



Your Weekly Newsletter for Upcoming Events  
**the SUUNday Focus**  
 November 28, 2010

**Upcoming Services**

Sunday Services at 9:15 & 11 am

December 5 — Hollis Bredeweg, Minister *The Second Path*

December 12 — Hollis Bredeweg, Minister *Festivus: Why Religious Tolerance Isn't*

Please see the Order of Service for the Holiday Service Schedule

**Notices & Upcoming Events**



**Donate Food Items To Help the Hungry**

Please, when shopping this week, think about picking up some extra staples for the 2nd Harvest food barrels in the lobby of the UUCS. Below are the most needed food items by category.

**protein:** peanut butter, canned meat, hearty soups, chili stews, macaroni & cheese & beans

**fruits & vegetables:** canned fruits & vegetables, canned or boxed juices, boxed mashed potatoes, dried fruit

**grains:** pasta, rice, healthy cereals (low sugar & low fat), oatmeal.

Cash donations are also welcome! Each dollar you give turns into 6 pounds of food – about four meals. Checks made payable to Second Harvest can be mailed or dropped off at the UUCS office. Food and monetary donations go directly to Second Harvest Food Bank of Spokane. If you and/or your family need help, please contact our minister, Hollis Bredeweg, or Diane Huigen, Director of Religious Education.

**Volunteers Needed at 2nd Harvest**

2nd Harvest needs volunteers to help package fresh food and do a number of other things vital to feeding the hungry in our community. Please check out the opportunities at <http://inland.volunteerhub.com>.

**Holiday Decorating Party & Dinner**



This Saturday, December 4, is the annual Holiday Party & Dinner from 5 – 8:30 p.m. The Senior High Youth will fix us a fantastic dinner as one of their fundraisers so a donation will be anticipated. This is an evening full of fun & excitement for everyone from 0 – 100+!

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.

**Last Day for Holiday Wreath Sales**

Bring a touch of our north-west woods to your door for the holidays! Today is the last day that we'll take orders for green wreaths made locally by Wildflower Florist.



Wreaths can be picked up at the church

Dec 4 between 10 am - 2 pm, or Dec 5 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

**Celebrating Religious Education at UUCS**

✦ **Our Annual Pageant Needs You**



We still have some parts available if you are interested in being part of our Pageant. We need more animals, shepherds, camels, an inn-keeper, two kings, a servant, and a donkey. The rehearsals are Fridays, December 10 & 17, from 6 – 8:30 pm. The Pageant takes place Sunday, December 19, at 11am during the service. If you are interested contact Diane Huigen ([re@uuspokane.org](mailto:re@uuspokane.org) or 325-6383 ext. 306). Come join in the fun!

✦ **Senior High UU Youth Group Reminder**

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, there is no Youth Group meeting tonight. Please remember that we have our **Dinner Fundraiser coming up on Saturday, Dec 4**—we are providing dinner for the Church Decorating Party—we need teams to cook, serve and clean-up.

Coming up we will be rehearsing *The Latke That Wouldn't Stop Screaming* for performance at both services on December 12th.

✦ **"Up In Alms" – Our Offering**

This is a story from *Better Homes & Gardens*, December 2010. "In a spend-happy world, how do you teach children the habit of giving to charity? Have your kids put a portion of their allowance or earnings in a jar or bank, and at the end of the year let them choose where to send the funds. A foster care coordinator for the Love Without Boundaries Foundation in Oklahoma has a 4-year-old daughter who gets a weekly allowance of 75 cents. One quarter goes to savings, one to spending, and one to charity. 'In December, she chooses where she wants to send her money, and my husband and I match her savings.' Last year, her daughter picked from charities based on her passions: a local animal shelter, helping kids in China, and the Pennsylvania Ballet."



This is what we are doing with our Religious Education class offerings. Please remember to send your child with some change for our classroom offering.

✦ **Please 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. It's fun! Our latest volunteers are Judy and Dick Gammon. They worked last Sunday and have volunteered to help every other Sunday. Thank you so much! Contact Diane Huigen if you are interested in **hugs, smiles, and laughter**.

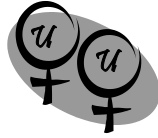


Let my name stand among those who are willing to bear ridicule and reproach for the truth's sake, and so earn some right to rejoice when the victory is won.  
 ~ Louisa May Alcott

## The Inside Scoop

### ✦ Upcoming UU Women Events

Wednesday • December 8 • 11:30 am — Lunch at the MAC.  
12:30 pm — Gallery talk and tour of the exhibit, "Women's Voices, Women's Votes" with Marsha Rooney, Senior Curator of History at the MAC. UUCS member Marion Moos is recognized in the exhibit!  
There is a "group rate" (reduced) admission fee.



Sunday, December 12 at 12:30 pm — Monthly meeting in the Thoreau Room. Bring your "brown bag" lunch and take some time to socialize after the morning service.

All UU Women events are open to all women of the church and all are invited to join us. Please do just come!

"I do not prefer one religion or philosophy to another. I have no sympathy with the bigotry and ignorance which make transient and partial and puerile distinctions between one man's faith or form of faith and another's - as Christian and heathen, I pray to be delivered from narrowness, partiality, exaggeration, bigotry. To the philosopher all sects, all nations, are alike. I like Brahma, Hari, Buddha, the Great Spirit, as well as God."  
~ Henry David Thoreau, Journal 1850

### ✦ Board & Search Team Seeks Your Input



There will be a Conversation with the Board of Trustees on Sunday morning, December 5, following the 11am worship service. We'd like to hear your perceptions of how things are going this year, and for you to hear an update from our Settled Minister Search Team.

### ✦ 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).



### ✦ Sermons On-Line Update

For those who want to listen to sermons on their mobile devices, have we got a deal for you! Sermons will now be published on our website in both WMA (PC) and MP3 (mobile device) formats. So now you can take it on the road!

## From the Music Director's Desk

### ✦ Last Call for the Children's Choir — Pageant Rehearsals Start December 2nd

Our uniquely UU Christmas Pageant is coming soon. We need to know by Monday, Nov 29 who is going to sing with us. All kids from 3rd through 6th grades are invited to be in the choir. We start rehearsals on Thu, Dec 2nd at 6 pm in the Sanctuary. Contact Music Director, Deborah J., at 325-6383 ext 303 or e-mail her at [uumusic@uuspokane.org](mailto:uumusic@uuspokane.org) for more information or to enroll your child in the choir.

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### ✦ Winter Solstice Volunteers Needed

Our annual Winter Solstice Singing Ritual (Tuesday, December 21) is fast approaching and we need your help to turn the Wheel of the Year from Dark to Light. Below is a list of volunteer opportunities and what they entail. If you are willing and able to lend a hand, please contact Jet at [admin@uuspokane.org](mailto:admin@uuspokane.org) or Deborah at [uumusic@uuspokane.org](mailto:uumusic@uuspokane.org), or contact the church office at 325-6383. Many thanks in advance to all the volunteers for helping make this a magical evening.



### Graces & Dragons

Greet people at the door; collect the offerings; assist with the candle lighting ceremony; control access in and out of the sanctuary. Training will be provided. G&Ds need to be able to attend at least one planning session (time yet to be determined), part of the dress rehearsal (Monday, Dec 20 at 7 pm), and arriving early on Solstice Eve (Dec 21).

### Moving Crew

Arrange the sanctuary before the dress rehearsal (Mon, Dec 20 at 5:30-ish) and put things back after the ritual on Dec 21.

### Kitchen Witches

Assist our master kitchen witch, Scott Fitzgerald, with after the ritual hospitality gathering. Tasks include setting out treats and clean-up.

### Treat Providers

Bring finger-food treats (from fruits to nuts, cookies to quick breads) for the hospitality gathering after the service.



### ✦ Marketplace Auction Results

Wow! Many thanks to our donors and bidders—we raised \$14,500 for the UUCS! Congratulations to the winning bidders of the auctions and to the winners of our three raffles.

### ✦ Crosswalk Special Collection Report

Thanks to our congregation's generous spirit, last Sunday we collected \$1,351.11 in support of the Crosswalk Teen Shelter program.

### 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.*