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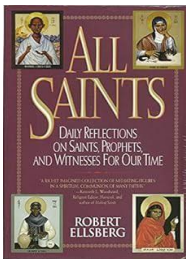
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## Upcoming July Events



### ENGAGE Sunday, July 7, 10AM [Can We Share Moral Principles With Other Cultures](#) by Robert "Spud" Hannaford.

Some recent writers in Christian theology have argued that no principles could be validly shared across religious or cultural lines. They hold that the ethical principles of one religion such as the Golden Rule are not translatable from one religion to another. Their argument would mean that one could not share ethical views with members of another religion. Please join us for what's sure to be a fascinating presentation and discussion.



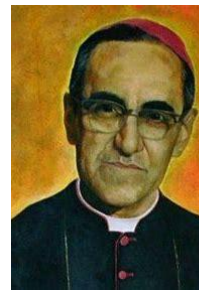
### Worship Service Sunday, July 14, 10AM [All Saints](#) with Jill Stiemsma & it's [2nd Sunday Potluck](#)

Robert Ellsberg wrote a book of daily readings that largely focuses on Catholic-designated Saints (All Saints: Daily Reflections on Saints, Prophets and Witnesses for Our Time). Sometimes, he included others he considered saints who weren't so designated by Rome, who perhaps weren't even Catholic. Jill Stiemsma will provide her favorite selections from the book to be followed by a Congregational Response: Who would you have included in the book and why?



### ENGAGE Sunday, July 21, 10AM [El Salvador: Pathway to Facism](#) with Jill Stiemsma

As you may know, Jill teaches English in El Salvador every January to March. Consequently, she is a first-hand witness to El Salvador's turn to fascism and all that entails. Learn about this new war against the poor...and what it may portend for the US.



### Worship Service Sunday, July 28, 10AM with Jill Stiemsma: [Monseñor Romero: A play representing the official start of the Salvadoran Civil War](#)

In the era of growing support for Liberation Theology, Salvadoran Archbishop Oscar Romero stood as the vanguard between El Salvador's tortured and starved rural poor and its military regime and the United States who weaponized the country in the name of fighting communism. Experience the heat of the battle in a play Jill Stiemsma wrote based entirely on the book Monseñor Romero by María López Vigil. You are invited into the heart, mind and soul of a brilliant leader who struggled to become the voice of the peasants in El Salvador and who was subsequently martyred for his faith. The play allows the story to unfold through the voices of friends and enemies alike who deliver their side of history in vignettes.



### Upcoming Youth Group Activities with Liz Buchanan-Beegle:

- [Tuesday, July 9](#), 3:00pm, Ice Cream Yoga at Prairie Lakes and a walk to Sweet and Saulty
- [Tuesday, August 6](#), 10am Picnic, hike and scavenger hunt at Riggs Park in Ripon.

On Friday, June 14, the kids met at PLUUF and walked to the Marcus Theater to see the movie "Inside Out 2." Fun was had by all!

*Liz makes direct contact via email and/or FB chat with parents/guardians leading up to these events. If you're not on her contact list please let us know [pluufripon@gmail.com](mailto:pluufripon@gmail.com).*

## Please Welcome Connie Ghinazzi as PLUUF's New Moderator



Hello everyone, I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as your new Board Moderator. I've been a member of our fellowship for about two years and have found great satisfaction in leading worship services on a regular basis since I started coming to Prairie Lakes. I look forward to getting to know all of you better and exploring ways we can continue to make PLUUF the welcoming, nurturing and spiritual place we all care about.

Becky Feyen has done a terrific job leading the congregation as moderator for a long time and her shoes are big ones to fill. I want to thank her for dedication and hard work. At this point, I have a great deal to learn about the workings of PLUUF and count on all of you to assist the new board and me moving forward. It takes all of us to make our community flourish.

## Connie Ghinazzi Attended the All-Virtual General Assembly: The Unitarian Universalist Association's Annual Meeting

After a democratic process involving thousands of Unitarian Universalists discussing the faith's values and core theology over the past three-plus years, delegates at General Assembly 2024 voted decisively to approve [a new statement of values and beliefs for Unitarian Universalism](#).

With love centered as a core value of Unitarian Universalism, PLUUF's new Moderator Connie Ghinazzi joined more than 3,400 Unitarian Universalists from around the country and world for an all-virtual Unitarian Universalist Association General Assembly 2024, June 20-23.

The new statement of values, which passed with 80% support, is the first wholesale revision of Article II, the Unitarian Universalist covenant clause, since 1987 and reflects over three years of feedback and discussions with thousands of Unitarian Universalists.

At the annual General Assembly, Unitarian Universalists voted for a new statement of values and affirmed our commitment to issues around climate change; to the inclusion of transgender, nonbinary and intersex people; to addressing the effects of COVID-19; and to solidarity with Palestinians, as well as Israeli hostages.

The new version of Article II contains six interconnected values: equity, generosity, interdependence, justice, pluralism and transformation, which all surround love in a "shared values flower." Each value is accompanied by multiple sentences that describe how Unitarian Universalists intend to uphold their covenant, replacing the previous set of 7 principles.

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### UU NEWS

**Love at the Center: New UU Statement of Values Passes after Momentous General Assembly Delegate Vote**  
The years-long democratic process culminated with debate and the GA vote. A two-thirds majority was required for approval.

## In Memory of Rev. Jim & Karen Jaeger by Tanya Schwartz-Roeper



A beautiful memorial service celebrating Jim Jaeger's life was held on June 22, 2024, at First Unitarian Universalist Society in Madison, WI. He passed away on May 16, 2024, after a six-year battle with Lewy Body dementia.

Prairie Lakes was fortunate to have Jim as our quarter-time Consulting Contract Minister from September 1, 2013 – June 30, 2016. Not only did Jim lead 2nd Sunday Worship Services at Prairie Lakes, he led Adult Religious Education sessions, attended PLUUF Board meetings, and provided care and comfort to a couple of PLUUF members battling serious health issues at the time.

His wife Karen preceded him in death. Karen often accompanied Jim on his trips from Madison to Prairie Lakes. She passed on June 1, 2022 after a year long fight against cancer.

Jim started his career working as a lawyer for the IRS. In the early 1980s Jim left the IRS and the whole family moved to Madison, WI, where he helped pioneer the field of Elder Law and was an early adopter of the use of technology in law practices.

Jim always had a calling to the ministry and realized that calling when he was ordained as a Unitarian Universalist Minister in 2016. Several members of Prairie Lakes attended his ordination ceremony in Madison. He loved serving several small UU churches in Southern Wisconsin and working as a Hospice Chaplain after he retired from his law practice.



Dave & Judy Harris & Linda Holloway at First Unitarian Society of Madison attended Jim Jaeger's ordination ceremony in 2016.

### Upcoming Book Discussion: Please Rate Your Choices

In 2018, the UUA wished to be bolder with our Welcome. Transgender Unitarian Universalists (UUs) are still struggling to find community in UU congregations. Bisexual UUs suffer from invisibility while asexual, intersex, and polyamorous communities are wrestling with a progressive faith that does not privilege their truth. These and the many more social ills that plague our LGBTQ+ and TGQNB communities are calling us into a deeper commitment to insure that our Unitarian Universalist congregations are living into the Welcome that we boldly proclaim. Please join us for our October book discussion led by Becky Feyen that will bring us a step closer to renewing our Welcoming Congregation Status for the 3rd consecutive year.

You are invited to rate the following books from #1 (most interesting) to #5 (least interesting):

- [How Queer](#)
- [Becoming Nicole](#) by Amy Ellis Nutt
- [Real Queer America](#) by Samantha Allen
- [The Savvy Ally: A Guide for Becoming a Skilled LGBTQ+ Advocate](#) by Jeannie Gainsburg
- [How We Fight for Our Lives](#) by Saeed Jones

A rating form is located in the Social Room at PLUUF to list your top choices or contact Becky at [r.feyen@yahoo.com](mailto:r.feyen@yahoo.com) to let her know your top choices. (You can either Google the book descriptions or review the printed copy at PLUUF).



## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT IN June



**ENGAGE Sunday, June 2, 10AM [Decoding the Aging Process and Ageism](#) with Judy Morgan.** Prairie Lakes member Judy Morgan shared the latest research on ageism and explained what ageism is and what to do about it. This ENGAGE Sunday embraced our 1st UU Principle: The worth & dignity of every person.



**Worship Service Sunday, June 9: [Thinking About LGBT+ Identity & Language: Yesterday and Today](#) presented by Travis Nygard of Ripon College**

Travis Nygard shared information about the language and identities of LGBT+ people in America. We explored how the words that people used to think about themselves have evolved over the past century and continue to change today. He led a discussion with the fellowship about the power of words for this community and what we have noticed about them in our lifetimes.



**ENGAGE Sunday, June 16: [The 7 Principles of Maryam's Spirituality](#) presented by Ray Gurney with assistance from Pat Dobrinska**

The 7 Principles of Unitarian Universalism were used as a general guide to spirituality for this discussion. In a workshop format, seven sayings of Maryam were analyzed in light of the 7 principles. This illuminated two elements: 1. The usefulness of the 7 Principles in driving discussions of spirituality, and 2. the depth and breadth of Maryam's personal spirituality.



**Worship Service Sunday, June 23, 10AM: [Allyship is Faith in Action](#) presented by Becky Feyen**

As UU's our First Principle proclaims, the inherent worth & dignity of every person. How do we put that belief into action? Becky proposed that being an ally for the marginalized &/or maligned is one of our highest callings. Allyship does not require huge actions; rather the daily listening & acknowledgement of those who are ignored, belittled, or harmed because of their beliefs, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, race, disability, age, etc. She described that the list is long & there is much we can do to learn & support each other.



**June 30: 5th Sunday Fluff 'N Buff  
Indoor/Outdoor Cleanup  
& Gardening Day at Prairie Lakes**

**Thank you to everyone who either  
showed up to clean indoors or assist with  
gardening and cleanup outdoors.**