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September 2021 Newsletter

ENGAGE & WORSHIP SERVICE EVENTS

ENGAGE is an acronym for:

Explore | **N**o Boundaries | **G**ather | **A**ctivism | **G**o! Be the Change | **E**ducate



ENGAGE Sunday, September 5: 10:00 AM with Becky Feyen. Study of the 6th Principle - The Goal of World Community with Peace, Liberty, and Justice for All

"As naïve or impossible as the Sixth Principle may seem, I'm not willing to give up on it. In the face of our culture's apathy and fear, I want to imagine and help create a powerful vision of peace by peaceful means, liberty by liberatory means, justice by just means. I want us to believe—and to live as if we believe—that a world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all is

possible. There is no guarantee that we will succeed, but I can assure you that we will improve ourselves and improve the world by trying."— Rev. Sean Parker Dennison, Tree of Life Congregation, McHenry, IL

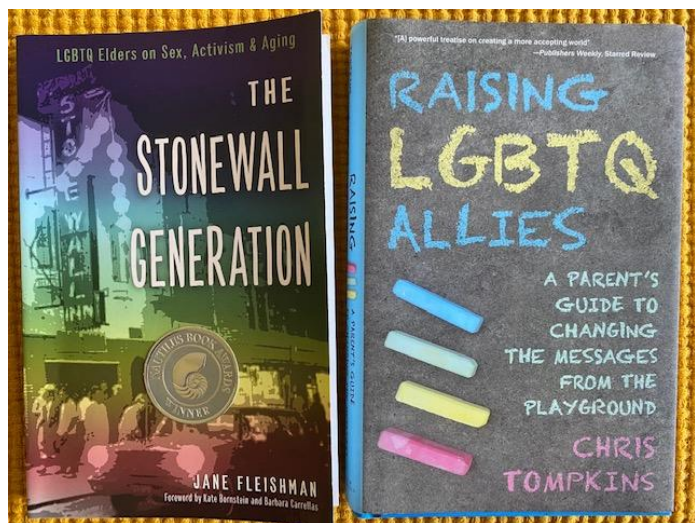
We will discuss what it would mean to bring peace, liberty & justice for all. What can we do in our daily lives to live the 6th Principle? Can our simple actions impact the world? What grandiose idea leads us toward peace, liberty & justice for all? What will you do to live the 6th Principle?



**Sunday, September 12: 10:00 AM Worship
Service Ingathering/Water Sharing**

On the first Sunday after Labor Day, Prairie Lakes, like many Unitarian Universalist congregations, kick off the new congregational year with an Ingathering service that includes a water sharing ritual in the service. Our theme is re-gathering and re-covenanting as a community of faith and hospitality. A celebration of returning home to the church community that holds us and looking forward with excitement to the church year.

We invite you to bring to the service a small amount of water from a place that is special to you. During the appointed time in the service, you will pour your water together into a large bowl. As the water is added, the person who brought it tells why this water is special to them. The combined water is symbolic of our shared faith coming from many different sources.



**Sunday, September 19: 10:00 AM
ENGAGE Sunday Book Discussion
with Judy Harris and Liz
Buchanan-Beegle**

Prairie Lakes is in the process of renewing its Welcoming Congregation status. The Five Practices of Welcome Renewal are five benchmarks that every congregation needs to integrate into congregational life in order to ensure that lesbian, gay,

bisexual, transgender, intersex, asexual, two-spirit, genderqueer, non-binary, and the like feel fully welcomed, centered, and embraced in our Unitarian Universalist congregation. Welcoming Congregations are required to meet the 5 benchmarks annually in order to remain "current" as a Welcoming Congregation. The upcoming book discussion will fulfill benchmark #4. The two books pictured above are available at PLUUF. Please contact tanyapapermaker@gmail.com if you have any questions.



Sunday, September 26: 10:00 AM Harvest

Sharing This is a time to give thanks for the abundance in our lives. We empty our symbolic storerooms to make space for what we might then gather in this time of transformation, of rebirth and new beginnings.

Pictured is Judy Morgan. 2021 marks PLUUF's first year of the creation of a Sharing Garden. Since June, produce has been harvested and donated to the Ripon Food Pantry. We'll continue to harvest until the growing season is over. We hope you can join us on 9/26 and share the produce from your garden or from the local farm market or grocery store. All items will be donated to the Ripon Food Pantry.

FELLOWSHIP NOTES

Currently, there are many PLUUFers on our Care and Concern list. Please consider calling, sending a card, or emailing your fellow PLUUFers who have faced tragedies or have health concerns or are moving. If you want an updated directory list of PLUUF members and friends, contact tanyapapermaker@gmail.com

Condolences:

Rebecca Underwood's father has passed
 Shane Beegle's cousin passed away
 Becky Feyen's partner Kip lost his brother
 Nicole Roost's stepfather passed away
 Eric Bartelme's friend's (Penny) daughter passed away

Thinking of you:

Audrey George had surgery
 Aya Volkmann had surgery
 Marcia Jackson has been dealing with back pain.

Have moved or will be moving out of the area:

Jerry Davidson moved to Miami, FL
 Diane & Karl Beres moved to West Bend, WI
 Scott & Marcia Jackson will be moving to Peoria, IL
 Brody Roost will be moving to Mississippi



In Case You Missed it in August

August 1: Adopt-a-Highway Clean-Up Day. For the second time this year, PLUUFers cleaned up their stretch of adopted highway in Green Lake. Next clean-up day will be some time in October. Thank you to Jill Stiemsma, Mason & Miguel Luna, Jeff Reese, Donald Vanscotter, Becky Feyen and Tanya Schwartz-Roeper for participating.



August 8: Virtual service with Brian Smith lived streamed on the big screen at PLUUF. Brian led a service focused on the Fourth UU Principle: "A free and responsible search for truth and meaning." He talked about the erosion of truth in American society. Special thanks to tech savvy PLUUF member Jim Goyette for making this service possible.



August 22: "Why I'm UU." Jill Stiemsma coordinated a beautiful service with special readings and music. Almost a dozen PLUUFers stepped up to the podium to explain what brought them to Unitarian Universalism and what it means to them.



August 29: Fluff & Buff. Thank you to everyone who participated in cleaning and beautifying our indoor and outdoor spaces at PLUUF. Special thank you to Laird DeCramer for keeping the grass cut and weeds at bay this season. The grounds at PLUUF look fabulous!



Special thank you to Pat Dobrinska and Judy Morgan for opening the doors at Prairie Lakes on the summer Sundays when no programming was scheduled. Coffee and snacks were served and great conversations took place with the individuals who participated.