



KUUUC NEWS

February 2019

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Worship in February

FEBRUARY 2019
Theme - Trust

February 3
On NOT Honoring MLK
Rev. Ken Jones

February 10
TBA Sermon

February 17
On Gun Violence
Chuck Reasons

February 24
On Trust
From *Soul Matters*

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KUUUC needs folks interested in outreach through our website and newsletter, No prior knowledge is required—we'll provide the training. Call Jim 509-929-3238.

We have been invited to join a UU community singing workshop on **Saturday, March 23-24**, in Edmonds, WA! You do not need to read music or sing in our choir. You can go on your own or bring a friend. For more details, contact Music Director Jan Jaffe (music@kvuu.org) and 509-679-1383)

Upcoming Special Events

- KUUUC BOARD MEETING**
Sun, Feb 3—12:30 p.m.
KUUUC
- GAMES & PIZZA W. REV. KEN**
Fri, Feb 8 - 6 p.m.
KUUUC
- OUR ENVIRONMENT**
Tue, Feb 12 - 6 p.m.
United Methodist Church
- ELLENSBURG VEG SOCIETY**
Tue, Feb 19—6:00 p.m.
IOOF Hall
- SUSTAINABLE FILM SERIES**
Family Nite Edition
Fri, Feb 8 - 6 p.m., KUUUC
- OUR ENVIRONMENT**
Sat, Feb 23 - 9:00 a.m.
United Methodist Church
- INTERGENERATIONAL BOOK CLUB**
Book Discussion, Pizza, & Movie
Sun, Feb 24 - 4 p.m., KUUUC

The theme for February is:
Trust



A Rev. Ken Commentary: Time Flies

Time flies when you're having fun!

That's the old saying, anyway. In my case, I think its right.

It's been nearly a half a year since I took on the assignment to be your Minister, and it has been an enjoyable experience. I've worshipped with you a number of times, met with different groups of you often, had many good conversations over at the coffee shop and other places, introduced my daughter to you, enjoyed part of your retreat with you, introduced some of your newer participants to the world of Unitarian Universalism, trained some of you to be worship leaders, and learned a lot about the KVVUC community and traditions.

You may notice that in this message that I still refer to you all as, well, "you." As a quarter-time Minister who commutes to Ellensburg, I do still feel as if I'm "visiting" when I am with you, and I imagine some of you may feel the same way. I'd like to begin to feel more at home when I'm with you!

To that end, I'm going to work on scheduling my time in Ellensburg to hopefully allow for more connections so that we can all get to know one another better. Many of you have dropped by once or twice during my office hours, which have usually been on Wednesday mornings at the coffee shop at 4th and Pearl. That has been a great way for me to have some informal time to chat with people, but it is not always the best way, particularly for people who aren't available to sit in coffee shops on Wednesday mornings! So I'm going to be scaling back the amount of time I devote to that, probably only holding open office hours once or twice a month rather than every week. Instead, I'd like to schedule my time in Ellensburg by making appointments and pastoral visits proactively. So I want to encourage you all to let me know if you'd like to set up a time to meet. Whether it's to talk over a vexing spiritual problem, to kvetch about some pet peeve of yours, or to simply sit and chat for a bit, I'd like to have chances to meet with you all at some point. If you're interested and have a little time, please let me know by emailing minister@kvuu.org or calling my cell 509-759-2852, and I promise we'll try to set up a time to meet.

I'm also going to work on setting aside some more time when I'm in town for gatherings in which we can get to know each other better. The first one will be on Friday, February 8 at 6:00 p.m. I'll bring some pizza, and invite whoever is available to bring other food to share if you wish, and a favorite board game if you have one. Maybe we'll even tell a joke or two...

Rev. Ken



WAS A WILD GOOD TIME



UU World readers respond to Pew religious typology quiz

On August 29, Pew Research Center released a study using cluster analysis to define seven American religious “types,” based on sixteen questions its researchers asked of 4,729 Americans in December 2017 about their religious beliefs and practices. The types identified by Pew were given shorthand names such as “Sunday Stalwarts” and “Solidly Secular.”

Curious to know how Unitarian Universalists might compare to the random sample, UU World editors took advantage of a tool provided by Pew to set up a group survey and used a Facebook post to invite UUs to respond to it. At the time of writing, nearly 2,000 people have taken the group quiz, and the results demonstrate how atypical UUs are among the U.S. population.

Two-thirds of UU respondents fall into two of Pew’s types: Solidly Secular (34%) and Religious Resisters (34%). (The general public came in at 17% and 12%, respectively. Exact percentages of UU respondents may change, but the results have been consistently within a percentage point or two since the first few hundred respondents.) While Pew characterizes these two types as nonreligious, UUs are vastly more likely than the general public to attend religious services (38% attend once a week compared to 16% for the general public) and to be active in religious or spiritual organizations (64% vs. 19%). Our respondents, however, are less likely to pray: 60% pray “seldom” or “never” compared to 34% of the general public. No UU respondents fell into Pew’s “God-and-Country Believers” group.

- Kenneth Sutton, Extracted from *UU World*, Fall 2018.



Religious Education in February

Date	When	What
Feb. 3	during the service	Chalice Seekers and Chalice Children RE*- Chinese New Year
Feb. 10	during the service	Chalice Seekers and Chalice Children RE- Susan B. Anthony
Feb. 17	during the service	Chalice Seekers and Chalice Children RE- Powama
Feb. 24	during the service	Celebration Sunday (in place of regular RE and childcare) Guest Speaker: Dietra Underhill will join all ages of children in the zendo
	4:00 - 6:00 pm	Intergenerational Book Discussion and Movie Night! 4pm book discussion on <i>The Book Thief</i> 5pm free pizza and watching the movie <i>The Book Thief</i>
*Chalice Seekers (2nd-4th grade) and Chalice Children (infant-1st grade) RE meet during the service at KVVUUC every Sunday except the potluck Sunday (5th Sun. of every month)		



February Events

Feb. 8 6:00-9:00 pm: Games and pizza with Rev. Ken. Bring a favorite board game and some food to share, or just bring yourself !!!

Feb. 22 6:00-8:30 pm: Sustainable Film Series - Family Nite Edition. Pizza and a movie: *How to Train Your Dragon*. Donations accepted to cover cost of food.

Feb. 24 4:00 pm: Intergenerational Book Club - Book discussion, pizza, and movie: *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak. You are highly encouraged to read the book and engage in the discussion, but if you haven't read or finished the book, please still feel free to come and enjoy the movie with us.

LOCAL NEWS

Wise Words

Circle Suppers are hosted potlucks. The host chooses a date and decides how many folks can be accommodated. Those who sign up are contacted and receive a general category of food to bring so that the meal will be reasonably balanced. The cozy setting of a home, the intimacy of sharing a meal, the extra time for conversation.

Sign-up sheets are available on Sunday. Please see Janet Adams

"The shortest day has passed, and whatever nastiness of weather we may look forward to in January and February, at least we notice that the days are getting longer. Minute by minute they lengthen out. It takes some weeks before we become aware of the change. It is imperceptible even as the growth of a child, as you watch it day by day, until the moment comes when with a start of delighted surprise we realize that we can stay out of doors in a twilight lasting for another quarter of a precious hour."

- Vita Sackville-West

Bee Garden Buzz

This Month: A Winter Garden Thought

"January is the quietest month in the garden. ... But just because it looks quiet doesn't mean that nothing is happening. The soil, open to the sky, absorbs the pure rainfall while microorganisms convert tilled-under fodder into usable nutrients for the next crop of plants. The feasting earthworms tunnel along, aerating the soil and preparing it to welcome the seeds and bare roots to come."

- Rosalie Muller Wright, Editor of Sunset Magazine,



"Nature has undoubtedly mastered the art of winter gardening and even the most experienced gardener can learn from the unrestrained beauty around them."

- Vincent A. Simeone





June 19-23, 2019 - Spokane

General Assembly (GA) is the annual meeting of our Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA). Attendees worship, witness, learn, connect, and make policy for the Association through democratic process. Anyone may attend; congregations must [certify](#) annually to send voting delegates.

The Power of We

In a time of great challenge and heartbreak in our world, what does our faith demand from us? At this year's General Assembly we will explore the power, possibility, purpose, struggle and joy of finding the path forward together as Unitarian Universalists. Attendees will leave inspired, with the tools needed to carry on the work into their own congregations and communities. Join us as we work for collective liberation inside and outside our faith.

[The Ware Lecturer in 2019 is Richard Blanco](#). Selected by President Obama as the fifth inaugural poet in U.S. history, Richard Blanco is the youngest and the first Latino, immigrant, and gay person to serve in such a role.

[View the GA Schedule](#)

Spokane

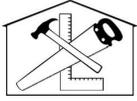
General Assembly 2019 will take place at the Spokane Convention Center, 334 W Spokane Falls Blvd, Spokane, WA 99201. [Google map](#). The Spokane Convention Center is an attractive, [LEED certified](#) facility located in downtown Spokane, featuring accessible parking, automatic entrance doors, and wheelchair accessible elevators. There is natural light from floor-to-ceiling windows, which look out over the Spokane River. Two of the three General Assembly hotels are connected to the convention center, with rates ranging from \$123 to \$149 per night.

The [Spokane](#) region is the gateway for adventure and exploration in the Intermountain Northwest. Located driving distance from Glacier National Park and Yellowstone, Spokane is nestled in natural beauty.

Spokane International Airport (GEG) is serviced by Alaska, American, Delta, Frontier, Southwest, and United Airlines. Nonstop service is offered to 17 destinations, including Minneapolis, Chicago, Dallas, Phoenix, and LAX.

Spokane is accessible by rail via Amtrak's [Empire Builder](#) route (Chicago – St. Paul/Minneapolis – Spokane – Portland/Seattle). It is also reachable by [Greyhound Bus](#).

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