



The Art & Service Auction was wildly successful. See page 5 for a recap.

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If you see this guy, give him a big thanks for keeping PLUUF's grounds looking fabulous! Thanks, Laird DeCramer!

July Calendar At-A-Glance

ENGAGE Sunday, July 4, 10 AM: July 4th will be a continuation of the 7 Principles discussion. Becky Feyen will review the first 4 Principles and lead a discussion of the 5th Principle: The Right of Conscience and the Use of the Democratic Process Within Our Congregations and in Society at Large. A very timely topic - HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AMERICA!

"In our religious lives, the democratic process requires trust in the development of each individual conscience—a belief that such development is possible for each of us, as well as a commitment to cultivate our own conscience. We could call it a commitment to the value of each person. In the words of [Theodore Parker](#), 'Democracy means not 'I am as good as you are,' but 'You are as good as I am.' My connection with the sacred is only as precious as my willingness to acknowledge the same connection in others."

—Rev. Parisa Parsa, executive director of the Public Conversations Project (read more from Parisa in [The Seven Principles in Word and Worship](#), ed. Ellen Brandenburg).

Hope you can join us on July 4th to discuss the meaning & practice of the democratic process in our religious and societal structure.

Worship Service, July 11, 10 AM: "What Native/Indigenous Religions Have to Teach UU's" by Jill Stiemsma. Please see page 2 for more details.

Sunday, July 18, 10 AM: TBA

Sunday, July 25: TBA

In-Person Worship Service Sunday, July 11th, by Jill Stiemsma



Hi, everyone. PLUUF is back, hosting face-to-face services after a long pandemic closure. No more stay-at-home services! (We hope!)

But we'll ease back in; that is, we'll hold services in July and August on the second Sunday only.

In July, then, I will lead one more service, this one focused on what native/indigenous religions have to teach UU's. I know a number of you identify with native practices so you will have much to contribute. This service follows the theme of our first gathering on June 20th when we celebrated the Pachamama via a Bolivian Aymara ritual.

Now, for the other important announcement: When Tanya offered a review of PLUUF history, I realized that I've been the Worship Services Coordinator for 15+ years. And, quite frankly, I'm getting burned out. What's challenging me isn't putting the services together but instead identifying service leaders and the themes we should address. So...here's the bottom line: If you would like me to continue as the Coordinator, I need help! I'd be glad to hand over the reigns (no problem); but short of that, I need recommendations and active committee members. My cursory surveys have resulted in almost no feedback.

So...are you willing to commit to refreshing our Worship Services??? Let me know! And thanks!

Sharing Garden Report

In May, a volunteer crew filled the raised beds on PLUUF's green space with a soil mixture and began the process of planting seeds and seedlings. Ripon food pantry (Traded Treasures) suggested crops such as squash, tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, peas, green beans, zucchini, basil, cilantro, onions are in need.

Judy Morgan delivered the first harvest to the Ripon Food Pantry on June 14. It was a big, beautiful bag of radishes (see photo).



Meet the 2021/22 Fiscal Year Board of Directors



Linda DeCramer
Moderator
Serving 2nd year of 1st term



Robyn Davis-Bartow
Secretary
Serving 2nd year of 1st term



Jim Goyette
Treasurer
Elected to 1st year of 2nd term



Joe Hatcher
At-Large Representative
Serving 2nd year of 1st term



Welcome Liz Buchanan-Beegle
At-Large Representative
Elected to 1st year of 1st term



Outgoing Board member, Jessica French, has fulfilled her 2-term limit (4-years) as At-Large Representative but will continue to be an active member of PLUUF. We thank Jessica for her time and dedication on the PLUUF Board of Directors.

THANKS JESSICA!

In Case You Missed It in June

ANNUAL MEETING June 6

Moderator Linda DeCramer led the Annual Meeting while Tanya Schwartz Roeper & Treasurer Jim Goyette updated the congregation on PLUUF's financials. Tanya presented the slide show, "PLUUF's History in a Nutshell." Jim Goyette was reelected to serve a second term as Treasurer and Liz Buchanan-Beegle was elected for her first term as At-Large Representative and the congregation voted to renew our Welcoming Congregation status.

Saturday, June 12, Art & Service Auction

PLUUF's Art & Service Auction is usually held in March or April, but due to COVID it took place in June. It was held in-person and more than 30 people participated. Details on page 5 of this newsletter.

Sunday, June 13, Open House

PLUUF hosted an Open House, served food and beverages and provided outdoor games and hula hoops!



Sunday, June 20, Worship Service

Jill Stiemsma created and led the Flower Communion service and an Aymara ritual. This marked our first in-person Worship Service of 2021!



Sunday, June 27, no programming, but...

Pat Dobrinska opened the doors at PLUUF for a non-program day and a ½ dozen people showed up for conversation. Pat said, "We had a great discussion in which everyone participated, and it was great to see everyone."

A VERY SUCCESSFUL ART & SERVICE AUCTION on June 12

Art & Service Auction PLUUF Style

Thank you to the donors who provided items or services for the Live and Silent Auction AND to everyone who bid on them!!

Donors to the Live & Silent Auction in Alphabetical Order:

Lyn Corder	Marcia & Scott Jackson
Jerry Davidson	Marjorie Kenyon-Cler
Robyn Davis-Bartow	Judy Morgan
Linda DeCramer	Ellen & Bruce Mueller
Becky Feyen	Jeff Reese
Jeremy French	Pat Reiman & Don Martin
Jim Goyette	Brad & Nicole Roost
Robert "Spud" Hannaford	Randy Roeper & Tanya Schwartz
Dave & Judy Harris	Jill Stiemsma
Joe Hatcher	Bonnie Wagner Estate

Thank you to the sister duo of Becky Bruce-Allington and Betsy Bruce-DeMuri, for their role as auctioneers AND entertainers! Special thanks to everyone who bid on auction items (or bid by proxy), raffle ticket buyers, Match-the-Muellers Gift Challenge donors, food/beverage contributors, cashiers, clean-up crew, and everyone who participated in one way or another to make it a huge success.



The sister duo of Becky Bruce-Allington and Betsy Bruce-DeMuri not only served as auctioneers they provided an evening of entertainment!



Ellen Mueller has taken on the role of Cashier for umpteen years! She stayed till 10 p.m. the night of the auction to complete the financial summary of the auction results. Thank you Ellen!

\$3,148 raised at the 2021 Art & Service Auction!
Thank you to everyone who made it a wildly successful fundraising event!