

UniFire

August 2019

Services Every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

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

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*Join us DOWNSTAIRS in the Fellowship Hall,
where it is nice and cool!*

Sunday, August 4th

First Sunday Breakfast: Epiphanies

Presented by Debra Kroon

Greeter: Emilee Solomon

Host: David and Diana Weyeneth

Sunday, August 11th

Language and Rituals of Unitarian Universalism

Presented by Carole Sahlstrand

Greeter: Volunteer Needed

Host: Janet Kincaid

Sunday, August 18th

Morality Precedes Technology

Presented by David Weyeneth

Greeter: Volunteer Needed

Host: Volunteer Needed

Sunday, August 25th

Coffee and Conversation

Join us from 10 am to 11:30 for an informal and social morning of coffee and conversation with your UUCY family! These services have been popular, and this will be the last Coffee and Conversation of the summer.

Greeter: Volunteer Needed

Host: Gean Dindia

LOOKING AHEAD:

Sunday, September 8th, 10:00 am: Water Communion

Sunday, September 8th, 4:00 pm: The Future of Faith Formation (article inside!)

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The Future of Faith Formation: Join Us Sunday, September 8th at 4 pm

It is not the 1950s anymore, or for that matter the 60s, 70s, or 80s. Most people who come through our doors are “nones,” folks who have no tradition of regular church attendance. Parents and kids are over-booked, time is structured, families are busy. Unlike the past, there is no social pressure for regular church attendance. Church is not the only place begging for time. An open Sunday morning may be the only time family has together. Sunday School has been fading in Unitarian Universalist churches large and small for the last two decades; efforts to turn things around have been futile in large part, but the end of Sunday school is not the same as the end of faith formation.

As a congregation, our job is to support the spiritual development of children and their families through a variety of programs. Come to the Future of Faith Formation meeting at 4:00 on September 8th to help figure out where we are going from here. The 8th is the afternoon of our Water Communion service. The ever-accommodating Ray Gonzales will provide child supervision in the toddler/preschool room for younger kids during the meeting; youth are encouraged to participate.

Some of the ideas that are working for other congregations with just a few kids include: multi-age service projects, multi-generation worship, family worship, full faith week, and multi-age curriculums. If you can't wait until September, check these links below for in-depth information. Contact Jean Gonzales or Kathy Lambert if you have any question or comments before the September meeting. We hope to see you there.

The Death of Sunday School—Rev. Sarah Gibb Millspaugh

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GwT2Rlbf0g&feature=youtu.be>

Just a Few Kids-Rev. Sarah Schurr, Rev. Sarah Millspaugh (start at 14 minutes to skip introductions)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3mzqZ5kX7k0>

Faithing Families-UUA General Assembly 2019, Rev. Tandi Rogers & Kimberly Sweeney

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/17BP8zDY1vRqvzuZ19oMk-eAGShBPbfoe/view>

UUA links to Faith Formation, including monograph on The Death of Sunday School and more information on some of the ideas listed above

https://www.uua.org/search?as_q=fai%20th%20formation#gsc.tab=0&gsc.q=fai%20th%20formation&gsc.page=1

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All In The Family: Passing of Charlotte Johnson

Charlotte Johnson, longtime member of UUCY, passed away on July 11th in Seattle at the age of 99. An address for mailing cards is available from Genevieve, or on printed sheets in the Fellowship Hall.

From her obituary in the Herald:

No service is planned, but to those of you who knew and loved Charlotte, please raise your glass in her honor for a life well lived. The family suggests that remembrances be made to a charity of choice.

All In The Family: New Mailing Address for Greta Crosby

UUCY Minister Emeritus Greta Crosby has a new mailing address, which we are not publishing for online privacy reasons. The address is available from Genevieve in the office, or on printed sheets in the Fellowship Hall.

Hosts and Greeters: Four Slots Left in August!

Host needed for August 18th, and Greeters needed for August 11th, 18th, and 25th. We'd love to see new names— don't be shy, Genevieve will help!



Don't Forget: Water for Water Communion!

Whether your summer takes you across the globe or just across your yard, remember to gather a small amount of water to bring to Water Communion on Sunday, September 8th.

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Take Me Out to the Baaaaaall Game! Pippins Party Saturday, August 10th

Come celebrate summer with a barbecue and baseball! Start the party at 4:00 at the home of Ray & Jean Gonzales at 907 South 31st Avenue.

They will provide Hebrew dogs, buns, condiments, and bottled water; let them know in advance if you'd like a "veggie dog." Please bring a side dish to share.

After the barbecue we can trek to Yakima County Stadium to watch our home town team, the Pippins! Jean will order discounted pre-sale tickets and parking passes for the game- you can reimburse her at the party. If you're not a minor league baseball fan, come for the food and camaraderie--no baseball required! See you there! Please RSVP to Jean, her cell number is available from Genevieve.



UUCY BOOK CLUBS

Swashbuckling Heroine and Heroes Book Club

Member Tony Long is leading the 'Swashbuckling Heroine and Heroes Book Club', with meetings scheduled once per month. If you would like more information or to join the group, reach out to Tony directly at anthonyLong4111@gmail.com, all are welcome! Discussions every 10 chapters. Members can also communicate online via Goodreads. Meetings are one and a half hours with a brown bag lunch.

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*

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

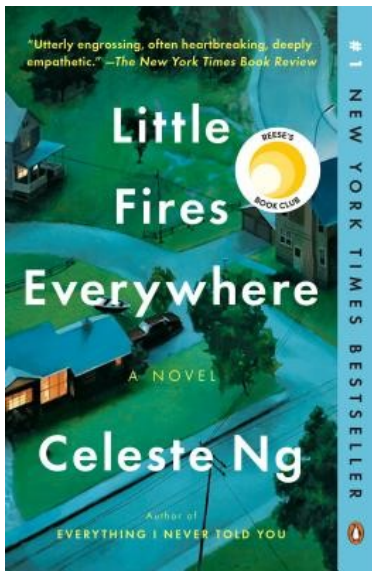
**PLEASE NOTE: *The August meeting has been cancelled,
see you in September!***

UUCY BOOK CLUBS

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 our 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.

Both of these books have been named one of the Best Books of the Year by NPR and others. They are available from the Yakima Valley Libraries in print and electronic versions, and at a discount from Inklings Bookshop by mentioning our book club.

September 10, 2019: *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng



Tracing the intertwined fates of the picture-perfect Richardson family and the enigmatic mother and daughter who upend their lives, *Little Fires Everywhere* explores the weight of secrets, the nature of art and identity, the ferocious pull of motherhood, and the danger of believing that following the rules can avert disaster.

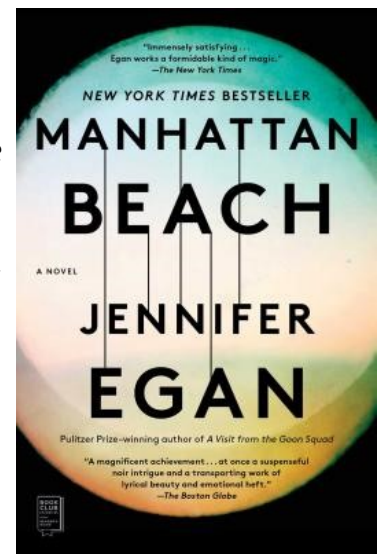
Elena Richardson, with her guiding principle of playing by the rules, is at home with her family in Shaker Heights, a placid, progressive, planned suburb of Cleveland. Then Mia Warren, artist and single mother, arrives in this idyllic bubble with her teenaged daughter Pearl. Soon all four Richardson children are drawn to the mother-daughter pair, each for their own reasons. Mia's mysterious past and disregard for the status quo upsets Elena, who is determined to uncover secrets to discredit Mia. But at what cost to the lives involved?

Little Fires Everywhere is scheduled to become a Hulu limited series with Reese Witherspoon and Kerry Washington.

November 12, 2019: *Manhattan Beach: A Novel* by Jennifer Egan

Set in Brooklyn in the 1940s, *Manhattan Beach* tells the story of Anna Kerrigan, a young woman who has dropped out of Brooklyn College to contribute what she can to the American war effort. Unsatisfied with her job of inspecting and measuring machine parts, she attempts to enter the male-only world of deep-sea diving.

Manhattan Beach is rich and atmospheric, highlighting a period when gangs controlled the waterfront, jazz streamed from the doors of nightclubs, and the future for everyone was far from certain. At once a suspenseful noir intrigue and a work of lyrical beauty and emotional heft, *Manhattan Beach* takes us into a world populated by gangsters, sailors, divers, bankers, and union men in an exploration of a transformative moment in the lives and identities of women and men, of America and the world.



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

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