

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 1st

First Sunday Breakfast: Entrust

Join us for a brief presentation from Tom Gaulke of local agency Entrust, and learn more about their work and mission. Stay afterward for pancakes and sausage for all, gluten-free available on request. Not a pancake fan? Come for the fellowship, and bring your own nosh to nibble or share!

Sunday, March 8th

Dealing with the Inevitable

Do you ever feel overwhelmed by events that are out of your control? Do you ever wonder what you are to do? This talk will address these matters and suggest possible ways to cope and maintain your emotional equilibrium.

UUCY member Andrew Whitmont presenting.

Greeter:

Host:

Sunday, March 15th

Question Box

One last time, our Minister will field questions submitted by the congregation.

Greeter:

Host:

Sunday, March 22nd

A Sage of Land and Place

Rev. Jones will offer some readings from and a reflection of the writings of Wendell Berry.

Greeter:

Host:

Sunday, March 29th

Coffee and Conversation: Wisdom

What is it? Where is it? How do we know we have it? Or not? Come and share your thoughts, your experience and your personal wisdom(s) in this Coffee and Conversation Service to be held in Fellowship Hall. Facilitated by Linda King.

Greeter: Phil Dindia

Host: Gean Dindia

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

“Facts Over Fear”

Two years ago, this congregation, along with several other religious communities in Yakima, co-sponsored a “Faith Over Fear” event at Central Lutheran Church. Led by Aneelah Afzali and the Rev. Terry Kylo, the event was part of a state-wide “roadshow” designed to educate people about Islamophobia and the anti-Muslim “industry” in the United States today. (A companion event at the Yakima Downtown Rotary was featured in [Yakima Herald](#).) Over two hundred people showed up for the event, and many connections were made from people from different faith communities, including local Muslims. I personally felt it was a highlight of the work I’ve done in our local interfaith community.

I want to let you all know that my friends Aneelah and Terry have been busy, and continuing the work of combating Islamophobia and religious intolerance across the country. In fact, they recently unveiled a new nationwide program called [Facts Over Fear](#), which features videos, articles, and tools to help us all combat religious bigotry in our community. You can also check them out on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), or [Twitter](#). Aneelah has said that their project has already drawn the attention of public figures like Rep. Pramila Jayapal, Rep. Adam Smith, Rep. Suzan DelBene.

This event is one reason for the ongoing expansion of the [Yakima Association of Faith Communities](#), of which this congregation is a member. The Association started out several decades ago as the Yakima Association of Churches, and included mostly mainstream Christian churches as members. At least partly under the direction of one of my predecessors here at UUCY, the Rev. Chip Wright, the Association set out to deliberately reach out to non-Christian faith communities in Yakima. It took many years to see those efforts come to fruition, but today the Association includes Muslim, Jewish, Buddhist, Sikh, Jain, and Baha’i members, among others – as well as our traditional Christian friends! It is good to see and to know that religious diversity exists in Yakima.

In faith
Ken

Rev. Ken Jones (he/his/him) 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 FAITH FORMATION*

*The designator 'Religious Education' ('RE') has been changed to 'Faith Formation' ('FF')

Reflect, Discuss, and Learn About SOUL MATTERS

The *Soul Matters* series offers UUCY members and friends the opportunity to reflect, discuss and learn together the meanings of spiritual concepts and how we might integrate them into our lives. It is appropriate for long-time members and new visitors and everyone in-between.

The small group gatherings are the first Sunday of each month after Pancake breakfast beginning about 11:15 AM. We will meet for 90 minutes in the Ivy Room on ground level at end of the hall. No registration is required.

Next Sessions:

March 1 **Wisdom:** Is this all there is? Cleverness with compassion. Link to [Wisdom Resource Packet: https://www.soulmatterssharingcircle.com/uploads/9/4/5/0/94501751/sm_2020-03_sg_wisdom.pdf](https://www.soulmatterssharingcircle.com/uploads/9/4/5/0/94501751/sm_2020-03_sg_wisdom.pdf)

April 5 **Liberation:** How is my freedom tied up with the freedom of others? Accepting that we are already enough. Link to [Liberation Resource Packet: https://www.soulmatterssharingcircle.com/uploads/9/4/5/0/94501751/sm_2020-02_sg_liberation.pdf](https://www.soulmatterssharingcircle.com/uploads/9/4/5/0/94501751/sm_2020-02_sg_liberation.pdf)

The online resources provide readings and questions that introduce the theme and prompt reflection and discussion. Our group session pulls from this material to challenge us to think about how the topic applies to our daily living. Because efforts to embody spiritual values in our lives requires more than intellectual engagement, "spiritual exercises" will guide experiential engagement with the theme. If you prefer a hard copy of the packet, please leave a message for Susan Kaphammer at the church office. Your engagement at our session may be enhanced by consideration of these materials before the session, but this is not required.

While consistent participation is encouraged, each session can stand alone and anyone interested is encouraged to attend any session.

Faith in Action: Take Two

Where have we been and where are we going from here? Are we having fun yet? Would we want to invite a friend? Are we meeting our objectives, which include the following:

- Providing a space to explore faith and spirituality
- Learning about Unitarian Universalism
- Introducing the religions of the world
- Socialization with like-minded peers
- Developing a Unitarian Universalist identity
- Providing a safe place for self-expression
- Being in a community of trustworthy adults
- Learning about UU history and practices

Meet in the Ivy Room, which is on the main floor at the end of the hall, at 5:30 on Sunday March 15. Bring your reflections and ideas. Information and ideas for Faith Formation from the Unitarian Universalist Association and the Faith Collaborative will be available to help spur our creativity. We can end with time for games or conversation. Contact Jean if you have questions or comments before the 15th.

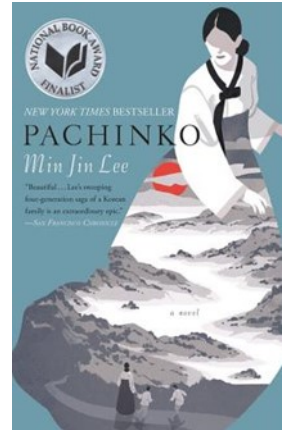
UUCY BOOK CLUBS

Bi-Monthly Book Club Meets Again March 10

The place: Taj Palace, at 2710 West Nob Hill in Yakima. The date: Tuesday, March 10. The time: 6 PM. The event: No-host dinner and good company to share thoughts on *Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee. If you haven't finished or even started the book, you are welcome to join us anyway and listen in. Copies are available from the Yakima Valley Libraries in print and electronic versions, and at a discount from Inklings Bookshop by mentioning our book club.

March 10, 2020: *Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee

PACHINKO follows one Korean family through the generations, beginning in early 1900s Korea with Sunja, the prized daughter of a poor yet proud family, whose unplanned pregnancy threatens to shame them all. Deserted by her lover, Sunja is saved when a young tubercular minister offers to marry and bring her to Japan. So begins a sweeping saga of an exceptional family in exile from its homeland and caught in the indifferent arc of history. Through desperate struggles and hard-won triumphs, its members are bound together by deep roots as they face enduring questions of faith, family, and identity.



And our next selection:

May 12, 2020: *Scythe* by Neal Shusterman



A world with no hunger, no disease, no war, no misery: Humanity has conquered all those things and has even conquered death. Now *Scythes* are the only ones who can end life, and they are commanded to do so in order to keep the size of the population under control. Citra and Rowan are chosen to apprentice to a *scythe*, a role that neither wants. These teens must master the "art" of taking life, knowing that the consequence of failure could mean losing their own.

"Elegant and elegiac, brooding but imbued with gallows humor, Shusterman's dark tale thrusts realistic, likeable teens into a surreal situation and raises deep philosophic questions. A thoughtful and thrilling story of life, death, and meaning." — Kirkus Reviews

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

Swashbuckling Heroine and Heroes Book Club

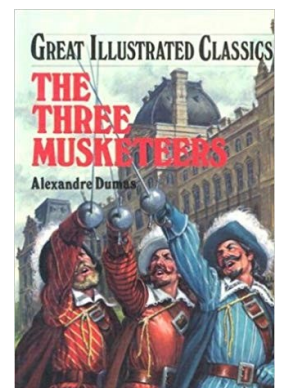
Member Tony Long is leading the 'Swashbuckling Heroine and Heroes Book Club', with meetings scheduled once per month. If you would like more information or to join the group, reach out to Tony directly at anthonyLong4111@gmail.com, all are welcome! Members can also communicate online via Goodreads.

Meetings are one and a half hours with a brown bag lunch. Participants must come prepared to participate, having read the text.

Up Next: The Three Musketeers

March 14th: The Conclusion of The Three Musketeers

April 11th: The Mists of Avalon



UUCY AUCTION 2020: IMAGINE...

Imagine...

UUCY is having a PARTY—our annual fun(draising) auction will be April 25.

Wondering what you can contribute? Here are some Greatest Hits from past auctions:

—Garden art (pieces by Chuck Forster and son Riley Forster, contributions from Rosemary and Tony Long)

—Homemade preserves (cucumber pickles and pepper jelly by Debra Kroon, wine jelly from Nancy Born)

—Gift certificates (concerts, restaurants, favorite stores)

—Learn (baking bread with Linda King, Jean Gonzales; beaded jewelry with Lucy Valderhaug, brewing beer with Ted Raihl)

—Food (Pad Thai by Margaret Morris, Baked Goods by Gean Dindia, Fruit Pies and Pesto by Chuck Forster)

—Dinners (Greek Feast by Margaret Morris and Nancy Born, East Indian Repast by Lucy Stevens, Paella with the Luvaases)

—Adventures (hiking with Liz Angland, fishing on the Klickitat with Ken Tolonen, birding with Denny Granstrand)

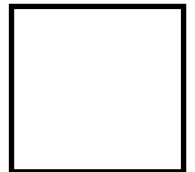
Create a new Greatest Hit of your own!

The UUCY 2020 Auction will be Saturday, April 25, 5–8 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall at 225 N. Second St. (enter at the back from the alley between 2nd & 3rd Streets). Early bird tickets are \$20 (thru Sunday, April 12); tickets at the door \$25; friends \$15 any time. Please bring donations by Sunday, April 19; the UUCY office is open 10:30–3:00 Tues., Thurs., and Fri., or bring them to church with you on Sunday! Thank you!

UUCY Auction 2020 Donation Form: Donation Deadline SUNDAY, APRIL 19TH

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.



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