



Your Weekly Newsletter for Upcoming Events  
**the SUUNday Focus**  
 September 4, 2011

**Upcoming Services**

Sunday Service at 10 am

Sept 11	Rev. Dr. Todd Eklof, Minister	<i>Got Water? The Mother of All Elements</i>
Sept 18	Rev. Dr. Todd Eklof, Minister	<i>Being UU in an Age of Autism</i>
Sept 25	Guest Speaker	<i>To Be Announced</i>

September 11 will be our last 10 am service for the year.

Effective September 18, we will have two services: 9:15 am and 11 am



**Notices & Upcoming Events**

**All UU Women Invited to the Monthly Lunch on September 14 at 11:30 am**



Join us on Wednesday, September 14, at 11:30 am for lunch at Bangkok Thai located at 1325 South Grand. *All the women of the church are invited to join us for lunch.* Please call Rosemarie Duffy at 747-9010 if you would like to come (last minute-up until 10 on the 14th is OK) so she can tell the restaurant about how many to expect. Hope to see YOU!

**Yoga for Everyone**



Come enjoy a wonderful experience doing Yoga. It's fantastic for your body and mind! We meet from 3-4 pm every Wednesday in the Thoreau Room. Youth are welcome. Please bring a donation for the instructor. Questions? Contact Diane Huigen at re@uuspokane.org or 325-6383, ext. 306.

**Were You at the First PNWD Annual Meeting in 1963?**

See the announcement on page two for an exciting opportunity available to first meeting attendees!

**Please Help Clean Our RE Classrooms Saturday, September 10 at 10 am**



In preparation for the start of our Religious Education program, please come help us clean up the classrooms on Saturday, September 10, at 10 am. Anyone interested in having a good time and doing an important bit of work is invited to join us. **The more hands we have – the less time it will take.** We should be done in about an hour. There will be goodies and child care. Please come join the fun!

**September Art Wall Features Works by Sue Wotring and Ed Tyler**

The September exhibit in Friendship Hall will feature ceramic works by Ed Tyler and jewelry by Sue Wotring. Sue began bead weaving with glass seed beads and crystals after her retirement about four years ago. After his retirement, Ed enjoyed wheel potting at Spokane's Clay Connection but has become enthusiastic about hand building and sculpture. Both artists are members of the UU Church of Spokane and a percentage of sales will benefit the work of our church Art Wall Team.

**Celebrating Religious Education at UUCS**

✦ **Registering Your Children for Religious Education = A Donut Hole**

Registration for Religious Education classes begins today. In order for your child to participate in RE classes they must be registered by the end of September. That includes Preschool – Senior High and Senior High Youth Group. There will be doughnut holes for the parents and children who have registered. Look for our RE Council table balloons. Registration is very important for your children's safety and the church's well-being. Thank you for participating!

✦ **Important - Religious Education Schedule Changes**

This Sunday is the last Sunday for summer RE classes. Next Sunday, September 11, is the all-church Water Communion Service which our children attend with their parents/grandparents. There won't be RE classes.

Sunday, September 18, the church will be back to two services at 9:15 & 11 am. Our 9:15 RE class will be a one-room schoolhouse for grades Preschool – 4<sup>th</sup> for our early risers. Our 11 am RE classes are divided by grade level and have specific curriculum. After the 11 am service all parents are invited to visit their children's classes, meet the teachers and learn about the curriculum. We will have cookies and coffee in the RE wing. Please join us.

✦ **RE Family Potluck Saturday, September 10, at 5 pm**

Join us on September 10<sup>th</sup> in the Thoreau Room starting at 5 pm. We will be devouring a donation of pulled pork. Please bring buns, salads, desserts and whatever you think kids might like. Newcomers are always welcome. Contact Sarajoy Van Boven for more info (443-1186 or sarajoyvb@yahoo.com).



✦ **Senior High Youth Group, 7 pm Tonight, Bartok Room**

We will be creating T-Shirts, candles and prayer flags for Non-Judgment Day which is on September 11. **Bring a dark colored t-shirt.** Come join us!



✦ **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 still need a Preschool teacher, two K-2 teachers, 2 JH teachers, 2 SH teachers, two 9:15 am teachers who teach once a month, & nursery volunteers. Email or call me. I would love to talk to you about being part of our RE program.



✦ **OWL 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Sign Up is Happening Now**

OWL sign up has begun for 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> graders. If you are interested in having your son/daughter participate in OWL, contact Diane Huigen as soon as possible. We are only taking 12 students. Parent Orientation will be Sunday, Oct. 2, at 12:30 pm in the Sanger/OWL Room. *Parents must attend if your child is going to take the class.* Classes for the OWL group will begin Sunday, Oct 9. They will begin at 9 and end at 11 am in the OWL Room.

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

## The Inside Scoop

### 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 4 Mondays beginning Sept. 19, from 6:30 – 8:30 pm at the church. Space is limited. Contact Cindy Fine (535-0385 or cynfine@yahoo.com) to join the group.



### ✦ Were You at the First PNWD Annual Meeting in 1963?


In preparation for next year's 50th annual PNWD meeting, the district is looking to make contact with anyone who attended the first meeting in 1963. If you were there, please contact Business Administrator, Jet Tilley (509-325-6383/admin@uuspokane.org). The PNWD board and staff is offering first annual meeting attendees a FREE registration to the 50th annual district meeting next year in Anchorage, AK.

### 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).

## News from the Adult Enrichment Team


### ✦ Sustainability-themed Movie on Saturday, September 17 Come enjoy a movie and conversation - all ages welcome!

 Saturday, September 17, 7 pm, Movie: *Ingredients* (2007), in the Thoreau Room. What began 30 years ago with chefs demanding better flavor has inspired consumers to seek relationships with nearby farmers, creating a truly sustainable food system. Their collaborative work has resulted in great tasting food and an explosion of consumer awareness about the benefits of eating local. Come learn more with us!

### ✦ Register Today for Upcoming Adult Enrichment Classes

Sign-ups and book orders at the Adult Enrichment Team's Table in the Friendship Hall:

**UUCS Immigration Study Group, scheduled Sundays, Sept 18 & 25, Oct. 2, 9, 23, & 30, during the first service, 9-10:30 am, in the Potter Room with Kristi Winther.**

 A 6-week UUC 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, Mondays, 6 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 at <http://uuheritage.pbworks.com>



## News from the Music Director

### Opportunities for Those Who Love to Sing

Here are two opportunities for anyone who wants to raise your voice in song. If either is of interest to you, call UUCS Music Director, Deborah Jacquemin, at church (325-6383, ext. 303) or email her at [uumusic@uuspokane.org](mailto:uumusic@uuspokane.org) for audition information or questions.

### ✦ Calling Solstice Singers



WOMEN! Starting in September we will begin rehearsing again for our big WINTER SOLSTICE SINGING RITUAL in December! Rehearsals begin on September 20th in the church Sanctuary from 6 to 8:30 pm. This service has quickly become an important one for our church and the community in general. Come be a Solstice Singer and be part of making the magic for that night. Auditions are on September 6th and 13th from 5:30 to 8:30 pm at the church.

### ✦ Come Harmonize with Us



ALL MEN and WOMEN who love to SING are cordially invited to join the Mixed Choir! Rehearsals are on Thursdays from 7 to 8:30 pm in the Sanctuary. This group, the heart of our music program here at UUCS, usually sings for services every other week from September through May. *The requirements are simple — you must be able to carry a tune and be willing to learn to part sing if you haven't had that opportunity yet.*

## The Inside Scoop



### ✦ Our Church Food Barrel Needs You

School has begun, or is about to begin, so children living in poverty will be able to receive free breakfasts and lunches. What they need help with now is suppers and weekend food. Please bring in some staples for the hungry – which includes children, families, and seniors – and add them to our food barrel in the foyer. Many families count on the generosity of our church.

*"A decent provision for the poor is the true test of civilization."*

*~Samuel Johnson, Boswell: Life of Johnson*

### ✦ Gardening for the Hungry Update

The Church Garden has provided 45 pounds of fresh veggies this summer! Many thanks to all our garden helpers!



### 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.*