

# UniFire

## September 2022

*Monthly Newsletter of the  
Unitarian Universalist Church of Yakima*

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

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Unless otherwise noted, UUCY services will be held **in person** at 407 N. 1st St. on Sundays at 10 a.m. Proof of COVID vaccination will be required for entry to in person services. Masks are optional.

In-person services are also **livestreamed**! Watch your weekly update for the link; it is also in the reminder email sent on Sunday morning.

### September 4 – No Service (Labor Day)

There will be no service due to the Labor Day holiday.

### September 11 – Water Communion

Our traditional fall homecoming service will be intergenerational and will feature our water communion. Stories, music and readings will be featured in this coming together service. Please bring water or representative water from your summer adventures and plan to share a bit about its meaning.

*Please note: this service will not be livestreamed.*

### September 18 – Homelessness

This is a follow up service to one of the social justice coffee and conversation Sundays where many people focused their thoughts on homelessness. We will continue the conversation with or without an outside speaker with a focus on what individuals and groups can do.

### September 25– Belonging

In a message drawn from our Soul Matters resources, Susan will help us explore what it means to belong.

## Share the Plate

In addition to a lovely homecoming service, on Sunday, September 11 as a congregation we will be choosing a new set of recipients to share our collection plate with. Below is a list of choices. If you cannot make it in person that Sunday, you can email your votes beforehand (including any write-ins).

- ♦ La Casa Hogar
- ♦ Planned Parenthood
- ♦ Rod's House
- ♦ YMCA
- ♦ Heritage University
- ♦ YWCA

## Adopt-A-Highway Update

by Denise Edwards

The next highway pick-up date is Sat. morning, September 10<sup>th</sup>. Temperature should be in the 80's, nice!! Everyone who has completed a registration form will be notified by email of the start and end times and any other details. If you are not registered and would like to know more about the program email Denise at [11denisis@gmail.com](mailto:11denisis@gmail.com).

## UUCY Mini Mercado

If you missed seeing our special midsummer edition of the Mini Mercado, you can view the flyer [here](#). The bear paw quilt is already spoken for, but there's still one quilt, gorgeous green cowls, and several houseplants left! If interested, email [uucyauction@gmail.com](mailto:uucyauction@gmail.com).

## Antiracism Learning Circles

Starting in September, First Unitarian Portland's antiracism learning circles are back for fall! In small groups, participants will find a safe space to tackle a wide range of issues related to race in America, with discussions centered around a particular work (such as a book or podcast). Open to all, sessions are on Zoom.

Find more information and register for a learning circle [here](#).

## UUCY Wednesday Coffee

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. These gatherings are either in-person outside at Caffeine Connection Café (5621 Summitview Ave., by Inklings Bookshop) or online to beat the heat. Keep up with your weekly updates to find out where the upcoming week's gathering will be!



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### The Eweknits (Knitting Group)

Knitters/crocheters are moving outdoors for the summer—bring a project and a lawn chair to the southeast side of Randall Park, Saturday, 10-noon. This is still pretty fluid. If you are thinking of coming, and haven't yet done so, it might be a good idea to check with Nancy Born to confirm the time/date before heading out.

### UU Quilting & Crafting Group

The quilting group gathers in person at the church on the fourth Saturday of every month at 9 a.m. Proof of vaccination is required. All crafty types are welcome! Contact Rosemary Saul for more information.

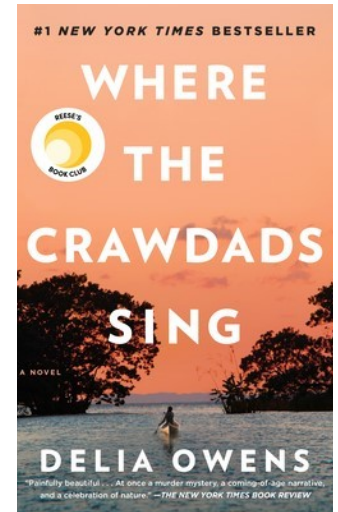
*The next meeting will be September 24.*

# Book Club to Meet September 8 at UUCY

While Zoom has been convenient, we are missing the comradery of talking and laughing face to face. So our next meeting, Thursday, 6:00 PM on September 8 will be held at our church in our comfortable Ann Ingham Corner... unless COVID concerns call for a change of plans – check the Thursday update that week. You are welcome to bring a snack and beverage if you choose, but the highlight of the gathering will be our thoughts and opinions about the novel, ***Where the Crawdads Sing***. I hope you get a chance to read it and watch the movie; contrasting the versions can enliven our conversation. The book is available at the Yakima Valley Libraries, and can be obtained from Inklings Bookshop at a “Book Club Member” discount.

## September 8, 2022: *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Della Owens

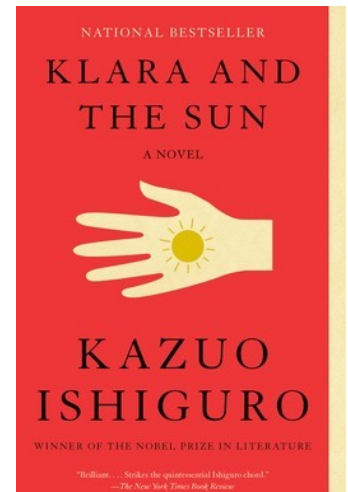
For years, rumors of the "Marsh Girl" have haunted Barkley Cove, a quiet town on the North Carolina coast. She's barefoot and wild; unfit for polite society. So in late 1969, when handsome Chase Andrews is found dead, the locals immediately suspect Kya Clark. But Kya is not what they say. Abandoned at age ten, she has survived on her own in the marsh that she calls home. A born naturalist with just one day of school, she takes life lessons from the land, learning from the false signals of fireflies the real way of this world. But while she could have lived in solitude forever, the time comes when she yearns to be touched and loved. Drawn to two young men from town, who are each intrigued by her wild beauty, Kya opens herself to a new and startling world—until the unthinkable happens.



## November 10, 2022: *Klara and the Sun* by Kazuo Ishiguro

Klara, an Artificial Friend with outstanding observational qualities, is designed to be a playmate for real children. From her place in the store, Klara watches carefully the behavior of those who come in to browse, and of those who pass in the street outside. She remains hopeful a customer will soon choose her, but when the possibility emerges that her circumstances may change forever, she is warned not to invest too much in the promises of humans.

In this luminous tale, Nobel Prize winner Kazuo Ishiguro looks at our rapidly changing modern world through the eyes of an unforgettable narrator to explore a fundamental question: what does it mean to love?



Our November title, ***Klara and the Sun* by Kazuo Ishiguro**, is available as a Book Club Set from the Yakima Valley Libraries. On October 1, will pick up 8 copies to distribute to Book Clubbers at church on October 2 and at Wednesday coffee on October 5. That gives us about five weeks reading time before our discussion. If you are interested in reading and discussing this book but can't pick a copy up one of these days, give Susan a call so we can make other arrangements. These copies must then be left with Susan after our discussion to be returned to the library. No fees, minimal fuss – let's see how this works for us!

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

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