

# UniFire

## March 2019

*Services Every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.*

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

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*Sunday, March 3rd*

**First Sunday Breakfast: The Primacy of Earth Justice**

Presented by Phil Dindia

*Sunday, March 10th*

**Can Our Nation Long Endure?**

Presented by Rev. Ken Jones

*Host: Gean Dindia*

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

*Sunday, March 17th*

**Programs, Impact, and Stories of Hope**

Cheri Kilty, YWCA Executive Director, will share how the organization has evolved over the last 10 years on Yakima Avenue.

*Greeter: Bill Jacobs Host: Volunteer position open*

*Sunday, March 24th*

**Loving the Earth**

As our hopes for a technological fix to climate change become ever more elusive, we have choices about how we treat one another and the precious world that is undeniably part of who we are. Presented by Rev. Ken Jones.

*Greeter: Volunteer position open*

*Host: Susan Kaphammer*

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

*Sunday, March 31st*

**The Spiritual Power of Money**

This morning, Susan Kaphammer reflects on the spiritual power of money.

*Greeter: Bill Jacobs Host: Volunteer position open*

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

Some people say living in religious community is easy. You get to hang out with like-minded people, so you never have to be confronted by someone who sees things differently.

But others say living in religious community is hard, because even if you are surrounded by people who mostly agree with you on one thing, there are still bound to be disagreements and conflict.

The broader Unitarian Universalist world is experiencing more conflict as I write this. It was triggered by an article that was just published in the UU World magazine (which all members of Unitarian Universalist congregations receive) ) titled "[After L, G, and B.](#)" The article was written from the point of view of a cis-gendered woman regarding some of the challenges of being welcoming to people who are transgendered (which is what the “T” in the popular acronym LGBTQI or its variants stands for.) I read it as a well-intentioned effort to challenge and support those of us who do identify as cis-gendered (meaning our gender identity matches what is on our birth certificate, basically) in how we can be more inclusive of those who are not. But as Karl Marx said, the road to hell is paved with good intentions.

Many UUs who are transgender and who closely identify with them almost immediately responded to the article with shock and dismay, and expressions of deep pain and disappointment. Even before the print magazine arrived in the mailboxes of many of us here on the west coast, the trans UU group TRUUsT posted an online [article](#) detailing why it was so hurtful to many. One primary reason for that is the original article focused on the experience of a cis-gendered person trying to figure out how to be more proper in her welcoming, rather than on the experiences of trans people themselves who often don’t feel welcome in UU congregations. It’s analogous, perhaps, to a man writing an article about how difficult it is to be inclusive of women, or a white person doing the same about people of color. Doing that without holding up the lives and voices of those who are oppressed adds to feelings of diminishment or invisibility.

I have to admit that when I first heard of the controversy, I had a feeling of frustration myself, thinking – as I often do in such situations – that we’re just making a mountain out of a molehill with this. I often feel overwhelmed by the almost daily attacks on the worth and dignity of so many people in our larger world, attacks that might be far more damaging than one article in a denominational magazine. But then I began to see that I was engaging in the same kind of thinking the article is based on – that the real problem is my hesitancy to want to change things in my world rather than learning to change so that others are included. If we really want to know how to better practice our principles by including trans people, we absolutely need to center the voices and lives of people who live those experiences.

One of the things that I need to learn and keep learning is that the impact of my actions carries far more weight than my intent. That’s a hard lesson for someone like me, who was raised cis-gendered, white, male, straight, and temporarily able-bodied. My culture has taught me – and often still maintains – that it is only my intent that matters. But the truth is quite the opposite.

Living in religious community is indeed hard. But it’s a beautiful difficulty if we can learn to live more fully into our ideals and open our ears and hearts to all those among us.

(If you follow the links above, you’ll find an apology before the article on the UU World website.)

In faith

Ken

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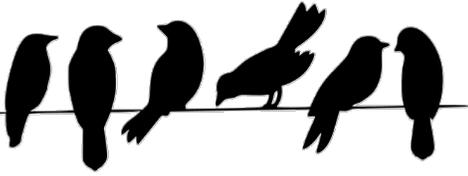
# UUCY AUCTION 2019

UUCY Auction 2019

MARCH 30th, 5 to 8:30 pm at UUCY

Birds *of a Feather*

**IMPORTANT INFO and DATES:**



**Regular Price Tickets: \$25 each**  
Available after March 18 and at the door  
**Bring A Friend Tickets: Still just \$10 each!**  
Available any time, including at the door

**Saturday, March 30th**

And you already know you have to be there- this is UUCY's only large fundraiser of the year, and also one of the most popular events we have! Join us for wine, beer, hors d'oeuvres, dessert, coffee, good company, and of course silent and live auctions.

Get here early and make sure you get your seat at some of the popular sign-up events that have been scheduled- Champagne Brunch on the Patio, the swimming and BBQ party, the cabin on the Klickitat, the cabin at Bear Cove on Rimrock Lake, to name a few! Looking to take something home? There will be wine and cheese baskets, handcrafted goods, and much more!

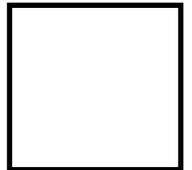
Please get your donations in ASAP- the crazy February weather threw everyone for a loop, but it's time to re-adjust those sails and get back on course!

Need help? Our Auction experts are here to assist! Stop by Auction Central (through the double doors at the end of the Fellowship Hall) after church, or contact Auction co-chairs Nancy Born (nancyborn@gmail.com/961-9291) and/or Sunny Sonker (irvinsonker@gmail.com/697-7065)!

**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, et-cetera. 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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Birds *of a Feather*



Saturday, March 30th



*A Small Group Guided Sharing Experience*

Chalice Circle is open to all, consistent attendance makes the experience richer for all.

Each meeting starts on time with a potluck, and ends on time.  
Home of Gean and Phil Dindia, 1511 S. 74th Ave  
5 to 7 pm on the following dates (all Mondays):

March 18

April 1, 15, and 29

May 13 and 27

THE WISDOM PATH:  
MONEY, SPIRIT,  
and LIFE

UUCY ADULT R.E. NEWS

Join Facilitator Susan Kaphammer on the 2nd and 4th  
Sundays of each month, following services!

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

## A Note from the Office: Did You Know?

- ◆ **Did you know...** that UUCY makes extra income by renting out our Fellowship Hall for private parties on weekends? And sometimes other rooms, too!
- ◆ **Did you know...** that we have a full year Building Use Calendar, in the hallway directly across from Genevieve's Office? (Feel free to peruse, but please don't write on it!)
- ◆ **Did you know...** that UUCY requires two to four volunteers EVERY SINGLE SUNDAY for a successful Sunday Service? This includes a Greeter, a Host, a Musician, a Celebrant, and sometimes a volunteer speaker! (Plus chefs on Pancake Sundays!)
- ◆ **Did you know....** that our gorgeous building was completed in 1920, so it will be turning 100 years old next year??

Finally– **Did you know....** that we supported Planned Parenthood by allowing them to use space in our building for their 'Teen Council' meetings, while their own space was being remodeled? They wrote us a lovely thank-you card, which included these words as a timely reminder that our existence as a liberal religious community is needed:

**“It was such a pleasure being able to use your space to continue doing what we're passionate about. Your support is such a breath of fresh air for us. Thanks so much!”**

### Earth Month: A Statement from Phil Dindia

April is celebrated everywhere as earth month. More and more it is becoming clear to me that our U.U Association must place the preservation of our planet on the front burner, We are being told by the worldwide scientific community that we have but 12-15 years to stop and heal the damage we are doing to our earth. That is certainly with the lifetime of most members and definitely the lifetime of our children and grandchildren. Our sixth principle is our inspiration: “that we respect the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part”. The source of that principle is “the earth centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life instructing us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature”.

We are asked to take what actions we can on our own and in small groups and then generously support individuals and private and governmental initiatives that are creating solutions on a grand scale to preserve our earth. It is time for ALL UUers to step forward . as we have on other justice issues.to save our earth for our children.

# UUCY News and Events

THANK YOU to our Winter Hosts and Greeters!

Emilee Solomon, Cindy Lamb, Monk Sonker, Phil Dindia, Gean Dindia, Ted Raihl, Susan Kaphammer, Rufus Milner, Ray and Jean Gonzales, Maleah and Sora McPherson, and Nancy Born!

*Volunteers needed for Spring Hosts and Greeters, sign up today!*

## UUCY BOOK CLUBS

### Upcoming Titles for UUCY Book Club

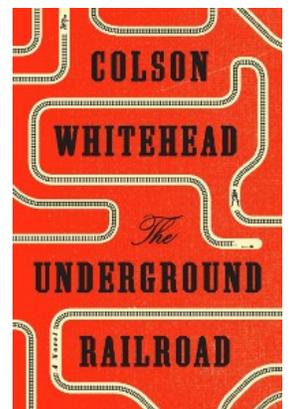
The UUCY Book Club meets the second Tuesday of alternate months at 6 PM at Taj Palace, 2710 West Nob Hill in Yakima. Everyone is invited to join for no-host dinner and good company, and to share thoughts on the current selection. If you haven't finished or even started the book, you are welcome to join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

#### **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.)

# 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 Sellsword 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*

# UUCY TEAMS AND LEADERSHIP

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Linda King  
Susan Kaphammer  
Mike Gempler  
Debra Kroon  
Susan Gallegos

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Jean Gonzales

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Susan Kaphammer  
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