

# UniFire

## September 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, September 2nd*

#### **First Sunday Breakfast**

Led by UUCY Member Merrill Thomsen, followed by food for all!

*Sunday, September 9th*

#### **Fall In-Gathering and Water Communion**

A traditional ritual to bring us into autumn and a new church year. Bring some water representing where your spiritual well is filled.

Presented by Rev. Ken Jones

*Greeter: Susan Kaphammer    Host: Susan Kaphammer*

*Sunday, September 16th*

#### **I Am What I Do?**

How often do we identify ourselves by what we do—how we earn our living; how we spend our time out in the world. But does this explain who we are? In this service, Susan Kaphammer will consider the relationships between what we do and our understandings of ourselves as spiritual as well as social beings.

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

*Sunday, September 23rd*

#### **What Is “Church”?**

Presented by Rev. Ken Jones

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

*Sunday, September 30th*

#### **Spirituality and Justice**

Presented by UUCY Member Tony Long

*Greeter: Phil Dindia    Host: Gean Dindia*

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

Autumn arrives later this month, but for those of us who structure our lives around school, church, and many work schedules, the first of September (or, sometimes, the conclusion of Labor Day weekend) marks a time of seasonal transitions.

One way we do this at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Yakima – like at many other UU congregations – is with the Water Communion ceremony we do the Sunday after Labor Day (the 9th this year.) Each person or family is asked to bring a small amount of water that symbolizes where, or how, your spiritual thirst is quenched. In the ceremony, we merge all our separate waters into one, to symbolize our coming together as a religious community.

Also in this time of seasonal transitions, there are other changes afoot. I’d like to tell you about two of them:

The first is we’re going to do a little mixing up of how our services and children’s programs are run. For the last few years, we’ve had a Children’s Chapel service before their Religious Education classes on all the Sundays on which we have RE classes. Under Religious Educator extraordinaire Kathy Lambert’s direction, we’ll continue doing that most Sundays when we’re not having a pancake breakfast or all-family service in the sanctuary. But also, about once a month, we’ll have the kids join us in the sanctuary for the first part of the service, which will include a story time or some other special focus on the kids before they go to their classes. We’ll announce which Sundays are which in the order of service and the weekly update at least the week before, so stay tuned to hear what’s coming up.

The other change I’d like to share with you is a bit more personal. Some of you have heard that I have recently accepted the invitation to serve the Kittitas Valley Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Ellensburg as their quarter-time minister, which starts this month. I’ll be leading worship up there approximately one Sunday a month, and commuting up there at other times as needed. I fully expect to be able to pay more than adequate attention to both congregations. In fact, I’m very much looking forward to exploring ways that UUCY and KVVUUC may learn from and share with one another. They are the physically closest UU congregation to us, yet in many ways they are very different. I look at this as an opportunity to learn and to grow – for me, and for both congregations.

I’ll keep ya’ll posted how my commuting up to Ellensburg may (or may not) affect when I’m available here in Yakima. For the time being, I’m going to continue keeping office hours at UUCY on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, if you want to just drop by to chat. But of course I’m also available at other times, so let me know if you’d like to meet.

Looking forward to another great church year!

Ken

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# UUCY NEWS AND EVENTS

## 'Pancake Breakfasts'- It's Not About the Pancakes

Newsflash! First Sunday Pancake Breakfasts are NOT really about pancakes! What, you say? Its all been false advertising? A ruse? Well, no, we do have pancakes and sausage, and many times people share other items like jam or fruit. But mostly, the intention and focus is on community. It is a time for sitting together for a longer stretch, having good discussions, and getting to know each other better. We judge the success of these Sunday mornings not by how many pancakes are eaten, but by how long people want to linger and talk.

We've heard that those who don't care for or can't eat pancakes sometimes choose to stay home. Please consider, if you are one of these folks. We want to extend a special invite to those of you who are in this position. Bring a yogurt or a cup of oatmeal or just come and sit with others and have a cup of tea or coffee. No one will care if you do not have a plate in front of you! Remember: It's not about the pancakes. Just come and join with others in community.

**Hope to see you there in October!**

## SIGN UP TIME FOR FALL GREETERS AND HOSTS!

New sign up sheets are on the table in the Fellowship Hall. This is a tangible way to share in the responsibility for our community. So if you haven't signed up for a while, please consider doing so.

New greeters are always welcome, and there are handouts by the sign up sheets which outline what the greeter actually does. A brief training will also be available to get you started, if you wish. Please let Genny know by emailing the UUCY Office ([admin@uucyakima.org](mailto:admin@uucyakima.org)).

Hosts! Don't be shy. Our people are not a picky group, so bringing something from the Safeway or Fred Meyer bakery works well; add in some cheese and crackers or fruit if you wish. And special thanks to those who actually bring things from their own kitchens.

Thanks to the Greeters and Hosts for these summer services. If you were a person who jumped in at the last minute to fill the need, your name may not appear of the lists below, but you are much appreciated. Thank you all for your service and shared ministry!!

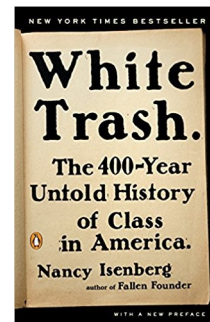
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*Brandy and Ken Craig; Liz Angland; Lucy Stevens; Merrill Thomsen; Linda Dunham; Phil and Gean Dindia; Cindy Lamb; Rosemary Saul; Bill Jacobs; and Emilee Solomon.*

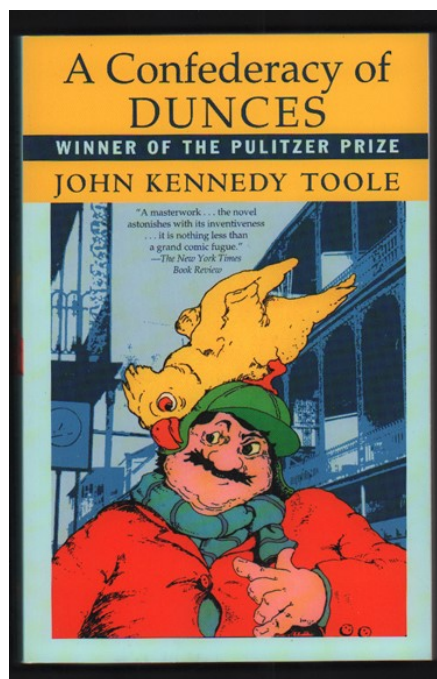
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## TALK BOOKS WITH UUCY BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, September 11, meet fellow book-lovers at 6:00 PM at Taj Palace Restaurant, 2710 W. Nob Hill Blvd., for dinner and discussion of *White Trash: The 400-Year History of Class in America* by Nancy Isenberg. Everyone is welcome to join the no-host dinner. Come to what is always a lively discussion; you are welcome to enjoy dinner and the company and listen in if you have not had a chance to read this book.



Our next read will be a change of pace from serious non-fiction to the Pulitzer Prize winning comic novel, *A Confederacy of Dunces* by John Kennedy Toole. We will meet on Tuesday, November 13, at 6:00 PM at Taj Palace for dinner and discussion.



In *A Confederacy of Dunces*, find one of the most memorable characters in American fiction, Ignatius J. Reilly. A flatulent frustrated scholar deeply learned in medieval philosophy and American junk food, a brainy mammoth misfit imprisoned in a trashy world of Greyhound Buses and Doris Day movies, he is in violent revolt against the entire modern age.

The novel bursts into life on Canal Street, New Orleans. Ignatius' peripatetic employment takes him from Levy Pants, where he leads a workers' revolt, to the French Quarter, where he waddles behind a hot dog wagon that serves as his fortress.

Filled with unforgettable characters and unbelievable plot twists, shimmering with intelligence, and dazzling in its originality, Toole's comic classic just keeps getting better year after year.

*A Confederacy of Dunces* is available electronically or in print from Yakima Valley Libraries. If you plan to purchase a copy, Inklings Bookshop will give a discount if you mention it is for our Book Club. Enjoy the read and meet us in November!

(Book description adapted from LitLovers: A Well-Read Online Community.)

## Quilting: Moving Upstairs for Fall!

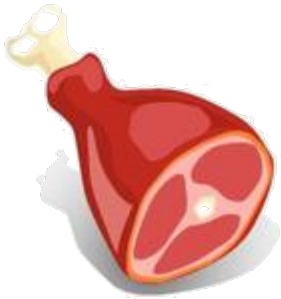
If you love to craft, sew, stitch, quilt, or just enjoy being around makers? Then Quilting just might be the place for you! This fun bunch meets on the third Saturday of each month, right here at UUCY, from 9 am to 12 noon. Contact Rosemary Saul with any questions, and they will see you there!



# AUCTION IN ACTION!

You heard it here first– there are a limited number of seats available at one 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.

More info below, contact Genevieve in the office to reserve your seats today!  
(509-453-8448, [admin@uucyakima.org](mailto:admin@uucyakima.org))



## 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 d'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!



**BBQ in Pollinator Paradise!** 11 folks joined together to share food, friendship and laughter on a not-too hot August day. We ate our way through tasty nibbles, lip-smacking ribs, delicious sides and finished off with a yummy blue-berry swirl cheesecake. Afterwards, folks strolled through Ray and Debra's gardens checking out the many and varied plants they grow to help promote and sustain pollinators.

*Debra and Ray's 'BBQ in Pollinator Paradise' is one of the most popular dinners offered at the annual UUCY Auction– thank you to Ray and Debra for hosting once again, and we also thank the guests for their continued support of UUCY!*

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