Your Weekly Newsletter for Upcoming Events

the SUUNday Focus

June 19, 2011

Upcoming Services

Sunday Service at 10 am

June 26 Last service with Rev. Hollis Bredeweg ***De-Installation Service***

July 3 Rev. Dr. Todd Ekloff, Minister ***First and Foremost: Unitarian Universalism as an American Mystical Tradition***

July 10 Rev. Dr. Todd Ekloff, Minister ***UU Worship and the Five W's : What is it? Who Does it? When does it Happen? Where does it Happen? And, Why?***

Notices & Upcoming Events

Social Justice Group Seeks Donations for Veterans
The Social Justice Group is collecting donations for the VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars) and Operation Homefront. The most needed items are grocery store and gas gift cards, which are given to families instead of cash. **Even a $5 gift card will help as it can be combined with other gift cards**. New or gently used coffee mugs for soldiers at the VA hospital are also welcome. Make your donation before/after services or at the UUCS office during the week. More info? Contact Rachel Beauchene (608-738-8997/ uucsintern@hotmail.com). FYI: Veterans make up 1/5 of the homeless population and 1.5 million are at risk of homelessness due to poverty, lack of support network, and dismal living conditions.

Today's Special Collection — Programs Serving Our West Central Neighbors
This week's special collection will be shared between three organizations serving Spokane's West Central neighborhood: The Native Project, Project H.O.P.E, and The West Central Community Center. Please use the "Special Collection" envelope enclosed in the Order of Service for your gift.

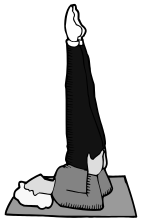
Hollis' Farewell Lunch / Roast June 26th — After the service on June 26th, please stick around for lunch and an opportunity to express your thanks in person to Hollis on his last Sunday with us. The expert Camp Starwheel chefs will be serving up a delicious barbecue lunch and we hope all the great cooks in our church will bring potluck side dish offerings. We'll pass around the microphone and let you "roast" dear Hollis with stories and appreciation. *And, don't forget to contribute to the Todd Eklof Installation Fund in lieu of farewell gifts, as per Hollis' wishes.*

Roy Zimmerman in Spokane on June 29
For a mere $15 Roy Zimmerman, bleeding heart liberal (but funny) singer/ songwriter is coming to the Magic Lantern on Wednesday, June 29th at 7:30. He is a political satirist- sort of a one man Capitol Steps without the impersonations but with the biting humor where it's needed the most.

Explore Our Labyrinth!
Come walk our weed-free labyrinth, thanks to our **super-phenomenal weeders**. See an emerging weed - pluck it! The Celtic triple spiral labyrinth has no prescribed entry or exit points. Those are yours to choose!

Garden Update

Gardening for the Hungry
Everything is up! Hurray! The birds are enjoying our gardens, also, which has been hard on the beets and chard. I've put up plastic bags to help keep them away, but I also look at it as a way to thin the crop. Come check out the progress. Questions? Contact Diane Huigen at 325-6383/re@uuspokane.org.



Yoga – A Stress Releaser
Come enjoy an out-of-body experience on Wednesdays from 12:30 – 1:30 pm in the Thoreau Room. The stress in your body and mind will disappear. It's wonderful! Please bring a donation for the instructor. Questions? Contact Diane Huigen at 325-6383/re@uuspokane.org.

Celebrating Religious Education at UUCS

- **SH/JH Youth Summer RE**

We will have a SH/JH RE get-together every Sunday morning at 10 am. Come join us. There will also be a camping trip in August. Keep in touch.

- **Your Change can Change a Child's Birthday from Sad to Glad!**

Can you imagine letting your child's birthday go by without a cake? Sadly, this is a reality for many children. **This summer's RE offering will be donated 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. Free Cakes for Kids hopes to show them that there are people who care. This is a non-profit, volunteer-run agency. So gather up your pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters & your Susan B's and bring them to RE!

- **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 be visiting our classroom today, along with a little Superboy (Tristan Henry). They will be focusing on disabilities. If you would like to volunteer for one Sunday (or more), please contact Diane Huigen at 325-6383/re@uuspokane.org.

- **Now Recruiting Religious Education Teachers for the Fall**

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 – 2nd, 3rd – 4th, 5th – 6th, 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).