

Prairie Lakes Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

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Upcoming April Events



ENGAGE Sunday, April 2, 10:00 AM with Tanya Schwartz

Roeper: A Passover Seder adapted to Prairie Lakes UU Fellowship. Everyone is welcome to participate in this very unique event. Tanya will lead you through a simulated Jewish Passover Seder. We will read from the Haggadah to learn about the narrative of the Israelite exodus from Egypt, observe special blessings, rituals and more. The morning will conclude with a bowl of homemade matzo ball soup.



Worship Service Sunday, April 9, 10:00 AM with Judy Harris, et al: An Easter Celebration UU Style

This is going to be a great service for young, old and everyone in between! We'll see the return of the Easter Bonnet Parade and we'll learn about Easter's Pagan roots, the Christian holy events leading up to Easter Sunday and a Unitarian Universalist perspective on Easter. Plus, there will be an Easter Egg hunt for the kids! Please join us for this very family friendly event!



ENGAGE Sunday, April 16, 10:00 AM with Becky Feyen

NEW UU - Tapestry of Faith Program Part 4 of a 6 part series adapted for Prairie Lakes UU Fellowship. The New UU program was designed as an "important tool to help congregations welcome, orient, and integrate newcomers into their faith communities. The program addresses the needs of newcomers who want to know more about who we are and what we believe. It provides opportunities for members of your congregation to share with newcomers what it means to them to be a Unitarian Universalist." It gives everyone a chance to examine their own personal stories in the light of THE Unitarian Universalist tradition and heritage, providing a great opportunity for connection & outreach.



Worship Service Sunday, April 23, 10:00 AM: Kids

Take Over! Join us as the kids of Prairie Lakes lead a service they have created themselves. There will be music, readings and a reflection topic of their choice. More details will be shared leading up to the service.

A Message from the Moderator by Robyn Davis-Bartow



This past month, my embracing the humor of life increased incrementally. Why? Because life has been hard. The state of the world and our country right now seems perilous on so many fronts. There seems to be an endless litany of injustices to rage against and be heartbroken about. Personally speaking, our family's health struggles are ongoing and taking a toll. I know the same to be true for many others. For the opening words of March's PLUUF Board meeting I chose a quote from author T.F. Hodge; "When life throws you a curveball, have a good eye." Why? Because it brought a smile. As simple as that. While acknowledging the spiritual and psychological danger of hiding pain behind humor, when "negative" emotions such as anger and sadness are given the space and attention required to

heal, humor is an amazing tool to transform habitual dwelling in these places. I believe I have mentioned our Zen order's use of "Sacred Laughter" with this group in the past. As my abbot used to say, "If you have lost your sense of humor, you have lost your way." I don't know about you, but this certainly rings true for me. Similarly, I know many Christian churches hold an annual "Holy Hilarity Sundays".

Why? Because laughing is good medicine. When better than the start of April to make a conscious effort to lighten the mood? In this spirit, I leave you with a few spring themed dad jokes. Enjoy!



Why do omelets love April Fools'?
They enjoy practical yolks.

What did the tree say when spring finally arrived?
What a re-leaf.



Why is everyone so tired on April 1?
Because they just finished a 31-day march.

If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring?
Pilgrims.



PLUUF April Birthdays

This month we celebrate the birth of Liz
Buchanan-Beegle April 15th
Tom Zuhlke April 26th

Don't see yourself listed? Please let us know! Email Robyn at robinaudrey19@gmail.com. 920-896-2770. Also, if you do not want your birthday noted in the monthly newsletter, please let us know.



Art & Service Auction

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, April 30, 10AM

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 30. Bring friends & family or fly solo. No matter what, we promise a memorable morning with a live & silent auction, 50/50 raffle, and a **debut musical performance by the trio Joliana.**

We need everyone's participation to make this event a success. Here are a few ways you can help:

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

Watch your inbox for a Signup Genius message. It will be an easy way to donate an item or service to the Live and/or Silent Auction. There's also signup sheets at Prairie Lakes. All money raised goes to support Prairie Lakes in all that we do!

If you have questions please contact: tanyapapermaker@gmail.com

The Recipe Corner

Tom's Pistachio Salad

Ingredients:

Fruit (1 can) 15.25 oz. such as Fruit Cocktail, Pears, Peaches, etc

Whipped Topping 8 oz. (small size)

Pistachio Jello 3.4 oz (1 box)

1. Thaw frozen whipped topping and chill
2. Drain fruit of syrup; dice to size desired
3. Place fruit in 8 cup mixing bowl
4. Sprinkle some Pistachio Jello over fruit and mix
5. Add chilled whipped topping in a layer
6. Sprinkle some Pistachio Jello over layered whipped topping
7. Mix ingredients
8. Repeat steps 5, 6, and 7 until all ingredients are mixed
9. Place in serving dish and chill overnight
10. Pat yourself on the back generously for having successfully made Tom's Pistachio Salad! LOL!

Do you have a recipe you would like to share with other PLUUFers? Contact Liz at:

liz.buchananbeegle@gmail.com

Save the Date for PLUUF'S

May 21, 2023

10:00-11:45 AM

Annual Meeting Packets will be emailed to Members at least
2-weeks prior to the event.



You Are Invited

Everyone at Prairie Lakes is invited to
Oliver Roeper's Eagle Scout
Court of Honor Ceremony

Saturday, May 21, 2023

1:30 P.M.

Great Hall at Ripon College

*(Oliver is the son of PLUUF members Tanya Schwartz Roeper & Randy Roeper.
Oliver has been attending Prairie Lakes off and on since infancy in 2004)*

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT IN MARCH



ENGAGE Sunday, March 5: Discussing together: "Hunker: Brief Essays on Human Connection" by Michael Perry

PLUUF's Moderator Robyn Davis-Bartow led a relaxed conversation about the experience of reading "Hunker: Brief Essays on Human Connection" by Wisconsin native and New York Times bestselling author, humorist, singer/songwriter and professional noticer Michael Perry. A couple participants marked their favorites and read them out loud. From the author: *The pieces in this book were written over a*

period of two years beginning right around the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, and it is a presence in the pieces but less than you might expect or fear or hope. Each week I wobbled between feeling I was failing to meet the moment and feeling I was a grandiose fool to think anyone was asking.



Worship Service Sunday, March 12:

Dr. Paul Jeffries: Rethinking Prosperity for a Sustainable Future

Any serious commitment to an environmentally sustainable future must seriously engage a central tenet of capitalism—material economies must always grow. We live in a world that encourages us—both individually and collectively—to seek increasing prosperity typically defined as more income, more material goods, and an ever-increasing GDP. But is such a definition of prosperity environmentally responsible, let alone even possible going forward? And if not, what is the alternative? In this presentation, Paul Jeffries, using the work of environmentalist and economist, Tim Jackson, explored ways in which we will need to rethink our understanding of prosperity to address some of our most pressing environmental, economic, and social problems that are before us in the 21st century.



ENGAGE Sunday, March 19, 10:00 AM with Becky Feyen: The New UU - Tapestry of Faith Program Part 3 of a 6 part series

The focus of Unitarian Universalists is on this life, and because we embrace such principles as justice and compassion, we feel compelled to live out our values by working for social justice. In this session, the group talked about social change & justice. How we have grown as individuals because (or despite) of Prairie Lakes. Participants considered and shared a time they made a difference in the world ranging from advocating for the health of our environment; facilitating change at the animal shelter; supporting LGBTQ issues, fighting dark money in politics and more.



Worship Service Sunday, March 26:with Connie Ghinazzi

"Spring Cleaning, Inside and Out" Spring cleaning symbolizes a new beginning, a chance to clear away not only physical clutter but also a cleansing of the mind. Connie was a longtime member of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Quad City (UUCQC), serving on the Religious Services team and board.

In addition to Connie's Worship service, there was an RE session for the kids as they prepared to develop and lead a worship service to be presented in April!



Book Recommendations by Paul Jeffries

Listed below are the books that were related to the topic Paul Jeffries presented on March 12.. The first two were the main texts he used by Tim Jackson. The others were the ones he brought for show and tell. The children's books are for how we might live with less "stuff" and how to use the stuff we have more creatively.

Below is a link to the short (about 20 minutes) video on "The Story of Stuff." It is from several years ago but is still quite relevant.

<https://www.storyofstuff.org/movies/story-of-stuff/>

Books:

- Tim Jackson, *Prosperity Without Growth: Foundations for the Economy of Tomorrow, 2nd Ed.* London: Routledge, 2017.
- Tim Jackson, *Post Growth: Life After Capitalism.* Cambridge (UK): Polity Press, 2021.
- Peter Menzel, *Material World: A Global Family Portrait.* San Francisco: Sierra Club Books, 1994.

Children's books on this topic:

- Susan Hood, *Ada's Violin: The Story of the Recycled Orchestra of Paraguay.* New York: Simon & Schuster, 2016.
- Bill Peet, *The Wump World.* Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1970.
- Ashley Spires, *The Most Magnificent Thing.* Tonawanda, NY: Klds Can Press, 2014.
- Ruth Spiro, *Made by Maxine.* New York: Dial Books, 2018.

Treasurer Report as of February 2023

(Note: Reports will always be 1-month behind due to the newsletter deadline date and an incomplete picture of the current month. Treasurer reports and Board minutes are always available for viewing at PLUUF or emailed by request)

Balances:

10100 AST-BMO checking \$16,111
 10111 Golden Rule Savings Vision \$30,584
 10202 AST-UUA CEF Vision \$41,439 (Jan. increase \$2,344 | Feb info NYA)

Total Assets \$88,134

	February 2023	YTD 2022	YTD 2023	2022/23 Budget
Member/Friend Contributions	\$1,642	\$18,510	\$20,616	\$33,100
Total Income	\$1,643	\$15,940	\$23,437	\$36,200
Expenses	\$2,384	\$15,446	\$21,892	\$36,200