



# KUUUC NEWS

November 2018

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## Worship in November

**November 4**  
Gratitude - Rev. Ken Jones  
Board, 12 :15 pm

**November 11**  
Veteran's Day - Richard Gallagher  
Worship Council, 12:15 pm

**November 18**  
GAYT - Justice Across Borders - Jim Schwing  
Membership Council, 12:15 pm

**November 25**  
TBA  
Green Sanctuary/Social Justice Councils, 12:15 pm

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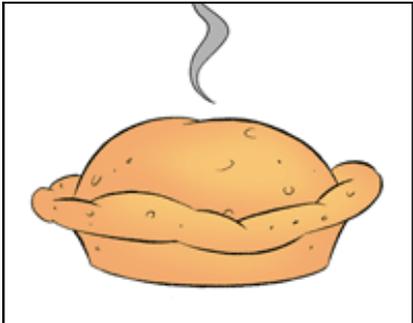
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KUUUC will have its annual Thanksgiving dinner on Nov. 22 at 2:00 pm. If you're interested contact Jim at 509-929-3238. - so that we set enough places.

Two of our great volunteers have stepped down. Yvonne Wilhelmsen from newsletter production and Tom Duke as Board Member At-Large. Thanks both for all you have done. Sooo ... if you'd like to help out doing either - once again contact Jim.



### Upcoming Special Events

**SHOW UP FOR SHABBAT**  
Support Our Jewish Neighbors  
Saturday, Nov 3 - 10:30 am  
Temple Shalom, 1517 Browne Ave, Yakima

**ELECTION DAY**  
Tuesday, Nov 6  
VOTE  
Election Party 5:30 pm - KUUUC  
Film: RBG before results

**NEWCOMER ORIENTATION**  
Saturday, Nov 17—10 a.m. - Noon  
KUUUC  
If you'd like to attend, email Liz at  
com\_coord@kvuu.org

**KUUUC THANKSGIVING & POTLUCK!**  
Thursday, Nov 22—2:00 p.m.  
KUUUC  
All are Invited.  
Contact Jim at 509-929-3238  
To coordinate dishes, etc.

**ANNUAL ORNAMENT MAKING PARTY**  
Wednesday, Nov 28 - 5:30-7:00 pm  
Intergenerational  
KUUUC

**November Theme:**  
**Memory**

# A Commentary From Ken, November 2018

## Thoughts about the Election

I've experienced a lot of elections during my fifty-plus years in this country, and have voted in almost all of them. This list includes ten presidential elections, nine "off year" national elections, and countless other local, statewide, primary, and special elections. And through all of that, I sense more anxiety over the one currently underway than I ever remember experiencing before.

I know many of you have good reason to feel considerable anxiety over this election. Over the past few years, it seems to many that almost every day there's some previously widely held standard of noble civic behavior that gets crossed by one politician or another. We've been experiencing a rise – for perhaps the first time in decades – of overt, blatant, and often hurtful expressions of racism, sexism, and xenophobia employed by politicians in order to increase their political power. This mid-term election is seen by many – again, with good reason – to be a referendum of sorts on this kind of political demagoguery. As people of faith – especially people of liberal faith who affirm and promote the inherent worth and dignity of every person – we feel called by our faith to take a stand against such bigotry and help build a world where all people are valued as worthy equals.

So, there are many good reasons for this anxiety – just as there are many good reasons (probably many more!) for all people of faith to vote in this election. Voting is a precious right and responsibility in our fragile democracy and may be the most important defense we have against tyranny. It should never be taken lightly.

None of us know, of course, how the election will turn out. There obviously are many predictions, and for many races the outcome may be something of a foregone conclusion. But with so many offices on the ballot across the country, and initiatives in Washington and many other states, the outcome of this national "referendum" will not be known or understood until after most of the votes are counted. And even then, I imagine it will be at least a little ambiguous. This election may provide a much-needed correction to the current hemorrhaging of civility and respect for truth, but it is not going to solve all our problems, even if it goes the way you hope. And of course, if it doesn't go the way you hope, of course, it probably won't solve any problems at all, and may make many worse.

Like I said, there are good reasons for anxiety.

But we also must keep in mind that this is only one election. The work of building and maintaining a stable, healthy democracy that values all people and encourages compassion for the powerless is work that is never done. This is what we do in our day-to-day lives; it is what we'll do on the day after Election Day, and every day henceforth. It is about showing up, being authentic, and being present with your neighbors and your community. No election is going to stop us for doing that, for that is why we are here. To be neighbors, to be companions, and to show compassion for the hurting among us.

There is no doubt that we will continue doing this so long as we walk this Earth, no matter what the polls say.

*Rev. Ken*

# The 2018 high School Essay Contest



Open to all high school students in Kittitas County

Sponsored by

Our Environment of Kittitas County (*OEOFKC*) &  
IOOF Lodge 20 (*IOOF20*)

## 2018 Topic

The first step in logically approaching a solution to many problems is the creation of a **problem statement**. This year we would like you to write a problem statement for a local sustainability issue of your choice. Sustainability issues may be interpreted broadly. By local, we would love to see you focus on Kittitas County but any appropriate issue in the state of Washington is acceptable.

## About the contest

*OEOFKC* and *IOOF20* want to increase high school students' knowledge about and understanding of current and continuing sustainability issues. In this year's contest, we are looking for a problem statement. For contest purposes, this problem statement should include a brief statement of the sustainability issue being covered (this is the "statement of your problem") plus a background or overview of the issues affecting the problem, and one or more proposed solutions and how it/they will improve the situation. Winners of this problem statement contest receive cash awards and recognition. Students can find helpful information on writing a problem statement at *WikiHow* [<https://www.wikihow.com/Write-a-Problem-Statement>].

## Basics

All students enrolled in grades 9-12 in public, private and home schools within the Kittitas County, WA are eligible. Students must submit original work. The should be about 300-500 words. Entries must be typed and double-spaced. Contestants must submit their problem statement via email to [OEOFKC@gmail.com](mailto:OEOFKC@gmail.com) as a Word attachment. Contestants should review the official rules (below) for additional important information. This set rules can be found at <http://ioof-wa20.org/essay-contest.pdf>.

## Deadline & Awards

Submissions accepted beginning October 15, 2018. Submission deadline is midnight December 10, 2018.

Award recognition

First place: **\$250** cash award, public reading and publication online

Second place: **\$150** cash award, public reading and publication online

Third place: **\$100** cash award, public reading and publication online

Honorable Mention (four awards): **\$25** cash award, public reading and publication online.

Finalists will be notified via email and winners will be notified via phone. Due to the volume of submissions, non-finalists will not be notified.

## Official rules

### Section I – General Rules

1. Contestants must submit their problem statement via email to [OEOFKC@gmail.com](mailto:OEOFKC@gmail.com) by midnight December 10, 2018.
2. Problem statements must be submitted as a Word document.
3. Contestants must create an original problem statement with limited guidance from others.
4. *OEOFKC* and *IOOF20* will have the right to publish, or otherwise duplicate any problem statement entered into the contest without payment to the author.
5. Winners must agree to share a personal photo and to participate in an interview. This will allow *OEOFKC* and *IOOF20* to create a bio of the winners for use on our website and with the media.

### Section II – Qualifications of Contestants

1. The contest is open to all students in grades 9-12 in public, private and home schools within Kittitas County, WA.
2. Contestants may submit only one problem statement entry.
3. Any student related to any member of *OEOFKC's* or *IOOF20's* staff or Board is not eligible.

### Section III – Contest Rules

Participants must write on the official topic.

Each entry must include the following biographical information at the beginning of the problem statement document: name, age, grade, school, city, state, email, and phone number.

Problem statements must be typed and double-spaced. Problem statements must include a short title.

Problem statements should have three components: (a) a description of the **local** problem being considered, (b) a background or overview of the issues affecting the problem, and (c) one or more proposed solutions and how it/they will improve the situation.

Problem statements should contain about 300 to 500 words. This does not include the title, biographical information, or any footnotes (if applicable).

Any quotations or copyrighted material used in the problem statement must be identified properly. Failure to identify non-original material will result in disqualification.

If the problem statement incorporates facts or other verifiable details, the information should be footnoted. Wikipedia is not an acceptable source.

Any protest in the conduct of the contest must be made immediately. The contest director will decide all protests in conformity with the contest rules. The decision of the contest director is final, and no higher appeals will be recognized.

#### Section IV – Judging and Timing

1. Any problem statement not complying with the rules will be immediately disqualified from any further review. A problem statement will also be disqualified at any point in the process if facts presented prove to be false or unsupported (e.g., if numbers are presented as facts they must be based on defensible evidence as determined by contest staff and/or the judges).
2. All compliant problem statements will be reviewed by an initial group of judges, staff, and volunteers using the scoring criteria described in Section V.
3. The top 10 problem statements from the review in #2 will make up the Finalist Group. Judging of the Finalist Group will be completed by a panel of judges drawn from the original group of judges.
4. Judges will not discuss or compare problem statements being judged until all problem statements have been scored.
5. Judging of the Finalist Group will be conducted using the scoring criteria described in Section V. In the case of a tie, the problem statement scoring higher in category (3) of Section V below will be chosen.

#### Section V – Scoring of Contest

Scoring criteria at all levels of the contest will be identical:

A clear, well-stated presentation of the local problem being considered: 20 points

A paragraph or two providing an overview of the issues affecting the problem: 20 points

A paragraph or two describing at least one or more proposed solutions and further describing how it/they will improve the situation: 30 points

Organization and structure (including a logical interpretation of the subject, adherence to the topic): 10 points

Grammar, punctuation, spelling: 10 points

Vocabulary and style: 10 points

## The Unitarian Universalist Association Condemns Family Separation at the U.S./ Mexico Border

The Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) condemns the Trump administration's appalling assault on vulnerable families seeking asylum in the United States.

"The policy of this administration to separate children from their parents at the border is immoral, inhumane and indefensible," says UUA president, the Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray. "These families arrive desperate for safe-haven, seeking asylum having fled violence and disruption in their own homeland – and instead of safety, they are further traumatized, victimized and criminalized at the hands of the U.S. government."

Those who are fleeing violence and seeking safety for themselves or their families should find support and reassurance at the U.S. border, not the criminalization and separation of their communities.

Compounding this travesty is the Trump administration's [use of religion to justify separating families at the U.S. and Mexico border](#). This is nothing short of religious malpractice.

Attorney General Jeff Sessions' use of the Bible to justify family separation echos the ways the Bible was used to support American slavery, Nazi Germany, and South African Apartheid. The UUA rejects this administration's manipulation of sacred texts to explain the dehumanizing consequences of its immoral policies.

As people whose religious tradition calls us to seek justice, we will continue to side with those most in need and most vulnerable, building on our decades of commitments to support the dignity of immigrants and displaced people. Through our [Love Resists campaign](#), we will continue to help those seeking sanctuary and safety. We will also continue to follow the lead of organizers and organizations most impacted by these immoral immigration policies.

"Every human being has a right to flee from danger," says Rev. Frederick-Gray. "Every parent has a fundamental right to seek safety and survival for their children. Migration is not a crime. Being a refugee is not a crime. Certainly, I would do whatever was needed to protect my child and my family – wouldn't you?"



## What is Guest at Your Table?

Guest at Your Table (GAYT) is UUSC's annual intergenerational program to raise support for and awareness about key human rights issues. Since UUSC works in over 25 countries, with over 75 grassroots partners, there are thousands of individuals involved in and who benefit from the work that our members make possible. The program is an opportunity to celebrate grassroots partnership, support human rights, and learn about just four of these individuals – the "guests" in Guest at Your Table.

The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) is a 78-year-old human rights organization grounded in UU values and committed to advancing human rights, dismantling systems of oppression, and uplifting and affirming the inherent worth and dignity of all people. Our eye-to-eye partnership model centers the experiences and wisdom of front-line communities, and we partner with grassroots groups around the globe to support those facing human rights abuses, humanitarian crises, and displacement due to climate change.

## 2018-19

For thousands of Central Americans making the dangerous journey north to escape gang violence, gender-based assault, and increased militarization, the road away from danger is paved with injustices. Recognizing the difficulty and duration of this journey – and believing that human rights should be recognized before, during, and afterward – this year's **UUSC Guest at Your Table theme for 2018-19 is Justice Across Borders.**

## Justice Across Borders

From the Northern Triangle of Central America, to deserts of Mexico and Arizona, to detention centers in the United States, the road away from danger is paved with injustices. Partnering with grassroots allies along the Central American migration trail, UUSC addresses root causes, supports migrants in transit, and protects the right to seek asylum. Join with UUSC for Guest at Your Table to learn more about UUSC's and our nation's involvement in Central America – historically and presently – and our courageous Migrant Justice partners.

## What about GAYT at KUUUC

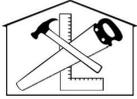
We will start our GAYT program on the third Sunday of November and run through the end of January. Just think that's 11 weeks. If you were to invite a guest to your table once a week for each week, for let's say a \$6.00 meal on the average, that would lead to a \$66.00 contribution to UUSC. Contributions of \$125.00 or more qualify for matching funds from the Shelter Rock Congregation.



Guest at Your Table 2018-19 Sample Worship Service

JUSTICE ACROSS BORDERS

**UU HELPERS - The people listed below have special skills you may need - remember shop locally!**  
 If you have a skill/service you would like to advertise to our congregation, contact Jim at 509-929-3238.



**DON GALLAGHER** - Quality Carpentry - Remodeling, painting, roofing, plumbing and electrical repairs. Don Gallagher.  
 CONTACT: 509-306-0608.



**RICHARD GALLAGHER** - Experienced auto trouble-shooter. Services: repairs, carpooling, garden preparation, snow removal, unusables removed, needed items located. You have needs? Richard has solutions!!!  
 CONTACT: 509-306-9329.



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 CONTACT: 509-964-2086.



**PAULA McMINN** - Green Cleaning Service Housecleaning with earth friendly, non-toxic products. Experienced. Local references available. 509-859-1016 mmcminn18@gmail.com

**JAN JAFFE** — is now accepting adults for **music lessons!**



- Piano, guitar, voice
- Experienced teacher
- Master of Music Education from CWU, 2009
- Specializes in beginner & hobby adult lessons
- Flexible evening schedule for regular or special occasion lessons
- All music styles, songwriting, & theory

Also available as a performance coach for individuals, ensembles, bands, worship teams, etc. Improve skills and build confidence for talent shows, competitions, and workshops.

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