

UniFire

October 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, October 7th

First Sunday Breakfast

Led by UUCY Member Scott Holman, followed by food for all!

Greeter: Emilee Solomon Hosts: Jason Laws; David & Diana

Sunday, October 14th

What Is Church? Redux

Presented by Rev. Ken Jones

Greeter: (Volunteer Slot Available) Host: Sunny Sonker

Sunday, October 21st

Social Justice and Sharing the Plate

Have we fulfilled our commitment to social justice and engagement through Share the Plate? Members of the UUCY Social Justice Committee Carole Sahlstrand and Phil Dindia will be speaking not only on Share the Plate, but our definition of what 'social justice' looks like at UUCY.

Greeter: (Volunteer Slot Available) Host: Jason Laws

Sunday, October 28th

Inter-generational Halloween

Presented by Rev. Ken Jones

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

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

I am well aware that what we as a nation witnessed last week in the Senate Judiciary Committee hearings was brutal – most of all, for those who are survivors of sexual assault. I hope and pray that even if our nation is incapable of it, that we as a religious community can be gentle and supportive of one another, and will always strive to be a place of healing. We desperately need more healing places.

One thing that occurred to me during this episode was how revealing it was. In fact, I think it would be a good thing for the Supreme Court – and maybe many other appointed bodies – if, in the future, all nominees – especially male ones – were credibly accused of sexual misconduct. Wouldn’t matter if it actually happened or not, so long as the charge was feasible. How the nominee responds would be informative.

One might respond, say, defensively, by declaring complete and total innocence, calling the accuser a liar, maintaining they couldn’t have done it because they are not capable of it, and feigning righteous indignation that anyone would even think of accusing me of this, etc.

Another might respond by saying something like “Wow. I am so very sorry you had to endure this trauma. Although I honestly don’t believe I ever engaged in this kind of behavior, I feel truly awful that you were subjected to this back when, and admire your courage to come forward today. I stand with you in calling for a complete and unbiased investigation into these claims. Even though I don’t remember ever doing anything like this to you, I’d like to say that if I ever did anything that made you feel threatened or marginalized -- even if I did so unconsciously – I want to offer my sincere apologies and will do whatever I can to aid in your healing. And for the good of the country, I won’t accept this appointment until a full investigation is complete.”

Which of those responses come from the kind of people who deserve to be a judge in the highest court in the land?

Yes, that’s what I think, too.

Thank you, Dr. Christine Blasey Ford, for speaking truth to power.

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

From the Committee on Shared Ministry (COSM):

You are invited to a continental breakfast and conversation about our congregation's future,



“Housing our Ministry,”
on Saturday, October 20th, 9-10:30, here at UUCY. This event will be led by our COSM, Committee on Shared Ministry, Chuck Forster, Emilee Solomon, Ken Jones, & Susan Kaphammer.

Bring your thoughts, ideas, and opinions!

There will also be a meeting after our regular service on Sunday, October 28th, to discuss our congregation's future, “Housing our Ministry”.

We hope to see you at these important conversations.

CHALICE CIRCLE:

Chalice circle will meet at 4:30 at Dindia's home on Thursday, October 18th. The topic will be: Changing the world and your experience with social action.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS:

Coordinators Needed for

‘Soup & Bread Luncheon’ and ‘Apple Brunch’!

Ready for a fun volunteer task that ends with a great meal?

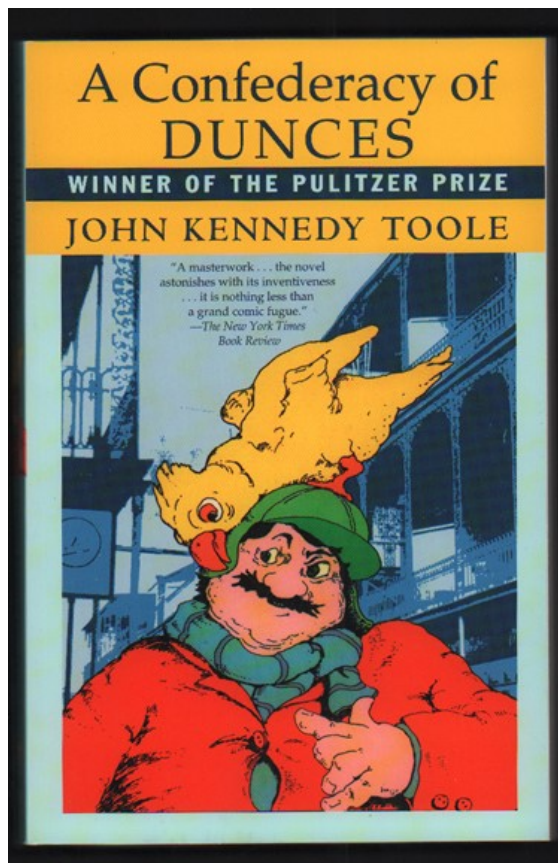
Coordinating a lunch is easier than you might think, and Genevieve will be happy to help you figure out the particulars! Contact her today to volunteer for November's ‘Soup and Bread Luncheon’, or the ever-popular ‘Apple Brunch’ in December! These events won't happen without someone at the helm, so we look forward to hearing from YOU!



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TALK BOOKS WITH UUCY BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, November 13, meet fellow book-lovers at 6:00 PM at Taj Palace Restaurant, 2710 W. Nob Hill Blvd., for dinner and discussion! 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. 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.)

*Pictured: John Kennedy Toole,
stationed in Puerto Rico*



ALL IN THE FAMILY!

This month, All in the Family returns with a spotlight on congregation member

Maleah McPherson!

Maleah works at the Montessori School of Yakima. She is married to her husband Kyle, whom she met while attending Central Washington University majoring in recreation. Kyle currently works at Camp Dudley. Maleah received her masters degree in environmental education and previously worked at the Science Center in Seattle. She grew up Bellingham on a dairy farm, but has since lived in California and Wisconsin before moving to Yakima 4 years ago. Maleah and Kyle have a beautiful daughter named Sora who attends UUCY as well.



What brought you to UUCY?

I grew up attending Lynden Christian Reform school, but by college I was an atheist. While living in Wisconsin, I rediscovered church. I think it is important for my daughter Sora to learn about different religions and I want to be the one to help her explore that.

What is one thing people may not know about you?

I speak French!! I wanted to minor in French in college, but was unable to. In another life, Paris would be my home!

What do you and your family do in your downtime?

My family enjoys snowboarding and playing board games like Munchkin or Ticket to Ride. Sora and I like to hike and backpack, but my husband Kyle has had enough of the outdoors by the time he gets home from Camp Dudley. I am a bit of an introvert, so I enjoy reading a lot. I also love to knit, sew, and I have even dabbled in woodworking (I made chairs for our dining room table!).

What is one thing make you excited to be a UU?

The sense of peace I get when entering the building which makes me realize how much I miss it when I'm away.

Thank you to Maleah for sharing, and thank you to interviewer and author Michelle McKean! If you have something to share in 'All in the Family', contact Michelle any time, or reach out to Genevieve in the office.

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