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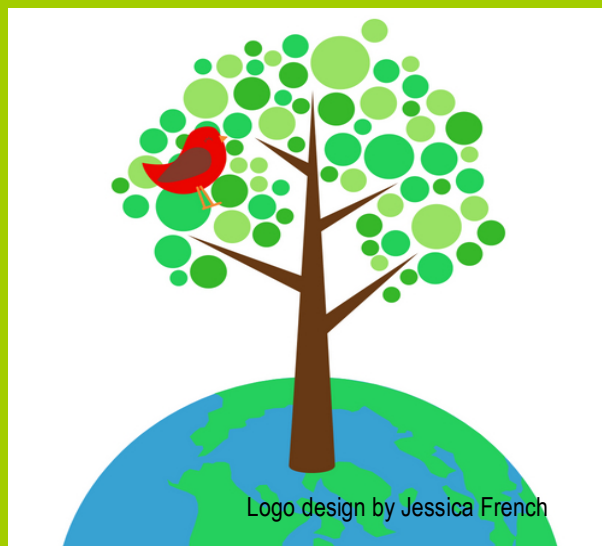


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Prairie Lakes Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

PLUUF's Environmental Camp for Kids
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Calendar At-A-Glance

ENGAGE Sunday, June 3, 10:00 AM: Drumming Performance by **Bill Kehl**. Please invite anyone & everyone; this will be an amazing experience to share. See page 3 for more details.

PLUS after the drumming session:

Planning meeting for PLUUF's Kids Environmental Camp, "Not so Fantastic Plastic".

Worship Service Sunday, June 10, 10:00 AM: We welcome the return of Paul Jeffries from Ripon College. Topic TBA.

Please stay after the service for our Second Sunday Potluck!!

ENGAGE Sunday, June 17, 10:00 AM: Green Space planning meeting. The possibilities for the outdoor space at PLUUF are endless and exciting! We hope you can join us.

Worship Service Sunday, June 24, 10:00 AM: Annual Flower Communion. Please bring at least one flower to share. At the beginning of the service, we'll co-mingle the flowers; at the end, each of us will take one home. See page 3 for more details.

Message from the Moderator by Becky Feyen



I have been pondering on numerous situations, ideas, comments, & discussions within our Fellowship; which I will address in the next couple months. I care deeply about your suggestions & concerns, but often lack the capacity of immediate response or solution. I hope to propose ideas that created an atmosphere of positive change, which challenge our beliefs & ideas, & expand our conversations.

Numerous discussions inspired me to notice insights of how we (meaning, I) perpetuate negativity and stress through sharing/repeating/reposting the issue. Of course we (I) cannot ignore what is happening; but instead of repeating what is wrong how about presenting an idea to solve the issue, or how this situation can lead to a positive change. It is so important & helpful to view challenges as opportunities to become creative thinkers; searching for

solutions and actions that will hopefully, produce a positive result. Of course, there are always unforeseen consequences, & good intentions gone wrong; that is why we (I) need to be open to changing our perspectives. We (I) must question our beliefs and actions to continue growing, and become the creative thinkers this world needs. It is best to do this creative thinking from a positive, hopeful, and flexible perspective.

You may be aware that we are planning to make our Second Sundays a more 'inspirational' (for lack of a better term) experience. The board has proposed a minister, or an equivalent religious teacher to present on Second Sunday. This may not always be workable, but we will do our best. The intent of this is to create a Sunday where we are inspired, rejuvenated, enlightened, motivated, and possibly challenged to make positive changes. Hopefully, Second Sunday will be a break from the worries of the world, a time to re-fill the soul/spirit/energy/that special something which sustains & supports our creativity & compassion. We will see how this works for us.

I am going to push the envelope a little bit more with Second Sunday – hang on; this may fall like a lead balloon. What do you think of limiting the dialog of Joys & Concerns, to just sharing a name &/or situation while lighting the candle? Another idea is to move the congregational sharing, to discussion after the service. The objective of these suggestions is to allow more time for the presentation, contemplative thinking, and meditation, while creating an introspective service on Second Sundays. I want to know what you think of this idea - I will be available for comments before & after service or a scheduled time, feel free to email me as well (r.feyen@yahoo.com).

I want to close by expanding on the comment I made at the annual meeting, about how you all make it so easy on me. I do not want anyone to think they should not challenge decisions or question the direction of this Fellowship. We need your input for improving the experience at Prairie Lakes. This is your Fellowship; you all have a voice and contribute to the success of this community. You make it easy on me by showing up, sharing your talents & ideas, and challenging my perspective.

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

Annual Meeting Results:

Meet the 2018/19 Fiscal Year Board of Directors



After 4 years as PLUUF's Moderator, Becky Feyen will serve as Interim Moderator for at least a year.



Linda DeCramer will begin the first year of her second term as Secretary.



Judy will serve as interim Treasurer for the 2018/19 fiscal year.



Jessica French will begin the second year of her first term as At-Large Rep 2.



WELCOME TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS!! Pat Dobrinska is the new At-Large Rep 1.



June Worship Services by Jill Stiemsma

Hi, everyone. We had another great month at PLUUF; I certainly hope that you participated in some of it. In honor of Mother's Day, Jim Jaeger returned to lead a great service focused on religious patriarchy, including more on the Catholic Church's attempt to hide Jesus' relationship with Mary Magdalene. And then came ... ta da! ... our biennial Animal Blessing service, coordinated once again by Tanya S-R. Thanks, Tanya! (Laird and Linda - the boys loved your kittens!)

So, here's our schedule for June:

Sunday, June 10: It's been quite a long time since Ripon College Professor Paul Jeffries has led a Reflection at PLUUF. But, on pretty short notice, he jumped at the chance to return. While we don't yet have a definitive topic for June 10, we have Paul! And...Second Sunday Potluck! Come on down!

Sunday, June 24: It's that time of year...the flowers will be blooming...the weather? Well, we hope it's good, too. Bring at least one flower per member attending the service to share during our Annual Flower Communion. At the beginning of the service, we'll co-mingle the flowers; at the end, each of us will take one home. These flowers represent our diversity and our common bonds. It's a time to celebrate your connection to the UU Community.

One last note: Let's all congratulate Amelia Roost on her high school graduation!...and her contributions to the theatre, art, and music programs at Berlin High School. Yea, Amelia!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT PLUUF



A commitment PLUUF friends and members have made is to provide a safe learning environment for our children allowing parents to attend services and children to learn about our Principles through play, stories, crafts, and conversation. This past school year, as part of a community service project, Jonah Roeper with the help of Oliver and Tanya, took primary responsibility for planning and leading our religious education for the children who attend 2nd and 4th Sundays. His commitment is completed and we need volunteers to help for the summer

months. Becky, Judy and Tanya are available to help you do some planning and show you where books and materials are. And playing outside together, talking about a story or just having a conversation is acceptable. Please consider getting to know the children and helping supervise our summer Sundays. A sign-up sheet is available in the social room for June 10 and 24; July 8 and 22; and August 12 and 26th. If you can help one Sunday that would be terrific!

ENGAGE Sundays by Judy Harris

ENGAGE SUNDAY June 3. 10 a.m. Drumming Performance by Bill Kehl. Please invite anyone & everyone; this will be an amazing experience to share. Bill Kehl has been performing for over 30 years, "presenting interactive and dynamic educational musical enrichment programs to audiences of all ages." He was part of the Prairie Lakes community in the early years at Ripon & performed for our first Summer Day Camp. Thank you to Pat Dobrinska for organizing this program!

Reminder: Camp-planning meeting on June 3 after Bill's drumming session.

ENGAGE SUNDAY June 17. 10 a.m. Green Space planning meeting. We'll review the architectural drawings by Bill Hoch and dream up the best plan for our outdoor space at PLUUF.

Prairie Lakes Unitarian
Universalist Fellowship is proud
to present the 3rd annual

F R E E Summer Camp for Kids

Not-So-Fantastic Plastic

Monday, July 30
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
315 Eureka St. Ripon

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

The camp is for children entering
2nd through 5th grade

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



VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED:

Would you like to help?

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

Camp Goals:

- To raise awareness of the web of life
- To explore our use of plastics & its impact
- To offer examples of practical use of plastic & alternatives

Let's make our 3rd annual PLUUF
Summer Camp wildly successful!
For more information contact Judy:

jdlake@centurytel.net or
call 920-745-2446



Photo taken at 2017 Summer Camp with
professional musician & storyteller David HB Drake

In Case You Missed It In May

Worship Service May 13 with Jim Jaeger *#Us Too: Remembering the Women of the Jesus Movement*



When we think of the first followers of Jesus of Nazareth, initially we often reflect on the twelve (all male) disciples who play a major role in the four Gospels. Yet, if we read these gospel accounts more closely, and carefully, we find hidden away hints of a strong female presence in these early supporters of Jesus' mission. One of the more prominent women around Jesus

is Mary Magdalene, a subject of much earlier speculation about her life and morals. In this time of the #MeToo movement, amid claims in some quarters that the maleness of Jesus' disciples is worth taking a second look at, let's consider who was responsible for the early survival of the Jesus Movement following their leader's ignominious death at the hands of the Romans.

ENGAGE Sunday May 20 with Ray Gurney William L. White Meets the Three Poisons of Buddhism: A Way to Clarify Your Thinking about Addictions in the U.S.



Ray presented a talk based on the groundbreaking perspective of William L. White, the leading American student of all types of addictions in the country. Ray, who has a certificate in Buddhist studies, presented a useful analytical tool from what philosophy calls The Three Poisons. Brief videos were shown that described the effects on the brain of alcohol, smoked marijuana, eaten marijuana, heroin, Kratom, Suboxone, and others chemicals. He highlighted some specific ways that organizations in Ripon are currently doing the right thing according to White. The theme of the talk and discussion was "The next step ought to be for everyone to take a giant time out from 'solving' the drug problem and spend some time learning how to ask questions that will actually lead to answers. These more helpful questions will lead to more practical, cost effective, and enduring solutions." Ray is an ordained minister in the Federation of Christian Ministries, has worked with homeless men in Milwaukee, has more the 30 years of experience in the recovery community, and is currently the Spirituality Integration Coordinator at the Milwaukee County Behavioral Health Division.

Worship Service May 27 with Tanya Schwartz-Roeper *Blessing of the Animals*

Tanya led the service with a special slideshow of images of beloved pets past and present. (Friends and members of



PLUUF submitted Photos). She also included special readings and a tribute to St. Francis and Janine Rubeck. Janine has been the manager of the Green Lake Area Animal Shelter since 2004. Janine blessed the animals, PLUUF singers sang "My Buddy". "All God's Critters" was performed during the Story for All Ages.





Thank you to everyone who supported adding the Administrative Manager position to PLUUF's budget and supporting the decision to put me in that role. I'm looking forward to this new opportunity. I'm going to miss serving on the board of directors, though!

In taking on this new role I want to tell you a bit about myself. I grew up in Green Lake and attended Ripon College. I received a BA in Psychology in 1988. Shortly after college I married Randy and we moved to Seattle, Washington.

After working for two years in Seattle in a personnel coordinator role, Randy and I moved back to Wisconsin to start a business in Milwaukee. We owned and operated Dental Impressions, Inc., an employment service serving the dental field. After 8 years we sold the business to move to Ripon and start a family. Most of you have met Jonah (16) and Oliver (13). In addition to being a stay-at-home mom I teach paper making classes in my art studio at Town Square in Green Lake, teach American Sign Language classes by request, and manage my dad's art collection by working with galleries and museums to exhibit his artwork.

The Administrative Manager role will include a variety of duties. I'll continue to manage the finances and work very close with Judy our new treasurer. One of the goals of the Administrative Manager role is to create more cohesiveness within our Fellowship & provide an opportunity to reach out to the greater community. My duties will continue to include bookkeeping & financial responsibilities, along with advertising & promotion and administrative support. This includes continuing in my role as newsletter editor, one of my favorite duties!

Again, thank you so much for supporting this wonderful opportunity.

Tanya

Treasurer's Report as of May 30, 2018 by Tanya Schwartz Roeper

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Judy Harris

At Large Representative

Jessica French

	Current Month	Year to Date	Annual Budget
Income	\$1,016	\$26,812.49	\$27,340
Expenses	\$1,208.29	\$15,570.94	\$27,340

Detailed monthly financial reports are always available at PLUUF or by request:
tanyapapermaker@gmail.com

BMO Checking	\$31,046.92	Operating Fund
Golden Rule Savings*	\$15,349.68	Short term Vision Fund
UUCEF**	\$47,451.73	Long term Vision Fund
	\$93,848.33	

*BMO Savings was transferred into a new account at Golden Rule Credit Union

**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 take place on the Monday after the 2nd Sunday of the month. If there is anything you'd like to put on the agenda, please contact Linda DeCramer lindadecramer@yahoo.com or Becky Feyen r.feyen@yahoo.com at least one week in advance.