

# UniFire

## November 2020

*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](mailto:admin@uucyakima.org) and she will be happy to help.

### *Sunday, November 1st: No Sunday Services*

#### *Sunday, November 8th, 10:00 am*

#### **Healing from Brokenness In Ourselves and In Our World**

To be alive is to be vulnerable, but how can one move forward when experiencing anxiety, fear, frustration, loss, and pain? This service will explore healing responses that reframe woundedness and lead to strength, courage, and love. Presented by Susan Kaphammer with resources from the Soul Matters series.

#### *Sunday, November 15th, 10:00 am:*

#### *Tune-In Together*

Watch your Weekly Update for details and a link to the service we will all be watching together, followed by Zoom coffee hour with your fellow UUCYers.

#### *Sunday, November 22nd, 10:00 am:*

#### **Sunday Services on Zoom**

Andrew Whitmont will present on the fifth and last of UU theologian James Luther Adams' "Five Smooth Stones" of liberal religion. In this talk we will enlarge our understanding of how our liberal religion's underlying theological position provides grounds for optimism as we strive to fulfill the mandates of the third and fourth stones, namely taking concrete actions in the process of building communities of love and justice.

#### *Sunday, November 29th, 10:00 am:*

#### **Sunday Services on Zoom**

Fifth Sunday with Ted Raihl, watch your Weekly Update for more information.

# UUCY President's Report

As many epidemiologists predicted, the return of cooler weather is bringing on another wave of the COVID-19 pandemic – the number of diagnosed cases and deaths seems to be increasing around the world.

This means that UUCY will continue to avoid risky activities through the winter. This includes in-person indoor Sunday Services. At this point, it is impossible to know when we will be able to resume services in our sanctuary, given the fact that so many of us belong to populations at high risk (for example, those over 60 years old.)

The good news is that the Sunday Services Committee is doing a great job putting together services using “virtual” platforms, such as the streaming of Sunday services from other UU churches, and locally produced services on Zoom.

If you haven't participated in these, you should give it a try. If you're not familiar with Zoom, or are uncomfortable with computer applications in general, it will be a little awkward for you at first, but you might be surprised at how quickly you adapt. (Even if you don't have a computer you can participate via phone.)

And, of course, with any questions or problems you may have, friendly help is just a phone call away. Genevieve, the members of the committee and I are all available to answer questions or help with technical stuff.

Hope to see you all in “virtual” church!

In Faith,  
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.*

## From Your UUCY Social Justice Committee: Phil Dindia and Carole Sahlstrand

Alongside connections with our membership, your Social Justice Committee is proposing some ways to connect with our Yakima community by doing our part to ensure that “ the arc of the universe bend toward justice”, a phrase Martin Luther King Jr. borrowed from Theodore Parker, a 19th century Unitarian theologian.

1. Continue regular donations to La Casa Hogar and Planned Parenthood, agencies we pledged to support for two years.
2. Keep wearing a face mask and maintain six feet of social distance around others not in your bubble.
3. Donate to Justice Housing, a non-profit raising money to build thirty tiny homes in Yakima for the houseless. Before her death, Ellie Lambert was a committed supporter of this project. There is a fund in her name that you can support: Justice Housing, P.O. Box 1097, Yakima, WA 98907.
4. Reach out to the Latino community, hardest hit by the virus, by employing those whose skills match your need and by using their restaurants for take-out.
5. Donate food or cash to local agencies that distribute assistance to the needy of our city and county.

### 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, November 28th*

## UUCY Book Club Seeks Varied Stories

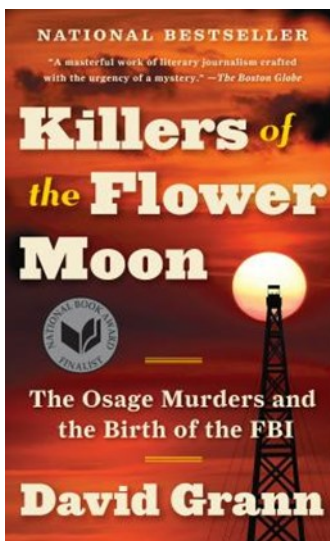
Meeting by Zoom has not inhibited lively discussions of an eclectic selection of books. As always, everyone is invited to tune in and offer your thoughts, or just listen even if you have not read the current title. Books selected are available from Yakima Valley Libraries, often in hardcopy and electronic 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.)

### *NEW SECTION: Reader Submissions*

#### **Our Legacy**

*By Roger Solomon*

Our legacy is not the things we amass  
but the light of love that shines through us when we pass.  
The lives we touch, a stranger, a minority, a friend, a spouse, a parent or a child,  
a grandparent all mean so much that we touch.  
Equality, love, acceptance, a gentle spirit, a smile and such  
is a legacy to the lives we touch that mean so much.

Submitted by Emilee Solomon

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