

# UniFire

## April 2019

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

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

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*Sunday, April 7th*

### **First Sunday Breakfast: Rod's House**

Presented by Angela Bazan and Brian Ahern of Rod's House

*Greeter: Emilee Solomon*

*Sunday, April 14th*

### **Learn How to Use My Hands**

On this Stewardship Sunday, Rev. Ken Jones is joined in the pulpit by current President of the UUCY Board of Trustees, Mike Gempler.

*Host: Rosemary Saul Greeter: Volunteer position open*

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

*Sunday, April 21st*

### **The Power of Memory (Yom HaShoah)**

On this Easter Sunday in the (Western) Christian Calendar, Rev. Jones invites us to make room for Yom HaShoah, the Jewish days of observance of the Holocaust.

*Greeter: Bill Jacobs Host: Gean Dindia*

*Sunday, April 28th*

### **Deep Magic and Other Mysteries of Life**

No matter what you call those mysterious, head-shaking events in life---Deep Magic, Improbably Moments of Grace, Help from the Angels, or something else--they continue to happen too often to discard or ignore. "They remain unexplained, and yet there they are," writes Rev. Meg Barnhouse, UU minister. Come with an open mind!

Presented by Merrill Thomsen

*Greeter: Volunteer position open Host: Volunteer position open*

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

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

This month’s column comes in the form of a few bulletin-style items:

- Last month I [wrote](#) about some recent [controversy](#) in the wider Unitarian Universalist world regarding a recent article in the UU World magazine about transgender people. In reflecting on some of the issues raised, I want to start encouraging people (including myself) to proactively indicate our preferred pronouns on things like our nametags, etc. This means making it clear to others, without them having to ask, what gendered pronouns are appropriate to use (in my case, he/him/his.) Maybe you don’t think that’s necessary, since you probably recognize that my physical appearance generally matches that preference and identity, at least according to our cultural standards. But to assume one’s gender identity is obvious can put people who don’t conform to all those arbitrary standards in the awkward position of having to make their preference known when others don’t have to. That seems unfair, and forces an “othering” of people who don’t fit into our common stereotypes of male or female. I’ve talked with Genny in the office, and she can make new name tags for anyone who wishes to indicate their preferred pronouns.
- As I write this, much buzzing is going on in preparation for our annual Auction on Saturday, March 30. I will unfortunately have missed the auction this year, but I’m always amazed by the energy that goes into it, and the mood of celebration it creates. I hope those of you who were able to participate found it to be an uplifting experience.
- By the time you are likely to read this, we’ll be gearing up for our annual stewardship campaign here at the UUCY. This is our primary means of financial support for this congregation and for Unitarian Universalism, so I hope you will consider how you can support this much-needed religious movement in our community and nation. The stewardship drive is particularly important because we’ll be asking people to make a pledge for how much they can support in the coming fiscal year (beginning July 1) which is how we plan ahead how we’ll cover our costs and invest in growth and outreach.
- I also hope you all have by now considered if you’ll be able to participate in the Unitarian Universalist Association’s [General Assembly](#) meeting to be held in Spokane this coming June. This event typically draws several thousand Unitarian Universalists from all over the world, and is held in different locations each year. That it is so close to us this year is a rare opportunity to witness or take part in this convention without having to travel across the country. There are registration options for individual days or weekend only, for people who can’t take the time to attend the whole five-day conference. I hope we’ll have a good turnout of UUCY folks at this event.

In the meantime, see you in church!

Ken

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*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

## Greeters Needed!

**UU community members:** We need a few welcoming people to be greeters for our Sunday Services. You don't have to be gregarious or any kind of extrovert to say good morning and to hand out the Order of Service. It is an added bonus if you smile and make eye contact and make people feel glad that they arrived at our door on a Sunday morning!

It's important that we have someone at our main door every Sunday! If each of us could sign up for one Sunday, we would be set for the Spring Services! Check the sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall and commit to this activity, and to being at UUCY 20 minutes early on your Greeter Sunday! Thanks.

## UUCY BOOK CLUBS

### Upcoming Titles for UUCY Book Club

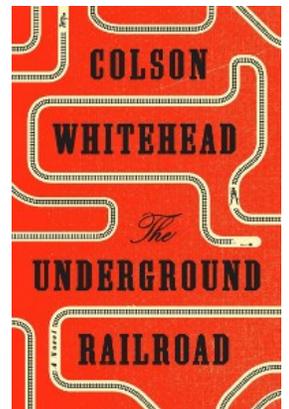
The UUCY Book Club meets the second Tuesday of alternate months at 6 PM at Taj Palace, 2710 West Nob Hill in Yakima. Everyone is invited to join for no-host dinner and good company, and to share thoughts on the current selection. If you haven't finished or even started the book, you are welcome to join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

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