

UniFire

November 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, November 4th

First Sunday Breakfast

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

Sunday, November 11th

Testimony

How has Unitarian Universalism changed lives? How has it changed yours? This morning Rev. Jones will offer some food for thought.

Greeter: Phil Dindia Host: Gean Dindia

SPECIAL MUSICAL GUEST: Alistair Kok on Viola, Sunny Sonker on Piano

Sunday, November 18th

“In This Moment” of Gratitude

Prior to the Thanksgiving holiday, Rev. Jones reminds us that gratitude is a spiritual practice. We'll have our annual Soup and Bread Luncheon following the service, see inside for more information.

Greeter: Mc Pherson Family Host: Soup & Bread Luncheon, McPherson Family

Sunday, November 25th

Coming to UU Moments:

Ahas, Epiphanies, and Critical Moments in Our Faith

This sharing service will be facilitated by Linda King.

Greeter: (Volunteer Slot Available) Host: Jason Laws

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

I’ve experienced a lot of elections during my fifty-plus years in this country, and have voted in almost all of them. This list includes ten presidential elections, nine “off year” national elections, and countless other local, statewide, primary, and special elections.

And through all of that, I sense more anxiety over the one currently underway than I ever remember experiencing before.

I know many of you have good reason to feel considerable anxiety over this election. Over the past few years, it seems to many that almost every day there’s some previously widely held standard of noble civic behavior that gets crossed by one politician or another. We’ve been experiencing a rise – for perhaps the first time in decades – of overt, blatant, and often hurtful expressions of racism, sexism, and xenophobia employed by politicians in order to increase their political power. This mid-term election is seen by many – again, with good reason – to be a referendum of sorts on this kind of political demagoguery. As people of faith – especially people of liberal faith who affirm and promote the inherent worth and dignity of every person – we feel called by our faith to take a stand against such bigotry and help build a world where all people are valued as worthy equals.

So there are many good reasons for this anxiety – just as there are many good reasons (probably many more!) for all people of faith to vote in this election. Voting is a precious right and responsibility in our fragile democracy, and may be the most important defense we have against tyranny. It should never be taken lightly.

None of us know, of course, how the election will turn out. There obviously are many predictions, and for many races the outcome may be something of a foregone conclusion. But with so many offices on the ballot across the country, and initiatives in Washington and many other states, the outcome of this national “referendum” will not be known or understood until after most of the votes are counted. And even then, I imagine it will be at least a little ambiguous. This election may provide a much-needed correction to the current hemorrhaging of civility and respect for truth, but it is not going to solve all our problems, even if it goes the way you hope. And of course, if it doesn’t go the way you hope, of course, it probably won’t solve any problems at all, and may make many worse.

Like I said, there are good reasons for anxiety.

But we also must keep in mind that this is only one election. The work of building and maintaining a stable, healthy democracy that values all people and encourages compassion for the powerless is work that is never done. This is what we do in our day-to-day lives; it is what we’ll do on the day after Election Day, and every day henceforth. It is about showing up, being authentic, and being present with your neighbors and your community. No election is going to stop us for doing that, for that is why we are here. To be neighbors, to be companions, and to show compassion for the hurting among us.

There is no doubt that we will continue doing this so long as we walk this Earth, no matter what the polls say.

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 conversation about our congregation's future,

“Housing our Ministry,”

on Sunday, November 11th, after services, 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!



Speakers for First Sunday Pancake Breakfasts

Do you have something on your mind that you would like to place in front of our community? Or you would just like the challenge of doing a pancake service? Good! There is a spot for you in the coming months. We have a presenter lined up for December, but the remainder of the months still need willing participants. You do not need to mix and make the pancakes; that is taken care of by other volunteers. You do not have to do the work that the celebrants do; we can find someone to share that part of the service with you, if you prefer.

But we would like to hear some new voices! If you are willing, please email Merrill Thomsen at methomsen1945@me.com. She will get back to you and negotiate a time. Thanks!

CHALICE CIRCLE:

Chalice Circle will meet at 5:00 at the home of Phil and Gean Dindia on Tuesday, November 20th.

For more information about Chalice Circle, contact Emilee Solomon!

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Soup & Bread Luncheon: Sunday, November 18th

UUCY will hold its Soup and Bread Lunch after services on Sunday, November 18. Bring family and friends to enjoy this time of simple good food and fellowship. If you wish to bring food or help with the event, contact Susan Kaphammer at 949-0127 or susanlkap@gmail.com, or contact co-coordinator Cindy Lamb! As in years past, there will be an opportunity to donate to the Henry Beauchamp Community Center, in support of their annual holiday celebration.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEER:

Coordinator Needed for 'Apple Brunch'!

Ready for a fun volunteer task that ends with a great meal, and accolades all around? 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 the ever-popular 'Apple Brunch' in December. And our thanks go to Cindy Lamb and Susan Kaphammer, who have both stepped up and will be co-coordinating the Soup & Bread Luncheon in November!

UUCY Book Club: Meeting Tuesday, November 13th

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.

LOOKING AHEAD:

Women's March, January 19, 2019

UUCY Holiday Office Closures:

Closed November 22 and 23 for Thanksgiving; Closed December 25 for Christmas; Closed January 1 for New Year's Day

OUR LOCAL AND GLOBAL COMMUNITY

Sharing Our Church Home:

Film Screening at UUCY on
November 16:
"Promised Land"



You may have heard that UUCY is co-sponsoring a [film screening](#) "Promised Land" on Friday, Nov 16 at 6 pm. We're inviting the public at large and want to be excellent hosts. If you are interested in helping out, by helping pop popcorn, serve drinks, or simply welcoming people, please let Rev. Ken know by emailing minister@uucyakima.org.

SHARING OUR CHURCH HOME:

Rinpoche Returns to UUCY: Friday, November 9th

Rinpoche will be returning to UUCY to give another public talk on Friday, November 9th, in an event sponsored by (longtime UUCY tenants) the Bodhi Center. Suggested donation for the talk is \$10, but no one will be turned away due to lack of funds. There will also be a private teaching on Saturday, November 10th, and more information will be available soon. The Bodhi Center is dedicated to sharing Tibetan Buddhism in the Yakima Valley, and they look forward to seeing you there!

Transgender Day of Remembrance Service:

Saturday, November 17th

Join Rev. William Poores (of Rainbow Cathedral) at St. Michael's Episcopal Mission (5 S. Naches Ave) on Saturday, November 17th at 3:00 pm for the annual service in honor of those who were killed this year for being Transgender. Show your support, and let the community know that they will not be erased by using the hashtag #wontbeerased. All are welcome.

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