



# the SUUNday Focus

January 1, 2012

Unitarian Universalist Church of Spokane

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## Upcoming Services

Sunday Services at 9:15 & 11 am

- Jan 8** Rev. Dr. Todd Eklof, Minister *Get Smart: The Myth of Redemptive Violence and the Sanctity of Partnership*
- Jan 15** Rev. Dr. Todd Eklof, Minister *The Seven Billion Musketeers: All for One and One for All*
- Jan 22** Rev. Paul Benz, Guest Speaker *We are God's Advocates for Justice*  
Faith Action Network (FAN) Co-Director

## Notices & Upcoming Events



### UU Women Lunch at the Taaj Indian Buffet, Wed, Jan 11

Join us on Wednesday, January 11 at 11:30 am for lunch at the Indian Restaurant Taaj located at 128 West 3rd Avenue. All UUCS women are invited to join us for lunch and conversation. Please call or e-mail Judy Gammon (363-0535/rog\_jrg@msn.com) if you are planning to come so we will know just how many to expect.

UU Women is a chapter of the UU Women's Federation. All women of the church are welcome to all of its activities.

Check out [www.uuspokane.org](http://www.uuspokane.org) for past sermons, the church calendar and more!

### Mark Your Calendar: UUCS at MLK Parade on Monday, Jan 16



Community rally and celebration of Martin Luther King Day. Meet at 10 am at the old convention center just opposite the INB Performing Arts center. (Look for our church banner.) The Rev Stephen Thurston, pastor of the New Covenant Missionary Baptist Church in Chicago will be the featured speaker at the indoor program. Following the program, walk to Riverpark Square carrying the UU Church of Spokane banner. ALL members and friends of UUCS are invited to walk with us in support of this very special day.

### All Invited to the Simplicity Circle Starting this Wednesday, January 4, 2012



As a result of the Voluntary Simplicity workshops that were held during the month of October, a Simplicity Circle discussion group is being formed and will meet on the First Wednesday of every month from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. in the Cummings room of the UUCS. The discussions are open to all UU members, especially those who have been following this path for quite some time and who are willing to share their lessons and experience. Each month the discussion will focus on a different area of a complex life and provide ways to walk a more simple path, one small step at a time. Please join us on January 4 to share with others this simple living journey. For more information, please contact Georgette Thornton at 509-838-3807 or [gsthornton437@gmail.com](mailto:gsthornton437@gmail.com).

### ✦ Guest At Your Table Boxes: Please Return or Submit Checks by January 8

The Boxes are to be turned in on Sunday, Jan. 8. Thank you so much for participating in this very worthy cause!

### ✦ Our Food Barrel: What a Difference Food Makes on a Child's Learning Capacity

Here is a story from the Nov. 24 *Inlander* that shows the impact food can have. "Food is definitely a huge impact," says Frantilla, citing the case of one middle school boy who had been put in a special class for kids with behavior problems. "They figured out he was just hungry." They began sending the boy home with snacks after school and a backpack kit on Fridays. Within weeks, he moved into mainstream classes and eventually began to participate in afterschool activities. It's amazing what a difference food will make in people's lives, especially children. Thank you for your continued support!

### ✦ A Social Justice Story from our Congregation

Torge Lorentzen had children's books and was trying to find a home for them. She came to me to see what St. Margaret's Home for Women & Children was and if I thought they would be interested in books. St. Margaret's Home is a shelter for abused women & children where they can find a safe haven, food, care and hopefully a new beginning. I thought it was a great idea, so Torge called. Indeed they happily welcomed the books. Thank you, Torge, for providing a beautiful gift to these women and children!

### ✦ Another Story from Our Congregation: Sharing Tree Results

Sixty-five members & friends of our church helped 18 families with gifts and food this holiday season. Thirty-eight children had a much happier Christmas thanks to these UUs! Many of these UU Santas told me what a wonderful time they had shopping for "their child or mom". It reminded them of when they shopped for their own children, pleasant memories. Each mom hugged me and said to tell the UU Santas, "Thank You so much! You'll never know how much we appreciate this."

## Celebrating Religious Education at UUCS

### ✦ Donate 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-4<sup>th</sup> grade? We need and want you to join us! You would be helping the teachers with activities. We would love to have your help! Please contact Diane.

### ✦ 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!



### ✦ Senior High OWL Classes

Parent Orientation for our Senior High OWL class will be Sunday, February 5, at 12:30 pm in the Sanger Room. This is just for the parents. The Senior High OWL classes actually begin Sunday, February 12, at 12:30 pm in the Sanger Room. There will be 14 sessions for the youth. Please contact Diane Huigen as soon as possible as space is limited – [re@uuspokane.org](mailto:re@uuspokane.org) or 328-3158x306.

### Senior High Youth Group, Mondays, 6-8 pm in the Bartok Room

Questions about our Religious Education programs and events can be directed to Diane Huigen, Director of Religious Education at [re@uuspokane.org](mailto:re@uuspokane.org) or 509-325-6383 x306.