



the SUUNday Focus

November 6, 2011

Unitarian Universalist Church of Spokane

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Upcoming Services

Sunday Service at 9:15 am and 11 am

- 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*
- Nov 27 Sara Edlin-Marlowe & Cheryl Rohrig, UUCS Members *Abraxan Service*

Notices & Upcoming Events



The Community Marketplace - last week to place your bids!

Now is the time for action! Get your bid number from the Marketplace table in the Friendship Hall and make (more) bids!

The Community Marketplace is our big fundraiser of the year and we have plenty to tempt you: cabins at the lake, games of all sorts, lessons in the outdoors, lessons in the indoors! Want to see the offerings from the comfort of your home? Visit <http://www.uuspokane.org/uucommunitymarketplace.html>

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 on November 14 and not again until the spring. Questions? Call Linda Greene at 509-926-7616.



Special Collection Update



You are such a generous congregation. The Rev. Jozsef Kotecz, our partner minister, is deeply grateful for the over \$2,000 you contributed for his heart surgery. He said that he could not have afforded it himself. It cost \$3,001, so along with the folks at Westminster Congregational UCC we covered it completely. Rev. Jozsef feels and looks much better and has returned to work, telling us that on October 30 they celebrated the elders in the community, inviting 114 people over 70 years of age. On November 12 he will sing with their choir in a choir festival in the city of Brasso. And thank you to Marion Hammer for sending Jozsef a computer camera so we can see each other when we Skype.

Newcomers Q & A

Attending our church for the first few times can confuse a newcomer. If you have questions, particular interests, or just plain need to know more about UUCS check the Q & A Corner at the front of the Sanctuary after each service. There will be a board member awaiting your questions!



Celebrating Religious Education at UUCS

NEW Holiday Program Needs Children/Youth



On December 18 we will be introducing a new holiday program which involves children & youth. If you are interested in participating, please contact Diane Huigen. All ages are invited.

Donating One Hour to Our Children

Would you be willing to join a team that works one hour once a month with our UU children Preschool - 4th grade? We need and want you to join us! You would be helping the teachers with activities and classroom hugs. We would love to have you. Please contact Diane Huigen at 325-6383, ext. 306, or re@uuspokane.org.

UU Principles for Children (and those who love them)

GREEN: GROW by exploring ideas and values together.



Halloween Party Update - A Huge THANK YOU!

Thanks to all who came and enjoyed the Halloween Party! We raised nearly \$150 for UNICEF! A big thank you to the following Senior High youth for helping out: Sara Bauer, Devan Baker, KellyAnn & Erin Cameron, Hailey & Sarah Poiani, Ethan Reid, Maddie Rush, Braedan Tyler-Babkirk, & Hazel White.



Sunday Morning RE Offering Helped by Jane Higuera!

Jane Higuera brought in a baggy full of change to help our RE classroom offerings. We appreciate her so much! Each class in the RE wing takes a Sunday morning offering to donate to an organization that helps people/animals. This church year the children/youth have decided to help SCRAPS. Please remember to send your child with some change for their class's offering. Those of you who don't have children in the RE program could save your change in a baggy and bring it to Diane. I will distribute it evenly to all the classrooms. Thank you so much!

Senior High Youth Group, Guy Fawkes Over-Nighter

If you're just reading this, you missed the over-nighter. It started at 6 pm yesterday, Saturday, and finished in time for RE class at 11 am today. Sorry!

— Last But Not Least —


Don't Forget Our Congregational Meeting on November 13th!

The Board of Trustees and Management Team encourage all UUCS members to join us for a special Congregational Meeting following our 2nd service next Sunday. This will be an opportunity for us to explore together how Policy Governance works when faced with real-life issues. The topics to be discussed will be:

- 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, will be on hand to introduce the campaign.
- The best way for our congregation to proceed with such decisions in the future.


The Inside Scoop

✦ 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.

✦ 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. Check out UUSC Values in Action at www.uusc.org.

✦ Filling Our Church Food Barrel: A Moment for Reflection



I've been saying that filling our Food Barrel is a time to teach our children generosity, kindness & caring, and it is. But it dawned on me as I set my food donation in the barrel that this was a teaching moment for me as well. When I set my sacks in the barrel I think about the hungry children, families & seniors in Spokane, and say a prayer for them. Anyone who donates is learning and practicing generosity, kindness & caring. Donation suggestions include peanut butter, tuna, canned soups, stew, mac & cheese, oatmeal, & low sugar cereals. Thank you for helping support the hungry in Spokane! If you have any questions please call Diane Huigen at 325-6383, ext. 306, or email re@uuspokane.org.


✦ Warm Socks = Warm Feet = Warm Heart



Once again we are collecting warm socks for our Spokane neighbors at St. Margaret's Home for Women & Children and Union Gospel Mission. 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.

News from the Adult Enrichment Team

✦ Mark your Calendars: The Sustainability-Themed Movie "The Dark Side of Chocolate"



Saturday, Nov 19, 2011 at 7 pm in the Chapel
We will be showing "The Dark Side of Chocolate" but don't worry that you'll never want to eat chocolate again because we are including a tasting of Fair Trade Chocolates just in time for Christmas shopping!

✦ Continuing Adult Enrichment 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 lead by the author Rev. Dr. Todd Eklof in the Thoreau Room, Thursdays, Oct 13 to Nov 17, 5:30-7pm. Email to find out what chapters will be discussed the following Thursday. Questions? Contact Todd at minister@uuspokane.org.

✦ Food Sovereignty & the Roots of Migration Saturday • Nov 12 • 7 pm • UUCS Sanctuary


Please join us for this important presentation by sustainable agriculture expert, Eleazar Garcia. Eleazar is with CEDICAM (Center for Integral Small Farmer Development in the Mixteca). He will address the devastating impacts of NAFTA on the Mexican countryside, including the abandonment of traditional sustainable ways of life for small farmers, as well as the boom in rural Mexican migration to the U.S. Eleazar will also discuss a hopeful alternative that is now being carried out to help preserve the land and stem the tide of migrants forced to leave their homelands. Event sponsors include UUCS, Witness for Peace Northwest, PJALS, UUCS Adult Enrichment Team, North Idaho UU Church, UU Church of the Palouse, and Religion News Spokane.

More Inside Scoop

✦ Guest At Your Table Coming to UUCS on November 27

Guest At Your Table boxes and/or envelopes will be given out on Sunday, November 27. The campaign has been an important part of UUSC (UU Service Committee) and UU culture since 1975 when it first began. *Guest At Your Table* made its debut following a trip to the Netherlands by the UUSC institutional advancement director. While there, he was inspired by an organization's program, which educated supporters about the organization's work, while raising vital funds. The program used colorful boxes that the whole family could enjoy. This idea was adapted use in UU homes in the U.S. and worldwide! Involvement in *Guest At Your Table* has grown — strengthening UU connections to our shared principles and helping to challenge injustice throughout the world. Today, nearly every UU congregation in the U.S., and some around the world, participate in this tradition. Together, members of these congregations help raise more funds & memberships each year to support UUSC's mission than any other initiative.

✦ From the UUCS Calendar: Taoist Meetup open to the Congregation and Friends



Every 2nd & 4th Thursday. An ongoing discussion of Taoist philosophy. Bring copies of ANY translations of the Tao Te Ching so we can discuss and compare various translations. Or bring other Taoist inspired literature or art to share. Contact Kent Moline at kent.moline@gmail.com (509)230-5207.
(We will not meet on Thanksgiving.)