



the SUUNday Focus

October 30, 2011

Unitarian Universalist Church of Spokane

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Upcoming Services

Sunday Service at 9:15 am and 11 am

- Nov 6 Rev. Dr. Todd Eklof, Minister *"We Are the 99 Percent!" Why Egalitarian Societies Fail and Why This Time Might be Different*
- Nov 13 Rev. Dr. Todd Eklof, Minister *Invisible Ties that Bind: Synchronicities, Extended Mind, Gravity, Dark Matter and Other Ordinary Stuff*
- Nov 20 Rev. Dr. Todd Eklof, Minister *Fonzie's Prayer: The Discipline of Gratitude*

Notices & Upcoming Events

The Community Marketplace is Open Support our Sound System!



One of the Marketplace bid items is an opportunity to help support our sound system – by contributing to a special fund that pays for expert hands in the sound booth during our Sunday Services. Any amount is welcome – and tax deductible! Just make sure you have a bid number, then sign up on the bid sheet that is between the kitchen and the chapel. And don't forget to bid on one or more of our Marketplace offerings, from ski lessons and charades nights to picking a sermon topic for Rev. Todd to deliver. **Last day for bids will be Sunday, November 13**, when there will be a festive luncheon and the winners of our three scrumptious raffles will be announced!

Replacement Nametags Available

Request replacement nametags on the clipboard located under the nametag board in the back of the sanctuary. They cost \$8 each. You can write a check for that amount and show "nametag" in the memo portion of your check. We also accept cash- be sure to tag the cash showing it is for a nametag. The order will be placed in mid- November and not again until the spring. Questions? Call Linda Greene at 509-926-7616.

Path to Membership Classes Start TODAY after 2nd service!



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.

From Congregation Emanu-El Rep Andy Billings to speak this Friday

On Friday, November 4, following an abbreviated service at 7:30 pm, we are honored to have **Representative Andy Billig, 3rd Legislative District, Washington State House of Representatives**, as our second guest speaker of the year. Andy, a member of our congregation, will tell us how things work in Olympia and what the key issues are now. Please join us for our Oneg Shabbat after Andy's talk. This should be a stimulating evening. We are gathering in the Thoreau Room.

Check out www.uuspokane.org for past sermons, the church calendar and more!

Celebrating Religious Education at UUCS

✦ All Ages UNICEF Halloween Party featuring Mad Scientist Lab



Come party at the All Ages UNICEF Halloween Party **TODAY** 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¢ per ticket or \$5 for all activities. Come help support UNICEF! Sponsored by Girl Scout Troop 2154. Questions? Call Barb Stuebing at 509-327-3803



✦ Donating One Hour to Our Children

We are building a wonderful group of people who are willing to spend one hour every other week or once a month with a Religious Education class from Preschool – 4th grade. You would be helping the teachers with activities and classroom hugs. Would you be willing to join the team and get to know the future leaders of our church? We would love to have you. This is a great source of hugs, smiles, and laughter. Please contact Diane Huigen at 325-6383, ext. 306, or re@uuspokane.org.

In the spiritual life nowhere do our ideals meet the actual more truly than in how we relate to each other, in how we make, sustain, and are friends.

James Ishmael Ford

(Unitarian Universalist, minister, Zen master)



✦ Learn Our UU Principles = Your Own Chalice

Come talk with Diane once you've learned our UU Principles and then pick your own Ed Tyler chalice. You can pick up a copy of the Roy G. Biv Principles on the shelf in front of the RE Office.

UU Principles for Children (and those who love them)

INDIGO: IN\$IST on peace, freedom and justice for all.



✦ Sunday Morning RE Offering – Thank you Jane Higuera!

Thank you Jane Higuera! Jane brought in a baggy full of change for our RE classroom offerings this last Sunday. 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 decisions have been made to help SCRAPS by four classrooms. Please save your change like Jane did, and send it with your children/grandchildren, or give it to Diane. I will share it with all the classes. Thank you so much!



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

Not only is today the last day to turn in t-shirt designs, it is also the Halloween party for UNICEF. Party starts at 5:30 pm. Please make sure to get here early to help set up! Thank you!

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.



✦ All UU Women Invited to Lunch on Wednesday, November 9

This month we are meeting for lunch at Laguna Café on 4302 South Regal, on Wednesday, November 9 at 11:30 am. All the women of the church are invited to join us. If you would like to be part of the adventure please call or e-mail Rosemarie Duffy (747-9010 or rduffy122@aol.com) so she'll know how many to expect.

✦ Donations Sought: Journals (all sorts), Pens, Pencils



On November 6, 13 and 20 the UU Women will be collecting "journals" for the YWCA's "Women in Transition" program. This is an in-house, long-term program for women (often with children) who are fleeing an abusive living situation. As part of the program the women are encouraged to each keep a journal. We would like to help by providing materials for journal writing. **Please bring in journals of all types: spiral notebooks, traditional journals, large note pads, etc.** We also would like to supply pencils and pens. This will be our Thanksgiving gift to them. There will be a marked container in the back of Friendship Hall for your donations. Your donations are much appreciated.

✦ Art Wall Team Solicits Art by Youth "21 and Under" for Spring Exhibit



For an exhibit next March the Art Wall Team is searching for art works by all youth of the church/community, aged 21 and under. Mixed media of all kinds will be displayed (one or two pieces by each artist) and each piece submitted should be ready to hang with a wire hanger or hooks. Interested young artists (or their family and friends) should contact Susan Mossuto at 509-838-3219 for further details.

✦ 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 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, canned soups, stew, mac & cheese, oatmeal & low sugar cereals. Many families count on the generosity of our church! Thank you!

"The miser, starving his brother's body, starves also his own soul, and at death shall creep out of his great estate of injustice, poor and naked and miserable"

Unitarian Minister Theodore Parker
August 24, 1810 – May 10, 1860



✦ Warm Socks = Warm Feet = Warm Heart

Once again we will be collecting warm socks for our neediest neighbors. Warm socks are incredibly important to one's sense of well-being in the cold months of winter. To participate, bring a pair or pairs of new socks to church and put them in our "Sock It To Spokane" box located in the Friendship Hall. This social justice project will continue through March. If you have any questions please call Diane Huigen at 325-6383, ext. 306, or email re@uuspokane.org.

✦ Interested in Permaculture*? ...A lower maintenance but higher satisfaction yard?

Come hear how to transform your suburban landscape into a sustainable oasis AND enjoy a potluck supper!



Jan Spencer, visiting Spokane for the Inland NW Permaculture Conference, has been transforming his 1/4 acre suburban property in Eugene, Oregon, since 2000. He will be sharing stories, helpful hints, and photos on Thursday, Nov 3, at Salem Lutheran Church, 1428 W Broadway, Spokane, WA 99201.

The evening begins with a potluck from 6:30-7:30 pm, Jan's presentation at 7:30, and information tabling by local organizations connected to the support of sustainability before and after the presentation. This presentation is free and open to the public.

*What is Permaculture? — "Permaculture is an ecological design system for sustainability in all aspects of human endeavor. It teaches us how build natural homes, grow our own food, restore diminished landscapes and ecosystems, catch rainwater, build communities and much more."

✦ Continuing Adult Education Programs:

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. Information at <http://uuheritage.pbworks.com>

Join the Book Discussion Group on *A Gospel For Liberals* led by the author Rev. Dr. Todd Eklof on Oct 13 to Nov 17 (Thursdays) in the Thoreau Room from 5:30-7pm. Email to find out what chapters will be discussed the following Thursday. Questions? minister@uuspokane.org.

✦ Support the Occupy Movement with UUSC: Visit www.uusc.org

Rev. Rosemary Bray McNatt, senior minister of the Fourth Universalist Society in the City of New York, writes about signing the UUSC OPEN LETTER and raising a liberal religious voice in support of the Occupy movement. As of Tuesday evening over 3,500 people have signed online. Check this out and add your name to the list. There are other areas of focus for UUSC which you can read about: Humanitarian Crises, Civil Liberties, Economic Justice, & Environmental Justice.

Remember These Dates!

Nov 6 — Installation Service

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



Nov 13 — Congregational Meeting

A special Congregational Meeting will be held following our 2nd service on Sunday, Nov 13. The topics to be discussed will be:

1. Adding our UUCS name to a list of churches, other organizations, and individuals supporting the Peace & Justice Action League of Spokane's "*Bring Our Billions Home*" campaign that, among other things, calls for an end to U.S. war, occupations, & military operations in Afghanistan & Iraq. PJALS Executive Director, Liz Moore, has been invited to be part of the discussion.
2. The best way for our congregation to proceed with such decisions in the future.