



the SUUNday Focus

November 13, 2011

Unitarian Universalist Church of Spokane

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Upcoming Services

Sunday Service at 9:15 am and 11 am

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 - Lunch and Raffle Drawing Today after 2nd Service

Are you curious to see which of our UUCS members is going to give Todd a sermon topic? Are you hoping that you hold the winning raffle ticket?

All will be revealed at our scrumptious lunch immediately after the second service in the Friendship Hall.

Please note that the **Congregational Meeting** (see inside for details) will take place at 12:30 pm in the sanctuary — so grab lunch first and take a moment to socialize with everyone beforehand.

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

Replacement Nametags Available Order Now or Wait 'til Spring!

Need a replacement nametag? Now is the time! 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.

This Saturday: The Sustainability-Themed Movie "The Dark Side of Chocolate"

Saturday, Nov 19, 2011, at 7 pm in the Chapel
While we enjoy the sweet taste of chocolate, the reality is strikingly different for African children.

Come see the award winning film, *The Dark Side of Chocolate*, to learn the story behind the chocolate most of us love-and the positive choices we can make when we do buy it!

AND: Guest speaker from *The Chocolate Apothecary* in the Flour Mill! Susan will bring updates on the current movement to force Hersheys to change its cocoa sourcing policies to be Fair Trade AND chocolate for tasting and purchase! Questions? Ann-Scott Ettinger at bark4snow@comcast.net or 998-7072

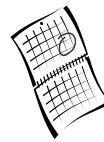
Donating One Hour to Our Children

Would you be willing to join a team that works just 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.

Mark Your Calendars: All Church Holiday Decorating Party & Dinner on Dec 3



The annual All Church Holiday Decorating Party & Dinner will be Saturday, December 3, from 5 – 8:30 pm. This is a party for anyone ages 1 – 100+ who enjoys having fun. Dinner will be cooked and served by our Senior High Youth. We will be asking for a donation to cover costs. This is an evening full of fun and excitement! **We will decorate the tree, try out 3 or 4 different crafts, sing carols, play games, socialize with friends, and have a visit from a special guest with a white beard and a red suit!** We look forward to seeing everyone there for some UU camaraderie.

Our Sharing Tree Going Up on December 4



On Sunday, December 4, our Sharing Tree will be in the Friendship Hall covered with mittens. Each mitten will have wishes on it belonging to a person in need. We will be helping 16 families again this year comprised of women who are head of their household and attending EWU or SFCC, and their children. If you have questions, or would like to help, please contact Diane Huigen.

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.**

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: INSIST on peace, freedom and justice for all.

Another Bag of Change for our RE Offering from Mary Giannini



Mary Giannini brought in a baggy full of change this last week 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 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 like Jane Higuera and Mary Giannini, & bring it to Diane. I will distribute it evenly to all the classrooms. Thank you so much!

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

White Trash Potluck: Fried Twinkies, spam, little smokies. Come join us!

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.

✦ **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. Thank you!

✦ **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.

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



More than 4,200 people have signed an "Open Letter of Support for the Occupy Movement" created by the UUSC. That is by far the largest response the UUSC has ever had to an electronic action, according to Dick Campbell, UUSC spokesman. The letter states in part: "My recognition of the inherent worth of every person compels me to speak out against policies that privilege the demands of corporations over the human rights of people. I support the Occupy movement in its affirmation that protecting workers' rights & ensuring that basic human needs are met must take precedence. All people have a fundamental right to a standard of living adequate for the health & well-being of themselves & their families."



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!

✦ **Congregational Meeting TODAY at 12:30 pm after Marketplace Lunch**

The Board of Trustees and Management Team encourages all UUCS members to join us for a special Congregational Meeting following our second service today. 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 include

- Adding our UUCS name to a list of churches, other organizations, and individuals supporting the Peace and Justice Action League of Spokane (PJALS) "Bring our Billion\$ Home" campaign that, among other things, calls for an end to US War, occupations and military operations in Afghanistan and 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.

Bring Our Billion\$ Home Campaign Statement

Our nation's economic crisis must be addressed by adopting new priorities & bringing billions of war dollars home to create a strong, sustainable economy:

- End US war, occupations, & military operations in Afghanistan & Iraq; reduce the Pentagon budget.
- Shift spending to job creation, education, healthcare, affordable housing, environmental protection, an effective social safety net, infrastructure, new technologies, defense of Social Security & Medicare from threatened cuts, & other efforts that quicken our economic recovery and support struggling families.

Statement taken from the PJALS website

"I am only one, but I am one.
I cannot do everything, but I can do something.
And because I cannot do everything,
I will not refuse to do the something that I can do.
What I can do, I should do."

~Edward Everett Hale, Unitarian Clergyman (April 3, 1822 – June 10, 1909)

✦ **Guest At Your Table Background – Coming to UUCS on November 27**

Guest At Your Table boxes and/or envelopes will be given out on Sunday, November 27. Guest at Your Table has been an important part of UUSC and UU culture since 1975, when it first began. The program made its UUSC debut following a trip to the Netherlands by Warren Salinger, then UUSC institutional advancement director. While there, he was inspired by an organization's program Gast aan Tafel, which educated supporters about the organization's work, while raising vital funds. The program used colorful boxes that the whole family could enjoy. Salinger immediately began working with UUSC staff to adapt the idea for use in UU homes nationwide – even worldwide! Each year since 1975 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 US participates in this important tradition. Together, members of these congregations help raise more funds and memberships each year to support UUSC's mission than any other initiative.