



Your Weekly Newsletter for Upcoming Events
the SUUNday Focus
 April 03, 2011

Upcoming Services

April 10	Rev. Todd Eklof, Ministerial Candidate (9:15 & 11 am services)	<i>The Heyoka: Going Against the Grain</i>
April 17	Rev. Todd Eklof, Ministerial Candidate (One service only at 10 am)	<i>Duuwy, Duuing, Duu: A Call for Acts of Social Witness</i>
April 24	Rev. Hollis Bredeweg, Interim Minister	<i>Hope for the Flowers</i>

Notices & Upcoming Events



✦ **Meet Our Ministerial Candidate Next Sunday**

All are invited to meet with our ministerial candidate, Rev. Todd Eklof, and his family next Sunday, April 10, following the 11 am service. *The UUCS*

Search Team will provide a light lunch at 12:30 pm in the Friendship Hall. After lunch, there will be a "Town Hall Meeting" in the Sanctuary where people can ask questions and get to know more about our candidate and his family.

✦ **The Baton is Ready to Be Passed! Deadline April 10, 2011**



Are you a church member who has successfully served on one or more teams? Are you ready to move to a broader perspective? **Apply to join our UUCS Board of Trustees.**

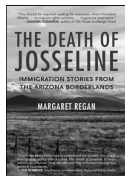
Applications are available at the Board table on Sunday, from the office, or on our web site. **Deadline for applications is April 10, 2011.** Thank you for considering this most important role in our church. Devon Greyerbiehl, Julie Rector, Sue Wotring, Renee Compton, and Donna Sponseller. Check out our church web site CHALLENGE. Contact us at nominating-team@uuspokane.org.

✦ **Stewardship Commitment Forms**



In an effort to be frugal (meaning saving money on postage), Stewardship Commitment Forms will be distributed one last time

after both services this week — don't forget to pick up yours! Completed forms can be placed in the collection bowl or in the silver box in the back of the church, or you can mail them to the church office. **Please return your form by April 24 so you can be "counted" in the celebration at the Annual Dinner on April 30!**



✦ **Mark Your Calendars! Meet Margaret Regan — Author of *Death of Josseline: Immigration Stories from the Arizona Borderlands***

Thursday, April 14 at UUCS. Dinner at 6:30 pm. Presentation and conversation at 7:30 pm. (This will also be another opportunity to meet our ministerial candidate.)

Books still available at back of the church today for \$13. Not only is this event part of the GetLit Festival, but the UUA has announced this title as the Common Read. Contact Tracy Springberry at (509)638-5316 or at tracyspringberry@comcast.net for more information or to volunteer to assist with this event.

Celebrating Religious Education at UUCS

UU Youth Group Tonight

Tonight from 7 – 8:30 p.m. in the Bartok Room there will be an evening of surprises. Join your UU friends for some fun times.



You Are Needed and Wanted!



We would love to have you volunteer to help in our Preschool through Fourth grade classrooms. If you have one hour this spring, or an hour every other Sunday, whatever you can do, we would appreciate your time. In return you will receive hugs, smiles, and laughter. If you have questions, please contact Diane Huigen (re@uuspokane.org or 325-6383).

Are You Learning Your UU Principles?

Recite them to Diane Huigen and receive an Ed Tyler chalice of your choice.



Learning to be Generous

Our Sunday morning classroom offering is a great way to act on our Principles: Respect everyone & everything; Offer kind treatment to all; Yearn to learn throughout life; Grow by exploring ideas; Believe in our ideas and act on them; Insist on peace, freedom and justice for all; and Value our environment. Thank you for helping your children remember their change.



RE Family Potluck with Ministerial Candidate

All are invited to the RE family Potluck in the Thoreau Room on April 9 starting at 4pm, eating at 5pm. **Our special guest will be our UUCS Ministerial Candidate, Rev. Todd Eklof!** Bring a kid-friendly dish and a game to share. Questions? Just e-mail Sarajoy Van Boven at sarajoyvb@yahoo.com.

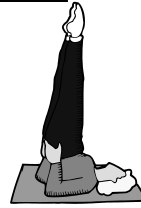
UU Principles for Children (and those who love them)

- RED** → RESPECT for the importance and value of all beings.
- ORANGE** → OFFER fair and kind treatment to all.
- YELLOW** → YEARN to learn throughout life and accept our differences.
- GREEN** → GROW by exploring ideas and values together.
- BLUE** → BELIEVE in our ideas and act on them.
- INDIGO** → INSIST on peace, freedom and justice for all.
- VIOLET** → VALUE our interdependence with nature.

The Inside Scoop

✦ Yoga for the Challenged as well as Nimble

Our instructor does make Yoga possible for anyone! Meet with us on Wednesdays from 3-4 p.m. in the Thoreau Room. Please bring a donation for the instructor. For more info, contact Diane Huigen (325-6383/re@uuspokane.org).



✦ Camp Starwheel Planning Help Needed



It's time to begin planning Camp Starwheel – our fun-packed camping, swimming, workshop experience for everyone who attends. If you are interested in helping plan this wonderful event and/or leading a workshop, please contact Barb Stuebing (327-3803/bbkes@earthlink.net) or Diane Huigen (325-6383/re@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!

Social Justice Opportunities

✦ Garden Plots to Feed the Hungry



We will be moving compost from our church bin to our garden plots which are on the south side of the RE wing on Wednesday, April 6th, from 10 – noon. If you are available we would love to have you join us. If you have a wheelbarrow and/or shovel, please bring them if you can. For more information, contact Diane Huigen (re@uuspokane./325-6383).

✦ Filling Our Food Barrel - Keep up the Good Work!

The Food Bank came out and emptied our barrel! It was full and we had food supplies on the floor. The Food Bank really appreciates our continued support. Please continue to donate food items for the hungry people in Spokane. Thank you so much!



Covenant Statement

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

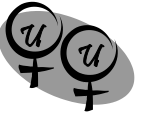
- support and care for one another,
- embrace diversity of persons and spiritual paths,
- search for truth and understanding, and
- work for social justice and environmental stewardship.

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.

The Inside Scoop

✦ UU Women: April Events and Collection of Personal Care Items

Once again, during the month of April, UU Women will be collecting personal care items for the Women's Hearth – a drop-in shelter on West 2nd. Please bring lotion, shampoo, toothpaste, etc. for our gift baskets which will be at the back of Friendship Hall.



Wednesday, April 13, at 11:45 am we are meeting for lunch at "SCRATCH" located at 1007 West 1st Avenue. All the women of the church are invited to "just show up" for good conversation and a delicious lunch together.

UU Women is a chapter of the UU Women's Federation and welcomes all women of the church to its activities. Questions? Please call Judy Gammon-363-0535.

✦ Mother's Day Bouquets: Place your order starting next week

Remember the Mother's Day bouquets last year? Lovely! We will begin taking orders next Sunday, April 10. This is a Camp Starwheel Fundraiser. Look for our table in the Friendship Hall.



✦ April Art Wall Features Wood Art by Jerry White

During the month of April the walls of our Friendship Hall will feature art by church member Jerry White. With surgical dexterity, Jerry creates dramatic designs, pictures and embellishments on wood through pyrography, literally "writing with fire". His art work will be for sale, with a percentage of proceeds benefiting the work of our UU Art Wall Team.

"We Unitarian Universalists have inherited a magnificent theological legacy. In a sweeping answer to creeds that divide the human family, Unitarianism proclaims that we spring from a common source; Universalism, that we share a common destiny." ~ Forrest Church (1948-2009) co-author of *A Chosen Faith*

News from the Adult Enrichment Team

✦ Ethical Eating Monthly Movie Night — *Vanishing of the Bees* Saturday, April 16 at 6:30 pm in the Thoreau Room



Join the Adult Enrichment Team for April's Monthly Movie Night focused on Ethical Eating! Come learn about Colony Collapse Disorder that is causing worldwide decline in the pollinating bee population. Why watch it? – Because one out of every three bites you eat is possible because of bee pollinators! *Vanishing of the Bees* follows commercial beekeepers David Hackenberg and Dave Mendes as they strive to keep their bees healthy and fulfill pollination contracts across the U.S. Movies, popcorn, and lemonade with discussion to follow! (We will have a possible visit by the local beekeeping organizations as well.)