

UniFire

September 2021

*Monthly Newsletter of the
Unitarian Universalist Church of Yakima*

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

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Services begin at 10 a.m. Watch weekly updates or contact the church office in case of venue changes due to COVID concerns and smoke updates. The website will also be kept up to date with venues listed on each individual service's page.

September 5

Labor Day – No service.

September 12 – Homecoming Sunday - Party!!

Join us for this grand celebration of UUCY outdoors at Randall Park in Yakima. Plan to informally share past memories, future visions and present joys as we visit, eat, play games and enjoy ice cream. BYOBB - Bring Your Own Brunch and Beverage! Games and ice cream provided by UUCY.

September 19 – Embracing Possibilities

We are living in times of significant change. The recent past has brought upheavals in daily activities, relationships, and social expectations. Our UUCY congregation has been and continues to be experiencing changes in where we are, who we are, and what we do. We are challenged by change in all aspects of our lives to move through regret and fear in order to recognize and embrace possibilities. Susan Kaphammer will share thoughts and readings prompted by resources from the *Soul Matters* series.

August 26 – The Unfolding Mythology of the Nuclear Electronic Age, Part One

In the face of mounting atheism, disbelief and abandonment of the metaphysical images and stories of the Iron Age we can reflect on what resonates for us now as we enter the Technological Era. Join presenter Andrew Whitmont on this thought-provoking journey.

Upcoming Meetings

All members are welcome to attend any meetings!

Sunday Services Committee: Tuesday, Sept. 7, 1:30 p.m., on Zoom. (Request Zoom link if you'd like to attend.)

Finance Committee: Wednesday, Sept. 8, 5 p.m., live at the church.

Board of Trustees: Thursday, Sept. 9, 4:30 p.m., on Zoom. (Request Zoom link if you'd like to attend.)

UUCY Wednesday Coffee Back On Zoom

What is the UUCY Coffee Chat? For some time, members of our UUCY community and friends have enjoyed getting together on Wednesday mornings at 9 a.m. at a local coffee shop to drink coffee liberally.

When the pandemic hit, the group moved to the Zoom online format and has been enjoying Wednesday mornings together ever since. Briefly in July, gatherings were in person some weeks. However, due to ever-changing conditions they moved back to Zoom in August and will be staying there at least through September. Check the weekly update or reach out to the office for a link to the meeting.

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

The quilting group is back on Zoom for the time being. They meet on the fourth Saturday of every month at 9 a.m.; bring your latest masterpiece and materials to make your next; all crafty types are welcome! Contact Rosemary Saul or the office for the link.

Next Meeting: September 25th

Growing the Flame: Chalice Lighters

Being a Chalice Lighter brings you the joy of watching your modest \$20 contribution multiply to a grant of \$12,000 or more. Each grant supports a specific project enabling the growth of our liberal religion in the Pacific Northwest. By being a Chalice Lighter, you will also help your own congregation qualify for a Chalice Lighter grant. Find out more in the [brochure](#) or visit the page at pnwduua.org.

UUCY BOOK CLUB: ON ZOOM!

“BOOKS ARE A UNIQUELY PORTABLE MAGIC.” – Stephen King

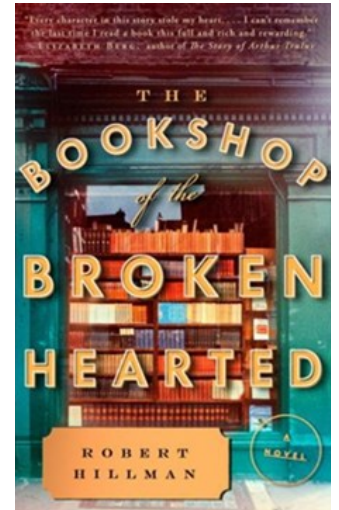
Drop in at 6:00 PM on the second Tuesday of every other month as the UUCY Book Club gathers members, friends and guests to celebrate and discuss books. We will meet online; check your Thursday update for the Zoom link!

Titles 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.

September 14, 2021: The Bookshop of the Broken Hearted by Robert Hillman

It is 1968 in rural Australia and lonely Tom Hope can't make heads or tails of Hannah Babel. Newly arrived from Hungary, Hannah is unlike anyone he's ever met--she's passionate, brilliant, and fiercely determined to open sleepy Hometown's first bookshop. Despite the fact that Tom has only read only one book in his life, when Hannah hires him to install shelving for the shop, the two discover an astonishing spark. Recently abandoned by an unfaithful wife--and still missing her sweet son, Peter--Tom dares to believe that he might make Hannah happy. But Hannah is a haunted woman. Twenty-four years earlier, she had been marched to the gates of Auschwitz.

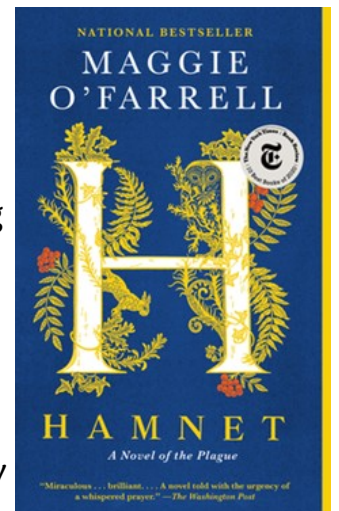
Their story cherishes the power of love, literature, and forgiveness to transform our lives, and if we dare allow them, to mend our broken hearts.



November 9, 2021: Hamnet by Maggie O'Farrell

England, 1580: The Black Death creeps across the land, and a young Latin tutor—penniless and bullied by a violent father—falls in love with an extraordinary, eccentric young woman. Agnes is a wild creature who walks her family's land with a falcon on her glove and is known throughout the countryside for her unusual gifts as a healer, understanding plants and potions better than she does people. Once she settles with her husband on in Stratford-upon-Avon she becomes a fiercely protective mother and a steadfast, centrifugal force in the life of her young husband, whose career on the London stage is taking off when his beloved young son succumbs to sudden fever.

A luminous portrait of a marriage, a shattering evocation of a family ravaged by grief and loss, and a tender and unforgettable re-imagining of a boy whose life has been all but forgotten.



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

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