



Your Weekly Newsletter for Upcoming Events
the SUUNday Focus
 April 24, 2011

Upcoming Services

Sunday Services at 10 am

May 1	Bloomsday - Church Closed	
May 8	Rev. Hollis Bredeweg, <i>Interim Minister</i>	<i>Calling All the Children Home</i>
May 15	Rev. Hollis Bredeweg, <i>Interim Minister</i>	<i>The Love Lives of Porcupines</i>
May 22	Rev. Hollis Bredeweg, <i>Interim Minister</i>	<i>Thinking Inside the Box</i>
May 29	Michael Hoffman, <i>Guest Speaker</i>	<i>To Be Announced</i>

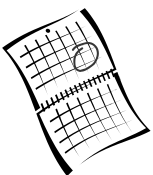
Notices & Upcoming Events

Rev. Dr. Todd Ekloff's Sermons On-Line in Audio and Text Format



Did you miss one of our new minister's Candidating Week sermons? They are on-line at www.uuspokane.org in both text and audio file formats. Just follow the link below Rev. Ekloff's photo on the home page. Enjoy!

SAVE THE DATE — April 30



Mark your calendars for our **Annual Congregational Dinner**. Let's celebrate a successful Stewardship Drive and our future together.

Get Your Tickets for General Assembly 2011 June 22-26, Charlotte, NC

Would you like to represent UUCS and join thousands of UUs from across the nation at the UU General Assembly? This is the 50th anniversary of the merger of the American Unitarian Association and the Universalist Church of America. There will be speakers, worship, a Youth Caucus, workshops and more. Visit UUA.org/ga for details. Check with Board Member Betsy Rush for tickets.

Buy Your Flowers for Mother's Day Today

This is the last Sunday to purchase your Mother's Day bowls and/or hanging baskets. If you need to, you can call/email Diane Huigen (re@uuspokane.org or 325-6383) with an order today through Monday, May



2. Today look for our table in the Friendship Hall and the crazy people with the crazy hats. This is a fundraiser for Camp Starwheel; thank you for your support!

Please Submit Your Stewardship Commitment Forms TODAY!

Completed Stewardship 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!**

Camp Starwheel Fundraising Lunch Results

Thank you so much for supporting Camp Starwheel last Sunday! We cleared \$657.15. You are all appreciated! Come join us at Camp for more food and camaraderie!



Celebrating Religious Education at UUCS



✦ **Senior High Youth Group 7-8:30 pm tonight in the Bartok Room**
 90 Minute Movie Night – Let's watch a comedy and eat popcorn. You know, food and fun!

✦ **Are you Learning Your UU Principles? New chalices available!**
 New Ed Tyler chalices are in the RE Office for you to choose from after you recite the Principles to Diane.



✦ **RE Sunday Morning Offering**
 We are getting closer and closer to the end of the church year when we will need to decide where to donate our classroom offerings. Thank you, parents/grandparents, for making sure your children have a penny or more for their offering. This is a great way to act on our Principles.



✦ **Help Our Teachers in Religious Education Classes**
 We would love to have you volunteer to help in our Preschool through Fourth grade classrooms. This is a great way to get to know the children of our church and for them to get to know you. 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? Contact Diane Huigen (re@uuspokane.org / 325-6383).

✦ **A BIG THANK YOU** to the eleven JH/SH Youth who helped with the younger children last Sunday! You were wonderful!



Camp Starwheel Updates

✦ **Camp Starwheel Volunteers Needed / Planning Session on May 2 at 6:30 pm**
 We are going to have a fantastic time at Camp Starwheel Memorial Day weekend, May 27 - 29! There are so many great activities planned you will have a hard time deciding what to do! We have a Ropes Course, Building Worm Boxes/Bee Houses, Conversations with Hollis about "What's Next?", Ball Bouncing-Integrating Your Brain class, Sustainable Menu/Recipe exchange, Cooking Class with Andrew our fantastic chef, discussion on Alternative Fuels led by Jason McIntosh, & Drumming with Bonnie Brunt.



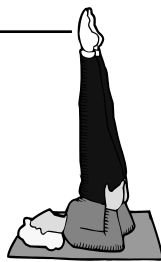
We still need people who will accept the following Volunteer Opportunities: people to do child care Saturday morning for children 3 & under; people who will help with a Saturday morning youth program for children 4 - 8 years (arts & crafts, games, stories, hiking, etc.); people to manage the boat building workshop; someone to lead a "Getting the Most Out of High School" discussion group; someone to lead an Elementary Issues discussion group; someone to lead a Yoga or Tai Chi group; someone to ref an ultimate Frisbee or soccer game. Contact Barb Stuebing at bbkescc@earthlink.net or Diane Huigen at re@uuspokane.org.

Join the fun of planning! We are meeting on Monday, May 2, at 6:30 p.m. See you there!

The Inside Scoop

✦ Yoga for Everyone = New Time

Do you have stress in your life? Come join our relaxing, out-of-body experience class every Wednesday at 12:30 – 1:30 pm in the Thoreau Room. It's absolutely the best! Please bring a donation for the instructor. Questions? Contact Diane Huigen (re@uuspokane.org or 325-6383).



✦ Gardening for the Hungry – Volunteer Opportunity

Sue Wotring weeded the garden beds on Saturday during our All Church Clean Up, and Kelly LaGrutta and Doug Huigen put in 14 posts for our critter fence. We have had many deer moving through the church's backyard lately. They are so beautiful! Now we need to finish putting in the posts, spread the compost, turn the soil, put up the fencing and then plant, if it ever stops snowing and warms up. If you come to work during the week, please come check in with me for your pat on the back. Questions? Contact Diane Huigen (re@uuspokane.org or 325-6383).

✦ Fill our Food Barrel – Involve the Kids & Grandkids

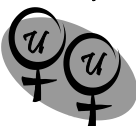
Our barrel is filling up again! Please continue to help make this happen for the families and seniors who shop at the Food Bank. They really appreciate it! 25% of the children in the USA are dealing with hunger issues and that percentage is growing. Take your children/grandchildren shopping with you and let them pick out food for our barrel. It's a great life lesson about caring for others who are less fortunate. If you need help with providing food for your family, please contact Diane Huigen or Rev. Hollis Bredeweg.

✦ Meditation Classes Offered on Mondays

Come hear Buddhist teachings about how our minds are the source of our happiness and our pain. 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. Everyone is welcome and it's fine to just drop-in any Monday to simply try it out. No need to register — just show up! Questions? Contact Sara (509-536-6294).



✦ Help Us Collect Personal Care Items for Women's Hearth



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 baskets which will be at the back of Friendship Hall. Questions? Please call Judy Gammon at 363-0535.

from the Spokane Alliance

✦ Alliance Wide Discernment Assembly on Monday, May 9, 2011 from 6:30 - 8:30 PM

All those interested in shaping the next Alliance Agenda for the Common Good will gather to report what public pressures and passions are bringing together our member institutions and will give direction to Alliance issue development and action over the next few years. The meeting is at Plumbers and Pipefitters, 3915 East Main Avenue.

✦ Spokane Alliance Fundraising Event on Tuesday, May 24, 2011 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm

This event will be at the UUCS—details coming!

For information on these events or the Spokane Alliance in general call Bill Prouty (448-7503) or Elizabeth Keeler (536-0858)

The Inside Scoop

✦ Humanist Focus Group Meeting - Sunday May 15, 2011 ** Note new start time **

11:30 am – 1 pm in the UUCS Chapel

Reconnecting with the Environment, Michael Salvador, PhD, professor at WSU

Many who study environmental problems point to an essential aspect of contemporary western culture that contributes to almost every ecological crisis we face: Our technological and media saturated society disconnects us from the very material reality in which we exist. Humans in industrialized nations live in a “virtual reality” that separates our everyday actions from their environmental consequences, disconnects our senses from the world around us, and alienates us from our own bodies. Dr. Salvador will discuss recent studies on the human dimensions of environmental problems, and suggest ways to reconnect humans with the environment on which we depend – a required step if we are to alter our current course of ecological destruction.

✦ Mark Your Calendars: Openheartedness Forum - Sunday, May 15

On Sunday May 15, we will all gather for church and an open forum focusing on our discernment of our openheartedness to the new ministry that begins July 1st. Come and participate as you are willing and able.

Listening, speaking, both! Help generate ideas to ensure the success of the new ministry. One service only on this Sunday, 10 am. Child care available for church and the Forum. Lunch after the Forum at noon.

Continue the buzzzz as long as you like. Healthy Relations Team: Devon Greyerbiehl, George Girvin, Bill Greene, Molly Huss, Mary Rupert, and Jan Treecraft, with assistance from the Search Team.



from the Administrator's Desk

✦ New E-Mail Address for Focus Submissions

Andi Richter has graciously agreed to take on the entire job of putting together our SUUNday Focus weekly bulletin. If you have something for the Focus, please send your submissions directly to Andi at focus@uuspokane.org. Thanks & Cheers!

✦ Remember to Lock the Doors

Just a reminder to everyone in charge of events at the church on evenings and weekends: please be sure all exterior doors are locked when you leave. We've been finding some doors unlocked of late and would like everyone to take extra care. Thanks and Cheers! — Jet Tilley, UUCS Business Administrator

from the PRIDE Team

✦ PRIDE Team Meeting May 3 at 7 pm

All are welcome to the PRIDE Team meeting on Tuesday, May 3 at 7 pm at UUCS. We will be planning for the celebration in Riverfront Park in June and hosting The Rainbow Awards in May. We will also discuss any other issues or needs in the GQBLT community and our church community. No need to RSVP, just come.

✦ SAVE THE DATE for the PRIDE Parade

Mark your calendars for June 11 at Noon to walk in the PRIDE Parade in downtown Spokane. It's time to walk our talk. If you can't walk, come down and watch and show your support for the GQBLT community.

Questions? Contact Nancy Avery PRIDE team leader at Nancy.Avery@comcast.net