

# UniFire

June 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, June 3rd*

First Sunday Pancake Breakfast & Annual Meeting

*Sunday, June 10th*

Coming Home

This morning Rev. Jones reflects on recent experiences with two local Representatives with the US Congress, reminding us of the value of religious community, and of the value of stepping outside of religious community.

*Greeter: Volunteer Needed    Host: Liz Angland*

*Sunday, June 17th*

Question Box

This Sunday we'll move downstairs to begin our summer programs, with Rev. Jones fielding questions on which he'll attempt to build a sermon.

*Greeter: Volunteer Needed    Host: Ken & Brandy Craig*

*Sunday, June 24th*

What Are the Sources of Morality and Ethics?

Speaker Mike Gempler touches on one of life's eternal questions.

*Greeter: Lucy Stevens    Host: Lucy Stevens*

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

I think I mentioned to some of you that I recently passed a milestone in my life. As of May this year, I’ve been serving as your Minister now for seven years and eight months, which is the amount of time I served previously at Tahoma UU Congregation in Tacoma. So as of this month, this is the longest I’ve been Ministering to any congregation! Of course, here I’m only half-time, in the previous settlement I was full-time, so maybe I have to discount my duration here by a factor of ½ for it to count!

I was recently in a conversation with several long-time church members here, and I mentioned something about my office hours. One of our long-standing members expressed surprise, and didn’t know I kept office hours. I do! I’m pretty consistently here every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 9 to noon, with the express intent of being easily available to anyone who wants to drop by and chat for a bit. This has been pretty consistent for most of the past seven-plus years, even though most days few, if any, people drop by. Still, it’s good to know.

I should point out, however, that I generally do not keep these hours during the summer months. I do take a lot of my vacation during the summer, but it is definitely NOT true that I “take the summer off.” Although I don’t keep regular office hours during the summer, I’m still available, I still keep in touch, and I participate in many church activities in the summer too. I also check my email and voicemail regularly, and am happy to arrange a time to chat if anyone feels so moved. This also applies during the rest of the church year – if my office hours are not a convenient time for you to drop by, but you’d like to chat, please call or email me and we’ll definitely set up a time to do that.

I also would like to point out, as I write this in early June, that it is also definitely NOT true that the church “takes the summer off” either. Our Sunday Services team has a great lineup of services over the summer, and we’ll have all-ages activities for families during the services. Many of our committees and social groups meet regularly during the summer, too. (Summer services, from June 17 through Sept. 2 are held downstairs in the Fellowship Hall, where it’s nice and cool!) Most importantly, life goes on for all of us during the summer months, so if anything comes up that you feel would be important to share with your spiritual community, please do so!

As always, see you in church!

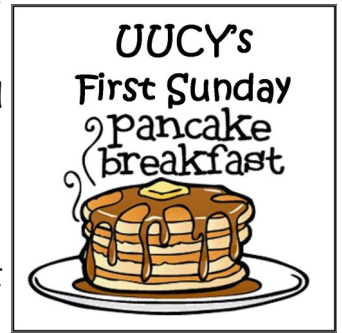
In faith,  
Ken

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# UUCY News and Events

## First Sunday Pancake Breakfasts!

First Sunday Pancake Breakfasts have become a favorite for many members and friends. After a short service, often led by lay volunteers, we all sit together in community to enjoy pancakes and conversation. Sometimes it is difficult to get everyone up and out so the doors can be locked and the areas cleaned up...but isn't that a great problem to have! These Pancake Breakfasts are self-sustaining, meaning that everything is purchased for them out of the contributions that are put into the donations jar on the table...so be sure to drop in a dollar or more once in a while! Also you are always welcome to bring an add-on: fresh fruit, jams and jellies, whatever! You don't have to notify anyone; just show up with it in hand before the service.



Thanks goes out to David Weyeneth and often Diana, who come and get the pancakes mixed and flipping; thanks, also to the others who step up to help! Roger Allen Smith comes early and cooks the sausages. Carole Sahlstrand has committed to using the old, but reliable, dishwasher so we can use glass plates and non-disposable cutlery; we thank her, and Mother Earth thanks her also! People also just step up to help with the clean up and the other dishes. Scott Holman sets everything up, and Genny and or Jean Gonzales purchase necessary items, which is also much appreciated. All who help enable these First Sunday Pancake Breakfasts to happen. You're all good people. Thanks so much for your shared ministry.

Merrill Thomsen , Representing the Sunday Services Committee

**To our Spring Hosts and Greeters-  
THANK YOU for your shared ministry!**

HOSTS

*The McPherson Family*

*The Sonker Family*

*Emilee Solomon*

*Merrill Thomsen*

*Mary Brunelle*

*Gean Dindia*

*Rosemary Saul*

GREETERS

*Bill Jacobs*

*Jason Laws*

*Mary Brunelle*

*Emilee Solomon*

*Phil Dindia*

*Monk Sonker*

*Liz Angland*

*Cindy Lamb*

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and Mary Brunelle on Host Sign-ups

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Jean Gonzales

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