



the SUUNday Focus

November 20, 2011

Unitarian Universalist Church of Spokane

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Upcoming Services

Sunday Service at 9:15 am and 11 am

- Nov 27 Sara Edlin-Marlowe & Cheryl Rohrig, *UUCS Members* *Abraxan Service*
- Dec 4 Rev. Dr. Todd Eklof, *Minister* *Everything I Need to Know I Learned in College: Toward the Maturation of Morality*
- Dec 11 Rev. Dr. Todd Eklof, *Minister* *Not to Know Knowing: An Introduction to San Juan de la Cruz*

Notices & Upcoming Events



This Week's Special Collection: Spokane AIDS Network

Our special collection today will go to support the work of the Spokane AIDS Network (SAN) — a community based, non-profit agency dedicated to minimizing the impact of, and maximizing awareness about, AIDS and other consequences of HIV infection on communities and individuals in the Inland Northwest. If SAN's work speaks to you, please consider using the Special Collection envelope during the offertory.

Volunteer in Guatemala!

Teach Mayan children in Guatemala and visit the highlights of this beautiful country. Karen Hedrick has all the information on this great project today at the back of the sanctuary between services or contact Karen at kjhedrick@comcast.net or at (509) 315-4303.



WA United for Marriage Campaign Community Meeting

On Tuesday, Nov 22, at 6:30 pm at Spokane Falls Community College in Building 24, Room 110 Join the UUCS PRIDE Team and other LGBTQ community members and allies for this important meeting. *Washington United for Marriage* is a broad, statewide coalition of organizations, congregations, unions and business associations that have come together to work to obtain civil marriage for lesbian and gay couples in Washington State in 2012.

Art Wall Features the Hoefler Family



From mid-November through mid-December, the Art Wall exhibit in the Friendship Hall will feature diverse works by three members of the artistic Hoefler family. Fred Hoefler is a photographer and restorer of historic photos; Gina Hoefler's paintings are inspired by artists and craftsmen, past and present; and son Vaughn creates and shows pottery and ceramics.

December SUUN Newsletter — NEW Deadline - Noon, Wed, Nov 23

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday office closure and our short turnaround time for getting the December SUUN Newsletter produced, the deadline for submissions for the December SUUN has been bumped up one day. **Please send submissions in to suun@uuspokane.org or admin@uuspokane.org no later than NOON, WEDNESDAY, NOV 23.** Thanks a billion for your cooperation.



✦ The Pageant is Coming! An Invitation to the Children's Choir

The pageant is coming, the PAGEANT is coming, THE PAGEANT IS COMING!!! Yes, indeed, it is time to start thinking about our beloved Christmas Pageant and about once again singing those wonderful songs that help tell that good old story in a "UU way"! All kids from 3rd through 6th grades are invited to sing in the choir.

Rehearsals are scheduled as follows for the Children's Choir:

- December 1 at 6:30 pm
- December 8 at 6:30 pm
- December 15 at 6:30 pm

You can get on the choir list or ask questions by contacting our Music Director Deborah J. at 325-6383, ext. 303 or uumusic@uuspokane.org. She needs to have your name by November 29 at noon in order to have materials for you.

✦ Holiday Pageant: Would You Like To Hold The Baby?

We are going to do the same pageant as last year, so we need many children and youth. Please contact Diane Huigen as soon as possible to request a part in the pageant. We need lots of little children to be animals in the stable. They can wear any animal costume they want, even a dragon or cow. This is probably the last year we will do this pageant, so let's make it spectacular! The more the merrier.



The pageant will be performed Sunday, December 18, at both services.

We will have 2 rehearsals for the Holiday Pageant:

- Thursday, Dec 8 at 6:30 pm
- Thursday, Dec 15 at 6:30 pm

We have costumes for the shepherds, kings, Mary & Joseph, & some angels. I'm looking forward to hearing from you! Diane Huigen at re@uuspokane.org or 509-325-6383 x306.

Celebrating Religious Education at UUCS



✦ 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!

✦ Thrift Store Drag Show Senior High Youth Group, 5 pm today in the Bartok Room*

The greatest Thrift Store Drag Show the church has ever seen. Bring your extra clothes & be ready to trade them. The money raised will go to our extended Spring CON in Canada.



*Starting Monday, December 5, the Youth Group will move to Monday nights from 6-8 pm at the church.

✦ Classroom Donations for SCRAPs



Please remember to send your child with some change for their class's offering for SCRAPs. This is the organization the children throughout the RE Wing chose to help this year. 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.

✦ **Need Up, Giving Down at Local Food Banks**

Thank you to everyone who has helped fill our Food Barrel! On Sunday, Nov. 13, the Spokesman Review quoted Rod Wieber from Second Harvest Food Bank. According to Wieber, "As we get into the winter months, the need just continues to rise so much more. I think we're definitely going to be entering a very challenging period where there are more people turning to our food banks for assistance." Food banks & homeless shelters around the area say the need is increasing, but the giving is down. I hope our church continues to do its part to help the people who are in need in Spokane. Again, Thank you so much!

✦ **Warm Socks = Warm Feet = Warm Heart (A Social Justice Project)**



Thank you so much for bringing in warm socks for St. Margaret's Shelter for Women & Children and the Union Gospel Mission! Your generosity is really appreciated by our Spokane neighbors. Warm feet are incredibly important to one's sense of well-being in these cold months. To participate, bring a pair or pairs of new socks to church and put them in our Sock Box located in the Friendship Hall. This social justice project will continue through March. If you have any questions please call or email Diane Huigen. Thank you!

✦ **Support Social Justice with UU Service Committee: Visit www.uusc.org**

UUSC's mission = UU Service Committee advances human rights & social justice around the world, partnering with those who confront unjust power structures & mobilizing to challenge oppressive policies.
PECANS: Order your fair-trade, Georgia-grown, pecans for the holidays through UUSC. If you are interested contact Diane Huigen at re@uuspokane.org/325-6383 x306.

✦ **Donations Sought: Journals (all sorts), Pens, Pencils—Last Day!**



Today is the final day that 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 put journals of all types: spiral notebooks, traditional journals, large note pads, etc. and pens/pencils in the box at the back of the Friendship Hall. **This will be our Thanksgiving gift to them.** Thank you!

✦ **Guest At Your Table Background – Coming to UUCS next Sunday, Nov 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.

✦ **Winter Solstice Volunteers Needed**

Our annual Winter Solstice Singing Ritual will take place on Wednesday, Dec 21. As always, your help is needed to turn the Wheel of the Year from Dark to Light. Below is a list of volunteer opportunities and a brief description of what each entails. For more information OR if you are willing and able to lend a hand, please contact Jet at admin@uuspokane.org or contact the church office at 325-6383. Thanks in advance for helping make this a magical evening.



Graces & Dragons

Greet people at the door; collect offerings; assist with the candle lighting ceremony; control access in and out of the sanctuary.

Altar Builders

Design and assemble all the ritual altars prior to final dress rehearsal. Disassemble altars after the ritual.

Kitchen Witches

Coordinate the hospitality gathering after the ritual.

Snack Sprites (Treat Providers)

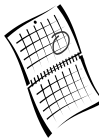
Bring finger-food treats (from fruits to nuts, cookies to quick breads) for the hospitality gathering after the service.

✦ **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 family member in need. We will be helping 17 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

✦ **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.



Community Marketplace Update: Look for Emails from the Team

Thanks to all who donated and bid, we had a very successful Marketplace! *Invoices, with detailed information of what you bought and when it will happen, along with a detailed list of who bought what you donated (!) by the end November.* They will arrive by e-mail for most of us. When we have a final tally for the results of this annual fundraising event, we'll publish that figure, but we can say now that it will be well ahead of last year's \$14,000. — Lee & Marie from the Marketplace Team