



UniFire

May 2017



**Unitarian Universalist
Church of Yakima**

*Celebrating Liberal Religion
in Yakima since 1956*

To all the mothers– the chosen mothers, the birth mothers, the godmothers, the stepmothers, the adoptive mothers, the foster mothers, the fathers who also serve as mothers, the grandmothers, the mothers of heart, the beloved aunt, the mentor, the older sibling who mothers.... **WE SEE YOU!**

UUCY SUNDAY SERVICES ~ Join Us at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, April 30th

Stewardship Sunday– Gimme Five!



Sunday, May 7th

First Sunday Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, May 14th:

A Language of Hurt and Healing

Rev. Ken Jones reflects on the persistence of systemic racism in our society, including the current controversy within our beloved tradition.

Special Guest Musician Alistair Kok, on the Violin

Sunday, May 21st:

Transitions

Linda King

Sunday, May 28th:

Question Box with Rev. Ken Jones

*We celebrate community and promote spirituality,
justice, responsibility, and compassion.*

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Greetings from Rev. Ken Jones (a.k.a. “Ken’s Ken”)

How many people noticed there wasn’t a Unifire last month?

I’m sure some of you did, but I’m guessing most of you did not.

I think that’s an indication of a truth – that the way we share information is rapidly changing. Not only are traditional bastions of truth such as daily newspapers having to re-think their future, but even old fashioned church newsletters are becoming relics of the past.

It’s not only the form, but the content that is changing as well. These days, people are less interested in long expository prose collections, and react more to quick bulleted lists and simple declarations.

Like this.

To keep those of you who like and actually read the Unifire every month at ease, I’ll say there are no plans now to eliminate it. Last month was more an aberration, because there’s so much that’s been going on. But it’s true that when we think of the future, we need to re-think how we communicate.

It’s quite possible there’s a lesson in here for how we do Sunday Services. Maybe the era of the twenty minute sermon or theme presentation is coming to an end, too.

What do you think?

Two more quick bullets:

1. Big thank-you to the Auction team, including Nancy Born, Kathy Lambert, Sunny Sonker, Emilee Solomon, Susan Kaphammer, Merrill Thomsen, and Genevieve Gonzales (and more.) This year’s auction was a tremendous success, not only in traditional terms such as how much fun it was or how many people showed up, but also because there were a quite a number of non-regular church attendees there. Thanks to everyone who “invited a friend!”
2. Big thank-you as well to all our hosts and many others who helped out with the Women’s Winter Weather Emergency Shelter this winter. It was a tough winter and we had lots of challenges, but we came together to provide an important ministry in this community. The usage this winter FAR exceeded all the previous winters we hosted the women, so tremendous thanks are due to all who helped. The Board will be talking about this and listening during our upcoming annual meeting on June 4. All indications at this point suggest that we will be asked to host it again next winter, so please share your thoughts.

Okay, no more bullets for now!

Ken

The Reverend Ken Jones is a graduate of the Starr King School of Ministry, and serves as half-time minister for UUCY. He can be reached by phone in the church office at 509-453-8448, or via email at minister@uucyakima.org. His office hours are 9 to noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

UUCY NEWS & EVENTS

UUCY Book Club for May: The Nest

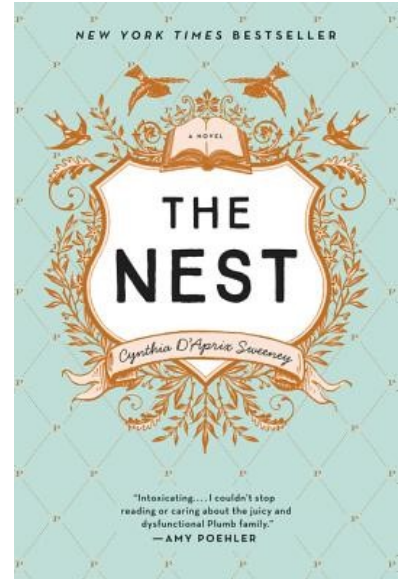
May 9, 2017; 6:00 PM: Meet at Taj Palace for no-host dinner

THE NEST by Cynthia D'Aprix Sweeney

A warm, funny and acutely perceptive debut novel about four adult siblings and the fate of the shared inheritance that has shaped their choices and their lives.

Every family has its problems. But even among the most troubled, the Plumb family stands out as spectacularly dysfunctional. Years of simmering tensions finally reach a breaking point on an unseasonably cold afternoon in New York City as Melody, Beatrice, and Jack Plumb gather to confront their charismatic and reckless older brother, Leo, freshly released from rehab.

This is a story about the power of family, the possibilities of friendship, the ways we depend upon one another and the ways we let one another down. In this tender, entertaining, and deftly written debut, Sweeney brings a remarkable cast of characters to life to illuminate what money does to relationships, what happens to our ambitions over the course of time, and the fraught yet unbreakable ties we share with those we love.



Host & Greeters Slots Available!

Greeter and Host (snack) slots are available now, sign up downstairs today! Greeting is fun for the whole family, and is a great way to get kids involved. (**Pancake Sunday: Host is optional, can bring fruit or fun pancake toppings!*)

May 2017

Date	Host	Greeter
7th	Pancakes*	
14th	Emilee S.	
21st	Rosemary	
28th		

June 2017

Date	Host	Greeter
4th	Pancakes*	
11th		
18th		

UUCY CALENDAR for SPRING 2017

Sunday, April 30th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stewardship Sunday– Gimme Five!
Wednesday, May 3rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Coffee: Back to Summer Location! Join us at 9:00 a.m. each Wednesday for Community Coffee, and get to know some great UUCYers outside of church! All are welcome, summer location is Starbucks at Chalet (56th & Summitview)
Sunday, May 7th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Sunday Pancake Breakfast
Tuesday, May 9th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UUCY Book Club, 6:00 p.m. at Taj Palace Restaurant
Thursday, May 11th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vespers for May– 7:00 p.m. in the Ann Ingham Room
Sunday, May 14th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday Services, 10:00 a.m.– A Language of Hurt and Healing Presented by Rev. Ken Jones, special musical guest Alistair Kok
Sunday, May 21st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday Services, 10:00 a.m. – Transitions, led by Linda King
Saturday, May 27th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UU Quilting Group All-Day Retreat! Knitters, hookers, and crafters of all types welcome, contact Linda King for details and directions! lking4@gmail.com
Sunday, May 28th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rev. Ken Jones speaking
Sunday, June 4th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Sunday Pancake Breakfast, AND UUCY Annual Meeting! All are invited to attend, and members are asked to both attend and vote. Contact UUCY Board President Mike Gempler or Genevieve in the office with questions (admin@uucyakima.org)

HIGHWAY PICKUP 2017 DATES: April 29, June 24, August 26, and October 28
 Contact Margaret Morris at mmorris0615@hotmail.com for more info or to join!

REMINDER:



Don't forget to turn in your orange pledge card! There is a box downstairs, or they can be returned via mail. Curious about how stewardship works, or why your support is so important? Contact Merrill Thomsen at 952-0083, and she will be happy to answer all of your questions!