

# UniFire

## April 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, April 1st*

First Sunday Pancake Breakfast

*Sunday, April 8th*

Choosing Happiness

Merrill Thomsen

*Sunday, April 15th*

The Sacred Role of Reason

Rev. Ken Jones

*Sunday, April 22nd*

Floating the Rhythm

The last of the series of sermons Rev. Jones is delivering on the six sources of Unitarian Universalist faith — and just in time for Earth Day: “Spiritual teachings of Earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature.”

*Greeter: Volunteer Needed*

*Host: Gean Dindia*

*Sunday, April 29th*

In-House Poets

Join us as Chuck Forster, Cindy Lamb, and other “in-house” poets of UUCY share works of their craft with us.

*Greeter: Volunteer Needed*

*Host: Gean Dindia*

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:**

Sunday, May 13th:

**Blossoms & Brunch: Mother’s Day Flower Communion Celebration**

Join us for Flower Communion, followed by a salad potluck

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

As this issue of the Unifire was being prepared, I had just returned from a quick trip out to the coast with my daughter for spring break. The coast this time of year, many of you know, is typically engulfed in clouds and rain. We experienced that for sure, but also a few moments of sun breaking through. I took this picture during one such moment, and it reminds me of those shots from movies and inspiration posters depicting a sunbeam breaking through the clouds as a quasi-divine event. As if God suddenly appears or speaks through the sunbeam.

I don't know about that -- to me god may be every bit as likely to speak through the rain and clouds, but maybe it is these kinds of moments in which our souls open up to the beautiful and mysterious divine forces that permeate all corners of our universe every day. In other words, it's not about god suddenly appearing, but about our ability to pay attention and feel awe.

So I wanted to share this picture with you all.



# UUCY News and Events

## UPDATE on UUCY Auction 2018: It's a Spring Thing!

The 2018 UUCY It's a Spring Thing auction was both fun and a financial success! Thank you to all who helped, either with time, donations, presence, and/or purchases—every contribution is greatly appreciated. If you didn't come, be sure to check out the signup table and the quick buy table in the Fellowship Hall after the service on Sunday. There are still open slots in the craft brewery tour, game day in the Nile, and several dinners! And a number of nice items you can buy and take home with you right away, including some great shelves made of recycled pallets, books on Russian cooking and jewelry making, hand knit scarves and dishcloths, creative painted rocks, and more!

## HOSTS and GREETERS: Sign Up Today!

Put your 'gift of gab' to good use, and sign up to Greet today!

There are openings on: **April 22nd and May 27th!**

More of a 'behind the scenes' type helper? Great, we need your talents as a

Host on: **May 13th, May 20th, June 17th, and June 24th!**

Questions? Not sure what's required? Drop a line to Genevieve any time, and she will be happy to help!

*Mark Your Calendar: Sunday, May 13th:*

## Blossoms & Brunch:

## Mother's Day Flower Communion Celebration

Bring a flower to share at this annual service, and stay for the salad potluck immediately following!



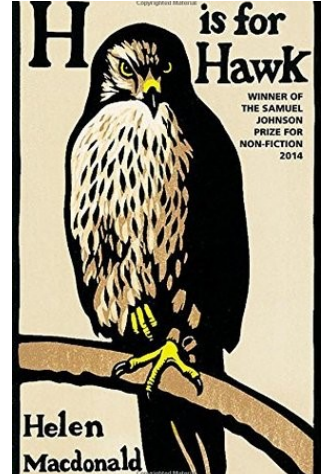


## UUCY Book Club

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!

### May 8, 2018: H is for Hawk by Helen MacDonald (memoir)

When Helen Macdonald's father died suddenly on a London street, she was devastated. An experienced falconer captivated by hawks since childhood, she'd never before been tempted to train one of the most vicious predators: the goshawk. But in her grief, she saw that the goshawk's fierce and feral anger mirrored her own. Resolving to purchase and raise the deadly creature as a means to cope with her loss, she adopted Mabel and turned to the guidance of The Sword and the Stone author T. H. White's chronicle The Goshawk to begin her journey into Mabel's world. Projecting herself "in the hawk's wild mind to tame her" tested the limits of MacDonald's humanity. (from the Yakima Valley Regional Library website)



July 10, 2018: Beartown by Fredrik Backman (fiction)

September 11, 2018: White Trash: The 400-year Untold History of Class in America  
by Nancy Isenberg (nonfiction)

### **Committee on Shared Ministry (COSM): Call for Input and Feedback!**

**Our UUCY mission:**

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

How are we doing with that? We'd love to hear from you about what we are doing that works, where we as a community are underperforming and your ideas or vision for how we may make change to more fully achieve our mission going forward.

Call or e-mail or grab us after a service. We are:

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We look forward to hearing from you!

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## Religious Education: Creating Chalice

Great things are happening upstairs in our Religious Education wing, including giving all students the opportunity to create, decorate, and keep their very own chalice! Unitarian Universalist Religious Education is different from the classes offered at many churches, in that exploration and questioning are not only encouraged, but are part of the curriculum. Thanks go to Kathy Lambert (right) and Jean Gonzales for their strong support of the RE program— the children and adults of UUCY all appreciate your time, talents, and dedication!



## Sharing Our Church Home:

### Za Choeje Rinpoche Return to Yakima to Talk About Grief (*The Bodhi Center shares their church home with UUCY*)

Tashi Delek! Za Choeje Rinpoche returns to Yakima 20 and 21 April 2018. His public talk begins at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, 20 April.

The teaching for Saturday, 21 April is “Buddhist Methods of Coping With Grief”. We will begin at 10:00 a.m. and conclude at 4:00 p.m., with a potluck lunch at noon.

The suggested donations are \$10 for the public talk and \$50 for the teaching. No one will be turned away for lack of funds.

The location for both events is the Sanctuary of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Yakima located at 225 North Second Street, Yakima, WA, 98901. Please park at the rear of the church and enter through the back door. Hope to see you there.



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... so plan for your death now!



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## Advance Planning Seminar

9 a.m. - noon | May 12, 2018

Unitarian Universalist Church of Yakima

225 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> St, Yakima

Free (Reservations recommended)

Learn about your choices at the  
end of life including Hospice, Washington's Death with Dignity  
Law and other options

Discover the importance of communicating your medical wishes to your family, friends and physicians

With expert guidance, prepare a personalized advance medical directive and durable power of attorney to take home as you leave the seminar

Bring any and all questions ... we understand that talking about death is never easy. Your adult children may also like to attend.

For questions or reservations to this event, please call 509-453-8448 or email [minister@uucyakima.org](mailto:minister@uucyakima.org).

Walk-in guests are welcome on a space-available basis.  
The seminar, speakers, and all documents are provided at no cost.