

UNIFIRE

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF YAKIMA

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



April 2023



IMPORTANT NOTE:

Due to renovations at our physical location we may be 'unhoused' for the better part of April. The Sunday Services committee feels it is still important to meet in person. Drum roll please: Sunday services will be roving in April.

Where will we be next? Keep an eye on your weekly update (also the website & Facebook) to find out where UUCY will be meeting each Sunday.

April 2: Coffee and Conversation — What Do You Burn For?

What causes you to jump out of bed, stomp your feet and yell "let's go!" Or maybe to a lesser degree, what feeds your passion? What urges you to be present in the world? Where do you go or what do you do to 'fill your tank' when it pegs out on empty? The answer to these questions is different for everyone. Join us this day to share together the innerworkings of our passion. Discussion leader, Debra Kroon.

This service will be held at C & S Coffee Bistro, Stonewood Ct, 2961 Stonewood Ct., Yakima, WA 98901. This is located next to the HAPO Credit Union in Terrace Heights. We will be in the conference room to your right as you enter. If you buy anything, let them know you are with the UUCY/Debra Kroon group and they will credit our deposit.

April 9: Coffee and Conversation — Resurrection

This is Easter Sunday, which recalls The Resurrection, but for many of us, the word itself has many, many meanings and connotations. Join with Debra Kroon around the table to share what resurrection means to you.

April 16: Coffee and Conversation — Unsticking My Mind

Listen to a brief story that includes an emigrant, making rice, and "unsticking" as one moves through life. Then join in a conversation about the author's experiences and our own when navigating change. Denise Edwards, discussion leader.

April 23: Coffee and Conversation — Resistance

Susan Kaphammer is our leader today. Soul Matters is a beloved UU service resource. Join Susan and others in this conversation.

April 30: Coffee and Conversation — TBA

Bill Jacobs will lead this Sunday's topic. Watch your weekly update for topic and location.

Brief Update on the Building Situation

Progress is happening, although we don't yet have a concrete timeline for... well, anything! All of our things have been moved out of suite 1 and put into storage. Once all the work has been done on suite 3 (cleaning, painting and installing new carpet, among other things) we can move everything out of storage and into the new space. The task force will continue to keep the congregation informed as we get more information.

First 2023 Adopt-a-Highway Pickup in April by Denise Edwards

Kick off for our season will be **Saturday, April 29th**. This leaves time on April 22 to enjoy Earth day events and activities around the area.

An email with a start time and other details will be sent to those who have volunteered for the 2023 season. The weather is likely to be agreeable around the 29th. We get to walk outside where the view is good while we support sustaining our environment. Join the list of registered participants anytime by contacting at 11denisis@gmail.com!

UUCY Meetings in April

All members welcome to attend!

Sunday Services Committee: Tuesday, April 4th, 1:30 p.m. Contact Debra Kroon if interested in attending.

Finance Committee: Friday, April 7th, 1:00 p.m. Contact the office if interested in attending.

Board Meeting: Monday, April 10th, 1:00 p.m. Contact the office if interested in attending.

Haiku, Round Two

Tony Long has agreed to offer his haiku writing workshop a second time! Yay! The date is **Saturday, May 13**, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Cost is \$20 per participant (all proceeds go to UUCY); email uucyauction@gmail.com to sign up. Bring pen and paper and your creative mind.

Here's a haiku from Tony's first workshop (thank you, Hannah Born, for sharing).

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She waits by her tree
through many snows and wildfires
for us to join her



Photo by [Ryan Quintal](#) on [Unsplash](#)

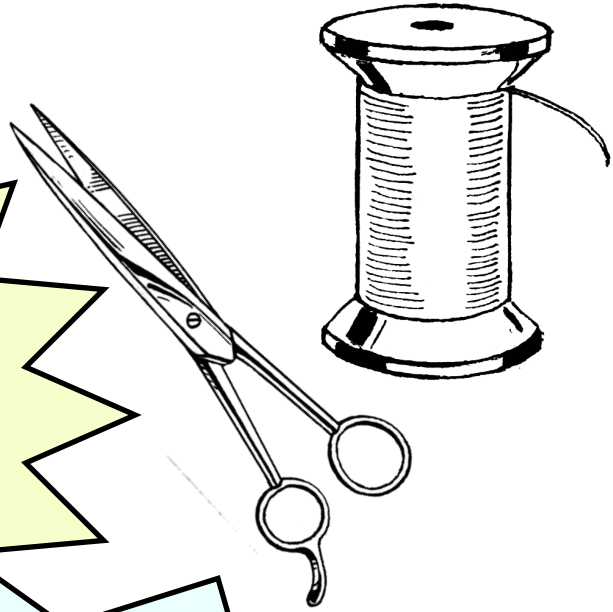
UUCY Game Night

NEXT GAME NIGHT AT UUCY IS
APRIL 28!

Game night for March was canceled, but hopefully will be back in April. Be sure to put Friday, April 28, 6-9 p.m., on your calendar!

Anyone up for Codenames? Or Splendor or Scrabble, Pinochle or Wizard...?

Tuesday Knit Nights were set to resume in April, but will be postponed until the fire damage is dealt with.



Quilting & Crafting Group

Although **canceled** this month, the quilting group usually gathers at the church on the fourth Saturday of every month at 9 a.m. Proof of vaccination is required.

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 in-person and indoors at North Town Coffeehouse (32 N. Front Street).



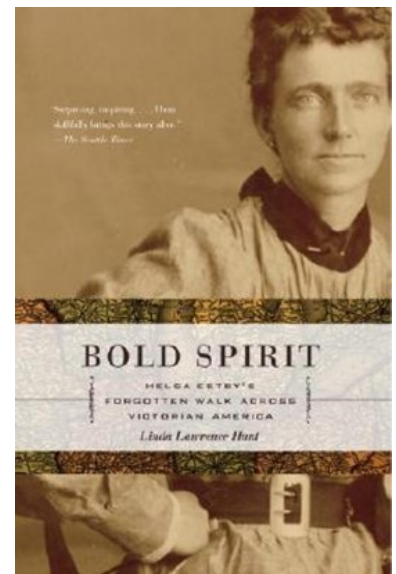
EXPERIENCE HELGA'S AND CLARA'S WALK ACROSS AMERICA IN 1896

The UUCY Book Club (Everyone Welcome!) will next meet at **6:00 PM on Thursday, May 11**, at our UU home at 407 North 1st Street, Unit 3, Yakima. We will be sharing reactions to *Bold Spirit: Helga Estby's Forgotten Walk Across Victorian America*. Eight copies will be available after the first week in April at Wednesday Morning Coffee, 9 AM – 10 AM at North Town Coffee Shop; and at Sunday Service. This book is also available at the Library and at Inklings with a Book Club Discount.

Bold Spirit: Helga Estby's Forgotten Walk Across Victorian America by **Linda Hunt**. (336 pages)

In 1896, a Norwegian immigrant and mother of eight children named Helga Estby was behind on taxes and the mortgage when she learned that a mysterious sponsor would pay \$10,000 to a woman who walked across America.

Hoping to win the wager and save her family's farm, Helga and her teenaged daughter Clara, armed with little more than a compass, red-pepper spray, a revolver, and Clara's curling iron, set out on foot from Eastern Washington. Their route would pass through 14 states, but they were not allowed to carry more than five dollars each. As they visited Indian reservations, Western boomtowns, remote ranches and local civic leaders, they confronted snowstorms, hunger, thieves and mountain lions with equal aplomb.



Their treacherous and inspirational journey to New York challenged contemporary notions of femininity and captured the public imagination. But their trip had such devastating consequences that the Estby women's achievement was blanketed in silence until, nearly a century later, Linda Lawrence Hunt encountered their extraordinary story.

"Surprising, inspiring. . . . Hunt skillfully brings this story alive."
—*The Seattle Times*

"Allows us to follow Helga Estby not only across the physical landscape of 1896 America . . . but across the country's social, political, economic, and cultural landscape as well. . . . Fascinating."

— Linda Peavy and Ursula Smith, authors of *Pioneer Women: The Lives of Women on the Frontier*.

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

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