



Your Weekly Newsletter for Upcoming Events  
**the SUUNday Focus**  
 July 31, 2011


**Upcoming Services**

Sunday Service at 10 am

- Aug 7 Rev. Dr. Todd Eklof, Minister *The Evolution of Indra: Nonviolence as Recessive Meme*
- Aug 14 Rev. Dr. Todd Eklof, Minister *Prometheus and the Dragon: The Difference Between Reflective and Reflexive Thinking*
- Aug 21 Rev. Dr. Todd Eklof, Minister *From Person to Principle: UU Theology in Terms of Developmental Theory*

**Notices & Upcoming Events**

**Copies of the 2011 Word Garden Poetry Anthology Available TODAY!**

 Copies of the 2011 poetry anthology are available in the Friendship Hall after the service. Three new poems by Linda Whittenberg are included. The suggested donation to cover printing costs is \$2 to \$5. Copies of Bobbie Bennett's book are also available with a suggested donation of \$10. Pick up a free poem to carry away in your pocket!

**Past Sermons at UUSpokane.org**

Did you miss Rev. Dr. Eklof's sermon last week? You can listen to the sermon or read the text at our website!



**Adult OWL is for You**


If you're a young adult or a "less young" adult, if you're GLBTQ or straight, partnered or single, bold or shy, Adult OWL is for you! **Expect a lively group, provocative questions, laughter and personal insights.** The group will meet for 4 sessions on a weeknight at the church beginning mid-September. Space is limited. Contact Cindy Fine (535-0385/cynfine@yahoo.com) to join the group.

**UU Women Lunch Gathering on August 10**

On Wednesday, August 10 at 11:30 am, all UU women are invited to lunch together at The Park Bench Cafe located in Manito Park. All the women of the church are invited to join us for lunch under the shady trees of Manito Park just east of the perennial garden. No reservations necessary but if you have a question, please call Judy Gammon at 363-0535. Hope YOU will join us.



**Collecting Office Supplies and More for the Women & Children's Free Restaurant**

First of all, **THANK YOU** to those that made in-kind donations for Lutheran Community Services. Your donations of clothing & school supplies have made a difference in the lives of children in need.  During August, we will be collecting items for the **Women and Children's Free Restaurant**. The WCFR needs other office supplies such as paper, paper clips, masking tape, and shipping labels. They also need flour, vanilla, black pepper and latex gloves. For more information on other donation needs please contact Rachel Beauchene (608-738-8997/uucsintern@hotmail.com).

✦ **Special Collection for a Child-Survival Crisis in Africa**

Next Sunday, August 7, we will have a special collection for the massive effort to save starving children in the Horn of Africa. The U.N. has declared famine in four countries in Africa. This is the worst starvation seen in Africa in 20 years. Thousands of children have died and more than 2 million children are desperate for food. UNICEF now considers the famine to be as severe as the earthquake that struck Haiti last year. Just **\$10 can feed a child for 10 days with a fortified nut paste called PlumpyNut**. One feeding can pull a child back from the brink. As always, if this is something you would like to support please do so by putting your donation in the Special Collection envelope. Make your checks out to UUCS and write Africa in the memo. Thank you!

**Celebrating Religious Education at UUCS**



✦ **Balloons = Teacher Recruitment for 2011-2012**

You are needed & wanted! We still need six more teachers for RE, 3 nursery assistants, and 9:15 RE Teachers. Come join the fun of working with and becoming friends with our UU kids. Working with our UU children is one of the most important jobs in our church, because you are helping them learn what being a UU means. Look for our table in the Friendship Hall and sign the poster. There will be a RE Council member at the table to help you, or call/email Diane.

✦ **Religious Education Evaluation Online Survey for All**

The RE Council requests our parents, youth, volunteers and teachers complete a Short and Easy survey in order to gain feedback on your perception of our program. Plus, we love to hear your ideas and suggestions to make improvements. Please find time in the next week to reply so the RE Council can use your responses for planning next year's program. The survey is at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/JRSQHL6>. Thank you!

✦ **Sunday Morning Offering Update: Wow!**

A congregant gave me a \$10 bill to go toward the Re Sunday morning offering! Thank you so much! This offering is going to Free Cakes for Kids which is a non-profit, volunteer-run agency providing free birthday cakes for children who otherwise might not receive a cake due to their life circumstances – children in poverty who often don't have family members in their lives. This agency hopes to show children that there are people who care. Please gather up your change and send it with your children/grandchildren, or give it to Diane. Thank you!



✦ **SH/JH Youth Summer RE**

We will have a SH/JH RE get-together every Sunday morning at 10 am either in the Memorial Garden or in the Bartok Room. This is a time to discuss whatever the group wants to discuss! Join us. There will also be a camping trip in August. Keep in touch.

✦ **RE Group Picnic—at the Audubon Splash Pad— August 13**

This will be a no-host, BYO-Everything picnic! Come at 3 pm to enjoy the splash pads. We'll break out the picnics around 5 pm. If you want to bring items to share, that is great, but not required! Questions? Contact Sarajoy Van Boven 443-1186 or sarajoyvb@yahoo.com.



✦ **Teaching Assistants Needed Through the Summer**

Would you like a chance to meet our famous UUs with our RE students? Being a Teaching Assistant means you get to meet the famous UU and you get to work with our kids. You would help manage the classroom and help with activities. We would love to have you volunteer! We meet in the Thoreau Room after the Story for All Ages. Come be a part of our fun summer program. Contact Diane at [re@uuspokane.org](mailto:re@uuspokane.org)/325-6383.