

<p>Sunday, June 6 10 a.m. ANNUAL MEETING At PLUUF (Zoom option will be available) Let's shape PLUUF's post-Covid future together!</p>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <div style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg); font-weight: bold; font-size: 2em;">J U N E</div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Prairie Lakes Unitarian Universalist Fellowship</p> <p>315 Eureka Street, Ripon, WI 54971 pluufripon@gmail.com</p> </div> <div style="text-align: right;"> <p>Like us on Facebook</p> </div> </div>	<p>Saturday, June 12, 6 p.m. ART & SERVICE AUCTION At PLUUF</p> <p>Join us for an evening of <u>Fun</u> and <u>Fundraising</u>!</p>
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June Calendar At-A-Glance (In-person ☺)

Annual Meeting June 6, 10:00 AM: Our long awaited PLUUF ANNUAL MEETING! Looking forward to seeing Members and Friends of Prairie Lakes join us to participate in the democratic process that will help shape PLUUF's future. A brief "PLUUF History in a Nutshell" slideshow will be presented.

ART & SERVICE AUCTION Saturday, June 12, at 6 p.m.: Wonderful auction items have been donated. We invite you to join us at PLUUF for an evening of fundraising while bidding on great items. All proceeds support Prairie Lakes. See page 2 for a list of items to date.

Open House Sunday, June 13, 10 a.m.: Join us at Prairie Lakes for an "Open House." You can hang out in our newly created patio area; help in the sharing garden; or just spend time and relax with other PLUUFers. We'll announce the grand total of the Art & Service Auction and serve light snacks and beverages.

Worship Service Sunday, June 20: Jill Stiemsma will lead PLUUF's first in-person Worship Service of the year. We'll observe a Bolivian Aymara tradition (Mother Earth) AND our annual Flower Communion. Please join us and bring a flower. See page 3 for more details.

Sunday, June 27: No programming is scheduled, but you're invited to work on PLUUF's Sharing Garden. See Page 3.

The Art & Service Auction JUNE 12 at 6:00 p.m.

At 6 p.m. on Saturday, **June 12**, we will see the return of Prairie Lakes' largest (and only!) fundraiser of the year... the Art & Service Auction. The evening will include a Live Auction, Silent Auction, 50/50 Raffle. We need everyone's participation to make this event a success.

Please participate in the event by bidding and buying.
Invite friends, family, and coworkers to the event to bid and buy.
Proxy bidding will be encouraged if you can't make it to the event.

Some of the auction items make GREAT gifts!
(i.e., Coach handbags, ceramic bowls, and more!)

Check out the awesome auction/raffle items donated so far!

1. 60 Minutes of Airplane rides with pilot Joe Hatcher to be split up however the winner would like to do it.
2. Horse drawn carriage or wagon rides for 2-10 people. Jim Goyette will be your coachman.
3. Photographer Scott Jackson and artist Marcia Jackson have donated 2 beautiful pendants, 2 stunning framed photographs and 2 colorful Pour Paintings.
4. A 1-hour piano concert for 2-20 people by Jill Stiemsma on PLUUF's new digital piano. Snacks will be served.
5. "Dream Day" hosted by Linda DeCramer (chef extraordinaire) and Tanya Schwartz-Roeper (jack-of-all-trades). The day can consist of a kayak adventure, or hike, or pancake breakfast in the woods, or an evening of live music, a fondue party, a papermaking party, or almost anything you can dream up.
6. A basket filled with Fair Trade goodies by Robyn Davis-Bartow.
7. A wine basket donated by Jerry Davidson.
8. A stunning variety of Coach handbags donated by Jerry Davidson.
9. Becky Feyen will host an outing in a park with a picnic lunch.
10. Ceramic bowls donated by Lyn Corder.
11. Judy Harris's famous Rhubarb pies.
12. Original artwork and framed prints.
13. And more....!

In-Person Worship Service June 20!



Our first official service will be held on June 20th, outdoors weather permitting. In this service, we will combine our traditional Flower Communion (so, yes, bring at least one flower per person, please) with a traditional Bolivian Aymara ritual that honors the Pacha Mama (Mother Earth) and our connection to her. We've done this ritual previously, so some of you may remember it. It's a great celebration for all ages and a great way for us to reconnect as a Fellowship.

So, here's to seeing each other for real!!!! What a year and a half it's been.

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.

More plants will be added now that frost is no longer a threat. Tending to the garden will take place throughout the summer and into the fall on select Sunday mornings. Please join us when you can, even if it is just for moral support & camaraderie. "Coffee. Garden. Coffee. Does a good morning need anything else?" - Betsy Cañas Garmon



Mark Your Calendar for PLUUF's Annual Meeting on Sunday, June 6.
This will mark the beginning of in-person gatherings!! ☺



Meet the Candidates on the PLUUF Ballot

Liz Buchanan-Beegle will be on the ballot for her 1st term as At-Large Representative. Outgoing member, Jessica French, has fulfilled her 2-term limit (4-years) in that role but will continue to be a very active member of PLUUF. We thank Jessica for her time and dedication to the role!

Liz's first time at Prairie Lakes was the summer of 2018. She became more of a regular that winter and signed the membership book the next year. Her husband, Shane, and 2 kiddos, Lilly and McKinley live in Ripon and are a proud military family with Shane currently serving full time in the Wisconsin Army National Guard. Liz has had the honor of being a stay-at-home mom for the last 4 years. This has given her the ability to spend more time volunteering with some of her favorite places like The Green Lake Area Animal Shelter, The Friends of the Ripon Public Library, The Ripon School District, and their Art Presenter program. She enjoys reading, writing, cooking, and sleeping☺ Liz grew up Catholic, dabbled in Buddhism, and strolled through Wicca before giving up on religion for awhile. She happily stumbled into Unitarian Universalism where she instantly found what she had been looking for.



Jim Goyette just completed his 1st term (2-years) as Treasurer and enjoyed it so much he's on the ballot for a 2nd term ☺

Jim joined Prairie Lakes as a member in 2013 after participating for about a year in the fellowship. Having a career in information technology has allowed him to live his high school dream of being the Audio-Visual guy at Prairie Lakes ☺. When not at work or the fellowship, he spends time with his horses on his hobby farm or in the community offering carriage and wagon rides for various events. Striving to grow in the practice of acceptance and gratitude

is the main source of Jim's inner peace. He also believes we can build a better world through science and increased empathy for the interconnected web of all existence.

Why should you attend the Annual Meeting on June 6, at 10 a.m.?

1. Participate in the democratic process to help shape PLUUF's future
2. Watch the 10-minute slideshow presentation of PLUUF's history
3. Check out the makeover that was given to PLUUF's entryway and sanctuary
4. Come see the welcoming and exciting changes we're making to PLUUF's outdoor space. It's a work in progress, but it's going to be great!
5. Reconnect with PLUUFers after so much time away. (Zoom option will be available.)

In Case You Missed It in May... there was a lot going on!

ENGAGE Sunday, May 2 via Zoom with Joe Hatcher & Linda DeCramer

Joe Hatcher and Linda DeCramer led the fourth in a series of conversations prompted by our seven UU Principles beginning with exploring the fourth principle: "A Free and Responsible Search for Truth & Meaning" After a brief presentation, discussion was open to all attendees. Thank you to everyone who participated in this Zoom event.

Saturday, May 8, Sharing Garden Workday

Becky Feyen, Judy Morgan, Jeff Reese and Beth Howman-Combs spent the morning creating PLUUF's new Sharing Garden by adding soil to the new raised beds on our green space and planting seeds and seedlings.

Stay-at-Home Worship Service May 9 by Jill Stiemsma & Story for all Ages by Linda DeCramer

Jill Stiemsma created a Stay-at-home Worship Service entitled "Earth Keepers," inspired by an Open Circle service. A \$75 donation was given to the South Woods Association to commemorate this service and Earth Day.

Linda DeCramer led a Story-for-All-Ages via Zoom. It was a celebration of motherhood and Nonbinary Parents Day.

ENGAGE Sunday, May 16, via Zoom with Becky Feyen

Becky decided to support the May 25th racial violence vigil in Ripon by providing an opportunity to experience the perspective of Resmaa Menakem. Mr. Menakem is a Minneapolis-based therapist and trauma specialist who has authored several books, including "My Grandmother's Hands: Racialized Trauma and the Pathway to Mending Our Hearts and Bodies."

This at-home presentation was an opportunity to listen &/or read two interviews. The first was "Notice the Range; Notice the Silence" and the second included Robin Diangelo, author of White Fragility: "Why It's So Hard For White People To Talk About Racism."

Special in-person showing of the documentary "Right to Harm" at PLUUF on Thursday, May 20

Jim Goyette brought the documentary "Right to Harm" to the big screen at Prairie Lakes. The documentary was an expose of the public health impact of factory farming across the U.S.

Stay-at-Home Worship Service May 23 by Jill Stiemsma and Story for all Ages by Linda DeCramer

Jill shared a UUA link as a way to spread the UU message as well as a way to thank those of us who donate to it. The service was called Loved Into Being.

For Story for all Ages via Zoom, Linda DeCramer shared books around creative community and peace.

Tuesday, May 25, Vigil in Downtown Ripon honoring George Floyd and Victims of Racial Violence

Approximately 40 people from in and around the community were in attendance and PLUUF member Joe Hatcher spoke at this event.

Saturday, May 30, Adopt-A-Highway Clean-Up Day

11 PLUUFers donned orange vests and took to the side of the highway with plastic bags. See photos on page 6.

Congratulations...

1. Brody Roost graduated from Berlin High School!
2. Brad Roost has completed his schooling to be officially certified as a teacher. Ripon High School is lucky to have him as their Biology teacher!
3. Nicole Roost landed her dream job working as a zookeeper at Timbavati Wildlife Park between Neshkoro & Princeton.
4. Callista DeCramer qualified for a 5th time for this year's NCAA Track & Field Championship in the Heptathlon.
5. Oliver Roeper was inducted into the National Honor Society.

We'll Miss You...



Lyn Corder was PLUUF Moderator from 2006-2010. She moved to California in '10, but kept her house in Ripon and continues to maintain her active membership status at Prairie Lakes. She had planned to move back to Ripon someday. As it turns out she has decided to stay in California but came back briefly to WI to prepare her house for sale. A couple of PLUUF members were able to reconnect with Lyn while she was in town. She hopes to return again sometime this summer for a visit and connect with more PLUUFers.



Longtime PLUUF attendee and member Jerry Davidson will be moving to Miami. Devoted to many social justice causes, Jerry has been a very active member of PLUUF. We'll miss you Jerry and hope you stay in touch!

Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup



It was a VERY productive cleanup day! The weather was perfect, and it was great to spend time with PLUUFers we haven't seen for awhile. Pictured from left to right: Rick & Jim Goyette, Mason Luna, Randy Roeper, Jill Stiemsma, Jeff Reese, Miguel Luna, Don VanScotter, Beth Howman-Combs, Robyn Davis-Bartow, and Tanya Schwartz-Roeper in lower left corner.



Photo to the left: Most, but not all, of the garbage collected!

Photo to the right: Jill Stiemsma and Miguel & Mason Luna were out collecting garbage the longest....about 2-hours!

Thank you to everyone who participated and/or sent positive vibes for a productive and safe morning.

