green Lake Reporter"). Subjects of the art ranged from immigration, Parkland H.S. shooting, and domestic violence to wildlife poaching.

After PLUUF member Judy Harris read about the controversial artwork in the Ripon & Berlin papers, she suggested we exhibit the work at PLUUF and invite Artist Pat Dobrinska to point out the finer details of the paintings. She also invited psychologist Joe Hatcher to touch on the emotional response to the paintings. Tim Lyke of the Ripon Commonwealth Press attended the event and in an e-mail wrote, "I was impressed with the entire service: the relaxed, informality yet seriousness of purpose and readings. The questions following the presentations were terrific and I'm sure we could have gone another hour had time permitted."

Thank you to art teacher Leslie Wood and art students, Jane Zeratsky and Autumn Lueschen for leading segments of the event. Thank you to everyone who made this event possible.

## In Case You Missed It **plastic, Plastic, PLASTIC!**

### **The Plastic Pledge Game Show Challenge July 1**



Leave it to PLUUF member/moderator Becky Feyen to turn an ENGAGE Sunday on July 1st into a FUN solution-based game show, presentation and discussion with FABULOUS prizes! The focus of this ENGAGE event was to inspire people to commit to doing something in July (and beyond) to reduce plastic. Thank you to everyone who attended, brainstormed solutions, and bravely participated in the game show competition!



Discussion continued on July 14 with a video on Zero Waste. Becky presented suggestions for a letter-writing campaign and project ideas. One of our goals at PLUUF is to lead by example when it comes to reducing our use of plastic.



As I wrap up my very first month as PLUUF's Administrative Manager, I want to thank you again for this wonderful opportunity. It's a privilege to work with members and friends of Prairie Lakes. It was a busy month wrapping up fiscal year 2017-18 financials, co-coordinating the July 8 worship service titled "What Breaks Your Heart," volunteering at PLUUF's Kids Camp and assisting with the painting of the sanctuary and entryway. Thank you, Linda DeCramer, for your energy, enthusiasm and vision to transform our indoor space at Prairie Lakes with fresh paint! Thank you to everyone who volunteers their time to make PLUUF the best it can be!

## Treasurer's Report as of July 25, 2018 by Judy Harris



We are so fortunate to have Tanya supporting our Fellowship in her new role as Administrative Manager, keeping our budget and financial documents accurate and up to date, putting together a top-notch monthly newsletter, an eye-catching order of service, creating publicity that demonstrates to the larger community our activities and events, and for keeping our Fellowship running smoothly. Her organization and skills are amazing! Thank you, Tanya!

Below is a snapshot of our finances for the first month of our new 2018/19 fiscal year:

	<b>July 2018</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Annual Budget</b>
Income	\$1, 427.70	\$1,427.70	\$34,321
Expenses	\$1,627.70	\$1,627.70	\$34,321
<b>FISCAL YEAR July 2017-June 2018 in review:</b>			
Annual Income/Expense budget \$27,340			
Actual Income \$31,996.27			
Actual Expenses \$18,137.42			
Our 2017-18 Fiscal Year was phenomenal! We exceeded our budgeted income projection and kept our expenses well below budget. Thank you to all!			
Detailed monthly financial reports are always available at PLUUF or by request: <a href="mailto:tanyapapermaker@gmail.com">tanyapapermaker@gmail.com</a>			

## Board of Directors\*

**Moderator:** Becky Feyen      **Secretary:** Linda DeCramer      **Treasurer:** Judy Harris  
**At Large Representative:** Pat Dobrinska      **At Large Representative:** Jessica French

## Staff Position

**Administrative Manager and Newsletter Editor:** Tanya Schwartz-Roeper

Board meetings usually take place on the Monday after the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month. 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.