

UNIFIRE

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF YAKIMA

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

☀ July 2023 ☀

PLEASE NOTE: NO SUNDAY SERVICES IN JULY

The Sunday Services Committee will not be planning services for the month of July. This will allow time for the move into our refreshed Unit 3, setting up our church space and taking some needed rest. Some of our team have vacations planned.

We will be back in August with informal Coffee and Conversation services each week. We are planning this coming year to have a visiting minister quarterly, beginning on September 10, with Alex Holt for our Homecoming service.

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UUCY Wednesday Coffee is Moving!

Wednesday Morning Coffee is changing location!

Beginning **July 5**, we will be meeting at 9 AM each Wednesday at Caffe 11th Avenue, 1003 W. Yakima Ave., Yakima. Drop in whenever you can!



Next Date for Highway Pickup: July 8th

By Denise Edwards, Coordinator

UUCY has participated in the Adopt-a-Highway program since 2006. Our contributions are acknowledged by permanent signs at the beginning and end of our stretch of road on Highway 12 that starts at the "Y" and proceeds west. We get to walk outside where the air and the view is good while we support keeping our environment clean. At the same time, we bring attention to the existence of our church and its principles.

The next pick up will be July 8. Details for meet up will be mailed to all currently registered participants. If you are not a registered participant and wish to volunteer, email 11denisis@gmail.com.

Hannah, Denise, Ken, and Scott were onsite in June and left a good amount of roadway more beautiful. The morning weather was clear and provided comfortable temperatures. Near the end of this outing, we greeted a fellow AAH group at the parking area! These youth were covering roadway going a different direction from the "Y". It's great to see varied ages for multiple communities working toward the same outcome.

We will pause pick-ups through August due to high probability of heat and/or fire smoke. We will resume in September.

Chalice Circles Are Back

The once a week for six consecutive weeks gathering of the Chalice Circle was completed June 27. We met at the Lambs' home except for the final gathering, which was held at Emilee's house in Zillah. Participants, in addition to Cindy and Phil Lamb and Emilee Solomon, were Joy McKinney, Denise Edwards, Lucy Valderhaug, Liz Angland and Phil and Gean Dindia.

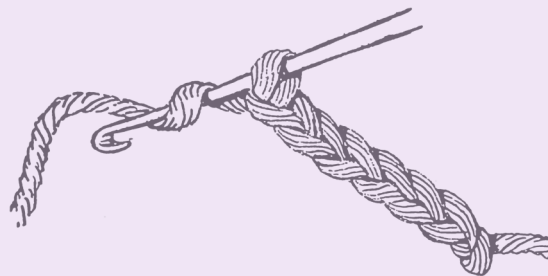
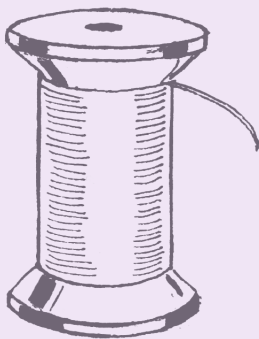
Chalice Circles are a small group gathering designed to form deeper community through sharing on a theme, like "where did you grow up" or maybe "what is your favorite desert and why" - non threatening but mayhap revealing.

Lighting of the chalice and some words relevant to the theme are included. Each session starts and ends on time.

The limited number of participants (eight generally ideal) promotes the deeper sharing. No limit to how many circles you participate in.

We can form a circle in the fall.
Contact Emilee or Gean if interested.

Both the quilting group (usually the fourth Saturday of the month) and Tuesday knit nights will be **postponed** until we are moved into our new space.



BOOK CLUB DISCUSSIONS ON JULY 13 & SEPTEMBER 14

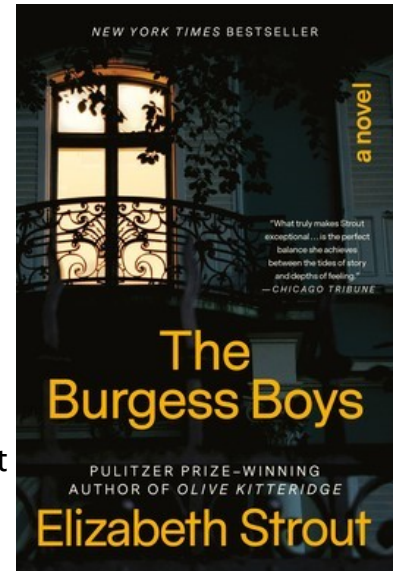
The second Thursday of every-other month our UUCY Book Club meets to review and discuss our experiences with the current chosen book. All readers and all opinions are welcome!

The next meeting of our UUCY Book Club will be at 6:00 PM on Thursday, July 13. We will gather at the home of Susan Kaphammer (email Susan or the office if you need the address). Bring a snack if you wish, and be ready for varied reactions to *The Burgess Boys*. The book is available in hard copy and electronic format from Yakima Libraries, and from Inklings Bookshop at book club discount.

July 13, 2023:

***The Burgess Boys* by Elizabeth Strout 2014. 320 pages.**

Named one of the Best Books of the Year by *The Washington Post*, and NPR, this novel explores shifting adult sibling relationships, ties to childhood homes, and the impact of undeserved guilt. Haunted by the freak accident that killed their father when they were children, Jim and Bob Burgess escaped from their Maine hometown of Shirley Falls for New York City as soon as they possibly could and settle into different roles as siblings and as practicing attorneys. Their long-standing dynamic is upended when their sister, Susan—the Burgess sibling who stayed behind—urgently calls them home. The long-buried tensions that have shaped and shadowed the Burgess Boys' relationship begin to surface in unexpected ways that will change them forever.



September 14, 2023:

***The Bartender's Tale* by Ivan Doig. 2013. 432 pages.**

By the same author of *The Last Bus to Wisdom*, a UUCY Book Club favorite from last year, this novel also focuses on a boy managing his life with an odd kind of family. Home for Rusty is the Medicine Lodge, a northern Montana small-town bar owned by his dad, Tom. Then Proxy, a taxi dancer Tom knew back when, and her beatnik daughter, Francine show up, upending every certainty in 12-year-old Rusty's life.

NOTE: This title is available in a Yakima Libraries Book Club Set. Susan Kaphammer will have eight copies to distribute after August 5. It is also available in electronic format, book on CD, and hard copy from Yakima Libraries.

"Always one of the West's best storytellers, Doig has achieved here the perfect fictional mix: winning, believable characters; an intricate, timely, and surprising plot; and a Montana setting that pivots between the early days of JFK in the 1960s and the 1930s of Franklin Delano Roosevelt.— Indies Next Booksellers Recommended.

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