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# Prairie Lakes Unitarian Universalist Fellowship



*What Breaks Your Heart?*

Worship Service & Art Exhibit 7/8  
(Details on page 4)

## Calendar At-A-Glance

A meditation session takes place at PLUUF  
almost every Sunday from 9:30-9:45. Please join us.

**ENGAGE Sunday, July 1, 10:00 AM:** *The Plastic Pledge Game Show Challenge* with Becky Feyen. A solution based game show, presentation and discussion and GREAT prizes! See page 3 for more details.

**Worship Service Sunday, July 8, 10:00 AM:** A special service showcasing artwork that creates an emotional response to world issues titled, *What Breaks Your Heart?* Psychologist Joe Hatcher, artist Pat Dobrinska, and art teacher Leslie Wood will be leading the discussion. **Please stay after the service for our Second Sunday Potluck!!**

**ENGAGE Sunday, July 15, 10:00 AM:** TBA

Plus, Jill Stiemsma will be leading the reflection at Open Circle UU Fellowship in Fond du Lac. All are invited to attend.

**Worship Service Sunday, July 22, 10:00 AM:** *What the 60's Taught Us* with Penny Andrews. See page 3 for more details.

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday, July 29,** Set up for PLUUF Kid's Camp. Everyone is welcome. Come for the coffee, snacks and camaraderie.

**Monday, July 30,** 8 a.m.-4 p.m. **PLUUF's KIDS CAMP!!** See page 4 for more details.

**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. Their mission is to provide education, support and hope for the future. These meetings are open to the public.

## Message from the Moderator by Becky Feyen



As promised, I am continuing to ponder the situations, ideas, comments, & discussions within our Fellowship. This month I hope to create conversation about the question, “How do we keep politics out of it?” I am well aware of our “liberal slant,” which is often more like a cliff; & I am there with you; but we need to be respectful of multiple perspectives. Of course, most of our ideals & many fundamentals of Unitarian Universalism align with current democratic philosophies; but we might be surprised how we would benefit from another outlook. Most importantly, we need to maintain the separation of church & state, which is fundamental to the democracy we are trying to protect. It is poignant that the democratic process is an integral part of our religion, as stated in the UU 5<sup>th</sup> Principle: “The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large.” This democratic process has, and continues to evolve with a lot of work, towards inclusivity and equality (hopefully!).

Here’s the conundrum: The social issues we believe in are interwoven with politics. Yes, unfortunately what affects society is political, & we need to stand up for the social issues that we believe will make this world a “better place.” So, how do we continue to talk about and stand up for the social issues we believe in without the ‘political’ reference? Well, I can see a correlation with business/production process issues, where the problem is addressed by focusing on the process versus the person. I believe we can be more effective by presenting a solution or opportunity to address the issue without naming a specific person or political party. Here is where the work continues: to choose words that strengthen our democracy that possibly bridge the divide which we are allowing to fracture our society. We can announce a march to support immigrants (well done & thank you, Jill - Bonnie & I are planning to meet in Oshkosh 6/30); we can stand up for environmental regulations; we can address inequality and our role in maintaining the status quo; etc.

We as Unitarian Universalist need to protect the democratic process, maintaining the separation of church & state, as we lead by example. I know this is not an easy process, but it is a great opportunity for personal & emotional growth – ugh. I know, trying to be an adult, leading by example, & living one’s beliefs is not an easy path. We are here to challenge, and help you. Together, we can figure this out; I know I will need your help.

Thank you for being a part of Prairie Lakes UU Fellowship.

## Fellowship Notes



HAPPY  
HAPPY  
75th  
BIRTHDAY  
To  
**Bonnie  
Wagner!!**



Welcome new  
member  
**Don VanScotter!**

AND

Congratulations to  
**Amelia Roost** on  
her high school  
graduation!



Thank you to  
**Beth Howman-  
Combs** for  
filling our  
planter near the  
PLUUF  
entryway with  
such a beautiful  
array of plants.



**Did You Know?**

**Barbara Lukas**, one of  
the 14 founders of  
PLUUF, made this  
beautiful banner that  
has graced the east  
wall of the sanctuary  
for many, many years.



## July Worship Services by Jill Stiemsma



Here we go, just marching right through the summer. Thank you to Paul Jeffries for agreeing to lead our June 10 service with little prep time. He focused on what it means to defend truth in a time of false statements, lies, and "alternative facts"...certainly a timely topic. And, further, thank you to the many members and friends who participated in our Annual Flower Communion on June 24<sup>th</sup>. Afterward, we shared cake in

honor of Amelia Roost's high school graduation and Don Van Scotter's new membership (well, not that new anymore, but...). It was a great service.



Our July schedule? Here it is:

**Sunday, July 8, 10:00 AM:** It's a Worship Service, Art Exhibit and Discussion called, "What Breaks Your Heart?" This is a very special service, read about it on page 4 of this newsletter. Hopefully, we'll have a great turn-out. And remember - it's also Second Sunday Potluck!

**Sunday, July 22, 10:00 AM:** It's been a long time since we've had a service with Penny Andrews. So long, in fact, that some of you may not have ever attended a service where she led the Reflection. But - she's back! On July 22nd, Penny will discuss what the 60's taught us. Hmmm. What do you think? Come join the discussion...even if you can't remember the 60's!

## ENGAGE Sundays by Judy Harris



**ENGAGE SUNDAY July 1, 10:00 AM:** *The Plastic Pledge Game Show Challenge* with **Becky Feyen**. A solution based game show, presentation and discussion. FABULOUS prizes will be available to win!! The focus of this ENGAGE event will be to inspire people to commit to doing something in July (and beyond) to reduce plastic.

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## Green Space Update

The ENGAGE Green Space planning meeting on June 17 was very productive. (Find the details on page 5). We are in the process of getting cost estimates. Once the cost has been determined, we will present the revised Green Space plans and total cost to make our outdoor dream a reality.

## What Breaks Your Heart?

Worship Service, Art Exhibit,  
Presentation and Discussion

10 a.m. Sunday, July 8 at PLUUF

Showcasing artwork that creates an emotional  
response to world issues



Please join us for a unique worship service that will showcase the artwork of 13 students from the Green Lake School District. The art teacher, Leslie Wood, gave her students an assignment to create artwork on an issue that breaks your heart. The art was on display for just a couple days in the halls of Green Lake school before Leslie was asked to remove it due to its disturbing content. Tim Lyke covered the story in the Ripon Commonwealth Press.

Many of the topics depicted in the paintings are social justice issues we discuss at Prairie Lakes such as immigration, gun violence, war, etc... Psychologist Joe Hatcher, artist Pat Dobrinska and art teacher Leslie Wood will lead the discussion. Come at 9:30 to view the paintings. Worship Service begins at 10:00. We hope you can join us!

## PLUUF Summer Camp for Kids

- Hands-on activities
- Stories & videos
- Crafts using plastics
- Professional musician

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

### WE HAVE A NEW BANNER:

*Special thanks to Jessica French for  
creating our new, colorful camp logo!*



**Monday, July 30**

**8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

We're looking forward to hosting our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual PLUUF Kids Camp, "Not-So-Fantastic Plastic"! Three years ago PLUUF member Judy Harris dreamed up an environmental camp idea that would appeal to children who normally do not have an opportunity to attend summer camp. To make the camp free for the children, Judy applied for a grant from the Webster Foundation. The 1<sup>st</sup> annual summer camp was such a smashing success, we decided to host a camp session every year!

### VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED:

- Distribute the brochure to interested participants
- Teach lessons or lead craft activities
- Help in the kitchen
- Assist as needed during activities

Let's make our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual PLUUF Summer Camp  
wildly successful!

For more information contact Judy:

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or call 920-745-2446



## In Case You Missed It In June

### ENGAGE Sunday June 3 with Bill Kehl *Circle of Drums... The Rhythms of Life*



Bill Kehl has been performing for over 30 years and was part of the Prairie Lakes community in the early years. Bill brought an ensemble of beautiful drums and percussion instruments of all sizes and shapes from around the world for PLUUFers to play. Participants were given the opportunity to

collaborate on rhythms to create a powerful experience together. At the end of the drumming session, everyone was invited to state their name and one word to describe how we they were feeling. Answers ranged from calm to exhilarated! Thank you to Pat Dobrinska for coordinating this event.

### ENGAGE Sunday June 17 *Green Space Planning Gathering*



It was a small but mighty group that showed up for the Green Space planning meeting.

Linda DeCramer led the discussion with Becky Feyen's assistance while showing the group the two outdoor space designs. One design by architect Bill Hoch and the other by DeCramer Landscaping. Thoughtful discussion took place while members and friends contributed ideas and opinions. It appears that the group is leaning toward a design that will keep most of the existing green space but make a vast improvement by replacing our current parking surface and improve drainage. A storage shed is also in PLUUF's future.

### Worship Service June 10 with Paul Jeffries *Defending Truth: Some Philosophical and Historical Paradoxes*

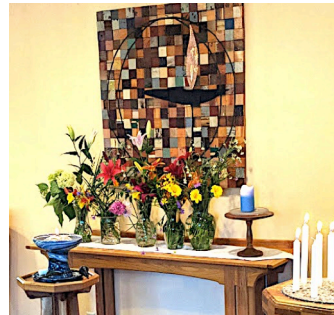


We welcomed back Ripon College Professor Paul Jeffries. In his reflection, Paul explored what it means to defend truth in a time of false statements, lies, and "alternative facts." He explained that while it is essential to be committed to standing up on behalf of truth, there are also some challenges when we do so. Similarly, as we look for allies in our pursuit of

truth, it is worth considering how the "defenders of truth" have evolved in our cultural discourse. Discussion followed the reflection and Paul offered some suggestions on helpful virtues and practices as we seek to find and defend truth. He recommended the book, "Merchants of Doubt" by historians Naomi Oreskes and Erik Conway. It was also made into a film.

Paul Jeffries is an Associate Professor of Philosophy at Ripon College. His teaching and scholarly activities focus on the area of ethics. In addition to his work in philosophy, Paul also has a degree in Theological Ethics from Yale Divinity School.

### Worship Service Sunday June 24 *Annual Flower Communion* *Coordinated by Jill Stiemsma*



What a wonderful way to celebrate our PLUUF community! The PLUUF singers performed, members/friends presented special readings, we acknowledged new member Don VanScotter, sang hymns, shared flowers,

enjoyed the company of amazing people and ate cake! Thank you to Jill for coordinating this very special annual event.





## Our 7 Principles Sign Has Been Refurbished

Ann Pahlas of Metal Works, the creator of the sign, sanded and repainted our beautiful sign along with three smaller ones on the property.  
Thank you Ann!



This will be my last Financial Report as PLUUF Treasurer. It has been an honor to serve PLUUF in this capacity the past two years. I'm grateful **Linda Holloway** was able to assist me in the early days. Even as her cancer progressed, we'd still have finance committee meetings. She was one of the reasons I was able to hit the ground running. I'm grateful to Moderator **Becky Feyen** for introducing me to the Church Windows accounting software (and convincing me to take the treasurer role). I am especially grateful to **Marjorie Kenyon-Cler** for spending countless hours with me the past two years helping me navigate and simplify our accounting practices at PLUUF. I am looking forward to my next endeavor as PLUUF's Administrative Manager. Thank you to all!

## 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

Tanya Schwartz-Roeper

## Treasurer's Report as of June 28, 2018 by Tanya Schwartz Roeper

	Current Month	Year to Date	Annual Budget
Income	\$1,385	\$28,197.49	\$27,340
Expenses	\$1,728.41	\$17,199.94	\$27,340

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

BMO Checking	\$30,883.41	Operating Fund
Golden Rule Savings	\$15,349.68	Short term Vision Fund
UUCEF*	\$47,201.98	Long term Vision Fund
	\$93,435.07	

\*Unitarian Universalist Common Endowment Fund

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

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.