

# KVUUC News



Kittitas Valley Unitarian Universalist Congregation September 2018

## Worship in September

**September 2**

“UU Means Unarguable Certainty”—Keo Capestany  
Green Sanctuary/Social Justice Council, 12 :15 pm

**September 9**

”Gathering of the Waters” - Tom Duke  
Worship Council, 12:15 pm

**September 16**

”The Center of the World” - Rev. Ken Jones  
Membership Council, 12:15 pm

**September 23**

Sunrise Service, TBA am at Jim’s House  
CommNet, 12:15 pm

**September 30**

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Potluck

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*Wisdom Circle Adult Discussion 9:45 –10:45am*  
*Every Sunday (except 5th)*



**FRI-SAT, SEPT 14-15 4PM**



**All Church Retreat**

- Dinner served 5:30 pm
- Info, cost, scholarships call Maggie at 509-925-2552

## Upcoming Meetings & Special Events

Sun, 9/9	• Water Communion Service
Fri, 9/14	• KVUUC All-Church Retreat at Lazy F
Sun, 9/16	• Rev. Ken Jones first service at KVUUC
Sun, 9/23	• Sunrise Service at Jim’s house, TBA (approx. 6:30 am)
Sun, 9/30	• 5th Sunday Potluck
Sun, 9/30	• Wild Girls program begins
Sat, 10/20	• Justice Summit, Edmonds, WA

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# How We Got Our New Pastor

## The Ministerial Search Committee

We are delighted that Ken Jones, who was the unanimous choice of the search committee, will become the new minister at KVVUC! We believe his experience and strengths will be an excellent match for our needs as a congregation. The search committee members were: Cindy Coe, Lita Malone, Carol Ritzenthaler, Austin Smith, and Liz Smith, with invaluable help from Jim Schwing, especially during Lita's travels in May.

Our work began in January, with two main tasks: updating the materials describing our congregation that were used in the ministerial search three years ago and conducting a survey of the congregation to get a sense of our interests and priorities. We also consulted with the regional UU office and Jim Schwing to establish a clear series of steps in our search process.

The job announcement went up on the national UU job webpage, and we began to get inquiries and full applications. Throughout the search process, we were in communication with the Tri-Cities UU congregation, because they were simultaneously searching for a half-time minister. If we had ended up preferring the same candidate, we might have been able to work out a 3/4 time position, compiled from two separate contracts with our congregations.

We eventually conducted phone interviews with a total of four candidates, and after much thoughtful discussion of the merits of those candidates, we scheduled a "neutral pulpit"

sermon with Ken Jones in the Tri-Cities in late May. We also had lunch with him that day and spoke more about our congregation and what he would contribute to it.

After more careful consideration, we reached consensus on our recommendation, which we presented to the Board in June. They happily agreed with our recommendation and were able to negotiate a contract with Ken.

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We have been particularly impressed by Ken's steady leadership of the Yakima congregation: he has been their half-time minister for the past eight years and will continue to serve in that position. Before that, he was the interim minister for the Mid-Columbia UU Fellowship in Oregon and worked at the Tacoma UU congregation prior to that. He earned his M.Div. degree from Starr King School for Ministry in 1999.

He is already familiar with the political and social climate of central Washington communities, and he has been significantly involved in community outreach and interfaith efforts in Yakima. He expressed a great deal of enthusiasm for our focus on environmental projects and our relatively new addition of a music director. In our conversations, Ken's ability to really listen and respond thoughtfully came through strongly, and he seems ready to figure out with us how best to use his one-quarter time position. Having a minister nearby may allow for more flexible scheduling and for more collaboration with the Yakima congregation.

We welcome Ken to KVVUC!

# Religious Education

Maggie Patterson, Religious Education Coordinator

## Dates to Remember

- **Sun, Sept 2:** No childcare.
- **Mon, Sept 3:** 7pm RE meeting at KVVUC.
- **Sun, Sept 9:** First practice session for special RE Service on Oct. 7, 10:30 to Noon. All children should be there. Led by Maggie Patterson and Cindy Coe. Please let Maggie know if you can't make it.
- **Fri/Sat, Sept 14-15:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual All Congregation Retreat at Lazy F Camp!

*Please remember to give checks, made out to KVVUC, to Jim Schwing by the time of the retreat.*

- **Sun, Sept 16:** Rev. Ken Jones first service with us. Childcare available.
- **Sun, Sept 23:** Second practice session for special RE service on Oct. 7. 11am–12pm. All children should be there. Led by Maggie Patterson and Jan Jaffe. If you can't be there please let Maggie know.
- **Sun, Sept 30:** Potluck, no RE or childcare
- **Sun, Sept. 30:** Wild Girls Begins! 4-5:30pm at Leah Irwin's house, led by Lita Malone. This is a coming of age class for girls in 7th-9th grade. Please see Lita for more information or to register.
- **Sun, Oct 7: Special RE service.**

Maggie Patterson, RE Coordinator  
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Bring some water from your  
summer travels, a local creek, or  
your garden hose, for the  
Water Communion on  
September 9

# Greetings from Downriver!

Rev. Ken Jones



Rev. Ken Jones

I'm very excited to begin sharing ministry with everyone at Kittitas Valley UU Congregation this month! I've enjoyed meeting some of you over the summer, and will look forward to meeting you all in the next few weeks – many at the church retreat on September 14 and 15, some on the following Sunday, the 16<sup>th</sup> (my first in the pulpit,) and hopefully everyone else real soon after that. I'll be a ¼ time Minister, which means I'll be in the pulpit generally once a month, and visiting at other times as I can. I feel fortunate that Ellensburg is only a 45 minute drive from Yakima – and remembering how I had longer commutes sometimes when I lived on the west side – but not nearly as scenic. I'm planning to hold office hours on Thursdays, at a location yet to be determined.

A little about me: I grew up in the Midwest, but have been living in Washington for most of the last twenty-five years (accounting for a few years off for seminary.) I've lived in Seattle, Tacoma, Shelton, rural Stevens County, and have been in Yakima since 2010. I truly love all the richness Washington has to offer! In Yakima, I serve as ½ time Minister at the UU Church of Yakima, and live with my thirteen-year-old daughter, Willow. I love enjoying the outdoors by hiking, bicycling, camping, canoeing, etc. I'm also passionate about interfaith work and justice-making. I serve on the Board of the statewide Washington Faith Action Network, and co-chair the Yakima Association of Faith Communities. I also serve on the board of a non-profit in Yakima that is working on building a tiny house community for chronically homeless persons. I also love music, and enjoy playing piano and guitar – but mostly in front of very small audiences (or, better still, no audience at all!)

I look forward to not only meeting you all, but getting to know you and working together on our shared passions and ministries.

In faith,

Rev. Ken Jones

# Wild Girls

**Wild Girls will be an opportunity for girls in the 7th, 8th and 9th grade to explore the power of the feminine through myth and magic, dance and drama, and the sacred sounds of laughter.**



**We will:**

- Celebrate our creativity, beauty, and strength.**
- Develop allies with historical and mythical women.**
- Deepen friendships with kindred spirits.**
- Explore the integrity of our instinctual nature.**

**Wild girls will consist of 7 sessions and begin on Sunday, September 30 at 4:00pm at the Irwin's home. The rest of our gatherings will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays in October and November and the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays in December.**

**Registration for Wild Girls will begin on Sunday, September 2nd. The group will be limited to 10 members and will be on a first to register basis.**

**Call or text Lita Malone for more information  
509.899.3030**

# KVUUC Retreat Schedule

## Sept. 14-15 2018

Lazy F Retreat Center, Ellensburg WA

### FRIDAY

- 4pm: **Arrive**, get settled in cabins, explore the grounds
- 5:30-6:30pm: **Dinner** in Dining Hall (the cooks put away the food promptly at 6:30pm so if you come late, bring your own meal)
- 6:30-7:30pm: **Meet and greet** with Rev. Ken Jones
- 7:30-9pm: **Campfire**, sing-a-long, roast marshmallows

### SATURDAY

- 7-7:30am: **Sunrise meditation**, led by Kristine S.
- 8-9am: **Breakfast** in Dining Hall
- 9:30-11:30am: **KVUUC business/goals meeting** led by Kristen P. and Todd S. in Ridgeview Cabin. Kids may go to the Craft Cabin during this time, where two Lazy F leaders will facilitate crafts. If your child can't/doesn't feel comfortable going, please have a quiet activity for them to do while we conduct our meeting.
- 12-1pm: **Lunch** in Dining Hall
- 1:30-3:30pm: **Free time** choices: Archery, board games in Trading Post Cabin, Nature walk led by Kathy A., or just relaxing/exploring the grounds on your own. Sports equipment available for check-out from the Lazy F office.
- 3:30pm: **Closing Circle** at the Fire Pit
- 4pm: **Depart**

### IMPORTANT INFO:

- Bring your own bedding and pillows
- No pets (except service animals)
- No alcohol, drugs, firearms, or fireworks
- Smoking is allowed only at the fire pit
- Rattlesnakes may sometimes be seen on the grounds (which is true for many areas in Eburg). Watch where you step and if you see one, walk calmly away
- 10pm-7am are quiet hours
- No cell service at Lazy F, but wi-fi is available, ask for password in the Lazy F office
- Leave the cabins and grounds as you found them or better. No littering or damaging anything on the property. If you do so this will be charged to the KVUUC account and you will be held responsible.
- Bring snacks to tide you over between meals if needed
- There will be another group there staying in the Skyline Cabin. Please be respectful and courteous.

Have fun!

See Maggie Patterson for any questions

## JUJustice Washington!

WA UU Voices for Justice and the NW UU Justice Network are evolving into JUJustice Washington, a state action network.

You are invited to connect with  
UU justice colleagues at a

### Justice Summit, Saturday, October 20

Edmonds Unitarian Universalist Congregation  
8109 224th St SW  
Edmonds, WA 98026

<http://juustwa.org/conferences/summit18/>

Forge strong, new working relationships, develop state-wide Issue & Advocacy teams, and work with others allied with our causes, especially those with whom we are not yet in right relationship.

Celebrate the formal unveiling of the new organization and its increased efficacy, professionalism and capacity.

Sliding scale, limited homestays available.

Save a date on your calendar for the Legislative Conference on November 18, where you can align your justice work with legislative priorities.

## 2018 Safer Congregations Guide

Our congregations strive to be safe and welcoming places to all. We can make our congregations safer while supporting personal growth and actively working for the full inclusion of all people. The [UU 2018 Safer Congregations Guide](#) is now available, with updates including guidance related to crisis management, youth safety, and social media best practices.

<https://www.uua.org/safe/handbook>



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August 5, 2018

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Greetings, friends.

Thank you so much for your generous donation of \$600 in scholarships to our Pond-to-Pines outdoor nature day camp!

Pond-to-Pines is the highlight of our summer and an enriching summer experience for kids. Each of the nine weeks has a different theme to interest kids of all ages and each theme is tied to specific educational goals. Our education committee and camp staff are busy and loving it.

Overall, 2018 is a busy year for us! Last spring we hosted the 19<sup>th</sup> annual *Get Intimate with the Shrub-Steppe* event at the Umtanum Recreation Area in the Yakima River Canyon and our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Yakima River Canyon Bird Fest. We will host our 2<sup>nd</sup>-annual Cider Fest October 13, 2018, featuring hard cider from nine regional cideries, live music, and much more. All of these events are designed to introduce people to KEEN, the shrub-steppe, and the Yakima Canyon Interpretive Center.

At Helen McCabe State Park, we remain committed to trail building and park maintenance and working towards full habitat restoration. We are enlisting the help of KEEN supporters each second Sunday of the month at the Park with Stewardship Sundays.

We continue working toward realizing our dream of building the Yakima Canyon Interpretive Center at the Park. Our current fundraising goal is \$125,000 to cover costs for a comprehensive business plan, a site plan for the 64-acre park, and new building design. KEEN has raised \$68,000 to complete architectural design, site and landscape design, and the creation of an operations and business plan for the Yakima Canyon Interpretive Center. We are seeking funding from multiple sources from our local community, to help reach our goal so we can take the project to private donors and partners for construction funding (estimated at \$2.5m).

We hope you will stay in touch. Please find us online at [www.ycic.org](http://www.ycic.org) to stay up-to-date with KEENs plans, projects, and events.

Thank you again for your contribution to our work!

Sincerely,

Jill Scheffer  
KEEN President

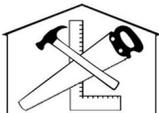
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