

UniFire

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*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, August 5th

First Sunday Pancake Breakfast, and

Hózhó: Finding Beauty in Everyday Living

Led by UUCY Member Michelle McKean, followed by pancakes for all!

Greeter: Bill Jacobs

Sunday, August 12th

A Few Things I Learned in Africa

Presented by UUCY member Lucy Stevens

Greeter: (Volunteer Slot Available) Host: Janet Kincaid

Sunday, August 19th

Are We Really the Grown-ups Now?

The deaths of significant individuals who had roles in raising, guiding and supporting me leaves me at odds with my own sense that I am still "growing up."

In this service I will explore personal challenges and spiritual opportunities of becoming the older generation.

Presented by UUCY Member Susan Kaphammer

Greeter: (Volunteer Slot Available) Host: (Volunteer Slot Available)

Sunday, August 26th

Poetry Service

Presented by UUCY Member Cindy Lamb

Greeter: Phil Dindia Host: Gean Dindia

Coming Up: Fall Ingathering and Water Communion, Sunday, September 9th

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

Like many of you, I imagine, I recently watched the new documentary “Won’t You Be My Neighbor,” about the children’s television show personality “Mr. Rogers.”

And like many of you, I imagine, I felt uplifted seeing this sympathetic portrait of a man who dared to be loving and kind in a culture in which those attributes are not often seen as positive, especially for men.

Parts of the movie showed clips of his show, “Mr. Roger’s Neighborhood,” juxtaposed to some other, less wholesome children’s programs of the era. I have to admit that the other programs looked more familiar to me – for I probably spent more time watching sensationalistic cartoons and other puff programs than I spent with PBS-type fare. Yet some of it still rang familiar, and I felt grateful that kids like me had beneficial, educational programming available to us, and were often exposed to it alongside the more commercial fare that would become a mainstay in our increasingly commercialized culture.

It takes a visionary to see the potential of a medium like television (in its day – today’s analogy would likely be the internet) that is typically exploited to make money without regard to quality or social value, and to insist against the wishes of those who think otherwise that there is tremendous social value to be gained by using the media to its best potential. Fred Rogers persevered for many years to not only get his program on the air, but to keep it going even though there were many other uses that could make a lot more money. He did it for his love of children, and because it was simply the right thing to do.

So I left feeling inspired that there are heroes like Fred Rogers in our midst. It seems like so much of our culture – including mainstream religion and politics – has become completely absorbed into the mindset of accumulation, competition, and exploitation all in the name of making money. Heroes, in my mind, are those who buck this trend and achieve great things simply because it is the right thing to do, even if it doesn’t make much money or seem “successful” in the common sense of that word.

Mr. Rogers had his critics, of course – and the film makes brief references to them. They lambasted him because he regularly told kids that they were valuable and loved simply for who they are, not for what they achieve or how they behave. This, apparently, is not good for the economy, for our economy needs people to constantly strive to produce more and conform to its norms rather than sit back and know we are loved for who we are.

I can think of no better way to illustrate the first principle of Unitarian Universalism than in this dichotomy. Our inherent worth and dignity makes us worthy of love and respect, and as a religious community it is this value that we strive to put into practice.

In faith,
Ken

Rev. Ken Jones is a graduate of Starr King, and can be reached at 509-453-8448, or at minister@uucyakima.org. His office hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 am to 12 noon, and he is also available by appointment.

UUCY NEWS AND EVENTS

Join Us at an RE 'Work' Party on Saturday, August 4th!

Many hands make for light tasks. Bring your cleaning gloves, favorite sponge, and organizational skills to the Religious Education wing Saturday morning August 4th to get the room and storage closet ready for fall classes. The children can come into a fresh, welcoming space when they return for fall classes. The store-room boxes and shelves need to be sorted so that RE teachers can see what is available easily find supplies for their classes. Come on the 4th, find a task you enjoy, stay as long as you are able. Have a good time working with the other helpers, enjoying some snacks.

Questions? Contact Jean Gonzales at hurlburt@aol.com!

SUMMER REMINDER:

Collect some water representing where your spiritual well is filled, and bring it with you to UUCY's annual Water Communion on Sunday, September 9th.



Community Coffee: Now at Caffé 11th Avenue!

New location, same familiar time and faces! Join us every Wednesday at 9:00 am for Community Coffee, now at Caffé 11th Avenue, located at 1003 West Yakima Ave (the former Mojo's building). All are welcome!

TALK BOOKS WITH UUCY BOOK CLUB

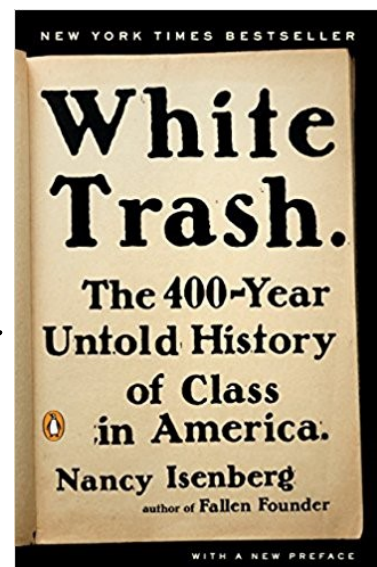
Join our informal, facilitated discussions at 6:00 PM at Taj Palace Restaurant, 2710 W Nob Hill Blvd, Yakima. Enjoy your choice of no-host beverages, appetizers, or full dinners while sharing your impression of the current book. Or just enjoy listening in if you haven't read the book. All are welcome!

UPCOMING TITLE:

September 11, 2018:

White Trash: The 400-year Untold History of Class in America

by Nancy Isenberg (nonfiction)



It's DINNER TIME!

You heard it here first— there are a limited number of seats available at some of our fabulous Auction Dinners, and they could be yours! The minimum suggested donation for each seat is \$50, and rest assured that it will be money well spent.

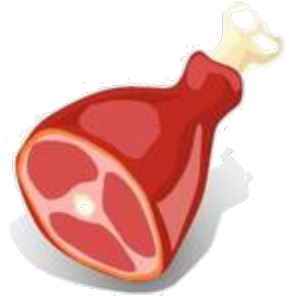
Descriptions are below, contact Genevieve in the office to reserve your seats today!
(509-453-8448, admin@uucyakima.org)

Meat-a-palooza Dinner

Saturday, September 8th, Four Seats Available

At the home of Phil and Cindy Lamb

Sure, there will be things other than meat, like hors de oeuvres, side dishes, salad, and dessert, but the real star will be a big chunk of meat! Chef Phil will be preparing the main, with Chef Cindy preparing sides and charming all comers. Never had dinner at the Lamb's? Now is your chance, you won't be sorry!



"It's a Small World" Dinner

Saturday, September 15th, Two Seats Available

At the home of Andrew and Ulla Whitmont

Fabulous dishes cooked by: Jean Gonzales, Margaret Morris, and Nancy Born

The menu includes a dish from nearly every continent: Mango Stacks from Mexico will be the North American component; Chilean Huevos Rellenos con Callampas (Stuffed Eggs with Mushrooms) will represent South America; Chrianteli (cold fruit soup) from Georgia will stand in for Asia; Citrus Cabbage Salad is the African contribution; Moussaka will represent the Mediterranean region; and a Danish dessert will be the European Union entry. Exceptional wine will be



Meat-a-licious Dinner

Saturday, November 10th, Four Seats Available

At the home of Phil and Cindy Lamb

(Hey, if it ain't broke, don't fix it!) Sure, there will be things other than meat, like hors de oeuvres, side dishes, salad, and dessert, but the real star will be a big chunk of meat! Chef Phil will be preparing the main, with Chef Cindy preparing sides and charming all comers. Never had dinner at the Lamb's? Now is your chance, you won't be sorry!

