

# UniFire

## January 2018

*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, January 7th*

#### **First Sunday Pancake Breakfast**

Ring in the New Year with the whole family, by breaking  
bread with us on our first Sunday tradition!

*Greeter: Emilee Solomon*

*Sunday, January 14th*

#### **What They Dreamed**

As many of you know, Rev. Jones is leading a series of services on our UU  
sources, and on Sunday, Jan 14th we'll be talking about "Words and deeds of  
prophetic persons which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil  
the justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love." YOU can  
participate in this service (time permitting!) You are invited to bring a picture or a  
very short quote from a prophetic person that has challenged you in your life to  
share with the congregation in our service.

*Greeter: Volunteer Needed*

*Host: Emilee Solomon*

*Sunday, January 21st*

#### **Get on the Bus!**

Join us for this journey into our past, present and future as we explore our own  
UUCY Healthy Relations Covenant and what it means to us as individuals and as  
a church. Facilitated by Susan Kaphammer and Linda King.

*Greeter: Phil Dindia*

*Host: Gean Dindia*

*Sunday, January 28th*

#### **Sunday Worship Service**

Rev. Ken Jones preaching

*Greeter: Volunteer Needed*

*Host: Mary Brunelle*

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

A nice little quote from the Taoist writer Zhuang Zhou came to me recently:

Consciousness wandered North to the land of the Dark Waters and climbed the Unnoticeable Slope, where he met Speechless Non-Doer. “I have three questions for you,” Consciousness said. “First, what thoughts and efforts will lead us to understanding the Tao? Second, where must we go and what must we do to find peace in the Tao? Third, from what point must we start and which road must we follow in order to reach the Tao?” Speechless Non-Doer gave him no answer.

Consciousness traveled South to the land of the Bright Ocean and climbed the Mountain of Certainty, where he saw Impulsive Speech-Maker. He asked him the same questions. “Here are the answers,” Impulsive Speech-Maker replied. But as soon as he started to speak, he became confused and forgot what he was talking about.

Consciousness returned to the palace and asked the Yellow Emperor, who told him, “To have no thought and put forth no effort is the first step towards understanding the Tao. To go nowhere and do nothing is the first step toward finding peace in the Tao. To start from no point and follow no road is the first step towards reaching the Tao.”

After the busy-ness of the holidays, I take comfort in this story.

I take comfort in the North in these winter weeks. The North, the land of the Dark Waters.

I take comfort in the (non)actions of the Speechless Non-Doer in this time of the turning of our calendar.

There will be a time to head South, and embrace the actions of the Impulsive Speech-Maker. But not now.

In that spirit, I wish everyone a peaceful New Year!

In faith,  
Ken



‘Zhuang Zhou Dreams a Butterfly’, as painted by Fan Zeng (b. 1938)

# *It Takes A Community*

THANK YOU to Scott Holman, who has taken the time to decorate the tables in the Fellowship Hall for both fall and winter— your efforts have not gone unnoticed, and the tables look great!

Our love and our unending thanks goes to Sunny Sonker, whose piano playing is the beating heart of UUCY's musical life. Sunny, we love you and couldn't do it without you!

*Thank you to the volunteers and donors who served a hot meal to 100 hungry guests at Camp Hope: Mike Gempler, Ken Jones, Nancy Born, Emilio Solomon, Cindy Lamb, and Debra Kroon.*

Gratitude for all who contributed to and attended December's Apple Brunch!

Our continuing gratitude goes out to Ken Tolonen, whose recycling program has not only brought in money to the church, but has also kept COUNTLESS items from reaching the landfill! UUCY and the Earth both thank you!

Gratitude to the Rev. Bill Poore of Rainbow Cathedral, who has made a long-term commitment to helping to host Raid Response meetings— thank you for unlocking the doors, and looking out for the building we all share

Sincere thanks extended to Merrill Thomsen for giving multiple Sunday Services presentations throughout the year— your commitment to lay-led services has not gone unnoticed, thank you for sharing your ideas and your voice!

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## January 28th Circle Supper: Cold Hands, Warm Hearts!



*To quote UUCY Minister Emeritus Greta Crosby: "Let us not wish away the winter. It is a season to itself, not simply the way to spring."*

Celebrate the stark beauty of winter by gathering with your UUCY family, and sharing both fellowship and a warm meal at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 28th. Sign up today to participate as either a Host or Guest- either on the sign-up sheet downstairs, or by contacting coordinator Jean Gonzales directly at [hurlburt@aol.com](mailto:hurlburt@aol.com). Jean will match Hosts and Guests, after which the Hosts will contact their Guests with information about the menu, and what they can bring to contribute. These meals are one of UUCY's most popular and enduring social events, and are appropriate for families, single persons, young people, and everyone in between. Contact Jean with any questions or dietary restrictions, and don't forget to snap a picture at dinner to be shared in February's UniFire!

## ALL IN THE FAMILY!

*There will be no Get to Know a Member this month but look out for its return in February! And, as always, if you have a announcement/picture/joy you would like in the upcoming All in the Family, please email Michelle McKean at [myshell.lynn@gmail.com](mailto:myshell.lynn@gmail.com) and she will include it.*

### Happy Birthday to all of our January birthdays!

- Ed Patton - January 7
- Rick King - January 8
- Carole Sahlstrand—January 9
- Joyce Dennison - January 21
- Debra Kroon - January 25
- Avery Case - January 26
- Aaron Case - January 30

Greetings fellow UU members! The New Year has arrived and so has the snow, and unfortunately, the ice. We wish everyone a joyful and fruitful coming year. And good luck on those resolutions for those brave enough to make them!

We also would like to congratulate the Lamb/Hurlbut families! Members Cindy and Phil Lamb welcomed a new granddaughter on December 23rd at 5:28 pm at Swedish Hospital in Seattle. Their daughter Lizzie, (who many saw grow up in our church), and son-in-law Trent are the proud parents. The beautiful baby girl was named Josephine (Josie) Susan Lamb Hurlbut and she weighs 6 lbs. 13 oz. and is 19 in. long. She was named after Phil's mother Josephine and Trent's mother Susan. What an exciting and joyful way to end the year! And what an exciting and busy way to begin it - on top of caring for a new baby, Lizzie will be finishing her masters at the University of Washington in Mental Health Policy. All of our best to the Lamb/Hurlbut families and especially to the new parents Lizzie and Trent!

# UUCY News and Events

## SHELTER NEWS: One Meal Down, At Least TWO MORE on the Horizon!

We might not be physically hosting the shelter this year, but that has not stopped us from contributing to those in need with both our time and resources! A dedicated team of UUCY Volunteers has already provided one meal for the 100 guests of Camp Hope, and we are preparing to provide (at least) two more!! To that end, we are looking for volunteers for food prep and serving, as well as donations of money and specific food ingredients. The meals are scheduled for Sunday, January 21st, and Sunday, February 19th, both at dinner time. There will be more information about specific menus and supply requests as the date grows closer– please let Rev. Ken Jones ([minister@uucyakima.org](mailto:minister@uucyakima.org)) know if you are interested in volunteering for preparation, serving, or both!

Monetary donations can be made online at the PayPal link below– you can use your credit or debit card, no PayPal account is required to donate. The fundraising goal is \$800, and donations can also be made by check, just write ‘Shelter Meal’ in the memo line. Thank you for your continued support of the neediest among us, and for living our religion through your actions and donations!

### PayPal Shelter Meals Donation Link:

<https://www.paypal.com/fundraiser/charity/2733595>

## YAKIMA WOMEN'S MARCH NEWS

# Yakima Women's March

Saturday, January 20th, 11am-2pm

Millennium Plaza

- Guest Speakers
- March on Yakima Ave.
- And Canvass Training Hosted by the Yakima County Democrats

*Sponsored by: Act Yakima, UUCY, Yakima County Democrats, and Washington State Democrats*

*Questions? Want to get more involved? Contact Merrill Thomsen at [methomsen1945@me.com](mailto:methomsen1945@me.com), or call/text 509-952-0083!*

# UUCY CALENDAR for January 2018

Sunday, January 7th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sunday Service, 10:00 a.m.—First Sunday Pancake Breakfast</li> </ul>
Tuesday, January 9th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UUCY Book Club— Taj Palace, 6:00 p.m. (see below)</li> </ul>
Sunday, January 14th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sunday Service, 10:00 a.m.— What They Dreamed, Ken Jones</li> </ul>
Saturday, January 20th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yakima Women's March, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Millennium Plaza in Downtown Yakima! See previous page for more info</li> </ul>
Sunday, January 21st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sunday Service, 10:00 a.m. – Get on the Bus!, Facilitated by UUCY Members Susan Kaphammer and Linda King</li> <li>• Shelter Meal for Camp Hope, see earlier in UniFire</li> </ul>
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*Community Coffee: Every Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.*

*Join us in the inside seating at Mojo's Coffee House on Yakima Ave!*

## 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!

January 9, 2018, 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.

