



# the SUUNday Focus

October 16, 2011

Unitarian Universalist Church of Spokane

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## Upcoming Services

Sunday Service at 9:15 am and 11 am

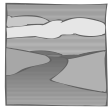
Oct. 23 Jeff Wasson, UUCS Member Guest Speaker

*What Are You Afraid of?*

Oct. 30 Rev. Dr. Todd Eklof, Minister

*Embracing Your Inner Demon:  
Possession is Nine-Tenths of the Soul*

## Notices & Upcoming Events

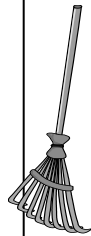


### Path to Membership Classes Starting Sunday, Oct 30

If you are seriously considering membership in the Unitarian Universalist Church of Spokane, please attend our Path to Membership program starting on Sunday, October 30 and ending on Sunday, November 6. Each class starts at 12:30 and ends around 2 pm. Lunch is provided and childcare is available with advance notification. Sign up at the Welcome table in the foyer or you may call the church office at 325-6383.

### UUCS Informational Meeting about the Spokane Alliance TODAY!

Learn about the diverse opportunities for community involvement that the Alliance provides us! We will meet on Sunday, Oct. 16, following the second service, starting around 12:15 pm in the Sanctuary.



### Come Help Us Make the Church Shine Inside and Out! Join the Buildings & Grounds Fall Work Party Oct 22 at 9 am to Noon

Please join the Buildings and Grounds Team this coming Saturday for the fall work party. **We will be cleaning the sanctuary chairs, so we need lots of help!** Additionally, we will get our church grounds ready for winter, deep clean the kitchen, and wash the interior windows. For more information, contact Linda Moulder at 747-7637.

### Save the Date: Installation Service for Dr. Eklof set for November 6

The Installation Service for Rev. Dr. Todd Eklof is scheduled for Sunday, November 6, at 6 pm. Childcare will be provided and a reception will follow. Please join us for this joyous occasion.

### Next Week's Special Collection



Dear friends of our Partner Church in Felsorakos: The minister of our partner church, Rev. Jozsef Kotecz, has been treated for a heart condition for many years. Recently we learned that he has had another heart attack and his need for surgery is now urgent. The cost of this surgery is not covered by his meager state insurance and is beyond his means. The Partner Church Teams of both the UUCS and Westminster Church want to make sure that he can receive this surgery sooner rather than later and we appeal to you to join us. *A special collection will be taken on Sunday, October 23, for donations to support this effort.* We, and especially Jozsef and Reka, sincerely appreciate your help. — The Partner Church Team

## Celebrating Religious Education at UUCS

### ✦ All Ages UNICEF Halloween Party featuring Mad Scientist Lab



Come party at the All Ages UNICEF Halloween Party on Sunday, October 30, from 5:30 – 8 pm at the UU Church. Wear your costume if you want. There will be snacks, crafts, games, a haunted forest, a mad scientist lab, fortune telling, and more. The cost is 25 cents per ticket or \$5 for all activities. Come have a great time no matter how old you are and support UNICEF! Sponsored by Girl Scout Troop 2154. Questions? Call Barb Stuebing at 509-327-3803



### ✦ Teacher Check-Back Meeting TODAY at 11 am



All teachers are to meet in the Sanger Room at 11 am. We will discuss how things have been going in the RE wing, and if we need to make any changes. See you there.

### ✦ Special Programming for the Children Today

All children, Preschool – Sixth grade are to go to the Thoreau Room for special programming after the Story for All Ages, because all the teachers are meeting together for a teacher check-back meeting. The RE Council will conduct the activities for the children today. Fun times will be had by all!

### ✦ Religious Education Open House on Sunday, October 23 at Noon

Our annual Religious Education Open House happens Sunday, Oct. 23, at noon after the service. We will have coffee and cookies in all the classrooms. Everyone will have an opportunity to see the classrooms and talk with the teachers, so if you have any questions or you're curious about what goes on in the RE wing, this is the time to come on back to visit. There is always an exciting buzz during our Open House. You won't want to miss it!

### ✦ Sunday Morning RE Offering = Learning to Care



Each class in the RE wing takes a Sunday morning offering to donate to an organization that helps people/animals. Our classes have helped the Humane Society, the Red Cross, Second Harvest Food Bank, Japan Hurricane Relief Fund, etc. The last few weeks the classes have been brainstorming/discussing/voting on what agency they would like to help. It's quite a process, but a wonderful learning experience for the children. Please save your change & send it with your children/grandchildren, or give it to Diane. Thank you so much!

### ✦ Religious Education Snack Donations

Thank you so much for the snacks that have been donated to the Religious Education Program! We do appreciate your kindness!



### ✦ Senior High Youth Group, 7-8:30 pm Tonight, Bartok Room

We will talk about bringing Touch Groups to our congregation.


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.

✦ **Tibetan Buddhist Meditation Classes Continue!**


Each Monday in October, at 6:30pm, the nuns from Sravasti Abbey will be teaching meditation in our 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 <susan@newstories.org> or 535-3998 for more information.




**Donation for Mom-to-Be Needed**

 An EWU student is expecting a baby in January. She is a junior and hopes to complete her education. She needs a single bed and a baby crib. If you can help call Elizabeth Keeler at 536-0858.

✦ **UU Women Dining Out - Dinner on Wednesday, Oct 19 at South Perry Pizza**

 You are invited to join other UU Women for a new adventure-"dining out" on Wednesday, October 19 at 5:30 pm at South Perry Pizza, located at 12th and Perry. If you would like to be a part of the group, please call or e-mail Judy Gammon (363-0535 / rog\_jrg@msn.com ) so there will be a place at the table for YOU!

✦ **Filling Our Church Food Barrel is a Teaching Moment for Parents & Grandparents**

 Thank you to everyone for helping support the hungry children, families, & seniors in Spokane. When you go shopping for our Food Barrel please take a child along with you. Explain to the child what you are doing and why. You will be teaching generosity, kindness & caring by example, the best way for children to learn. Suggestions for food staples include tuna, peanut butter, macaroni & cheese, canned soups, oatmeal, & low sugar cereals. Many families count on the generosity of our church! Thank you!

*News from the Adult Enrichment Team*

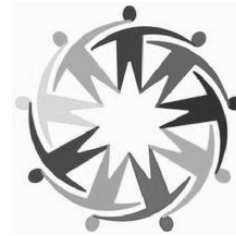
**Continuing Adult Enrichment Classes :**

**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.

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

**Book Discussion Group on *A Gospel For Liberals*** lead by the author Rev. Dr. Todd Eklof, Thursdays, in the Thoreau Room, Thursdays, Oct 13 to Nov 17, 5:30-7pm  
We will have books available for purchase, in the back of the sanctuary at the AE Team table. (Questions: minister@uuspokane.org)



# Community Marketplace \* Kick-Off Party

**Fri • Oct 21, 2011 • 5:30 to 8 pm**

*Free Childcare Available (with advance registration)*

*featuring 6 Foot Swing  
Spokane's hottest jazz-swing band*



## AND don't forget to...

- Bring a finger food potluck item to share.
- Enjoy wine, beer, and/or margaritas! Apple juice, coffee & tea available (donations gladly accepted!)
- Wear your dancing shoes or put on your music-loving spirit for the toe-tapping music.

*\* All proceeds from the Community Marketplace go to support the work of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Spokane*