



Your Weekly Newsletter for Upcoming Events  
**the SUUNday Focus**  
 June 12, 2011

**Upcoming Services**

Sunday Service at 10 am

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| June 19 | Rev. Hollis Bredeweg, Interim Minister | <i>Religion in the Year 106 AE<br/>(After Einstein)</i>                                 |
| June 26 | Last service with Rev. Hollis Bredeweg | <i>De-Installation Service</i>  |
| July 3  | Rev. Dr. Todd Ekloff, Minister         | <i>First and Foremost:<br/>Unitarian Universalism as an American Mystical Tradition</i> |

**Notices & Upcoming Events**

**Social Justice Group seeks VFW donations**

June 15-30, the Social Justice Group will be collecting donations for the VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars) and Operation Homefront.

Both organizations serve current soldiers, veterans, and their families in times of need and emergency situations. The military provides many services while a soldier is enlisted but limited services after discharge. Veterans also make up 1/5 of the homeless population and 1.5 million are considered at risk of homelessness due to poverty, lack of support network, and dismal living conditions. The most important item that both of them need is grocery store and gas gift cards. These are given to families instead of cash.

**Even a \$5 gift card will help as it can be combined with other gift cards.**

Another item the VFW would like to receive is new or gently used coffee mugs for the veterans at the VA hospital.

You can donate before/after services and during business hours. Please contact Rachel Beauchene (608-738-8997/ uucsintern@hotmail.com) for more information.



**2011 Word Garden Poetry Anthology**

Poets of all ages associated with our congregation are invited to submit original poems for our poetry anthology.

Poems need to be copy machine ready and include the poet's name. Up to 4 one-sided pages can be submitted for consideration by Sunday, July 10.

Poems can be left in the Word Garden folder in church office, given to Lisa Conger or Elaine Stevens or emailed to [stevenscurtis@aol.com](mailto:stevenscurtis@aol.com). **The annual Word Garden poetry service will be on Sunday, July 31.**

**Mark Your Calendars: UU Women's Retreat! October 7, 8 & 9**

Registration information will soon be in the SUUN and on the UUCS website at [www.uuspokane.org](http://www.uuspokane.org)

**Hunger is a Year-Round Problem**

Please continue to fill our food barrel for the families and seniors who shop at the Food Bank. An extra jar of peanut butter and some mac & cheese won't add much to your bill, but will really matter to a family with hungry children. If you need help with providing food for your family, please contact Diane or Rev. Hollis Bredeweg.



**Garden Update**

**Gardening for the Hungry**

The fencing is up thanks to Kelly LaGrutta, Doug Huigen, the Poianis, and John Rush! Thank you so much! The tomatoes, peas, beans, onions, and volunteer squash/cucs are doing very well. I'm watching for the beets & chard. Gardens are such a wonderful mystery! I love to watch them grow! If you have any questions, call/email Diane Huigen at 325-6383/



**Celebrating Religious Education at UUCS**

✦ **Now Recruiting Religious Education Teachers for the Fall — 24 Volunteers Needed!**

It's that time of year – Teacher Recruitment. Come join the fun of working with and becoming friends with our UU kids. We need 4 teachers for each of our classes – Preschool, Kindergarten – 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>, Junior High, and Senior High, which means we need 24 teachers. You would work, according to what your team decides, every other Sunday, or two Sundays a month for an hour. You spend approximately ½ hour preparing, which is reading your lesson to become familiar with what you are teaching. **This is one of the most important jobs in our church, because the teachers are helping our UU kids learn what being a UU means.** Look for our table in the Friendship Hall with the balloons. There will be RE Council members at the table to help you, or you may contact Diane Huigen (325-6383/re@uuspokane.org).

✦ **Summer Volunteers Needed for the One Room Schoolhouse**

Would you like a chance to join our youth when they meet famous UUs this summer? The summer program is a one-room schoolhouse in the Thoreau Room with a famous Unitarian or Universalist. Christopher Reeves aka Superman (Susan Tyler-Babkirk with Doug Huigen) will visit our classroom on June 19, Father's Day. Frank Lloyd Wright (June 26), Matt Groening, Rod Serling, Margaret Sanger, and Fannie Farmer are anxiously waiting their turn. Come meet them and the kids! Contact Diane Huigen (325-6383/re@uuspokane.org).



✦ **Are You Learning Your Principles?**

Are you learning your Principles? Come check out our collection of Ed Tyler chalices. You can have your own chalice once you have recited our 7 Principles to Diane Huigen. You can find a copy of the Principles on the shelf in front of the RE Office or Diane can help you. Learn what we as UUs believe.



✦ **Summer Classroom Offering - Free Cakes for Kids**

We will be taking a summer offering, so bring your pennies, dimes, or whatever, each Sunday. We will be donating our offering to Free Cakes for Kids whose purpose is to provide a special birthday cake for children who otherwise might not have one due to their life circumstances. They serve children who live in poverty and often do not have family members in their lives. Some have experienced abuse. By providing as many of these children as possible with a special birthday cake, Free Cakes for Kids hopes to show them that there are people who care. They are a non-profit, volunteer-run agency.



✦ **Senior High Youth Group**

There aren't any meetings during the summer, but there will be a camping trip in August. Keep in touch with Beth, Matt and Ariel. Have a great summer!

