



Your Weekly Newsletter for Upcoming Events

# the SUUNday Focus

November 14, 2010


## Upcoming Services

### Sunday Services at 9:15 & 11 am

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| November 21 | — Hollis Bredeweg, Minister                            | <i>Cranberry Relics</i>                        |
| November 28 | — Sara Edlin Marlowe & Cheryl Rohrig<br>Guest Speakers | <i>Abraxan Service</i>                         |
| December 5  | — Hollis Bredeweg, Minister                            | <i>The Second Path</i>                         |
| December 12 | — Hollis Bredeweg, Minister                            | <i>Festivus: Why Religious Tolerance Isn't</i> |

## Notices & Upcoming Events

### Community Marketplace Ends Today



Stay for lunch after service today and take time to make a last minute bid or two! This is our major fundraiser of the year; your bids help you and the UUCS!

### All bidding ends when lunch is over!


NEW RAFFLE ITEM: a wonderful basket from Public Radio has been added and raffle tickets are still available for a beautiful necklace of lapis crystal and Italian beads and for the basket of wines from our own Washington vineyards.

Don't let the chance for a new adventure or a useful service pass you by!

### Sermon Online for Your Listening Pleasure

Did you miss the November 7 sermon by Hollis Bredeweg, Minister, addressing *The Interim Life*? Check it out online at [www.UUSpokane.org](http://www.UUSpokane.org).

### Lost Your Name Tag?



Today is the last day until next spring to request a replacement permanent nametag. See the clipboard under the name-tag board in the back of the sanctuary.



### UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTION Nov 21 — Crosswalk

Next Sunday our special collection is designated to benefit Crosswalk and all the people it serves. If Crosswalk's work speaks to you, please give generously. All monies collected, unless specified as a pledge payment, will go to Crosswalk.

FYI: Crosswalk is an emergency shelter, founded in 1985 with our own past UUCS member, Clay Bleck, leading the way. It is a school drop-out prevention program, and a group of lifesaving and life-changing programs that address the causes of youth homelessness. In an average year, Crosswalk serves more than 1,000 youth. **Emergency shelter is available 365 days a year and all services are free and voluntary.** Crosswalk restores hope and encourages personal responsibility among homeless youth.

Run by a small professional staff, Crosswalk relies heavily on the generosity of churches, service clubs, families and businesses who provide daily meals as well as community volunteers who provide tutoring and enrichment activities and donors who provide financial support, in-kind services and scholarship funds.

## Celebrating Religious Education at UUCS

### ✦ Christmas Pageant Parts Available

If you are interested in being part of our Christmas Pageant, contact Diane Huigen as soon as possible. The Preschool through Second grade children = animals or angels; Third through Sixth = shepherds, camels, child of the innkeepers; JH through SH = kings, head shepherds, Joseph, Mary, donkey, servant, innkeepers. This is an annual tradition, so come be part of the fun.

### ✦ Can You Donate One Hour?

Do you have one hour to donate to the future leaders of our church? Would you like to have fun with our children? **We would love to have you volunteer in our Preschool through Fourth Grade classrooms.** We're not asking for every week, just once in a while when it fits your schedule, maybe once, twice, three times or more a year. Your involvement will have a huge impact on the children. Appreciation will be shown with hugs, smiles, and/or laughter.

### ✦ Holiday Party & Cookie Potluck — Decorating, Singing, Eating & More



You are invited to our annual Holiday Party & Cookie Potluck on Saturday, December 4 from 5 – 8:30 pm. This party is for everyone who enjoys having fun from 0 – 100+. **Dinner will be cooked by our Senior High Youth as one of their fundraisers for the year, so a donation will be anticipated.** This is an evening full of fun and excitement! We will decorate the tree, try out some crafts, sing carols, play games, socialize with friends, and have a visit from a special guest with a white beard and a red suit! We look forward to seeing everyone there for some UU camaraderie.

### UU Principles for Children (and those who love them)

**Red: RESPECT for the importance and value of all beings.**

### ✦ Learn Our Seven UU Principles and Earn Your Own Chalice

Would you like your own chalice? We have some wonderful chalices made by Ed Tyler to give to anyone who has learned our 7 UU Principles and recited them to Diane Huigen. Just let your teachers or Diane know you would like to do this and we will make it happen. **Working together as a family to learn the Principles is a great unifying learning experience.**

### ✦ Offerings – Our Social Justice Project

Remember to bring some spare change to RE for our Social Justice Project. The children are making lists of places they may donate their offering such as the Spokane Food Bank, Vanessa Behan Nursery, and/or the Spokane Humane Society. This project helps teach our children the power of giving.

### ✦ Senior High Youth Group — Great Game Crew Competition

Tonight, November 14<sup>th</sup>, the Youth Group will have a **Great Game Crew Competition!** The fun starts at 7 pm in the Bartok Room (the last room in the RE wing). Join us for Just Dance Dance-Offs, Team Twister Brackets, Apples to Apples and other alliterative games.



Next week we will be doing Viral Videos—send links to [thebudkes@mac.com](mailto:thebudkes@mac.com)!

## The Inside Scoop

### ✦ Holiday Wreath Sales



Bring a touch of our northwest woods to your door for the holidays! On November 14, 21 & 28, we'll take orders for **green wreaths made locally by Wildflowers Florist**. Wreaths can be picked up at the church on December 4th between 10 am - 2 pm, or on December 5th before or after Sunday services. The funds will bolster our church budget as well as the florist. Wreaths measure 18 inches and include a bow and pine cones. Donation of \$25 requested.

### ✦ Ministerial Search Update

We are ready to enter the official search for our settled minister! In preparation, the Search Team has created a special website to showcase all that we – and Spokane – have to offer a minister. Dan Eacret, Dale Avery and Jet Tilley have worked countless hours to design, create and complete this amazing site. You can access it by selecting the "Ministerial Search" tab on the sidebar at the church's homepage: [www.uuspokane.org](http://www.uuspokane.org). Check it out!

**"The freedom of the mind is  
the beginning of all other freedoms."**

Clinton Lee Scott, Universalist Minister  
September 28, 1887-September 28, 1985

### ✦ Save the Date — Tibetan Buddhist Meditation Retreat at UUCS

Saturday, November 20 Venerable Semkye and Venerable Jigme, Monastics from Sravasti Abbey, will offer a Tibetan Buddhist meditation retreat titled "Meditation on the Buddha" in the Chapel from 9 am - 4 pm. This teaching is open to all faiths from beginning to advanced practitioners. The practice is offered free of charge although donations are welcomed. For more information, contact Nancy Boroughs at 688-5534 or [dawa\\_neb@yahoo.com](mailto:dawa_neb@yahoo.com).



## From the Music Director's Desk

### ✦ An Invitation to Join the Children's Choir for the Christmas Pageant

It is time to start thinking about our beloved Christmas Pageant and once again singing those wonderful songs that help tell the good old story in a "UU way"! All kids from 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grades are invited to sing in the choir. We start rehearsals on Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6 pm in the Sanctuary. Parent info letters will be out to you by mid-November. Contact Music Director, Deborah J., at 325-6383 ext 303 or e-mail her at [uusic@uuspokane.org](mailto:uusic@uuspokane.org) for more information or to enroll your child in the choir.

## The Inside Scoop

### ✦ Sage Tea Bulletin Board

George Girwin and Pam Comstock are this month's featured Sage Tea folks, part of a group of long-time members who add much to our church community. So take a look at our outside bulletin board, and find out more about George and Pam, both of whose joining the UUCS were inspired by the Rev. William Houff's work on environmental issues.



### ✦ Make a Difference: Fill the Food Barrels for the Hungry People of Spokane

Please take this opportunity to make a difference in the lives of local families and seniors. We have three food barrels in the foyer from the Second Harvest Food Bank of Spokane just waiting to be filled. **Every can of food you donate feeds hope for the hungry in Spokane.** Food collected helps stock 20 emergency food outlets in Spokane County that serve more than 15,000 people every month, more during the winter months. Four out of 10 emergency food clients are children and one out of 10 is a senior. No time to shop? **Cash donations are welcome!** Each dollar you give is transformed into six pounds of food – about four meals. Checks made payable to Second Harvest can be mailed to or dropped off at the UUCS office. If you and/or your family need help, please contact our minister, Hollis Bredeweg, or Diane Huigen, Director of Religious Education.



### ✦ Church Directory Now On-Line

If you want to access the Church Directory and other contact information via our website ([www.uuspokane.org](http://www.uuspokane.org)), just fill out an On-Line Policy and Access Agreement located on the table by the sound booth and leave it in the folder. You will be snail-mailed the Directory user name and password. Questions? Contact Jet Tilley, Business Administrator, at 325-6383 ext 302/[admin@uuspokane.org](mailto:admin@uuspokane.org).

### ✦ A Gentle Reminder...

As the church year moves into full swing and the Winter Holidays approach, there are lots of folks using the facilities in the evenings and on the weekends. Given all this activity, please do keep in mind the words of Robert Fulghum, UU minister and writer of the classic, "All I Ever Needed to Know I Learned in Kindergarten." In Fulghum's words, **"Put things back where you found them. Clean up your own mess."**

## Covenant Statement

*We, the Unitarian Universalist congregation of Spokane, promise to:*

- *support and care for one another,*
- *embrace diversity of persons and spiritual paths,*
- *search for truth and understanding, and*
- *work for social justice and environmental stewardship.*

*With this covenant, we honor each other with our laughter and tears, our compassion, and respect. We are a community of open hearts, open minds, and open hands.*