



Your Weekly Newsletter for Upcoming Events
the SUUNday Focus

April 10, 2011

Upcoming Services

Sunday Services at 9:15 & 11 am

April 17	Rev. Todd Eklof, Ministerial Candidate	<i>Duuwy, Duuwig, Duu:</i> <i>A Call for Acts of Social Witness</i>
April 24	Rev. Hollis Bredeweg, Interim Minister	<i>Hope for the Flowers</i>
May 1	Bloomsday - Church Closed	
May 8	Rev. Hollis Bredeweg, Interim Minister	<i>To Be Announced</i>

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Nominating Team Challenge



Deadline TODAY!

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 TODAY. Thank you for considering this most important role in our church. Devon Greyerbiehl, Julie Rector, Sue Wotring, Renee Compton, and Donna Sponseller. Contact us at nominatingteam@uucs.org

Spinning Your Wheels? Learn How Meditation Can Help

Learn how to stop your mind from making you crazy! Come hear Buddhist teachings about how our minds are the source of our happiness and pain. Two nuns from Sravasti Abbey will be teaching Buddhist meditation classes in our chapel from 6:30 to 8pm on Mondays from April 11 to May 2. Learn how meditation can make our lives more peaceful and truly happy.



Everyone is welcome and it's fine to just drop-in any Monday — even once — to simply try it out. No need to register — just show up! Contact Sara (509- 536-6294) for more information.

Town Hall Meeting with Our Ministerial Candidate Today - April 10

All are invited to meet with our ministerial candidate, Rev. Todd Eklof, and his family today 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.



Don't Forget Your Stewardship Commitment Form

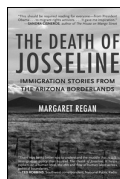
Don't forget to complete your Stewardship Commitment form. Completed forms can be placed in the collection bowl or in the silver box in the back of the church, or you can mail them to the church office. **Please return your form by April 24 so you can be "counted" in the celebration at the Annual Dinner on April 30!**



Yoga for Everyone = New Time

Our instructor makes yoga possible for anyone! Wednesdays at 12:30 pm in the Thoreau Room. Please bring a donation for our instructor. Questions? Diane Huigen at re@uuspokane.org or 325-6383.

News from the Adult Enrichment Team



✦ **Death of Josseline Author Speaks This Thursday**

On Thursday, April 14th, Margaret Regan, author of *Death of Josseline: Immigration Stories from the Arizona Borderlands*, our UU common read, will discuss her work.

6:30 pm — Dinner for all (sliding scale donation).
The Rev. Todd Eklof will be serving!

7:30 pm — Margaret Regan presentation and discussion

If you need childcare or would like to volunteer to assist with this effort please contact Tracy Springberry (tracyspringberry@comcast.net) (509)638-5316).

✦ **Ethical Eating Monthly Movie Night — *Vanishing of the Bees***

Saturday, April 16th 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.)



Celebrating Religious Education at UUCS

✦ **UU Youth Group — No Meeting Tonight**

Members of our Youth Group have traveled to UU Youth Spring Con at Camp Collins in Gresham, Oregon, for 3 days. They will be focusing on the seven principles that form the foundation of our religion and how we live them every day. Jean Edwards is transporting them for her sixth time! That's true dedication. Jean has also taught Senior High RE for many years. Everyone give Jean a big thank you when you see her.

✦ **Two More Chalice Earned - Congratulations Sam & Sarah Poiani**

Sam and Sarah Poiani knew the 3rd Principle during the Story for All Ages on Sunday! They also both recited all the Principles to Diane and picked out their own Ed Tyler chalices filled with Hershey Kisses.



✦ **RE Sunday Morning Offering**

We are getting closer and closer to the end of the church year when we will decide where to give our classroom offerings. Thank you, parents, for making sure your children have a penny or more for their offering. This is a great way to act on our Principles.

✦ **Come Volunteer for Religious Education**

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. Questions, please contact Diane Huigen (re@uuspokane.org or 325-6383).



UU Principles for Children (and those who love them)

Violet: Value our interdependence with nature

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✦ A Big Welcome to our New Members!

The following people have completed the Path to Membership and joined our church. Please welcome them into our congregation when you see them.

Gary AnselmoMarnach	Kelly LaGrutta
Lisa AnselmoMarnach	Pamela Larratt
Wendy Baker	Valerie McIlroy
Bob Cook	David O'Connor
Marion Hammer	Andi Richter
Mark Hammer	Wayne Stewart
Ashley Heath	Matthew VanZee
	Johnna Woodruff

✦ Gardening for the Hungry— Volunteer Opportunity

The garden beds on the south side of the RE wing should have compost on them when you check them out this Sunday. The next big project is fencing the area to keep out the deer and marmots. We could use some strong, willing people to help. Volunteers please contact Diane Huigen (re@uuspokane.org / 325-6383).



✦ Filling Our Food Barrel - Involve the Kids and Grandkids

Please continue to help fill our food barrel. The Food Bank and people who shop there really appreciate everything we do! Remember, having your children/grandchildren help shop provides many wonderful life lessons including generosity, and it's fun!

✦ Generosity Multiplied

Week in and week out our congregation's generous spirit is made manifest in the offering baskets. This past Sunday, someone put three silver dollar coins into the offering, two of which had dates in the 1920s. To our delight, with just a bit of research and running around, this \$3 offering became \$48. What a gift to have generosity multiplied!



✦ Sermons On-Line Update

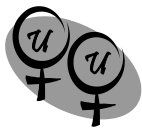


For those who want to listen to sermons on their mobile devices, have we got a deal for you! Sermons will now be published on our website in both WMA (PC) and MP3 (mobile device) formats. So now you can take it on the road!

✦ UU Women — Upcoming Meeting and Personal Care Items Collection

During the month of April the UU Women will be collecting personal care items for the Women's Hearth—a "drop-in" shelter on West 3rd. Please bring lotion, shampoo, toothpaste, etc. for our basket which will be at the back of Friendship Hall.

On Wednesday, April 13 at 11:45 we will gather for lunch at "SCRATCH"-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.



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✦ Calling All Camp Starwheel Volunteers!

We have lots of really fun things planned for Camp Starwheel, but we still need people who will lead some of them.



Volunteer Opportunities

- ✦ people who will do child care Saturday morning for children 3 and under,
- ✦ people who will put together a Saturday morning youth program for children 4 – 8 years (arts & crafts, games, stories, hiking, etc.)
- ✦ people to manage the boat building workshop
- ✦ someone to lead a high school discussion group about what school classes this age needs
- ✦ someone to lead a discussion about elementary age issues
- ✦ people who will lead a bee house making/worm bin class

We have leaders for a Ball Bouncing Integrating Your Brain, Ropes Course, Hollis discussion on What's Next, Sustainable Menu/Recipe exchange, and Drumming. Join the fun of planning! Contact Barb Stuebing at bbkesc@earthlink.net or Diane Huigen at re@uuspokane.org.

✦ Camp Starwheel Fundraising Lunch after service on Sunday, April 17

On Sunday, April 17, there will be a congregational meeting to vote on our ministerial candidate. **Be sure to look for the super lunches being provided by our WONDERFUL camp cooks in the Friendship Hall.** Give what you can to support Camp Starwheel.

✦ Flowers for Mother's Day = Funds for Camp Starwheel

Remember the gorgeous baskets and bowls of flowers from last year on Mother's Day? We are doing it again this year as a Camp Starwheel fundraiser. **We are taking orders this Sunday, April 10, & April 17, and April 24.** Look for our table in the Friendship Hall and the crazy ladies in their crazy hats. Pickup will be on Saturday and Sunday of Mother's Day weekend. Thank you for supporting Camp Starwheel!



Newcomers Q & A

Attending our church for the first few times can confuse a newcomer. If you have questions, particular interests, or just plain need to know more about UUCS check the Q & A Corner at the front of the Sanctuary after each service. There will be a board member awaiting your questions!

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.