



Your Weekly Newsletter for Upcoming Events

the SUUNday Focus

August 14, 2011

Upcoming Services

Sunday Service at 10 am

- Aug 21 Rev. Dr. Todd Eklof, Minister *From Person to Principle:
UUU Theology in Terms of Developmental Theory*
- Aug 28 Fred Edwards National Director, United Coalition of Reason
The Exciting Promise of Humanism
- Sept 4 Rev. Dr. Todd Eklof, Minister *Mystery Sunday*

Notices & Upcoming Events



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

Friday, Aug 26, 7pm, UUCS sanctuary

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 info please contact Susan Virnig (susan@newstories.org or 535-3998).

The Food Barrel in the Foyer Needs You!

Give your pantry a good cleaning and bring in your canned goods and more for the hungry people of Spokane. Thanks!

Remember to Vote!

Don't forget to exercise your right and responsibility as a citizen. Primary election day is Tuesday, August 16, 2011. Mail-in ballots must be postmarked no later than that date. And, you can save yourself postage cost by using the ballot drop boxes outside each Spokane County library and at the Spokane Transit Authority Plaza downtown. Ballots may also be deposited at the Elections Office anytime at 1033 W Gardner but will not be accepted after 8 pm on Election Day.



Flavors of Fall: The UU Farmers Market

The UU Farmers Market will begin Sunday, September 11 through October 2. We anticipate many green and crunchy fresh foods and other edibles, sweet and tasty will be available. Hand-crafted items, fresh flowers, fabric bags and aprons are likely. Expect surprises because donations arrive just before the services. **Help is needed.** Sign-up sheets are in the Friendship Hall.

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.

News from the Adult Enrichment Team

✦ Register Next Week for Upcoming Classes

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 to 10:30 am, 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.

Discussions of UU Heritage with James Beebe

Monday nights, 6 to 7:30 pm, Cummings & Sanger Rooms

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 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. or more info, James has a website (under construction!) at: <http://uuheritage.pbworks.com>



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

Come learn about the realities of 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 welcome. Questions? Contact Ann-Scott Ettinger at bark4snow@comcast.net.

✦ Adult OWL is for You!

If you're a young adult or a "less young" adult, if you're GLBT 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).



Celebrating Religious Education at UUCS

✦ Teacher Recruitment 2011-2012

Contact Diane Huigen at re@uuspokane.org or 325-6383 if you are interested in being part of the RE program this year. I can always find something for you to do, and what a wonderful way to help with our UU children!

✦ SH/JH Youth Summer RE & Camping Trip

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. AND there is going to be a camping trip. That's all we know at this point, so if you are interested and you haven't heard from anyone please contact Diane at re@uuspokane.org or call the office at 325-6383.

✦ Sunday Morning Offering Update

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 there are people who care. Please gather up your change and send it with your children/grandchildren, or give it to Diane. Thank you!