



November Theme: Change

11/6 Adult Discussion Group 9:45

Native American Heritage Part One

Tom Duke

Board meets afterwards, please join!

11/13 The Election

Ken Jones

New member orientation afterwards

11/20 Guest at Your Table

Sophia Betancourt

11/27 Native American Heritage Part Two

Tom Duke



MOVIE MONDAYS

November brings the cold weather as trees surrender their darkened leaves and we begin to think about hot chocolate, warm fires, a walk in the crisp air, and making plans for Thanksgiving.

Our movies for November will chase away the cold, warm our hearts and make us laugh as we celebrate the Goddesses of Hollywood's Golden Age.

But first—a movie for the kids

Shows starts at 7:00 PM

11/07: Coco (2017)

Animated

11/14: True Confession (1937)

Carole Lombard

11/21: Bringing Up Baby (1938)

Katherine Hepburn

11/28: Midnight (1939)

Claudette Colbert



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THERE IS
always, always,
ALWAYS
something
to be thankful for



Faith. Love. Action. Together

By Meghan Anderson

Race to Election Day: Fall Flex for 4 Million!

The UU website for **UU the Vote** states:

“Our Fall Flex for 4 Million leverages the power of our national, state, and local networks to #VoteLove and #DefeatHate in critical ballot measures and combat the voter suppression laws that have made it more difficult for people to vote. We’re hosting events across the country to engage and mobilize voters in key states. Together with our UU State Action Networks and frontline partners, we’re knocking on doors, hosting rallies, calling voters, and doing everything to reach 4 million voters before Election Day! Learn more and join us!”



The coalition of UU state action networks are organizing for justice, state by state.

Go to the UU website where you can download a guide and volunteer for various activities:

[UU the Vote - Faith, Love, and Action. Together.](#)

From the University of Maryland in Baltimore website, *The Elm*, a history of voting in the United States will provide perspective in a discussion on voting.

“The United States prides itself on being a democratic nation, but an examination of the country’s voting history exposes the systematic disenfranchisement of marginalized communities.”

Since 1776, the US has consistently denied members of some groups, like Black people, women, and immigrants, of their right to vote.

Surprisingly, the Voting Rights Act of 1965, which was passed to rectify these inequitable practices, hasn’t stopped the disenfranchisement of these voters.

Across the country, voter suppression tactics continue. Those include purging, or “cleaning up” voter rolls as well as limiting the number of polling sites.

See the entire article at the website: [The Elm | The History of Voting in the United States \(umaryland.edu\)](#)

Resistance is what love looks like in the face of hate. Resistance is what love looks like in the face of violence.

Rev. William G. Sinkford, UU World

Chalice Lighters Grant

The Chalice Lighter Program assists the growth of new and existing congregations in the Pacific Northwest by providing grants funded exclusively through our Chalice Lighter donors. This program is managed by the Cascadia Growth Fund.

In 2018, KUUUC was granted, through the Chalice Lighters, the funds to install all of the audio visual equipment such as cameras, projector, and speakers in the sanctuary.

We are hoping to submit another grant for work we'd like to have done in the building. Some of the ideas are to equip the building with improved accessibility for access from the childcare room to the outside play area and bathroom improvements. There are potential structural work that must be done so we are looking at all the highest priority work first.

To qualify, KUUUC needs 30% of our members to the Chalice Lighting program.

Visit the Giving Page: [Donate To Chalice Lighters – The Cascadia Growth Fund for Unitarian Universalism \(cascadiauu.org\)](https://cascadiauu.org/donate-to-chalice-lighters)



Councils & Groups

Let's bring life back to these councils and groups that haven't had much love for some time:

- [Adult discussion group returns!](#) First meeting Sunday November 6, 9:45 am.
- [Worship Council](#)— meets the first Thursday the month by Zoom using the same link we use for services. Help plan meaningful services! If you can't attend, send ideas to Elise at Elise.May@cwu.edu
- [Care Team](#) —please reach out via text or phone call to Deitra Underhill 509-899-1432. "We hold you in our hearts."
- [Adult discussion group returns!](#) First meeting Sunday November 6, 9:45 am.
- [Membership/Fellowship](#)
- [Green Sanctuary](#)—we are looking to renew Green Sanctuary Accreditation. [October is Energy Awareness Month](#)
- [Social Justice](#)—We work to serve, to raise awareness, and to support and partner with people who face injustice. We advocate, organize, and act for justice to live out the values of our faith
- [Music](#)—Musicians and singers wanted
- [Book Club](#)
- [Pride Month Volunteers](#)—Kittitas County Pride meets monthly on the last Wednesday of the month, 5:30-7:00 pm at Hal Holmes Center.
- [Newsletter](#)—tell us what you like or didn't like about this newsletter. Be on this council to give input, write articles, etc.



What we owe to CHANGE



By Dawn Wilson

The brilliant George Bernard Shaw once wrote “Those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything.”

We’re living in a country where millions of people seem incapable of changing their minds from the hateful rhetoric of racism and misogyny. I look at crowds cheering wildly behind political candidates whose voices, dripping with contempt, yell vile lies into the microphone. Those throngs of people have their minds fully made up and no amount of logic or truth can steer them away from the path they have chosen against facts, justice, freedom, kindness, empathy, compassion, and...well...sanity.

But I wonder— could I be the one who cannot change my mind about civil liberties, science, affordable healthcare, the wealthy paying their fair share? Am I too ridged? Could it be that the systemic racism and misogyny weaved into the fabric of our society are actually beneficial and good for our country?

Do we really need our Constitution? Should we throw out Democracy in favor of a Fascist regime and never bother with voting again? Should I believe that the rich deserve, not only everything they have now, but more? More money and less taxation because...well, they earned it?

Is progressive liberalism bad for America? Was the insurrection on January 6th simply people exercising their First Amendment Rights? *The very rights that will be the first on the chopping block if the government they want is allowed to succeed?*

This is giving me a headache.

It simply is not in my nature to turn against my heart and mind. A heart and mind that tells me all people deserve to be treated equitably under the law. Women must have the right to bodily autonomy. Affordable, quality healthcare should be available to all. I simply cannot set aside logic, empathy, education, logic, and all those other intangible ideals that make me who I am. So no, I cannot change my mind about these fundamental truths. I also cannot change my mind about science. Science is not something that can be tossed aside when it’s inconvenient because you want to preach Creationism and then picked up again when you want to drive your car or use your computer. So no, I cannot be anti-science.

But about that Constitution.

In spite of the fact that the foundation of our government was laid down by a bunch of old, white men (slave-owners, in fact) over 200 years ago, the Constitution is still far and above the greatest document ever used as a groundwork to build a civilization. Forgetting all the problems caused by capitalistic greed, indoctrination, and the electoral college, Democracy in America is working and the Constitution is the reason. The brilliance of the Constitution is simple — our ability to change it.

The Constitution can be amended by the will of the people.

The original document had Ten Amendments, or *The Bill of Rights*. Since that time, 17 have been added. Without the inherent ability to amend the Constitution, we would still have slavery, women and African Americans would still not be able to vote — just two of the positive amendments. Of course, there have been mistakes (Prohibition) but the people can repeal a mistake (21st Amendment).

Changing one’s mind can be a good thing. We must be flexible when we have to be. But we do not need to be flexible when lies, corruption, ignorance, hatred, and fear are leading us down a dangerously dark, destructive path.

Save the Dates

by Dawn Wilson

December 4th: 6:30—8:00 PM

KVUU is providing space for ***The Alaska Suite: a Story of Beauty, Loss, and Hope.***



A hauntingly beautiful jazz composition performed by the Nelda Swiggett Quintet. Live music, spoken words, images and poetry connect audiences emotionally to the tenuous beauty of the Arctic. This work debuted in 2017, and has since inspired over 1,600 people with its message of hope and call to climate action. Tickets will be limited to the space available and tickets will not be available at the door.

Details & Advance Tickets: [The Alaska Suite: a story of beauty, loss and hope Tickets, Sun, Dec 4, 2022 at 6:30 PM | Eventbrite](#)

December 8th —11th

I don't know about you, but I love live theater. I love comedy, drama, musicals, opera, ballet. I love professional productions as much as I love community theater. While we do not have professional dance in town, I was excited to find that Ellensburg Dance will be performing their version of "The Nutcracker".

And I am so here for it!

There isn't a lot of information yet, but keep an eye on the website: [Nutcracker – Ellensburg Dance Ensemble](#) because our very own ***Vienna Rose Jaffe***, and ***Winter Jewel Nightingale*** will be performing. I can hardly wait!



Marcus Jaffe, Vienna Rose Jaffe, and Winter Jewel Nightingale

Photo by Wren Snowsong

Letter from the Financial

By Liz Whitaker

Dear KVVUUC Members and Friends,

We need your help to make sure KVVUUC has the resources to remain vibrant into the future! See if one or more of the following ways to help will fit your life right now.

1. If you can pledge \$5 per month for the next 3 years, go to Chalice Lighters – The Cascadia Growth Fund for Unitarian Universalism (cascadiauu.org) and sign up to be a Chalice Lighter. This will make KVVUUC eligible for grants. Please let me know when you have signed up!
2. If you can manage more than the \$5 per month needed for Chalice Lighters, and you want to pledge but have not yet turned in a pledge form for this year, or signed up for a regular donation on Breeze or Vanco, please complete a pledge form and return in person to Liz Whitaker, via mail to KVVUUC at 400 N. Anderson St., or via scan to: financialsecty@kvuu.org.
3. If you shop at Fred Meyer with a Rewards Card, whether or not there is room in your budget for a pledge, go to <https://www.fredmeyer.com/i/community/community-rewards> or the Fred Meyer app on your smartphone. Find “Community Rewards” or “Fred Meyer Community Rewards,” sign in if needed, then search for & select “Kittitas Valley UU Congregation.” Fred Meyer donates a small percentage of the amount of your purchases to your chosen charity every time you shop at Fred Meyer using your Rewards Card.

November Events Around Town

November 4th

First Friday Artwalk

5:00 PM—7:00 PM

The Ellensburg First Friday Art Walk is designed to showcase performing & visual arts on a monthly basis in galleries and non-traditional spaces in Ellensburg. The First Friday Art Walk is an event to honor the local artist and their work.

November 6th

Music on the Dodge

Visit [Thrall and Dodge Winery](#) for an intimate evening of wine and live music outdoors.

November 25th

Moments to Remember Holiday Bazaar

5:00 PM—6:30 PM

Moments to Remember is a FREE family-friendly event is a great way to kick off the holiday season! Start your day with great deals and discounts during Plaid Friday shopping at participating local stores! Finish off the night with great performances and the annual tree lighting at Rotary Pavilion featuring Santa Claus!

November 25 & Saturday November 26

Noel: A Celtic Christmas

Part of the Ellensburg Downtown Celebration of Moments to Remember. [Upcoming Events | VMT \(valleymusicaltheatre.com\)](#)

For more ideas check out: myellensburg.com/events/

WE MAKE A
LIVING BY
WHAT WE GET,
BUT WE MAKE A
LIFE BY
WHAT WE GIVE.

~WINSTON CHURCHILL

Share your thoughts, stories, musings, photos, in our newsletter by emailing them to secretary@kvuu.org

Interfaith Celebrations for November

Holidays are beautiful reminders of the human experience. Whatever your culture or beliefs, celebrating a holiday is the same as celebrating life. These are only a handful of November celebrations:

- ◇ November 1: All Saints' Day, a western Christian holiday commemorating known and unknown Christian saints.
- ◇ November 2: All Souls' Day, a Christian holiday to commemorate the dead (marked as Día de los Muertos in Mexico).
- ◇ November 4: Diwali, the Hindu festival of lights.
- ◇ November 6: Birth of the Bab, a Baha'i holiday marking the birth of the faith's prophet-herald.
- ◇ November 7: Birth of Baha'u'llah, a Baha'i observance of another prophet-herald.
- ◇ November 11: Veterans Day, honoring military veterans.
- ◇ November 19: Guru Nanek Dev Ji's birthday, an important Sikh holiday celebrating the founder of Sikhism.
- ◇ November 28 – December 6: Hanukkah, the Jewish festival of lights that celebrates the victory of the Maccabees over King Antiochus.

November Birthdays: People of Change

November 7, 1867 — Marie Curie, Scientist

A physicist and chemist, best known for pioneering research on radioactivity. She was the first woman to win a Nobel prize, the **ONLY** person to win it twice for two different scientific fields, and the first female professor to serve at the University of Paris.

Her significant discoveries have served as an inspiration for scientists all over the world. Curie is responsible for not just coining the term *radioactivity* but theorizing the concept of radioactivity as well. Through her relentless dedication and hard work, elements polonium and radium, as we know them today, were discovered.

November 24, 1632 — Baruch Spinoza, Philosopher of the early modern period

One of the frontrunners of radical thinking who coined a new school of belief called Spinozism. Since an early age, he despised the traditional teachings and believed in conventional philosophies due to which he became one amongst the greatest rationalists of the 17th century. His posthumous publication, 'The Ethics', which is regarded as his magnum opus, earned him recognition as one of Western philosophy's most important thinkers. The book entailed his criticism of the traditional beliefs and philosophical conceptions of God, human beings, nature and universe as a whole. It also outrageously criticized the religions, theological and moral beliefs.

November 24, 1968 — Scott Joplin, composer and pianist—changing the way we listened to music

Dubbed the *King of Ragtime*

Wrote over 100 Ragtime pieces and was highly influential among his musical peers and many who followed.

November 27, 1940 — Bruce Lee, most influential martial artist of all time

His films created box office records, eventually changing the way martial arts and films related to it were looked upon by the world. Lee is accredited with the formulation of Jeet Kune Do, a new form of martial art which was quite different from the traditional and rigid form in matters of practicality, flexibility, speed, and efficiency.

November 22, 1984 — Scarlett Johansson, Black Widow Super Hero

Sacrificed herself for the Soul Stone and saved the Universe!

