

UniFire

October 2017

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

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

Sunday, October 1st

First Sunday Pancake Breakfast

In-gathering led by Debra Kroon

Join us to hear all about the Monarch Rearing Project that has been going on in our very own valley – YES! Right here in Yakima! Ray and Debra spent the month of August working with Dr. David James and the Cowiche Canyon Conservancy, rearing, tagging and releasing Monarch Butterflies. Come join us to hear more about how this all happened, why it happens and how you can get involved, should you want to, AND you will want to once you hear this. Stick around for pancakes (and other goodies) and enjoy a video of our Pollinator Paradise!

Sunday, October 8th

The Eternal Thread

Join Rev. Jones this morning as he explores the third primary value identified in our visioning process: Learning.

SPECIAL MUSICAL GUEST: Alistair Kok on Violin

Accompanied by our own Sunny Sonker on Piano

Greeter: Emilee Solomon

Host: Sora & Maleah McPherson

Sunday, October 15th

Rod's House

This morning we'll be joined by Joshua Jackson, Executive Director of Rod's House, a local drop-in and service center for homeless youth. Rod's House is a frequent "Share the Plate" partner.

Greeter: Volunteer Needed Host: Emilee Solomon

SERVICE DESCRIPTIONS CONTINUE INSIDE!

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

Sunday, October 22nd

Relating to the Invisible Other

Presented by Andrew Whitmont, PhD, UUCY member since 1979

Religions are built around a concept and experience of an invisible being, variously called God, spirit, or otherwise, depending on the religion. UU's have challenged these concepts and broken away from dogmatic positions to engage in, "a free and responsible search", for truth and meaning. In this sermon Dr.

Whitmont will question what we have done, asking what our search really means, whether we really are a religious group and what relation we may have to an invisible other.

Greeter: Phil Dindia

Host: Gean Dindia

Sunday, October 29th

Masquerade!

Presented by Rev. Ken Jones & Kathy Lambert

Many masks are made this time of year to hide behind. But some masks reveal things about us, too. Bring the family to this all-ages celebration of Halloween.

Greeter: Emilee Solomon

Host: Volunteer Needed

THANK YOU to Our Volunteer Hosts and Greeters!

We appreciate you sharing your time and talents with UUCY!

Bill Jacobs
Cindy Lamb
Debra Kroon
Eleanor Hungate
Emilee Solomon
Gean Dindia
Janet Kincaid
Linda Dunham
Liz Angland

Lucy Stevens
Maleah McPherson
Mary Brunelle
Merrill Thomsen
Michelle McKean
Phil Dindia
Rosemary Saul
Sora McPherson
Susan Kaphammer

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

By now many of you have heard that our Director of Religious Education, Jamaica Zoglman, had to resign from her position as both director and teacher in our RE program. We are certainly sad to see her go as she attends to other family needs. Jamaica brought passion and dedication to the classroom every Sunday, and worked hard to make sure that our program offered a coherent religious educational program for the very young up through middle-school aged kids.

For the time being, Kathy Lambert will be stepping in to lead the Primary Class (~gr. 1-5) and will be coordinating volunteers to supervise our Preschool room. She will also be leading, with help from others, our weekly Children’s Chapel for kids of all ages, and will continue leading the upper-level class (~gr. 6-8,) but switching it to Friday evenings. That’s a major commitment to being with our young people, so thank you Kathy! There’s no doubt that we could use some additional help and support, especially with engaging our young people in the preschool class, so if you, or someone you know, might be a good fit for that, please let us know!

Most of you have heard me talk before about how congregational life in these early years of the 21st century is changing – and there are countless articles and presentations on the internet that also explore this situation. The problem is, nobody is really sure what it is changing into, that will only be known with time. And what it is changing into at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Yakima, Washington, very well may be different than what it is changing into in other places, other congregations, other denominations. But just about everyone agrees that with demographic, technologic, and cultural change affecting our communities and people’s lives, that congregational life is sure to change too.

I’d also like to encourage you to mark your calendars for the last weekend in April of next year (4/27-29/18) for the second-ever Pacific Western Region’s Regional Assembly to be held in Portland, OR. The national body to which we belong, the Unitarian Universalist Association, has been re-organizing itself into regional service departments, and ours is the PWR, which covers pretty much all of the United States west of the Rocky Mountains. The first Regional Assembly was in San Jose, CA in 2012, now many of us are excited that this one will be nearby in Portland. For those of you who have thought about going to the UUA’s annual General Assembly but find it too far away or too costly, this is an excellent way to meet fellow UUs from around the west, to learn about church leadership, and to experience a grand “UU” worship and program event. (I might also note that the national General Assembly for 2019 is scheduled to be in Spokane, so that’s something else to keep in mind.)

In faith,
Ken

UUCY NEWS AND EVENTS

Staffing Update: Religious Education

It is with sadness that I share the news that Jamaica Zoglman, our Director of Religious Education and Primary Class teacher, has tendered her resignation to attend to family needs. She brought tremendous energy to her work here at UUCY, and connected with the kids in a profound way. She will be missed, and we wish her family well. Our Sunday LRE program will continue under the leadership of Kathy Lambert and other volunteers. Thanks to Kathy and everyone else who makes our program an engaging one for young people. -- Rev. Ken.

SHELTER UPDATE From UUCY President Mike Gempler

We are hoping that the organization taking over the winter shelter program will be successful in providing the services needed by the homeless community in Yakima. UUCY gained a lot by hosting the Emergency Winter Weather Shelter for women (and once for men) these past several years. It helped homeless people in Yakima, and it also helped our congregation to be an active part in helping homeless people. While we have not been asked to host a winter shelter in the 2017-18 season, we stand ready to participate actively in helping the homeless in Yakima in the future. We would like to thank Yakima Neighborhood Health Services, which did not receive the grant to provide winter shelter services, and we would like to thank our friend and neighbors in the churches and faith communities in Yakima who have participated over the past years. We built a larger community of caring people in Yakima by cooperating as churches, and we met many good people through providing homeless services, and as a result made many good friends. Our church will remain vigilant and involved in monitoring the situation of the homeless in Yakima, and advocating for their care.

You're Invited: Rainbow Cathedral Halloween Potluck!

On behalf of Pastor Bill Poores and the entire Rainbow Cathedral congregation, all UUCY Members and Friends are invited to join them for a Halloween Potluck on Sunday, October 29th, 5:00 p.m. in the South Hall here at UUCY. All are welcome to join for the potluck, and stay as they wish for the church service which immediately follows. Please bring a dish to share, contact Bill Poores with any additional questions, and they hope to see you there!

UUCY News & Events

SURVEY RESULTS: Your UUCY Communications Preferences

The results of the Communications Preferences survey will help us understand where members and friends are most likely to look for current information about what is happening at UUCY and what kinds of information are most important to them. We will use this information to expand and refine our communications efforts.

Informal discussions were held with members to discuss their thoughts about communication strategies, including what has been tried over time, what we might be missing, and what we might try next. We used Survey Monkey to gather information from a broad range of members and friends. We received 47 responses, which is a very good response rate.

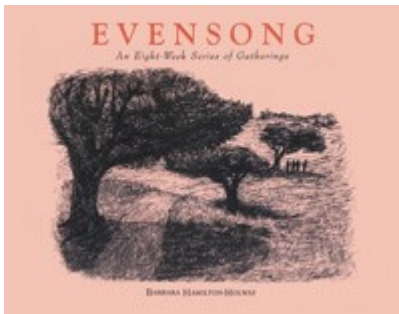
Please review the summary below. In addition to the survey results, we have information provided by the UUA communications team and the UU Growth Lab to help guide our next steps. Thank you for your responses to the Communications Preference survey. Please mail Jean Gonzales hurl-burt@aol.com with any additional comments you might have.

Q1. Please rank (first to fourth) where you are most likely to look for current information about what's happening at UUCY.		
	Total responses	Weighted Response
Unifire	42	8.19
Weekly Update	43	8.37
Closed Facebook Group	12	5.75
UUCY Factbook Page	12	5.92
UUCY Website	19	6.68
Sunday Order of Service	28	6.75
Notice in Herald-Republic	14	5.57
Word of Mouth	19	6.00
Other	8	3.50
Q2. Q3. How interested are you in each of these kinds of information? <i>Completely uninterested-1, Not Particularly Interested-2, Neither Interested nor uninterested 3, Interested-4, Very Interested-5</i>		
Titles & Presenters for upcoming services	46	4.39
Printed text of previous services	46	3.00
Summary of Board of Trustee Meetings	44	3.50
Minutes of Board of Trustee Meetings	44	2.98
Regular updates on the financial status of church	46	3.59
Activities of Minister during his contracted time	46	3.78
Children's and Adult RE activities	46	3.98
Social Justice activities	44	4.09
Social Activities, e.g. Coffee, Book Club	45	4.36
Volunteer opportunities within UUCY	45	3.73
Q4. "All in the Family," which is a space for members and friends to share milestones, birthdays and the ups and downs of life. Where would you like to read it?		
In the Unifire, distributed via email and hard copy	33	71.74%
In the UUCY Closed Facebook Group	13	28.26%
Other (depends, not certain)	6	13.04

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LIFETIME RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: "EVENSONG"

Looking for deeper connections? Wanting more spirituality in your practice at UUCY? Then consider joining Rev. Ken Jones and Linda King as they present the UU program "Evensong" this year. Evensong is an eight-session template for gathering in small group ministry designed to help congregation members make lasting connections with one another. We'll hold one session a month, with each including singing, readings and discussion. Participants are invited to share thoughts, experiences, doubts, and religious beliefs.



This will be offered on the second Monday evening of each month, starting on October 9 at 6:00 p.m. Each session lasts about ninety minutes. We'll have a sign-up sheet circulating downstairs after services this Sunday, or you can indicate you'd like to participate by emailing Rev. Ken Jones at minister@uucyakima.org. Please sign up by Tuesday 10/3!

Circle Supper: Saturday, October 28th

If you've never been to a UUCY Circle Supper, you simply don't know what you're missing! These are one of our most well-received social events, year after year, and we are pleased to announce that the first one of this year will be on Saturday, October 28th, with the time to be determined by the Hosts.

Never been to one before? Circle Suppers are small-group dinners, held in the homes of individual members, with the goals of enjoying some time with fellow UUs, and strengthening bonds while forming new ones. Sign up to be either a HOST or a GUEST, and coordinator Jean Gonzales will match up Hosts and Guests to create fun groups. Hosts will receive their guest list about a week before the event, at which time they contact all of their assigned Guests and announce the menu plan. Generally, Hosts prepare a main dish, with Guests providing sides, appetizers, desserts, and/or wine, as the situation fits. Jean is always in need of more volunteer Hosts, please contact her at [hurlburt\(at\)aol.com](mailto:hurlburt(at)aol.com) if you have any additional questions or would like to get in on the fun!



ALL IN THE FAMILY!

Happy Birthday to all of our October birthdays!

- Linda King - October 13
- Willow Biskovitch - October 21
- James Collins - October 23
- Donovan Collins - October 23

Greetings fellow UU members! Can you believe that fall is already upon us? This is the season of transitions, ushering out the hot sunny days of summer and ushering in cool crisp nights. During this time it is with sadness that we say goodbye to longtime UUCY members Gene and Diane Payne, who have completed their move to Arizona. Gene and Diane gave many years to this community, raised their two sons here, and have served the church in countless ways. We already miss them as they've been living in Arizona part-time for the last three years, but now will be spending their retirement there. If you'd like to drop them a line, we have contact information for them in the church office.

-Michelle McKean (myshell.lynn@gmail.com)

Get to Know a Member: Debra Kroon

This month's "Get to Know a Member" is featuring Debra Kroon! Debra is a Master Gardener who recently spoke on the Monarch Rearing Project at UUCY. She works for the Department of Ecology as a GIS specialist mapping water rights and has been with Ecology going on 28 years. Debra has two sons, a step-daughter, son-in-law, and two grandkids with her husband Ray Yates and lives next door to her 89 year old father. She has just taken her first ever Bonsai class, which has her excited, and she begins bee keeping next spring!

What are you looking forward to most this fall?

I'm looking forward to a general rejuvenation of my mind and body this fall; a restoration of my soul.

What has sparked your passion recently?

The Monarch Rearing Project! The excitement of rebuilding populations of monarchs and the restoration that is taking place is incredible.

What do you do to nurture your soul?

Many things but now it is being around bigger thinkers. I am also making time for myself by taking walks, being out in my yard, and touching mother earth. Reconnecting with my true nature. Even just walking around my neighborhood and discovering things I never knew existed... like tiny herds of tiny goats.

What is one thing in life you could use more of and what could you use less of?

I could use more compassion. And less hate.

What is one little known fact about yourself?

I served in the Army Reserves. I avoided the Air Force because my last name at the time was Kwak and I thought they were the ones with the acronym WAC. Not wanting to be known as Kwak the WAC, I joined the Army only to find out that I had been wrong the whole time, they were the WAC (Women's Army Corps)! So I avoided the Air Force to avoid the WAC, but I became one anyway.



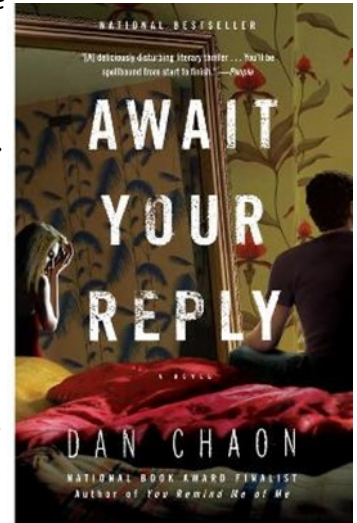
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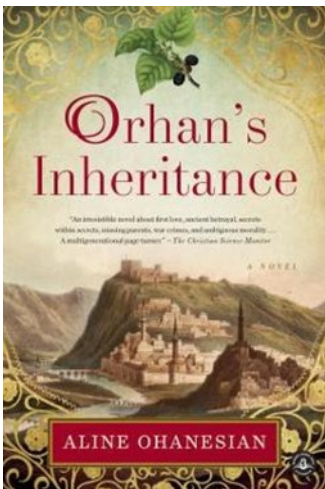
Join our informal, facilitated discussions at 6:00 PM at Taj Palace Restaurant, 2710 W Nob Hill Blvd, Yakima. Enjoy your choice of no-host beverages, appetizers, or full dinners while sharing your impression of the current book. Or just enjoy listening in if you haven't read the book. All are welcome!

November 14, 2017, Await Your Reply by Dan Chaon (This title originally scheduled for September.)

The lives of three strangers interconnect in unforeseen ways and with unexpected consequences in acclaimed author Dan Chaon's gripping novel. Miles Cheshire can't stop searching for his troubled twin brother, Hayden, who has been missing for ten years. Hayden has covered his tracks skillfully, managing along the way to hold down various jobs and seem, to the people he meets, entirely normal. But some version of the truth is always concealed. A few days after graduating from high school, Lucy Lattimore sneaks away from the small town of Pompey, Ohio, with her charismatic former history teacher. They arrive in Nebraska, in the middle of nowhere, at a long-deserted motel to figure out the next move on their path to a new life. But soon Lucy begins to feel quietly uneasy. My whole life is a lie, thinks Ryan Schuyler, who receives some shocking news. In response, he hops on a bus and breaks loose from his existence, which suddenly seems abstract and tenuous. Presumed dead, Ryan decides to remake himself through unconventional and precarious means. With the momentum of a thriller, *Await Your Reply* is an unforgettable novel in which pasts are invented and reinvented and the future is both seductively uncharted and perilously unmoored. 348 pgs.



January 9, 2017, Orhan's Inheritance by Aline Ohanesian (This title recommended by long-time Book Club member and avid reader, Dan Baris.)



When Orhan's brilliant and eccentric grandfather, Kemal Turkoglu, who built a dynasty out of making kilim rugs, is found dead, submerged in a vat of dye, Orhan inherits the decades-old business. But Kemal has left the family estate to a stranger thousands of miles away, an aging woman in a retirement home in Los Angeles. Intent on righting this injustice, Orhan unearths a story that, if told, has the power to undo the legacy upon which Orhan's family is built, a story that could unravel his own future.

"To take the tumultuous history of Turks and Armenians in the early part of this century, and to tell the stories of families and lovers from the small everyday moments of life to the terrible journeys of death, to make a novel so engrossing and keep us awake--that is an accomplishment, and Aline Ohanesian's first novel is such a wonderful accomplishment." --Susan Straight, author of *Highwire Moon*

(Book information excerpted from www.inklingsbookshop.com)

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UUCY CALENDAR for October 2017

Sunday, October 1st	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sunday Service, 10:00 a.m.—First Sunday Pancake Breakfast— Led by Debra Kroon— come hear about Monarch Rearing!
Sunday, October 8th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sunday Service, 10:00 a.m.— The Eternal Thread, Rev. Ken Jones. Special musical guest Alistair Kok on Violin
Sunday, October 15th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sunday Service, 10:00 a.m. – Rod’s House, Presented by Joshua Jackson, director of Rod’s House
Saturday, October 21st	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• UUCY Quilting Group, 9 am to 12 noon, downstairs in the Fellowship Hall for summer
Sunday, October 22nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sunday Service, 10:00 a.m.- Relating to the Invisible Other Presented by Andrew Whitmont
Sunday, October 29th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sunday Service, 10:00 a.m.— Masquerade! All-ages service, led by Rev. Ken Jones and Kathy Lambert

FLASH BACK

UUCY FLASHBACK– 25 YEARS AGO!

Thanks to the excellent record keeping of longtime member Kay Funk, we have some fun flashback photos to share! Monk and Sunny Sonker are below, along with friend JoAnn Platt, who has since passed away.

Keep an eye out for more blasts from the past!





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EVERY WEDNESDAY at 9:00 a.m.!



Starting in October, UUCY's weekly informal coffee gathering will be moving to its new home at MOJO'S COFFEE HOUSE on 10th and Yakima Avenue! There is plenty of parking, and the inside seating area is full of natural light. Same time, same day, see you there!

COMMUNITY COFFEE IS ON THE MOVE!