

UniFire

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*Monthly Newsletter of the
Unitarian Universalist Church of Yakima*

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

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How to 'ZOOM' to UUCY Sunday Services and Activities!

Anyone with a computer, tablet, smart phone or regular phone can join for free (except with regular phone you won't see everyone, but you can hear and speak.)

In order to maintain the security and sanctity of our online meetings, the 'Zoom' links will only be available via our Weekly Update email. If you are not already on our email list, please contact Genevieve at admin@uucyakima.org and she will be happy to help.

Sunday, October 4th: No Sunday Services

Sunday, October 11th, 10:00 am

What Does It Mean To Be A People of Deep Listening?

From our earliest age, we practice listening -- listening for information, for entertainment, for understanding, for connection. We consider listening as something we do. But today's service asks you to consider that listening doesn't just guide us through the world; it also creates our world. Who and what we listen to is who and what we become. We'll explore the deeper challenges of deep listening that opens sacred spaces within and between us. Presented by Susan Kaphammer from the Soul Matters worship resources.

Sunday, October 18th, 9:30 am:

*Tune-In Together** (see inside for more info)

Recorded Sunday Service from All Souls

Enjoy a previously recorded Sunday Service from All Souls (a Unitarian Universalist Congregation) in New York City at 9:30 am, then join fellow UUCYers for virtual coffee hour on Zoom! Watch your Weekly Update for more details as the service date approaches.

Sunday, October 25th, 10:00 am:

Sunday Services on Zoom

This will be about the Fourth Smooth Stone of Liberal Religion. This has to do with denial and affirmation, based on what we have learned by way of the first three stones. It sounds like a pile of rocks, but its better than that and requires our efforts.

Come find out how. Presented by Andrew Whitmont.

UUCY President's Report

Greetings! This month I'd like to update everyone on what your Board of Trustees is doing these days.

Building sale:

The vote on whether we should put our building up for sale was 44 in favor, 4 not in favor, with 2 abstentions, total votes cast 50, out of 61 members eligible to vote. ***The Board of Trustees considers this a mandate to actively proceed with marketing our building.*** To that end, we have just signed a multiple listing contract with the Yakima office of Coldwell Banker. (Copies of the contract and related paperwork are on file in our office, and are available for any member to review. Please contact Genevieve if you wish to do so.)

Status of activities on hold due to COVID-19:

Although church activities have been drastically curtailed as a result of the pandemic, we are planning to resume all of them as soon as things "open up." No one knows for sure exactly when this will be. (Depending on progress towards controlling COVID-19, it will probably be sometime between November and May.) When we are able to resume activities, our priorities will be:

A full schedule of in-person Sunday services;

A full schedule of church-sponsored activities in person;

Conducting a ministerial search for a new halftime minister, per the membership's wishes as expressed in the survey this past spring.

In the meantime, we will conduct Sunday services (and other activities and meetings) via Zoom or "streaming" whenever feasible.

Questions? We are always available to answer them to the best of our ability, and to listen to your concerns.

Bill

Bill Jacobs is the President of the UUCY Board of Trustees for 2020-2022, and can be reached for discussion and comments at any time.

Reach out to the office for his contact information.

Sunday, October 18th, 9:30 am: Tune-In Together

Following the success of our first Tune-In Together, we will be having another on Sunday, October 18th, which will again be coordinated by volunteer Ulla Whitmont- thank you, Ulla!

This month, everyone will be invited to watch a previously recorded Sunday Service from All Souls, which is a Unitarian Universalist congregation in New York City. The exact service selection will be announced in the Weekly Update, which is also where you will find the link for the virtual coffee hour we will be having on Zoom.

Watch your Weekly Update for more details and a Zoom link, and we hope to 'see' you there!

Lost Membership Book

Members, remember when you decided to join the church, you signed our membership book? That book has disappeared, and we'd like to find it. (It was last seen over a year ago in Ken Jones' office.)

Although the information in it can be reconstructed as necessary from other church records, the book itself has sentimental value – it dates from the church's very beginning.

If you have borrowed it, or know who might have it, please let us know!

Children's Faith Formation on Zoom— Every Sunday at 5:30 pm

Join the Holy Troublemakers in the spirit of John Lewis' "good trouble." Weaving Unitarian Universalist values with social justice traditions of many lands, times, and religious traditions.

Watch the Weekly Update for your Zoom invitation.

'ZOOM' To UUCY Wednesday Coffee!

YES, Wednesday morning coffee is still on, you'll just have to provide your own beverage and chair! Join via Zoom– the link is in every Weekly Update, and all are welcome to join.

Join the UU Quilting and Crafting Group for Virtual Show & Tell!

Virtual UUQG carries on, and you are invited to join them for their next 'Show and Tell'! Contact Rosemary Saul for the Zoom link if needed, all are welcome, and they look forward to seeing you there.

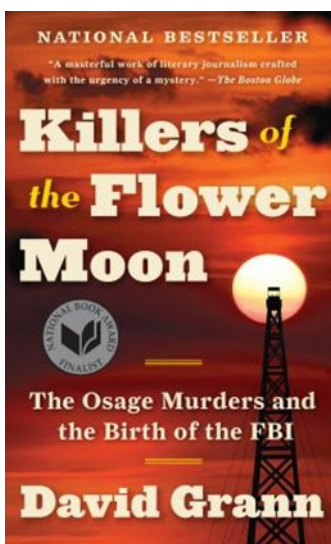
Next Meeting: Saturday, October 24th

UUCY Book Club Seeks Varied Stories

Meeting by Zoom has not inhibited lively discussions of an eclectic selection of books. As always, everyone is invited to tune in and offer your thoughts, or just listen even if you have not read the current title. Books selected are available from Yakima Valley Libraries, often in hardcopy and electronic versions. They are also out in paperback and available through Inklings Bookshop at a "Book Club Member" discount. For instructions to connect to our Zoom gathering, watch your email for the UUCY Weekly Update sent the Thursday prior to our discussion.

November 10, 2020; *Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI* by David Grann.

Reading like a twisting, haunting, murder mystery, this true account relates the early twentieth-century murders of dozens of wealthy Osage and law-enforcement officials, citing the contributions and missteps of a fledgling FBI that eventually uncovered one of the most chilling conspiracies in American history.



In the 1920s, the richest people per capita in the world were members of the Osage Indian Nation in Oklahoma, after oil was discovered beneath their land. Then one Osage woman, Mollie Burkhart, watched as her family was murdered. It was just the beginning, as more Osage began to die under mysterious circumstances. When virtually anyone who dared to investigate the killings were themselves murdered, the newly created F.B.I. took up the case, initially bungling the investigation.

Based on years of research and startling new evidence, the book is a masterpiece of narrative nonfiction, as each step in the investigation reveals a series of sinister secrets and reversals. What emerges is a searing indictment of the callousness and prejudice toward Native Americans that allowed the murderers to operate with impunity for so long.

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

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