



Your Weekly Newsletter for Upcoming Events
the SUUNday Focus
 December 19, 2010

Upcoming Services

Sunday Services at 9:15 & 11 am

December 21	Solstice Singers & Readers	<i>Winter Solstice Singing Ritual</i>	7 pm
December 24	Hollis Bredeweg	<i>Christmas Eve Service</i>	7 pm
December 26	Hollis Bredeweg	<i>Instant Sermons</i>	11 am
January 2	Rabbi David Kominsky	<i>The Old is Made New and The New is Made Holy</i>	9:15 & 11 am

Notices & Upcoming Events

**Today's Special Collection
 Minister's Discretionary Fund**

Today you are invited to support the UUCS Ministerial Discretionary Fund. This fund provides emergency assistance to members and friends of our church impacted by job loss, emergency health issues or unexpected financial difficulties. Your gifts to this fund represent grace and mercy to those in need right here in our midst. Thank you for your generosity.



Sharing Tree

Thank you so much for helping 17 struggling families with holiday gifts! It is truly amazing that 61 mittens were taken in three hours, plus last Sunday some people gave checks to put toward food vouchers for the families. This church really has a generous spirit and acts on it! The gifts will be delivered tomorrow or Tuesday to the colleges where the families can pick them up. I talked to one of the college contact women and she said the families have been calling her this week to see if it really is going to happen. They are so worried about their children having a good Christmas. We are taking some weight off the mother's shoulders. Blessings to all of you!

Celebrate the Winter Solstice

Our annual Winter Solstice Singing Ritual is Tuesday, December 21 at 7 pm. **Come be part of the magic and help us turn the Wheel of the Year from Dark to Light.** Note: The doors will be opened at 6:30 pm and the ritual will begin promptly at 7 pm.



Humanist Group in Chapel at 12:45 Today

Speaker: Hollis Bredeweg
Topic: Befriending the Grinch — The Seldom Told Tale of a Manufactured Holiday.
 Today any question about the legality of nativity displays on public property or teaching carols in the public schools is regarded as "A War on Christmas." Where did this holiday originate? How did it acquire its current cultural significance? The answers may surprise you....

Guest at Your Table Boxes

Are you filling your boxes? Someone brought in a box this week so loaded with change it had to be taped with duct tape. Thank you whoever you are! Remember, you are collecting money to help the UUCS advance human rights and social justice around the world. Pretty awesome isn't it!

✦ **Thanks to Our Teachers**

Thank you to the 49 volunteer teachers currently involved in the Religious Education program. You are appreciated by the children and youth, their parents, the congregants, our minister, and myself! It definitely takes a village to make this program work and we have a fantastic village! Blessings to you all. — Diane Huigen, DRE

✦ **Donating One Hour to Our Children**

Thank you to the kind members who have donated time in the Religious Education classrooms helping our wonderful teachers: Jason McIntyre, Betsy Rush, Doug Maupin, Sarajoy Van Boven, Dick and Judy Gammon, Sasha Carey, & Amy Teel.

✦ **Learning to be Generous**

Our classroom offerings are going well! Thank you for helping your children to remember. Religious Education classes begin again January 2, 2011.

✦ **Your Own Chalice**

Are you learning your principles? Ed Tyler has made more chalices to choose from, so come recite the 7 Principles to Diane Huigen and then choose your own chalice. Aiden Serquina recited the Principles to the UU Church in Coeur d'Alene last week with his mom, Diana Good for you, Aiden! Diana says learning the Principles has produced some wonderful learning conversations for her and Aiden. Try it, you'll like it.



✦ **Wreath Sale Success!**

Thank you to all the people who purchased fresh wreaths. We sold 51 and added \$510 to the church budget. Many thanks to Wildflowers Florists for very nice products.

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 foyer of the church. And, cash donations are also welcome! Each dollar you give turns into 6 pounds of food — about four meals. **Please make your checks payable to Second Harvest** and mail them to or drop them 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), 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.

✦ **2011 Calendars Need for the Office**

Don't recycle those free 2011 calendars you've been receiving. Bring them to the church office and we will put them to good use all throughout the New Year.

✦ **Out of Focus**

Just a reminder we will not be publishing a Focus for either the Christmas Eve or the Sunday, December 26th services. If you have something critical to communicate to the congregation for those dates, please send your submissions as pulpit announcements directly to Hollis at hbredeweg@comcast.net.