



Your Weekly Newsletter for Upcoming Events  
**the SUUNday Focus**  
 August 7, 2011

**Upcoming Services**

Sunday Service at 10 am

- 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*
- Aug 28 Fred Edwards from the United Coalition for Reason *tba*

**Notices & Upcoming Events**

**August Art Wall Features Colorful Photographs by Michael Folsom**

The August exhibit in our church's Friendship Hall highlights dramatic landscapes and graphic close-ups by photographer Michael Folsom. Mike's artistic eye captures sweeping Northwestern panoramas as well as the abstract patterns discovered in an ancient barn. He will be present before and after today's service to talk with interested members or visitors. A percentage of any sales will benefit the work of our church Art Wall Team.



**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.

**Word Garden Poetry Anthologies**

Word Garden Poetry anthologies are available after the service in the Friendship Hall. A donation to cover printing costs is appreciated. See Elaine Stevens.

**Special Collection for Africa - Today!**

Today's special collection is 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. We are doing this collection in connection with UNICEF. Just \$10 can feed a child for 10 days with fortified PlumpyNutnut paste. One feeding can pull a child back from the brink. 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.

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

During August, we will be collecting items for the Women and Children's Free Restaurant. The WCFR needs office supplies such as paper, paper clips, masking tape, and shipping labels. They also need flour, vanilla, black pepper and latex gloves. For information on other donation needs please contact Rachel Beauchene (608-738-8997/uucsintern@hotmail.com).



**Celebrating Religious Education at UUCS**



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

You are needed & wanted! We still need 6 more teachers for RE, 3 nursery assistants, and 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.

✦ **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.



✦ **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.

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

We are collecting money for 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!



Questions about our Religious Education program and events can be directed to Diane Huigen, Director of Religious Education at re@uuspokane.org or 509-325-6383 x306.

**IN CONCERT AT UUCS**  
 Award-Winning Activist Songwriters

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**FRIDAY ■ AUGUST 12, 2011 ■ 7 PM**

**Tickets on Sale NOW!**

\$12 in advance/\$15 at the door  
 \$5 college students (w/ID) and youth 18 & under

**Proceeds to benefit Spokane LGBT Center**

Advance tickets available at UUCS and online at [www.emmasrevolution.com](http://www.emmasrevolution.com)

✦ **Peace-making -- Friday, August 26pm, 7pm, UU sanctuary**



**A dialogue with Native Elder Vickie Downey and Tibetan Buddhist monk Geshe-la**

Two amazing peace-makers will speak at the UU Church on Friday, August 26, at 7 pm. Vickie Downey is from Tesuqueh Pueblo, New Mexico, and is a member of the Tewa tribe. She is an international spokesperson representing native peoples and indigenous concerns. As part of the Grandmothers Voices program, she spoke at our church in April 2010. Geshe Phelgye, affectionately called Geshe-la, will be teaching this year at Gonzaga University. He has been a Tibetan monk since the age of 17. Geshe Phelgye travels the world promoting peace, animal rights and a vegetarian lifestyle and has also spoken at our church. Come hear the deep wisdom these leaders offer from their lives and their spiritual traditions.

For more information please contact Susan Virnig (susan@newstories.org or 535-3998).

✦ **You're invited to join the Web Weavers (South Hill) Group!**



These small groups have been meeting for several years to make closer connections among fellow UUs. This group meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday evening, and discusses topics that range from favorite poems to words like *regret* or *inspiration*. They would like to add 2-3 new members. Questions? Contact Steve Johnston at threetwofour65@gmail.com.

✦ **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.

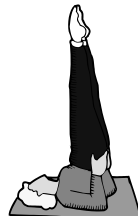


✦ **UU Women's Retreat on October 7, 8 & 9**

This year's UU Women's Retreat will be October 7, 8, and 9 at Camp N-Sid-Sen on Lake Coeur d'Alene. Registration forms are available today at the table in the back of the Friendship Hall and on the church website [www.uuspokane.org](http://www.uuspokane.org). Plans are well underway for this event!

✦ **Yoga – A Stress Reliever in all Seasons**

Yoga continues through the summer. Come enjoy an out-of-body experience on Wednesdays from 3 – 4 pm in the Thoreau Room. It's wonderful for your body! Youth are welcome. Please bring a donation for the instructor. Questions? Contact Diane at [re@uuspokane.org](mailto:re@uuspokane.org)/325-6383.



✦ **Check Out Our Website: [www.uuspokane.org](http://www.uuspokane.org)**

Want to listen to Rev. Dr. Eklof's sermon again? You can listen to the sermon or read the text at our website. The website also offers the SUUN, the Focus and the Order of Service for your reference. Don't forget to check the calendar, too!



✦ **Free Movie at the UUCS: *Black Gold Wake Up and Smell the Coffee* Saturday, August 20: Potluck at 7 pm, Movie at 8 pm**

Some hard-to-face questions about one of our favorite drinks! Come learn about the realities of the coffee harvests and its trade. As westerners revel in designer lattes and cappuccinos, impoverished Ethiopian coffee growers suffer the bitter taste of injustice. In this eye-opening expose of the multi-billion dollar industry, *Black Gold* traces one man's fight for a fair price. All ages are welcome. Questions? Please contact Ann-Scott Ettinger at [bark4snow@comcast.net](mailto:bark4snow@comcast.net).

"Unitarian Universalism offers us a faith that challenges our energy usage and confronts us with hunger and injustice around the world without giving inadequate simplistic answers. It offers the harder path of respect for all beings and for the Earth, and calls us to be accountable for our actions. We are responsible for our own spirituality, our own salvation, and for doing all that we can to make the world better." Rev. Bob Klein

✦ **Mark Your Calendars: Upcoming Classes from the Adult Enrichment Team**

These classes begin in September: sign-ups and book orders will be done Aug 28 and Sept 11 at the Adult Enrichment Team's Table in the Friendship Hall.

**UUCS Immigration Study Group with Kristi Winther**

Sundays, during the first service, 9-10:30am, on Sept 18 & 25, Oct. 2, 9, 23, & 30, in the Potter Room.

A 6 week UUA study guide will be used to gain a greater understanding of immigration issues and to form individual and perhaps group goals for humanitarian and political activism regarding immigration issues, including perhaps some activities and volunteerism during the UU general assembly in Phoenix in 2012.

([www.uua.org/justice/issues/process/currentissues/immigration/studyguide/index.shtml](http://www.uua.org/justice/issues/process/currentissues/immigration/studyguide/index.shtml))

**Discussions of UU Heritage with James Beebe**

Monday nights, 6:00 to 7:30 pm, Cummings Room

Sept 19, Sept 26, Oct 3, 10, 17, 31, and Nov 7, with no class on October 24.

The goal is to provide a learning community similar to what one might find in a graduate level seminar to explore, question, and grow in understanding about what makes us a community. Participants will be expected to make a commitment to read selected materials and watch videos prior to class. In class we will take turns challenging ourselves, each other, and the material. Do not expect to find a single answer! Be prepared to embrace ambiguity! After all we are talking about Unitarian Universalist heritage. For more info, James has a website (under construction!) at: <http://uuheritage.pbworks.com>

**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.*