

## Calendar At-A-Glance

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

**ENGAGE Sunday, March 15, 10:00 AM:** We welcome Jack Christ, emeritus professor of Leadership Studies at Ripon College and Executive Director of the Wisconsin Leadership Institute.

**Worship Service Sunday, March 22, 10:00 AM:** Norbertine Brother Steve Herro will lead a service titled "The Fifth Principle and Election Year 2020." What is the relationship between the Unitarian Universalist Fifth Principle and voting and voting districts? (Rescheduled from 2/9/20 due to snowstorm).

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday, March 29, 10:00 AM:** Adopt-a-Highway Clean-Up Day Details on page 2.

**ENGAGE Sunday, April 5, 10:00 AM:** A Passover Seder with Tanya Schwartz-Roeper.

**Save the Date! Saturday, April 18**

## Art & Service Auction

PLUUFs largest and best fundraiser of the year: If you are looking for something fresh and unique, Prairie Lakes is the place to be on April 18. Bring a friend, a date, or fly solo. No matter what, we promise a memorable evening. All money raised goes to support Prairie Lakes in all that we do, so thank you for giving back! [More details on page 6](#)

March 2020  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Worship Services and 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> ENGAGE Sundays



**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday ENGAGE, March 1 10:00 AM:** Jeromy French will review the basic tenants of Taoism and lead a discussion on the Tao Te Ching. We will focus on the various passages & discuss how they relate to life as we know it. If possible, please read the Tao Te Ching before attending; this will be a discussion based on your input and interest. Any translation of the Tao Te Ching is acceptable – there are free versions on line.



**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Worship Service, March 8 10:00 AM:** *All I Need to Know I Learned From a Children's Book:* The wisdom of kids and their ability to engage wholly with the world is boundless! The embodiment of that wisdom/ability is exuberantly prevalent in children's literature. Linda DeCramer will present favorite books, which powerfully, yet simply, exemplify some of our most sacred UU principles and ideals in this delightful intergenerational service.

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



**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday ENGAGE, March 15 10:00 AM:** We welcome Jack Christ, emeritus professor of Leadership Studies at Ripon College and Executive Director of the Wisconsin Leadership Institute. Jack's discussion on leadership is perfect timing as we approach our annual meeting with many leadership roles becoming available.



**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Worship Service, March 22 10:00 AM:** After winter weather forced the cancellation of Brother Steve Herro's service back in February, we are pleased he can return. Norbertine Brother Steve Herro will lead a service titled "The Fifth Principle and Election Year 2020." What is the relationship between the Unitarian Universalist Fifth Principle and voting and voting districts? Local, state, and a national election and new maps for voting districts provide lots of opportunities for us to demonstrate our membership in a democratic society.

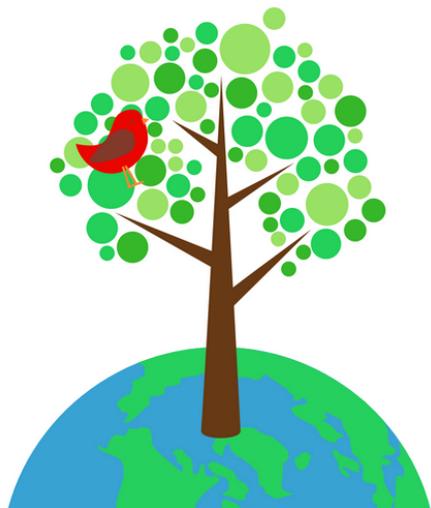
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Adopt-A-Highway Clean-up Day, March 29 10:00 AM:**



Meet at the Green Lake Bowling Alley parking lot (W 1802 County Road, Green Lake). Becky will be there at 9:45 (or earlier if requested) in case someone wants to begin early. Carpooling from PLUUF can be arranged by request by contacting [tanyapapermaker@gmail.com](mailto:tanyapapermaker@gmail.com)

We can split into 2 groups, with some starting at the far end by South Lawson Drive. Kids can walk the bike trail down & away from the road with an adult.

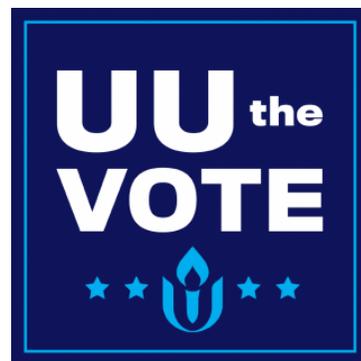
## PLUUF Receives Grant From the Webster Foundation for Summer Kids Camp



We're planning our 5th annual Summer Camp For Kids! This year's camp is called "Caring For Our Mother Earth" and will include elements from previous camp topics. Through exploration of these 4 topics - Trees, Water, Plastics, and Pollinators, we will promote the "power of one" to conserve and care for our Earth and reveal the interconnectedness of ecosystems.

Back in November Linda DeCramer completed a grant application to help fund PLUUF's summer camp. She attended the Webster Foundation event at Royal Ridges on February 19 and accepted a check for \$750! She also gave a brief speech. Thank you Linda for representing Prairie Lakes at this event.

UU the Vote is a non-partisan faith initiative to engage our neighbors, educate our communities, mobilize voters, and rally around key ballot initiatives. All through 2020 the UUA is supporting congregations and UU organizations in activating thousands of Unitarian Universalists to mobilize for electoral justice at the local, state and national levels.



### Girl Scout World Thinking Day: Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

Thank you to Paul Jeffries, Robyn Davis Bartow and Becky Feyen for everything you did to help the Girl Scouts begin the process of earning their World Thinking Day Award on February 23.



## In Case You Missed It In February

### ENGAGE Sunday February 2 coordinated and led by Becky Feyen



Becky Feyen, Moderator at Prairie Lakes, led a discussion about the complexity of social justice, religion and politics and the current Unitarian Universalist Association initiative. She also shared information from the Unitarian Universalist Association initiative: #VOTELove, #DEFEATHATE, & #UUTHEVOTE IN 2020! & other social justice programs. She acknowledged that this is a questionable topic for a religious

organization; but handled with grace and love, we are living our UU values of interdependence, democracy, and the inherent worth and dignity of all people.

### ENGAGE Sunday February 16 with Robert (Spud) Hannaford “A Life Well Lived”



Thank you to Spud Hannaford for leading a very engaging ENGAGE Sunday! It started with a question, “Can we explain or suggest how to attain a life well lived?” Hannaford went on to say, “I assume we can agree that we would not say that a person had a life well-lived unless they lived in accord with certain ethical standards.” Participants shared

standards of what they believe people must live by to have had a life well lived. The list included: Courage, commitment, vulnerability, integrity, honesty, empathy, compassion, positivity, self-knowledge, love, and live by the Golden and Platinum rules.

Interpretation of the three quotes below were also part of the discussion:

1. “At the moment of commitment (to a project) the entire universe conspires to assure your success.” by Johann Goethe
2. “Happiness is the exercise of vital powers, along lines of excellence, in a life affording them scope.” by Aristotle
3. “Loneliness is the absence of accepting the joy of social responsibility.” by Nadine Gordimer

### Worship Service February 9 with Steve Herro cancelled due to winter storm



A winter storm warning that brought several inches of snow and slippery roads to the Ripon area led to the cancellation of Steve Herro’s much anticipated service, “The 5<sup>th</sup> Principle and Election Year 2020.” This service has been rescheduled to March 22. Please see page 2 for more details.

### Worship Service February 23 with Professor Paul Jeffries “Learning from Heroes, Saints, and Sages”



We welcomed back Paul Jeffries. Paul is Associate Professor of Philosophy at Ripon College and presented “Learning from Heroes, Saints, and Sages.” We explored how we might live more ethically excellent lives by following the examples set out by what Linda Zagzebski calls

moral exemplars. Her approach to understanding ethics attempts to develop a theory of the virtues, both moral and intellectual, that is grounded in our experiences of admiration of those who live lives that teach us what it means to be excellent human beings.

There was special programming for children and youth religious education classes. Following the Girl Scout *World Thinking Day Activity Guide*, the children learned about the 2020 theme of “Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.” PLUUF helped the Girl Scouts expand their understanding of the immense diversity in our Global Movement. Thank you to Becky Feyen for assembling the materials and Robyn Davis Bartow for teaching the class. For Story For All Ages, Paul Jeffries read the book, “The Other Side” by Jacqueline Woodson. This was a story for young readers to relate and think about the history of segregation.

## Fellowship Notes



PLUUF member Tom Zuhlke wrote, "I was thrilled with the Engage Sunday discussion of "A Life Well Lived" led by Robert "Spud" Hannaford and inspired by the quote by Nadine Gordimer, "Loneliness is the absence of accepting the joy of social responsibility." In response to the irresponsible social behavior on the national level, Tom and a couple other individuals founded SCCB, Inc., Service Corps Community Builder, a 501(c)3, non-profit charitable organization. Tom states, "I am experiencing the joy of social responsibility thanks to the influence of Prairie Lakes Unitarian Universalist Fellowship."



A message from PLUUF member Audrey George, "Thank you to Prairie Lakes for your caring thoughts. I have made a great recovery and I want to let the community know about a free meditation group at Lotus Yoga Sundays at 4:15. Bob Amsden, a drama teacher at Ripon College, will be leading, and I'm very excited about it."

There is no charge for the Zen meditation series.  
 Segment I: February 9 through April 5  
 Segment II: April 19 through May 03

Location: Lotus Root Yoga Studio  
 233 Watson St. Ripon  
[www.lotusrootyoga.com](http://www.lotusrootyoga.com)

Structure & Time: 4:15-5:15 p.m.  
 Occasional brief comments on meditation or Zen practice  
 20 minutes seated meditation  
 3 minute Silent Break  
 5-7 minutes of Walking Meditation  
 20 minute seated meditation or at 5:13



Many years ago Lois Mockridge was a regular attendee at Prairie Lakes until health issues began to interfere. She passed away in January leaving behind her two daughters, Marcia Jackson and Diane Mockridge. They sent a beautiful card to PLUUF and Marcia wrote, "Thank you so much for your love & support of our beloved mother. Thought you might like this card with one of mom's original paintings (left). Diane & I are doing okay but it's really tough & hard to believe she's really gone, but 94 was a good long life!"

Congratulations to Great Grandma,  
 Jill Stiemsma!

There's another Luna in our midst,  
 born February 17! We look forward  
 to having Isaiah Ezekial in our RE  
 program at PLUUF some day!

## Prairie Lakes Annual Board Retreat by Tanya Schwartz-Roeper



Moderator  
 Becky Feyen



Secretary  
 Linda DeCramer



Treasurer  
 Jim Goyette



At-Large Rep 1  
 Pat Dobrinska



At-Large Rep 2  
 Jessica French

Prairie Lakes has an amazing Board of Directors! As the Administrative Manager of PLUUF, I'm able to participate in the annual board retreat. Last year it was held in January at the home of Pat Dobrinska. This year it took place Saturday, February 1st, at the fellowship. This was a time to regroup, reconnect and recharge while strategic planning for the year took place. And a special thanks to Beth Howman-Combs of the Care and Concern committee for attending the committee's segment of the day. Not only was it a very productive retreat, but also there was definitely a strong sense of camaraderie among board members.

# The Art & Service Auction is coming soon!

On Saturday, April 18th at 6:00 p.m., we will see the return of Prairie Lakes' largest fundraiser of the year... the Art & Service Auction & PLUUF's Got Talent! The evening will include a Live Auction, Silent Auction, 50/50 Raffle and direct sales with entertainment throughout the evening. We need everyone's participation to make this event a success.

## Live Auction ideas:

- Make dinner for another family
- Dessert every month for a year
- Original art or craft item
- Pre-owned art or craft item
- Handyman special-build or repair something
- Child care
- Yard work/house work
- Pies galore
- Camping get-a-way
- Restaurant certificates
- Theater Tickets
- Teach a new skill like knitting/baking/art/photography/computer
- A guided walk in South Woods
- Dog walker/pet sitter
- Bird watching
- Learn to kayak/canoe

Here are a few ways you can help:

1. Donate an item for the live auction and/or basket raffle.
2. Provide food and/or beverages for the evening.
3. Participate in the event by bidding and buying.
4. Invite friends, family and coworkers to the event to bid and buy.
5. All of the above 😊

## Basket Auction theme ideas:

- Crazy for Chocolate
  - Movie or Game Night
  - Caffeine Fix
  - Great Outdoors
  - "Fur Baby" Fun
  - Home & Garden
  - Gourmet Wine & Dine
  - Family Day
  - Creativity Unleashed
  - Or whatever theme you can dream up!
- Pick a theme, any theme. Maybe ask another PLUUFer to team up to create a fantastic basket!!

Please e-mail [tanyapapermaker@gmail.com](mailto:tanyapapermaker@gmail.com) if you would like to donate to the Live Auction or create a basket for the Silent Auction.

## Treasurer's Report as of February 27, 2020

### Board of Directors\*

#### Moderator

Becky Feyen

#### Secretary

Linda DeCramer

#### Treasurer

Jim Goyette

### At Large Representative

Pat Dobrinska

### At Large Representative

Jessica French

### Staff Position

#### Administrator Manager

Tanya Schwartz-Roeper

	February 2020	Year to Date	Annual Budget
Income	\$2,238	\$17,255	\$26,004*
Expenses	\$1,969	\$31,676	\$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](mailto: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 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.