

2018 Retreat Schedule

Bethel Horizons

Friday October 19 to Sunday October 21

ALL PROGRAM PRESENTERS: 5 MINUTES SHOULD BE ALLOWED AT THE BEGINNING AND END OF EVERY PROGRAM TO ALLOW FOR PEOPLE TO MOVE FROM ONE SITE TO ANOTHER

NOTE: Clean up after meals involves clearing any dishes, wiping tables and sweeping the floor in the Dining Room.

FRIDAY NIGHT

Time	All	Children	Adults
6:00 to 7:30	Registration Find Rooms Potluck finger foods and beverages or snacks to share		
7:00	Snake art project led by Mary Mullen Come paint a big or little wooden snake made from lilac or tree branches or twigs. The bark is already skinned off. We use acrylic paints. You can do a fantasy snake or something more realistic.		
7:30	Icebreaker Games	Clay Beads Make your own colorful beads for bracelet or other, will dry overnight. Twine provided.	
8:30	Table games, Wolf Howls & Owl Hoots listen and join in on deck if weather permitting. Outdoor Fire Ring (weather permitting) or Main Building Fireplace Room Board Games and Card Games Main Building Dining Room		
9:30	Gaze at stars , members of the Iowa County Astronomers will share the night sky through several telescopes including the club's big 17" scope. Astronomy club will be present either Friday or Saturday night depending on visibility		
10:00	Quieter hours Conversation, books. Puzzles,		

SATURDAY

7:45 - 8:45	Wipe tables, Breakfast, Breakfast cleanup	Ping Pong Sign-Up with Erin Bosch; Talent Show Sign-Up with Barb Frye	
ALL DAY	Ping Pong Tournament led by Erin Bosch. All skill levels play at your mutual convenience.		

AL DAY	Photo booth: Led by Jane Richards. Get a serious picture taken for PUU membership book and/ or a fun dress up version. Hike, take pictures sit on the deck and relax: Maps of local trails available, ask for volunteers to show you a trail.		
9:00 -10:00	Snake art project led by Mary Mullen Come paint a big or little wooden snake made from lilac or tree branches or twigs. The bark is already skinned off. We use acrylic paints. You can do a fantasy snake or something more realistic.	Age 6 and up	
9:00-10:00			Discussion “Growth strategies - an informal brainstorming session” led by Molly Plunkett, Peter Anderson, and Bob Park: What helps us grow? We keep circling back to the question because we don't sustain growth. Maybe the re-examination is inevitable. People die and move and leave for other reasons. Let's look at what has been done, when last tried, and what might be worth doing again. We think people can find their way to us with GPS once they decide they want to come. The website and word of mouth are probably the most common ways people get information about us. How do we promote what makes us attractive as a congregation?
10:00-11:00			Our Sunday Program (Adult) – discussion, led by Karen Deaton and Rachel Long. We talk a lot about our Religious Education program (RE) and how to best meet the needs of Prairie's young people. But how about the adults? Let's consider our Sunday service - what is it that brings us back (or tempts us to stay home)? How might visitors experience our services? What would (or would not) appeal? Let's talk honestly and kindly, keeping our mission in mind.
10:00-12:00	Making Kaleidoscopes led by Kate Liu, Lynn Currie, Jane Richards. Come make a kaleidoscope you can take outdoors and see all sorts of amazing objects.		
11:00-12:00			Book Club: Led by Barbara Park. Come to the Prairie Book Club's discussion of this year's UU Common Read. The book is Justice on Earth: People of Faith Working at the Intersections of Race, Class, and the Environment . “Fourteen activist ministers and lay leaders apply a keen intersectional analysis to the environmental crisis, revealing ways that systems of oppression intersect with and contribute to ecological devastation. They also explore how spiritual practices, congregational organizing, and progressive theology can inform

			faith-based justice work in the twenty-first century.” If you haven’t read the book you are still welcome to the discussion – and someone might lend you the book so that you can select one or more essays to read.
11:45 – 12:45	Wipe tables, Lunch, Clean-up		
1:00-3:00		Nature Center Nature hike Making Beads	
1:00-2:00	Stitch and Bitch led by Kate Liu. Come and visit while you knit, crochet, or drink coffee! Hopefully outdoors		Layla Coleman: Restorative justice expansion into the world of education, and how their use supports the creation of just and equitable learning environments. How restorative justice are being used to nurture healthy relationships and restore and repair harm. A continued discussion from the October 7 Sunday service
2:00-3:00			Our Mission – discussion, led by Rachel Long. Mission statements for businesses and non-profits are typically one-sentence statements describing the reason the organization exists, including "what you do and who or what you do it for." Prairie's mission statement hasn't been revised since 1999, doesn't describe who we are anymore, and certainly isn't a sentence! Let's talk about who we are and who we want to become, as a first step toward renewing our mission statement, and our mission.
3:00-4:00	Walk, talk, get outdoors	Children outdoor games: Led by Erin Bosch	WOW (PUU women’s group) led by Robin Proud. Topic Coping as a caring woman in the current political, school, work and health care environments
4:00-5:00	Walk, talk, get outdoors	Pumpkin decorating led by Tony and Katrina Come decorate your Halloween pumpkins.. Pumpkins provided.	Wellness led by Susan Grabia Medicine Wheel – A tradition based on the knowledge of the pulsating rhythm of life that can be seen and sensed all around in the Book of Nature. Each participant must come with 16 small stones or nature objects. Take some quiet time to walk in the woods and listen for their stones or objects to call to them. The participants are led in steps that assist them in constructing the Medicine Wheel. For this ceremonies we burn sage, sit facing the North, shoes off, soft eyes, putting our hearts & minds together as a collective to create sacred space for the purpose

			finding balance
4:45 – 5:45	Wipe tables, Dinner, Clean-up		
7:00	Talent show led by Barb and Ron Frye Everyone, every age has a talent. A song, play music, read a poem, tell jokes, show an athletic or dance skill, lead all in a song, do a skit, show some art you did. Think show and tell for all ages.		
8:00	Singalong led by Dan Proud. Come sing any folk or other songs you want to sing. We will have rhythm instruments so every one young and old can participate.		
9:00	Campfire, S'mores, hot chocolate		
9:30	Gaze at stars if Astronomy club present.		
10:00	Quieter activities inside.		

SUNDAY

7:45 – 8:45	Wipe tables, Breakfast, and Clean-up		
9:00	Key Log Fire Circle: Led by Mary Mullen and Patty Stockdale		
Cleanup and depart			