

UniFire

February 2019

Services Every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

*We celebrate community and
promote spirituality,
justice, responsibility,
and compassion.*

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Sunday, February 3rd

First Sunday Breakfast:

Rest In Peace, Mary Oliver

Led by Merrill Thomsen

Sunday, February 10th

Can Our Nation Long Endure?

A century and a half ago Abraham Lincoln gave one of the most memorable speeches in history in the midst of the US Civil War. What can we say today in the midst of our contemporary version of civil war?

Greeter: Susan Kaphammer Host: Emilee Solomon

Room 4 Open House, After Services

Adult RE After Services, Room 4 in the 'Office' Building

Sunday, February 17th

Homelessness in Yakima

Lee Murdock, Director of the Homeless Coalition of Yakima County, will present about the challenges of homelessness in Yakima and what is being done about it.

We will also have a more informal conversation with

Ms. Murdock after the service.

Greeter: Rufus Milner and Grandparents Host: Gean Dindia

Sunday, February 24th

Homelessness in Spirit

Following our service from the previous week about homelessness in Yakima, Rev. Jones will reflect on the value of "home" and what it can do to the human soul to be without.

Greeter: Emilee Solomon Host: Nancy Born

Adult RE After Services, Room 4 in the 'Office' Building

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

There’s a phrase that I don’t often use – “cautious optimism.”

Those who know me well know that I’m especially hesitant to use that phrase when it comes to the “next big thing” in consumer goods and services. Seeing the steady rise of irresponsible consumerism in my five plus decades on this planet, I’ve become pretty much a pessimist when I read the business pages.

Yet I must admit I do feel a sense of cautious optimism at one initiative I recently heard about. It’s called “Loop” and it’s a new way to shop for many consumer goods that people usually buy these days in disposable plastic packaging. The brainchild of entrepreneur Tom Szasky, Loop is a system in which people order everything from ice cream to shampoo online, have it delivered to their home in reusable packaging, and when that item is used up, they re-order. They leave out the empty package, and a new item is delivered and the old packaging is returned to be washed and re-used. It works (at least in theory) very much like the old “milk man” many of us grew up with.

I read about this with great interest, in part because I have taken to explaining my own shopping habits as “fanatical” to friends. For the last couple of decades, for the majority of household items I use, I take my own reusable containers to my local food co-op’s bulk section, where I refill them with a plethora of dry goods like beans, rice, and detergent, as well as many liquid products such as oils, honey, and shampoo. (Yes, I know Yakima doesn’t have a “local food co-op,” so since moving here I’ve learned to take all my containers with me whenever I go to the west side or someplace where there is a reusable container-friendly bulk section and stock up.) I’ve spent many hours in various bulk sections around the state, and have developed my own rather meticulous method of greatly diminishing the amount of packaging I consume. Many people who witness this think I’m somewhat fanatical.

So one thought that ran through my mind when I heard about Loop was “It’s about time!” I’ve often thought the old milk man model was a very good one in many ways (and I’ve also tried to minimize my packaging by participating in a local goat milk co-op in which I reuse my bottles, but alas, this season I’ve had to give that up.) There are some big questions to be answered, such as will this be a viable business? Or will it just be a niche market? Also, it may be that by the time this system makes inroads, it may already be too late, in a way. We have already poisoned our water, land, and air with so much plastic and micro plastic residue that even if this service takes off, we’ll still be reaping the consequences for generations to come.

But still, I find reason to exercise cautious optimism. If nothing else, this service may prompt people to finally ask why it is that we rarely consider, when purchasing something, the implications of also purchasing the packaging it comes in.

Maybe I haven’t been so fanatical after all.

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.

Room 4 Open House! Sunday, February 10th, after Services
Come and submit your idea to rename Room 4– last chance for suggestions!

THE WISDOM PATH: MONEY, SPIRIT, and LIFE

UUCY ADULT R.E. NEWS

February 10: Cultural Lessons About Money and Wealth. What cultural and religious messages have shaped our understandings of money and wealth, and how do these messages impact our intentional spiritual work about money?

February 24: The Many Meanings of Money. How does the flow of money in and out of our lives influence our choices and connect with our values?

UUCY Adult Religious Education offers sessions based on The Wisdom Path: Money, Spirit and Life following services on the second and fourth Sundays of each month .

It is not easy to talk about money, because money is often entangled with our sense of self, our wants and aspirations, and our challenges and disappointments. Exploring our relationships with money and the relationship between money and our spiritual values invites participants to become more mindful and deliberate in choices we make.

Consistent attendance through the series is encouraged;
Attendance at individual sessions is welcome.

UUCY NEWS AND EVENTS

Chalice Circle Sign-Ups Available Now!

Six sessions, every other week, starting in March. It is an ongoing experience. One six week session hopefully will create a desire for more. If more than 12 people are interested, we will form another group. Size is the only criterion.

Chalice Circle is a way to explore a topic through focused questions. Each two hour meeting, starting and ending on-time, follows a similar pattern. We start with pot luck - eating together is another way of sharing and getting to know each other. Then follows opening words, two minute check-in, focus of the meeting, thoughts on the topic, closing words.

Chalice Circle is a unit of six sessions. Hopefully, you will be able to commit to six, though things may come up.

On Sunday, February 24th, there will be a gathering of those interested (sign-up sheet is available downstairs in the Fellowship Hall) to decide date to begin, place and time.

COMMITTEE ON SHARED MINISTRY (COSM): Let Your Voice Be Heard!

The Committee on shared ministry (COSM) is in the process of contacting virtually every UU member who was not able to attend one of the autumn 2018 meetings exploring the nature and goals of our shared ministry moving forward, including considerations of potential change to housing our church community. If you were unable to attend either the October 20 or November 11 meeting you can expect a call from Susan Kaphammer, Emilee Solomon, Ken Jones or Chuck Forster. But feel free to not wait to be contacted if you have thoughts you would like to share - here is our contact information. Fire off an e-mail or phone call:

Susan: susanlkap@gmail.com; 509-949-0127;

Emilee: emilees@aol.com;

Ken: revkbj86@yahoo.com; 509-759-2852;

Chuck: bddirtpile@gmail.com; 509-969-0409.

We'll be talking with you soon!

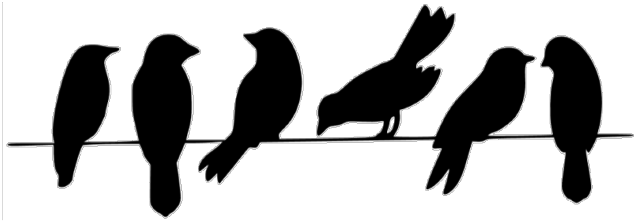
Reminder: Circle Supper: February 10th!

Lots of people this time, looking forward to another good turnout for the next one! Watch the UniFire for dates, or contact Jean Gonzales to get on the list.

UUCY AUCTION 2019

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Birds of a Feather



Saturday, March 30th

5 pm to 8:30 pm at UUCY

IMPORTANT INFO and DATES:

Early Bird Tickets: \$20 each

Available downstairs at 'Auction Central'
from February 17 to March 17

Regular Price Tickets: \$25 each

Available after March 18 and at the door

Bring A Friend Tickets: Still just \$10 each!

Available any time after February 17,
Including at the door

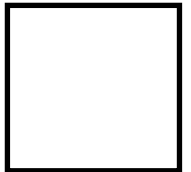
DONATION DEADLINE: Sunday, March 17th!

Donations received after this date may be saved for the 2020 Auction.

UUCY Auction 2019 Donation Form: Donation Deadline SUNDAY, MARCH 17th

Donor Name (will be listed in catalog): _____

Donor Email and Phone # _____



Item or Service Name and Description (please include date, time, and number of people, etcetera. Minimum suggested price for each seat at hosted dinners is \$40)

MINIMUM BID (required) \$ _____ **Fair Market Value \$** _____

Please note: If reserve (minimum bid) is not met, the item will be returned to the donor.

Items can be dropped off on Sundays during church, or you can contact
Genevieve in the office to make arrangements during her office hours.

Regular office hours are Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 10:30 to 3:00.
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UUCY BOOK CLUBS

Upcoming Titles for UUCY Book Club

The UUCY Book Club meets the second Tuesday of alternate months at 6 PM at Taj Palace, 2710 West Nob Hill in Yakima. Everyone is invited to join for no-host dinner and good company, and to share thoughts on the current selection. If you haven't finished or even started the book, you are welcome to join us anyway and listen in.

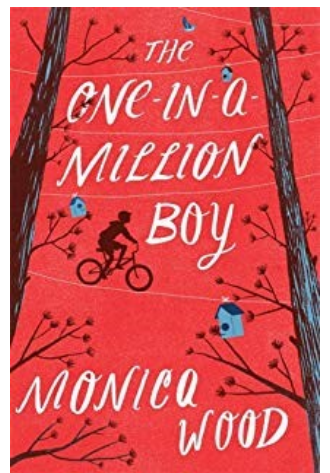
Your intrepid Book Club leader, Susan Kaphammer, announces upcoming selections for our reading and discussing. All titles are available from the Yakima Valley Libraries and at a discount from Inklings Bookshop by mentioning our book club.

January Book Club Meeting Notes: Icy roads kept several Book Club members away from our January 8 discussion of *The Other Einstein*. But those few who met debated the lines between fiction and fact for historical fiction. For this title in particular, we agreed, "fiction" seemed to override "historical."

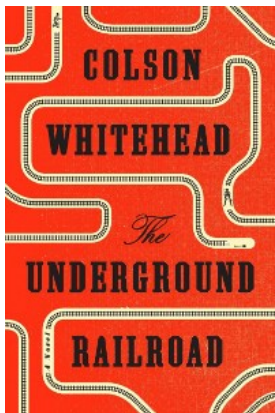
March 12, 2019: The One-in-a Million Boy by Monica Wood (fiction)

An 11-year-old boy visits his elderly neighbor, Ona, weekly to help out with chores and listen to her reminisce about her long life from first love to second chances. One Saturday, he doesn't show up. But soon the boy's father arrives, determined to finish his son's good deed. Ona is set to discover that the world can surprise us at any age, and that sometimes sharing a loss is the only way to find ourselves again.

"Despite its themes of loss, love, and aging, *The One-in-a-Million Boy* is a hopeful novel... Heartfelt and charming!" – Carol Schneck Varner for Indie Next List



May 14, 2019: The Underground Railroad: A Novel by Colson Whitehead (fiction)



In Colson Whitehead's ingenious conception, the Underground Railroad is no mere metaphor: engineers and conductors operate a secret network of actual tracks and tunnels beneath the Southern soil. The novel follows Cora, a young slave from a cotton plantation in Georgia, on her harrowing flight from one state to the next, encountering, like Gulliver, strange yet familiar iterations of her own world at each stop. Re-creating the terrors of the antebellum era, Whitehead weaves into his novel the saga of our nation from the brutal abduction of Africans to the unfulfilled promises of the present day.

"A successful amalgam: a realistically imagined slave narrative and a crafty allegory; a tense adventure tale and a meditation on America's defining values." – Minneapolis Star Tribune

(Book descriptions adapted from web pages for Yakima Valley Libraries and Inklings Bookshop.)

TEN YEARS OF UUCY BOOK CLUB!

That's right– TEN YEARS of thought-provoking conversations, good food, and good times with the UUCY Book Club! Enjoy a nostalgic trip back through time with this historical listing of selections from months and years past:

- May, 2019-The Underground Railroad: A Novel, Colson Whitehead, Fiction
March, 2019-The One-in-a Million Boy, Monica Wood, Fiction
January, 2019-The Other Einstein: A Novel, Marie Benedict, Historical Fiction
November, 2018-A Confederacy of Dunces, John Kennedy Toole, Fiction
September, 2018-White Trash: The 400-year Untold History of Class in America, Nancy Isenberg, Nonfiction
July, 2018-Beartown, Fredrik Backman, Fiction
May, 2018-H is for Hawk, Helen MacDonald, Memoir
March, 2018-The Invention of Wings, Sue Monk Kidd, Fiction
January, 2018-Orhan's Inheritance, Aline Ohanesian, Fiction
November, 2017-Await Your Reply, Dan Chaon, Fiction
September, 2017-You Don't Have to Say You Love Me, Sherman Alexie, Memoir
July, 2017-My Grandmother Asked Me To Tell You She's Sorry, Fredrik Backman, Fiction
May, 2017-The Nest Cynthia D'Aprix Sweeney, Fiction
March, 2017-House of Sand and Fog, Andre Dubus III, Fiction
January, 2017-Americanah, Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, Fiction
November, 2016-Remarkable Creatures, Tracy Chevalier, Historical Fiction
September, 2016-Maphead, Ken Jennings, Nonfiction
July, 2016-Major Pettigrew's Last Stand, Helen Simonson, Fiction
May, 2016-I am Malala Malala, Yousafzai, Memoir
March, 2016-Plainsong, Kent Haruf, Fiction
January, 2016-The Poisonwood Bible, Barbara Kingsolver, Fiction
November, 2015-The Martian, Andy Weir, Science Fiction
October, 2015-Girl with a Pearl Earring, Tracy Chevalier, Historical Fiction
August, 2015-The Boys in the Boat Daniel, James Brown, Nonfiction
June, 2015-The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared, Jonas Jonasson, Comic Fiction



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April, 2015-All the Light We Cannot See, Anthony Doerr, Historical Fiction
February, 2015-Orphan Train, Christina Baker Kline, Historical Fiction
December, 2014-Life After Life, Kate Atkinson, Fiction
October, 2014-My Beloved World, Sonia Sotomayor, Memoir
August, 2014-Nation Terry Pratchett, Fiction
June, 2014-Shadow of the Wind, Carlos Ruiz Zafon, Fiction
April, 2014-Year of Wonders, Geraldine Brooks, Historical Fiction
February, 2014-The Gospel According to Jesus Christ, Jose Saramago, Fiction
November, 2013-Into the Beautiful North, Luis Alberto Urrea, Fiction
October, 2013-The Age of Innocence, Edith Wharton, Fiction
August, 2013-The Lotus Eaters, Tatjana Soli, Historical Fiction
May, 2013-Woodsburner John Pipkin, Historical Fiction
March, 2013-Carry the One, Carol Anshaw, Fiction
January, 2013-The Book Thief, Markus Zusak, Historical Fiction
October, 2012-West of Here, Jonathan Evison, Fiction
August, 2012-Train Dreams, Denis Johnson, Fiction
July, 2012-State of Wonder, Anne Patchett, Fiction
May, 2012-Acts of Faith, Eboo Patel, Biography
March, 2012-The Women in White, Wilkie Collins, Fiction
January, 2012-Galileo's Daughter, Dava Sobel, Historical Fiction
November, 2011-The Great Gatsby, F. Scott Fitzgerald, Fiction
September, 2011-Border Songs, Jim Lynch, Fiction
July, 2011-The Known World, Edward P. Jones, Historical Fiction
May, 2011-Cutting for Stone, Abraham Verghese, Fiction
March, 2011-Half Broke Horses, Nannette Walls, Historical Fiction
January, 2011-The Bright Forever, Lee Martin, Fiction
2010-The Whistling Season. Ivan Doig, Historical Fiction
2010-In the Land of the Grasshopper Song: Two Women in the Klamath River
Indian Country in 1908-09, Mary Ellicott Arnold and Mabel Reed, Memoir
2010-The Kite Runner, Khaled Hosseini, Fiction
2010-Lottery, Patricia Wood, Fiction
2010-The Tortilla Curtain, T. C. Boyle, Fiction
2010-The Highest Tide, Jim Lynch, Fiction
2009-Ahab's Wife: Or, The Star Gazer, Sena Jeter Naslund Fiction
2009-Lamb: The Gospel According to Biff, Christ's Childhood Pal, Christopher
Moore, Comic Fiction

UUCY BOOK CLUBS

Join the 'Swashbuckling Heroine and Heroes Book Club' at UUCY!

A brand new group has just formed at UUCY, and you are invited to join! Member Tony Long is leading the 'Swashbuckling Heroine and Heroes Book Club', with the inaugural meeting to be held on **Saturday, March 9th**. They will be discussing 'The

Scarlet Pimpernel over a brown bag lunch, from 12 noon to 1:30. Meetings will continue every other month- if you would like more information or to join the group, please contact the office, or reach out to Tony directly, all are welcome! Group meets to discuss old and new swashbuckling novels - old standards like The Scarlet Pimpernel, Scaramouche, The Three Musketeers, The Count of Montecristo; sometimes new swashbuckling fantasy works like Mad Kestrel, The Kingkiller Chronicles, the Riyria series, the Mistborn trilogy, or the Sellword series (7 Virtues).

Discussions every 10 chapters. Members can also communicate online via Goodreads. 1 hour brown bag lunch meetings.

Participants must come prepared to participate, having read the text.

2019 SCHEDULE FOR

Swashbuckling Heroine and Heroes Book Club

*Meets every 2nd Saturday of the Month at UUCY,
Brown Bag Lunch Meeting from 12 to 1:30*

Saturday, March 9th: *The Scarlet Pimpernel*

Saturday, April 13th: *Scaramouche*

May 11th, June 8th, & July 13th: *The Count of Monte Cristo*

August 10th: *Prince of Foxes*

September 14th: *The Walking Drum*

October 12th: *Captain Blood*

November 9th, December 14th & January 11th: *The Three Musketeers*

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