



NOVEMBER

by Kathleen Pedersen

Leaves are falling,
winter's calling
We are thankful
for our friends.

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It's November once again

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If you come here singly, in a group, or in a family

[You are welcome here](#)

If you are young, old, or somewhere in between

[You are welcome here](#)

If you are gay, lesbian, transgender, queer, straight, or not sure

[You are welcome here](#)

If you walked in quickly, or pretty slowly, or rolled in on wheels

[You are welcome here](#)

If you are a democrat, republican, have another political affiliation or have no political affiliation at all

[You are welcome here](#)

If your roots are from one continent or several – whatever your ethnic background

[You are welcome here](#)

If you came here from a UU tradition, or another religious tradition, or no religious tradition at all

[You are welcome here](#)

Whoever you are, and wherever you are on your life's journey, we bid you welcome
at Prairie Lakes Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

November 3: 10:00 AM ENGAGE Sunday This will be the first of a 2-part series led by Judy Harris and Allan Mussehl titled *Digging Deeper into Myth: Forbidden Archaeology*. See page 4 for the details. Sharing personal folklore will be encouraged!

Sunday, November 10: 10:00 AM Worship Service We welcome speakers Greg and Ann Herman from Fond du Lac. They will reflect on their growing commitment to Native American Practices. See page 3 for more details. Becky Feyen and Robyn Davis-Bartow will lead children's religious education.

Please stay after the service for our second Sunday Potluck

Sunday, November 17: 10:00 AM ENGAGE Sunday Judy Harris and Allan Mussehl return for part 2 of *Digging Deeper into Myth: Forbidden Archaeology*.

Sunday, November 24: 10:00 AM Intergenerational Worship Service Annual Gratitude service. This is a service to honor our members/friends and all those who contribute so much to our fellowship and the community/world at large.

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.



Wanted: Moderator for Prairie Lakes

Beginning July 1, 2020 for a 2-year Term by Tanya Schwartz-Roeper

Becky Feyen's final term as Moderator expires at the end of our fiscal year on June 30, 2020. She will have dedicated 6 years to this position! She has guided Prairie Lakes through a tremendous amount of change and has helped create a financially sound and vibrant fellowship community. Becky has gone above and beyond the call of duty with her position as Moderator. Now it is time to seek a replacement.

Here are a few of the basic requirements:

- Must be a voting member of Prairie Lakes
- Guides Board on mission, policy and long-range planning
- Creates agenda and leads monthly board meetings
- Leads or co-leads the Annual Meeting
- Writes the "Moderator's Message" for the monthly newsletter
- Participates in Sunday services as desired and/or as needed
- Opportunity to attend UU leadership training workshops and assemblies

This position receives support and guidance from the other members of the Board and the Administrative Manager as needed.

Meet the Amazing Moderators of Prairie Lakes Past to Present



Marjorie Kenyon-Cler
1990-2000



Diane Light
2000-2002



Jean Johnson
2002-2006



Lyn Corder
2006-2009



Jean Johnson
2009-2014



Becky Feyen
2014-2020

This could be
YOU!

Your Name
2020-2022

If you are interested in finding out more information about the Moderator position please contact Tanya at tanyapapermaker@gmail.com or talk to her in person before or after Sunday services.



2nd & 4th November Worship Services by Jill Stiemsma

Well, time just keeps movin' on, movin' on! Thank you to all who participated in our October ENGAGE Sunday discussions on Hinduism...and especially to UW-O Professor Michael Baltutis who helped us understand how UU's and Hindus share the meaning of "the light". And, thank you to both (me) and Ray Gurney for discussing the link between nationalism and religion (or is it really just a power grab dressed up as religion?). October at PLUUF was quite the adventure.

And, now, we move into November, unbelievable as that might be. Let's welcome...

Sunday, November 10, 10 AM: It's been a long time since we've shared a service focused on Native American practices. On this Sunday, we welcome Greg and Ann Herman to reflect on their growing commitment to Native American practices...the why's and how's. Bring your questions, share your experiences.

And, of course, it's Second Sunday Potluck!

Sunday, November 24, 10 AM: You mean it's Thanksgiving time already???? Well, yeah... So, time to host another annual Gratitude Service! What about being a member or friend of PLUUF fills you with gratitude? Come share your thoughts and reflections. And, to all – Happy Thanksgiving!

Children's 2nd & 4th Sunday Religious Education (RE)

Our RE program continues to grow! Thank you to Becky Feyen and Robyn Davis-Bartow for creating a stimulating learning environment for all the children. Robyn and Becky are implementing lesson plans from the UUA website Tapestry of Faith program. Robyn works with the younger children in the RE classroom and Becky teaches the older children in the social room. Both groups have been learning about the UU 7 principles. Each Tapestry of Faith program nurtures children in ethics, spirit, faith, and Unitarian Universalist (UU) identity through stories, activities, and social justice projects. Families can go online from home to explore the ideas and activities the children experience in our religious education program.

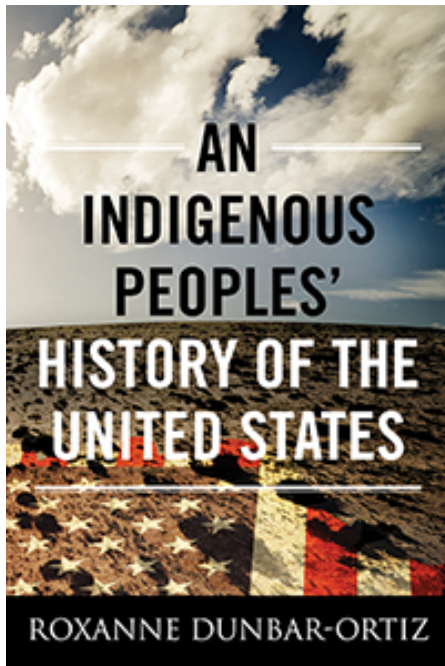


ENGAGE Sundays: November 3 and November 17 at 10 AM

Digging Deeper into Myth: Forbidden Archeology: a romp through unanswered questions about our origin and development. Has our beginning as a species been hidden from us out of ignorance, desire for control or fear, or? Have some of the answers survived in folklore, myth and artifact? Allan Mussehl leads the romp with Judy Harris while encouraging discussion of folklore that is a part of your personal heritage. Please join us on November 3 and 17.

Unitarian Universalist Association announces Common Read 2019-20

A Common Read invites participants to read and discuss the same book in a given period of time. The UUA states, "Common Read can build community in our congregations and our movement by giving diverse people a shared experience, shared language, and a basis for deep, meaningful conversations." Last year at Prairie Lakes, we read *Justice on Earth: People of Faith Working at the Intersections of Race, Class, and Environment* edited by Manish Mishra-Marzetti and Jennifer Nordstrom. Becky Feyen led two ENGAGE Sundays at Prairie Lakes to discuss the book.



Each year, the Unitarian Universalist Common Read is chosen by a committee including both headquarters and field staff of the UUA. Anyone may nominate a book. Read the [criteria for Common Read](#) selection. [Nominate a book](#) for 2020-21 using the UUA online form.

The Common Read Selection Committee announced that [An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States](#) by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz (Beacon Press, 2015) and [An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States for Young People](#) adapted by Jean Mendoza and Debbie Reese (Beacon Press, 2019) are the new Common Read.

In 2015, Beacon Press published an extraordinary book by Indigenous scholar and activist Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz that challenged readers to learn US history through a narrative that centers the story, the experiences, and the perspectives of Indigenous peoples. In 2019, Beacon Press published an adaptation for young people by Jean Mendoza and Debbie Reese. Upending myths and misinformation that have been promulgated by leaders and media, it asks readers to reconsider the origin story of the United States taught to every US school child.

In 2020, our nation will approach the 400th anniversary of the much-mythologized encounter at Plymouth between colonists and those native to the land, and the UUA's General Assembly 2020, in Providence, RI, will speak to the truths that contradict the mythology. At the same time, movements in response to global and local environmental emergencies, many involving UUs, are increasingly recognizing the connection between Indigenous rights and climate justice. This Common Read invites UU congregations, communities, and individuals to learn the story of trauma and resilience that is the Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States.

If you are not familiar at all with this history, the UUA suggests that you read the version for young people. The discussion guide, available in early November, will work for readers of either version.

In Case You Missed It In October: Hinduism



Lord Brahma, God of Creation



Vishnu, Preserver of Life Lord



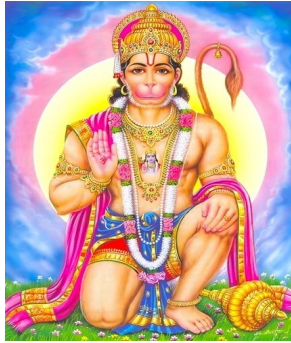
Ganesha, Bestows Good Fortune



Shiva, the Destroyer



Kali, the Dark Mother Death of Ego



Hanuman, Ideal Devotee of God



Lord Krishna



Saraswati



Durga: The Divine Mother



Professor Michael Baltutis



Ray Gurney & Jill Stiemsma



Rama: The Ideal Man

October focused on Hinduism. Jill Stiemsma coordinated and/or led all ENGAGE and Worship Sundays in October. It started with Hinduism 101 on ENGAGE Sunday, October 6, in which she introduced the 10 Hindu gods pictured on this page. ENGAGE Sunday, October 20, emphasized the timeless epic of the Hindu faith, the *Bhagavad-Gita*. Jill invited Oshkosh Theology Professor Michael Baltutis to lead the Worship Service on October 13 to reflect on how Hinduism might speak to Unitarian Universalists. Michael explained that the visual and physical contact with the flame remains one of the central themes of Hindu ritual, and the ancient fire influenced some of the most significant concepts of Hinduism, namely the permanence of the soul, its ability to transmigrate from physical body to physical body, and its relationship to the one universal soul. Michael's talk focused on the text of the Kena Upanishad, as it uses fire and other terrestrial elements to consider some of the big questions of Hinduism and the universe.

Together, Jill Stiemsma and Ray Gurney concluded the four-part series on Hinduism. Jill gave a presentation on how religion and nationalism are intertwined. She discussed how Hinduism and nationalism affect human rights in India. Ray Gurney's presentation followed, focusing on how Christian fundamentalism, tied to nationalism, has undermined rights in the US.

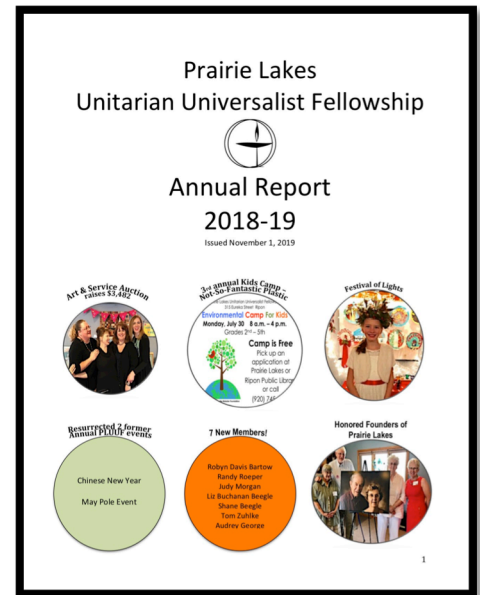
Thank you, Jill, for a month of stimulating presentations and discussions!



Administrative Manager Report by Tanya Schwartz-Roeper

It's been a busy month. My administrative manager duties have ventured into creating the 2018-19 fiscal year Annual Report. Copies will be e-mailed to all members soon. If Members/Friends of PLUUF would like a paper copy, just let me know. We will have several available at PLUUF. I encourage you to read this

(gasp) 17-page document. I enjoyed pouring through old newsletters, photos and board minutes to gather the information needed to summarize our previous fiscal year. Did you know 7 new members became part of Prairie Lakes last year? It was a great year! When you receive the document via e-mail or paper copy from PLUUF, please kick back with a cup of coffee, wine or whatever and take the time to read it ☺. We are grateful for our members and friends near and far.



Treasurer's Report as of October 30, 2019

As you review the year-to-date income and expense report, you will see a drastic difference between money coming in and money going out. We entered the fiscal year knowing we would hire Kinax Excavating to create the new walkway (\$7,470) and anticipated hiring Asphalt Specialists to repair and restripe the parking lot (\$2,550). We did not anticipate replacing PLUUF's air conditioner (\$5,280!). Fortunately, because of your generosity, we have been able to build up our reserves the past couple fiscal years to cover these expenses.

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Staff Position

Administrator Manager

Tanya Schwartz-Roeper

| | October 2019 | Year to Date | Annual Budget |
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| Income | \$1,482 | \$5,227 | \$26,004* |
| Expenses | \$4,657 | \$23,479 | \$41,375** |

*Annual Budget Income does not reflect Restricted Funds

**Annual Budget Expenses will use Restricted Funds and Funds from the Common Endowment Fund to cover outdoor renovation project.

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

*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 Wednesday 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.