



Your Weekly Newsletter for Upcoming Events

the SUUNday Focus

September 25, 2011

Upcoming Services

Sunday Service at 9:15 am and 11 am

- Oct 2 Rev. Dr. Todd Eklof, Minister *Let Me Introduce You to Some Friends of Mine...*
- Oct 9 Rev. Dr. Todd Eklof, Minister *Selfishness, Selflessness, & Self Realization: The Journey from other to Other*
- Oct 16 Rev. Dr. Todd Eklof, Minister *The Sound of Peace: Welcoming the Strangers Among Us*

Notices & Upcoming Events



Transport for Recycling Volunteer NEEDED!

HELP! The recycling people desperately need a reliable person(s) with a pick-up, van or SUV to help with the first Sunday recycling program. You will need to leave the vehicle in the parking lot from 9 am until noon on the first Sunday of each month, help load scrap paper into it, and deliver the paper to a recycling yard in East Spokane on Monday. No cost to you – just time and some driving. Please contact Owen Mir (484-6812) or Bob Fendler (835-5011) if you can help.

Free Tickets for Aladdin Sat • Oct 15, 2011 • 4 pm SFCC Music Building #15



In exchange for using our Sanctuary for try-outs for the upcoming production of *Disney's Aladdin*, the Spokane Children's Theatre provided 20 tickets to the Oct 15th 4 pm show. If you are interested in attending, please contact Diane Huigen in the RE wing or at 325-6383/e@uuspokane.org. Tickets will be distributed on a first come, first served basis.

A Sneak Peek at Items in the Community Marketplace - What Will You Donate?



Look forward to a historical walk through Corbin Park with tea to follow, sourdough bread making, luscious farm basket with cheese, eggs and fresh veggies, brunch with the birds, charades, game night, bracelet making, scrapbooking and much more!

The Community Marketplace begins on Friday October 21, with a preview party featuring the jazz band Six Foot Swing.

What will you add to the list? Stumped for ideas? Check the church website at www.uuspokane.org for ideas and a donation form. Better yet, look for the silver balloon in the Friendship Hall where we'll share ideas and offer helpful suggestions.

The Community Marketplace is our annual fundraiser – creating opportunities to deepen your connections with your fellow UU's. Our success depends on your donations (and your bids)!

Celebrating Religious Education at UUCS

✦ **Register Your Children for Religious Education & Receive a Treat**
Registration for Religious Education is happening NOW. 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 the Senior High Youth Group. There will be doughnut holes for the parents and children who have registered. **Look for the balloons at our RE Council table.** Registration is very important for your children's safety and the church's well-being. Thank you for participating!



✦ **Religious Education Classes Schedule**
Our RE classes are underway at 9:15 and 11 am. The 9:15 class is a one-room school-house with anyone Preschool – Fourth grade. Our 11 am classes are divided by grade level and have specific curriculums and rooms. Check out the doors to find your class.

✦ **WOW! Summer RE Offering Final Update**
The summer RE Offering was our best ever! The children donated \$81.50 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, and our RE children proved that to be true! Thank you to everyone who participated! Your generosity is appreciated.

THANK YOU

✦ **Sunday Morning Offering – New Beginnings**
Now that our regular RE program is beginning, the children/youth are deciding where their morning offering will go. Once I know, I will let you all know. Please gather up your change and send it with your children/grandchildren, or give it to Diane. Thank you so much!



✦ **Teacher Recruitment 2011-2012 YEA!**
Last Sunday the RE program gained a 9:15 teacher, a Preschool teacher, a K-2 teacher and 2 Youth teachers. YEA! *Now all we need is one teacher for 9:15 and 2 for Youth.* If you value Religious Education for our UU kids please contact Diane Huigen at re@uuspokane.org or 325-6383, ext. 306. I would love to talk with you about being part of our RE program. I will work with you to find a place for your skills.



✦ **Senior High Youth Group, 7-8:30 pm Tonight, Bartok Room**
Game night and decorating personal candles. Bring anything you'd like to glue outside of a glass pillar candle to represent you.

✦ **7th-9th Grade OWL Information - Mandatory Parent Session Oct 2**
7th-9th Grade OWL Parent Orientation will be on Sunday, Oct. 2, at 12:30 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. 9th, from 9 – 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

✦ Circle Supper Sign-ups: Seeking Hosts and Attendees

Circle Suppers will be held on Friday, Sep 30, and Saturday, Oct 1

Circle Suppers offer a great way of getting to know a few UUs while eating delicious food. We encourage new and seasoned members to step out of their comfort zones and discover the pleasure of others in our community.

Hosts: You will host a total of eight to ten people (including yourself), each bringing a potluck dish, on one of the dates listed above. Please sign up as one of our delightful hosts either by calling the office or by signing up in the Friendship Hall.

Guests: Check your calendar and sign up for the date that works best for you. Your host will contact you with directions. Look for the sign-up sheets on the Friendship Hall walls or call the office at 342-6383.

Questions? Please contact Michelle Poiani at 509-474-1076

✦ Tibetan Buddhist Meditation Classes

The nuns from Sravasti Abbey have returned to teach meditation for an 8-week session – Monday evenings at 6:30 in the chapel. The classes will use the book "Guided Meditations on the Stages of the Path" by Venerable Thubton Chodrun, the founder of the abbey. Books will be available at the class, but are not required. As always, drop-ins are welcome, though the most benefit can be gained by attending regularly. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Susan Virnig at susan@newstories.org or 535-3998 for more information.



News from the Adult Enrichment Team

✦ Register Today for Upcoming Adult Enrichment Classes

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

Voluntary Simplicity Discussion Group with Georgette Thornton, Sundays, October 2 to October 30, 12:30-2pm in the chapel

This NW Earth Institute 5 session discussion course addresses the distractions of modern society that keep us from caring for ourselves, our relationships, and our environment and creates time to find ways to make life changes.

(www.nwei.org/discussion_courses/course-offerings/voluntary-simplicity)

Understanding What Life is Presenting to You with Michael Hoffman, Wednesdays, 6 – 7:30 pm, October 12 to November 16 in the Potter Room

Ever wonder if paths to your dreams and aspirations were being presented to you – but you weren't recognizing them? This free 6 week class focuses on awakening your dreams, learning to recognize them, and then reaching a potential you never knew you even had! Questions? Please email michaelhoffman62@gmail.com.

✦ Continuing AE Offerings

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

Discussions of UU Heritage with James Beebe in the Cummings Room, Monday nights, 6 to 7:30 pm, Sept 19, Sept 26, Oct 3, 10, 17, 31, and Nov 7, with no class on Oct 24.

from the Administrator's Desk

Below are two things needed that will help keep things running well around the church. Thanks in advance for your cooperation. — Jet Tilley, Business Administrator (admin@uuspokane.org / 509-325-6383)

✦ Please Return Unused Building Keys ASAP

Thanks to everyone who returned building keys last week. It really helped. However, our supply of building keys needed to give out to building renters and team members remains low. If you have a building key that you use infrequently or just don't need anymore, please do return it to the office or just slip it into the drop box slot outside the church entrance.

✦ Do You Have a Hymnal at Home?

It seems some hymnals have walked away from the church. If you borrowed a hymnal or simply forgot and carried one home on a Sunday, please do bring it back as soon as you can. With our increased attendance for services, we really do need every hymnal we have in the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings.

✦ Lost and Found Clean Up—last chance to retrieve your items

Please take a peek in the Lost & Found area and retrieve anything that's yours. **We will be cleaning out the Lost & Found during the first week of October** and distributing coats and other items to those who can make use of them.

The Inside Scoop

✦ Volunteers Needed for Second Harvest Food Bank

SHFB is organizing a volunteer group to help out weekly at the distribution center (1234 E. Front). The volunteers will meet every Wed. or Thurs. from 9am to noon. They will be packing food supplies for Second Harvest's new School Pantry program. They will also sort & pack fresh produce & other donated food to feed hungry people in Spokane & the Inland Northwest. For more info or to sign up for this weekly group, please contact Debbie at dclmens@2-harvest.org or 252-6257.

✦ Our Church Gardens: Helping Support the UUSC through the UU Farmer's Market



The Church Gardens are providing veggies to the Church's Farmers' Market. The monies collected will help support the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC), which responds to development needs and international disasters. Look for the Farmers' Market on Sundays through October 2, in the Friendship Hall. Thank you for your support!

✦ Our Church Food Barrel Needs You—Please Bring Staples for the Hungry in Spokane

School has begun 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. Suggestions include canned tuna, peanut butter, macaroni & cheese, canned soups, oatmeal, and low-sugar cereals. Many families count on the generosity of our church!

