

# UniFire

## February 2021

*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, February 7th: Sunday Services on Zoom: Rod's House

Elizabeth Chicken, high school teacher-librarian, has been a regular volunteer with homeless youth in Yakima served by Rod's House. She will share information about the programs and services as well as what she has learned from her experiences.

### Sunday, February 14th, 10:00 am: Sunday Services on Zoom:

#### **What Does Beloved Community Mean for Us?**

Beloved Community calls for commitment, conflict resolution and hard work, particularly in encouraging, accepting and sharing with those who are "troublesome" for us. The challenge can be reframed in realizing that to others any one of us may be one of the "difficult" members. We are required to believe not only that others are worth our effort but also that we will be worth the effort in the eyes of others! As imperfect people engaged in imperfect efforts to build Beloved Community, we are in a battle not just against the division between us, but also the doubt within us. Our struggle may be not just believing we can create Beloved Community, but also believing we can count on it.

Susan Kaphammer shares this message drawn from resources in the Soul Matters Series.

### Sunday, February 21st 10:00 am: Tune-In Together:

Watch your Weekly Update email for more information!

### Sunday, February 28th, 10:00 am: Sunday Services on Zoom:

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# UUCY President's Report

## Optimism

I don't know about the rest of you, but there has been a bit of extra spring in my step since January 20. This feeling of optimism and positive thinking has been missing for the last, I don't know, 4 years or so?

And the feeling extends to our church. With the advent (painfully slow, I admit) of the vaccines, I'm optimistic that we'll be able to resume in-person services and meetings when warm weather returns. Also, we'll be able to get serious about our ministerial search – as was clearly mandated by the Membership at the Annual Meeting this past June.

Currently, many of our Zoom services feature the streaming of videos of sermons or “minister messages” from other UU churches. I would ask that everyone view these videos with the idea of developing your thoughts on what you are looking for in a new minister. (Keep in mind that, even if you can't attend a particular Sunday morning service, these videos are available to be streamed any time.) If you can provide input to the Board on what you want to see in a new minister, it will make the search process much more targeted and efficient. The Board of Trustees welcomes your input on this!

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.*

## February 2021 Children's Faith Formation-Holy Troublemakers

This month we're looking at Loving Toward a Better World. We'll start the month with a kid request to talk about the inventions and inventors they love. On Valentine's Day we'll move beyond hearts and candy to talk about how one person can create waves of love. We'll end the month with age-appropriate lessons on how love can heal racism.

- ◆ **Feb 7—Inventions We Love: Show and Tell!!** Participants will have three to five minutes to teach us about the inventions and inventors that they love. We'll have a Lego challenge if time allows after the presentations. Materials: Visual aids for individual presentations, some loose Legos for building.
- ◆ **February 14—Love Like a Stone:** Who do we love: What does love like a stone mean? How does one person create waves of love?
- ◆ **February 21—Love Means Healing Wounds of Racism**
- ◆ **February 28—Love Doesn't Run Away:** Tommie Smith, John Carols, and Colin Kaepernick

### Children's Faith Formation on Zoom— Every Sunday at 5:00 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.

## Visit (or Re-Visit) UUCY Sunday Services Online

Your Sunday Services Committee has begun making files of past services available on our UUCY Website. Just visit the [Past Worship Services](#) page under the "Worship" menu. You will be able to download then read online or print out the text of the service, listen to the message portion of the service, or use a link on the page to view the Zoom video of the message portion of the service. NOTE: Some of the services are not available in all three formats. Call the office, or contact Susan Kaphammer if you have any questions or comments.

### *All In the Family: Kay Kimmel*

Kay Kimmel passed away on November 18, 2020, and there will be a celebration of her life later this year. Despite living in Goldendale, Kay was a longtime member of UUCY, and she will be missed.

### **Call for Volunteers: Lunches for Rod's House**

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Rod's House provides bagged lunches for their clients, and is looking for churches or other organizations to donate them. They have asked if UUCY could provide them 25 lunches on Mondays. Lunches typically include a sandwich, chips, fruit or other dessert item. Nothing fancy required, although Maggie at Rod's House says that creativity is encouraged!

I envision a number of volunteers to make lunches (for example, 5 volunteers making 5 lunches each) which would be collected at a convenient location on Monday mornings, then delivered to Rod's House by me, or other volunteer. (They need them delivered between 10 am and noon.)

Please let me know if you would like to be a volunteer lunch maker! (Or, if you can't make lunches...but are willing to donate money to defray the cost of the lunches...we will be happy to accommodate you.)  
Bill



Update:

We are in fact receiving donations to fund this project!

So, if you would like to be a lunch maker, and receive full reimbursement for all your expenses, give me a call or text and I'll provide details.

Bill 509-945-0790

### **'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.

## "Connections" Wants to Help!

One of the worst aspects of the Covid pandemic is the constant need for social distancing, which interferes with so many of our routine activities. For example, it can be a real hardship for some folks to get their grocery shopping done.

Could you use some help with things like shopping, or other activities? Our Connections Team has people available to help! If you'd like more info, give Phil or Gean a call at 206-459-9602, or call or text Bill at 509-945-0790. *Please note that all inquiries will be kept strictly confidential.*



Also, we're looking for more people who'd like to be part of the team of helpers. If you want to find out more, please contact Phil, Gean, or Bill.

## 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, February 27th*



# TAKE YOUR MIND TO ANOTHER PLACE AND TIME

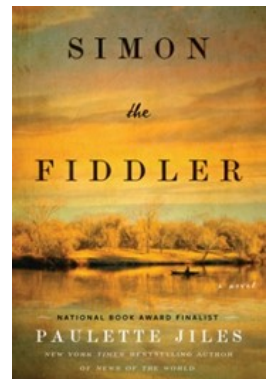
Feeling stuck? Join the crowd as we approach nearly the one year mark of restrictions. So, grab a book and immerse yourself in a world with plenty of problems, but no pandemic! Travel with Simon and Doris as they work their ways through life and love in the American south and southwest following the Civil War.

Then join UU members and friends on **Zoom on Tuesday, March 9, at 6:00 PM** to share insights, questions and reflections. As always, everyone is invited to tune in to the Zoom Book Club, even to just listen 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 on the shelf or can be requested through Inklings Bookshop at a “Book Club Member” discount. For instructions for the Zoom connection, watch your email for the UUCY Weekly Update sent the Thursday prior to our discussion.

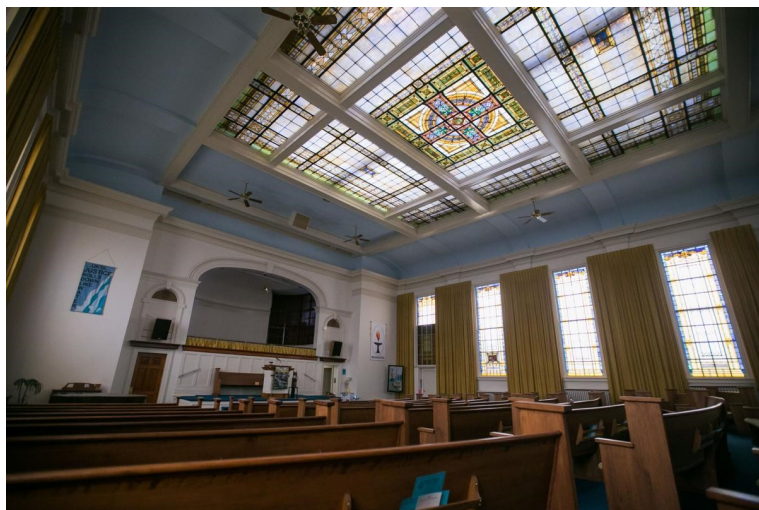
## March 9, 2021: *Simon the Fiddler* by Paulette Jiles

Set at the end of the Civil War, this novel follows Simon, an itinerant fiddle player trying to make a living, and Doris, the charming young Irish lass who steals his heart. Simon and Doris go their separate ways as he travels around Texas seeking fame and fortune as a musician, and Doris must finish her three years of service. But Simon cannot forget the fair Irish maiden, and vows that someday he will find her again.



"The reader is treated to a kind of alchemy on the page when character, setting and song converge at all the right notes, generating an authentic humanity that is worth remembering and celebrating." — *New York Times*

(Book information adapted from web pages for Inklings Bookshop and Yakima Valley Libraries.)



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