



the SUUNday Focus

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Upcoming Services

Sunday Services at 9:15 & 11 am

- Jan 29** Partner Church Sunday *Praise for the Journey*
- Feb 5** Rev. Dr. Todd Eklof, Minister *Wars of Word: From Discussion to Dialogue*

Notices & Upcoming Events

Tickets for February 4 Hungarian Dinner

It's time for one of our church's heart-warming winter festivals. The food and events of the evening celebrate our partnership with the Unitarian Church in Felsőrákos, Romania. *We guarantee your feet will be warm on Sat., Feb. 4 at 6 p.m. in the Friendship Hall!*

Adults: \$10. Up to 3 children under 12: \$5. Buy raffle tickets at \$2 each or 3 for \$5 for a chance to win a wool blanket woven near Felsőrákos. All proceeds support the partnership.

Simplicity Circle Viewing *Affluenza* DVD Wednesday, Feb 1 at 6:30 pm at UUCS

Did you know that the Mall of America attracts more visitors annually than Graceland, Disney World and the Grand Canyon combined?! Discussions during the February Simplicity Circle will focus on consumerism and the dreaded disease of 'Affluenza'. Join a passionate group of simple living people to view the DVD production of *Affluenza* to learn why we, as Americans, consume so much and how to lessen our imprint on the earth by consuming less. *The next Simplicity Circle discussions will be on Wednesday, February 1, 2010 from 6:30-8:30 in the Cummings Room of the UUCS.* Please contact Georgette Thornton at gsthornton437@gmail.com or 838-307 for more information.



It's time for new leadership at the Community Marketplace!

Maybe it's your time to join together with "a few good UU's" to organize our annual fundraiser auction, the Community Marketplace. It's a great opportunity to make a significant contribution to our budget and increase our connections with each other. (And it's a lot of fun!) This past Marketplace raised over \$16,000 and created over 1400 connections between ourselves. *Come for coffee at 10 am on Saturday morning, January 28 with Lee and Marie* – and let us show you how your ideas, time and talent are just what's needed.

No More Calendars Needed—Thanks!

Thanks a BILLION to everyone who brought 2012 calendars into the church office in response to the January SUUN article. We now have more than enough calendars for all our office volunteers and staff. Thanks again. — Jet Tilley, UUCS Business Administrator

Guest At Your Table Boxes/Checks

Don't think it is too late. Bring your GAYT box or donation to Diane Huigen!

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



✦ Don't Miss the Marriage Equality Message Training Saturday, January 28, 2012 from 1-4 pm here at UUCS

This Saturday is the public speaking and message training for Marriage Equality. Even if you never thought of yourself as the "public speaking" type, this training will give you valuable skills and prepare you to effectively share your story and convince others to support Marriage Equality. Among other things, this training will cover:

- Becoming a spokesperson for a campaign
- What to expect in public forums and debates
- Speaking to groups of supporters, aka "preaching to the choir"
- Talking to the media
- How much of our own stories should we tell vs. using the talking points that poll well
- How to go from energetic activist to engaged leader for a cause you believe in
- Best talking points on Marriage Equality from national polling
- Talking to people you already know
- How your personal story fits in with the larger talking points

Hope to see you here **STANDING ON THE SIDE OF LOVE!**

✦ Our Food Barrel - Rent vs. Feeding Your Children

Another quote from the Nov. *Inlander*. "By feeding kids we have an opportunity to remove educational barriers, partner with families and knit the community together," says Curb. "We're all in this together." Sherry Barret agrees. "It has to be the responsibility of the community. The school district does a great job with free breakfast and lunch, but feeding kids twice a day is insufficient", she says. "We're making a difference but the need is greater", she adds. "Pay the rent or feed hungry teenage boys – that's a tough decision for families." Thank you for your continued support of our food barrel!

Celebrating Religious Education at UUCS



✦ 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 Thoreau Room. There will be 14 sessions for the youth. Please contact Diane Huigen as soon as possible as space is limited – re@uuspokane.org or 328-

✦ 5th-6th OWL Class

Parent Orientation for our 5th-6th Grade OWL will be Sunday, February 12, from 12:45 pm – 2:15 pm in the Sanger Room. This is just for the parents and at least one parent must attend. The 5th-6th Grade OWL classes actually begin Sunday, February 26th, at 12:45 in the Sanger Room. There will be 8 sessions for the youth. Please contact Diane Huigen as soon as possible as space is limited – re@uuspokane.org or 325-6383x306.

✦ Classroom Donations for SCRAPs

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

✦ Senior High Youth Group

Meetings are on Monday evenings from 6-8 pm in the Bartok Room. Come join us!

