UniFire
November 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, November 5th

First Sunday Pancake Breakfast

In-gathering led by Linda King, Roger Smith, and Carole Sahlstrand

Bring the family to this all-ages pancake breakfast, with story and food for all. Story and message presented by Linda King, Roger Smith, and Carole Sahlstrand.

Greeter: Sora & Maleah McPherson *Host: Pancakes! Bring fruit if you like!*

Sunday, November 12th

Giving Life the Shape of Justice

Borrowing a line from one of our most beloved hymns, Rev. Jones will explore the third value identified in our visioning process: Justice. What is justice? What does it ask of us? One year after our last national election, how has it changed? Or not?

Greeter: Mary Brunelle *Host: Mary Brunelle*

Sunday, November 19th

The Learning Community

The fourth value identified in our visioning process last year is "learning." This morning Rev. Jones will explore what learning means in a religious community.

Greeter: Volunteer Needed

Special Event Following Services: Soup and Bread Luncheon!

Also, last day to donate for Henry Beauchamp Holiday Dinner!

See inside for more details!

SERVICE DESCRIPTIONS CONTINUE INSIDE!

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Sunday, November 26th

Think Like a Storyteller

Use storytelling techniques to further your communication at work, at home, in life. Facilitated by Linda King.

Greeter: Volunteer Needed Host: Emilee Solomon

LOOKING AHEAD: Holiday Services

Sunday, December 24th:
Christmas Eve Carols and Candles Service, 5:30 p.m.

Please note: There will be NO regular Sunday Services on Dec. 24

Soup and Bread Luncheon, Sunday, November 19th

Cold weather is almost upon us, and the season for soup is starting! Join us on Sunday, November 19th, immediately after Sunday Services, for our traditional fall Soup and Bread Luncheon. All are welcome to join, please see sign-up sheet downstairs and volunteer to bring bread, soup, or a dessert. Can't make it to church before then, but plan to attend? Let Genevieve know, and she will add your name to the list! Clean-up help is always needed at these events, please consider staying to pitch in as you are able.

Come and build community while enjoying some fabulous food, and we look forward to seeing you there!

A Tradition of Giving: Donations for Henry Beauchamp Center Holiday Party

Continuing a proud tradition of giving, we will once again be collecting funds to be donated to the annual holiday dinner at the Henry Beauchamp Center (formerly SECC). Donated funds are used to purchase gifts for those in need this holiday season, and for many attendees, these are the only gifts they will receive during the season. Checks and cash will be collected at UUCY's Soup and Bread Luncheon on November 19th, or can be submitted to the UUCY Office any time between now and November 19th, clearly marked "Henry Beauchamp Center" donation. Questions? Contact Genevieve in the office, and thank you for your support!

Greetings from Rev. Ken Jones (a.k.a. "Ken's Ken.")

Those of us who use social media may have witnessed something that seems so typical of social media that it seldom garners attention. It was something that went "viral" to use the vernacular, which of course happens all the time. But this something was different, because it represents something important, something that everyone – social media junkies and not – should pay attention.

It was the hashtag #MeToo.

As you've probably heard, this was an invitation to all those, primarily women, who have ever experienced sexual harassment or abuse to post the words "Me too" on their feeds. Within days, millions of women posted these words, many offering detailed accounts of experiences that may have happened years ago or very recently. I was disturbed, amazed, and impressed all at the same time by the number of women I personally know who posted thus. There is no doubt that many, many more women have actually experienced some form of sexual exploitation than those who joined in this chorus – and there can be no doubt that all of us – primarily men – who have not personally experienced abuse know someone who has. These experiences cross all lines of race, class, and religion, and include many women here at UUCY. In fact, some of these experiences have occurred at UUCY, a place we like to think is a safe sanctuary for everyone. But this is a huge cultural problem, and we liberal religionists are not immune.

As a cisgendered man, and as one who has not experienced sexual abuse, it was a somewhat difficult discipline to remain silent as many women I know made witness by posting this hashtag, but it was not a difficult decision to make. I know that I want to honor the choice that all survivors make about whether and under what circumstances to share their story, and I want to be able to hear their testimony without comment or discussion. Their stories speak, and I think we should let them.

As a Minister, though, I've chosen to use this medium to highlight the reality of these stories and experiences to remind all of us that even though it may be invisible to many of us, it is an inescapable reality for many more. I commit to being open to hearing these experiences and believing them, and to take seriously my obligation to not succumb to easy excuses to explain them away. I ask my fellow men to join me in this commitment, that we all work together to make sure we all know that there is no excuse for harassment or abuse, there is no justification for simply looking the other way. It is, perhaps, most upsetting when sexual harassment or abuse happens in a church community, simply because that is the one place where people should feel safe, more than any other.

I sincerely thank all the women I know who have been made to feel vulnerable through these experiences – or by the realistic threat of them – and those who have spoken up so bravely. I believe you.

In faith,
Ken

UUCY NEWS AND EVENTS

Pre-Order Your UUCY T-Shirt TODAY!

That's right- for the first time ever, UUCY will have official T-shirts! Pre-orders are being accepted from now until FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17th, and the cost is a very reasonable $15, tax included, for any size between Youth Medium and Adult XXXXL. Rev. Ken Jones already has his order in, and we are looking forward to seeing everyone wearing these shirts at public events, at church, and everywhere in between. To order, simply email the office, call Genevieve in the office, or leave her a physical note at the church! Payment is requested at time of order, and can be a check (clearly marked 'Shirts'), or cash (exact change, please). We look forward to your order! (P.S. Interested in other articles of clothing, like a hooded sweatshirt, or maybe even a cardigan?? Those are available, but the minimum order is 12 pieces, please contact Genevieve for more details, thank you!)

You're Invited: Rainbow Cathedral Halloween Potluck! DATE CHANGE!

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, November 12th, 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!

Rinpoche to Return to Yakima, and to UUCY!

Tashi Delek!

Save the Date!

The Venerable ZaChoeje Rinpoche will be in Yakima for a public talk the evening of **Friday November 10 and an all day workshop Saturday November 11**. Topics to be announced. No one will be turned away for lack of funds. Both events are at UUCY.

ALL IN THE FAMILY!

If you have a special photo, event, announcement, joy, or sorrow you would like to share, please contact Michelle McKean at myshell.lynn@gmail.com and it will be included in the following months All in the Family.

Happy Birthday to all of our November birthdays!

- November 3 – Ulla Whitmont
- November 3 – Jerry Baris
- November 5 – Oksana Edwards
- November 9 – Maren Case

Greetings fellow UUs! The month of November marks for many (but not all!) the beginning of the holiday season. It also begins again the season of travel to celebrate with family and friends far away. Here at UUCY, we wish you and your family safe travels and joyous celebrations! And for those who may not celebrate or may not get a chance to see far off friends and family, we wish you a happy fall!

This month's "Get to Know a Member" is Roger Wells! Roger grew up in Port Orchard, Washington and worked for Boeing until his retirement. He is active in Toastmasters International and has had experience running sci-fi/mystery conventions, one of which had over a thousand people in attendance!

What are you thankful for this season?
"I am thankful that while life may not have been perfect, it has worked out well. I can retire and be financially secure. I have many family and friends. And I am thankful that I am able to take a few days to go to Portland to celebrate Thanksgiving."

Are there any traditions or foods you are looking forward to this season?
"We have a tradition of gathering in Portland to celebrate Thanksgiving. My brother, his wife, and their children (who are now adults) all come. We use to always have a tradition of a separate children's table but now they are all grown and we all sit together."

What is the biggest challenge of being a UU member and what is the biggest joy?
"Meeting new people has always been a great joy. A challenge of course is each service is slightly different and adjusting to the norms of each church. Small congregations makes it easier to know everyone which is nice but they lack the resources of big congregations. But I like our congregation."

What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?
"I enjoy reading. I have read almost all of Agatha Christie's book. McCall Smith's No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency series is also quite good."

What is one thing people may not know about you?
"I deal with high functioning autism which is the reason I excel at certain data processing. Before I understood my diagnosis, there was always a frustrating barrier I experienced. Now I understand and work with it. I wish they had some things for autistic kids back when I was a child, but I'm glad today's kids are able to access those resources now. I also was given a lifetime award for Who's Who's Who in America."

UUCY BOOK CLUB

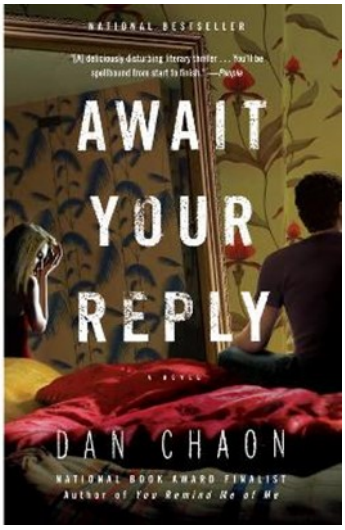
TALK BOOKS WITH UUCY BOOK CLUB

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.

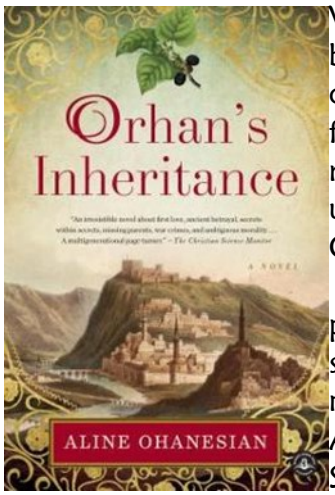
Miles Cheshire can't stop searching for his troubled twin brother, Hayden, who has been missing for ten years. Hayden has covered his tracks skillfully, managing along the way to hold down various jobs and seem, to the people he meets, entirely normal. But some version of the truth is always concealed.



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)

Books are available from libraries and bookstores. If purchased at Inklings Bookshop, mention our Book Club for a discount.

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Sunday, November 26th	• **Sunday Service, 10:00 a.m.– Think Like a Storyteller,** Presented by Linda King

UUCY FLASHBACK– 25 YEARS AGO!

Thanks to the excellent record keeping of longtime member Kay Funk, we have some fun flashback photos to share! Keep an eye out for more blasts from the past!

To the right, we have the lovely Susan Kaphammer, whose smile has only brightened in the intervening years! May we all meet the passing of time with such joy.

SHELTER UPDATE:
Possible opportunity to provide meals– any interest?

We have been asked to help with this year's shelter, which will be a 24 hour men/women shelter in a warehouse on Englewood Ave. near 16th Ave. They are asking churches or other groups to supply one meal a month for the shelter guests. They are estimating their meals will need to serve 60 people. That's quite a bit, but they are also open to groups supplying parts of meals if they are limited. The meals could be breakfast, lunch, or dinner (I'd guess that their lunch meal will have significantly fewer people at it, particularly on weekdays. But that's my guess.)

One meal a month would work out to 4 meals for the season. Is there interest in us continuing to support the homeless in our community this way? If there's interest, let Rev. Ken Jones know, in person or via email or telephone, thank you!

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