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WORSHIP — *touch the earth, reach the sky*

You are invited to the
Unitarian Universalist Church
Annual Dinner
Honoring our Heritage,
Connecting our Community,
Forging our Future.

Saturday, March 13, at 5 p.m.

Please plan to join your fellow Unitarian Universalists as we celebrate our heritage, our community and our future together at our church dinner. This is an annual potluck dinner event not to be missed.

Appetizers and conversation begin at 5 p.m., with dinner at your table at 6 p.m. If you have never attended one of these events, it is not to be missed. A short program follows the dinner and you will have an opportunity to make your financial pledge to the church for the next fiscal year.

Child care will be provided free of charge.

A host or hostess will contact you by March 5th to invite you to attend and coordinate your table's potluck.

If you are not called by then, please contact Stephanie Samson at 624-3953.

Your Stewardship Team

Upcoming Worship Services

at 9:15 & 11:00 a.m.

March 7

Rev. Hollis Bredeweg
The Plumber's Maxim

March 14

Mary Giannini
Stewardship and Star Trek

March 21

Rev. Linda Whittenberg
Traveling with Faith

March 28

Linda McKim-Bell
UUUC Justice Sunday

April 4

Devon Greyerbiehl
Easter Sunday — "Reconciliation"

April 11

Eva Boyd and Vickie Downey
*Native American
Perspectives from Different Faiths Series*

April 18

Tracy Springberry
Earth Day

April 25

*Celebration for Deborah Jacquemin
(single 10:00 am service)*



Board Slivers – March, 2010

When you read this, many of you will have had the opportunity to engage in one of the “Conversations With the Board”, held on February 7 and February 28. You will have heard the news of Erin Fitzgerald’s resignation, as well as the news of the financial issues currently facing this congregation. You will hopefully have had an opportunity to ask questions and voice your opinions. Your Board of Trustees truly welcomes your input – your hopes, your concerns, and your ideas and commitment to the current and future dynamic health of our beloved congregation.

It has become abundantly clear that, unless something radically shifts, we simply will not be able to afford a full time minister and maintain program staff at current levels. It also seems clear to the board that the majority of the congregation strongly supports a “ministerial presence” for next year. But we have also heard from a number of congregants who are questioning the need for a full time ministerial presence –who understandably appreciate the diversity of outstanding pulpit presentations we have had during this church year. That we as a church have been able to maintain this quality of service without a minister speaks volumes about the quality (and quantity) of volunteer hours and commitment that have gone into creating a vital and energizing church for all of us.

But, a minister does so much more than preach on Sunday morning. Someone recently suggested that the board tally up the number of volunteer hours that has been required to keep our church moving forward without a minister this year – but we think that tally might require another full-time volunteer! Members of the Management Team, the Worship Team, Pastoral Care --the list goes on and on – have put in time and energy far beyond usual expectations. This level of volunteer commitment is simply not sustainable in the long term. Volunteer “burn out” comes with a high cost for all of us, and love for each other and for our church can only go so far. There are things not getting done – and we need to move from our current maintenance mode toward a vision oriented, purposeful, effective presence in our community.

With the impending cuts in staff, many of us will continue to be called on to assist in a volunteer capacity – this is a time for each of us to search within ourselves to determine what compels our personal involvement and vision, and commit to put our own time and energy into making it happen. A “strong ministerial presence” will provide the grounding and direction needed for ever more effective and stimulating ministry and program, and more reasonable and sustainable use of volunteers.

Together, with love and vision, we can all move forward together.

Penny Reid

Chapel Dedication

Join us in celebrating this joyful event after the second service March 21. Mark your calendar now!

Our former minister, Rev. Linda Whittenburg, will be in Spokane for a reading of her poetry on Friday evening March 19. She will be in the pulpit for the Sunday services and will formally dedicate our new chapel after the second service.

Linda spearheaded the campaign to build a new church as we had outgrown our church home in the Glover House. The original design included a chapel but insufficient funds put that piece on hold. We are grateful to Linda whose efforts gave us the beautiful church home we now enjoy. It is fitting that she dedicate our recently constructed chapel which now completes the original design.

You won't want to miss this historic moment in the life of our congregation.



Pastoral Care Team

The Pastoral Care Team focuses on needs of congregation members and friends who may be facing a crisis or life transition. Please keep the team in your thoughts and contact a member of the Pastoral Care Team if you have a need or know of someone who does. Team co-leaders are Donna Sponseller and Sue Stirtz with Erin Fitzgerald as our staff liaison and Devon Greyebiehl as advisor. Bette Brattebo has graciously agreed to be our new Wheel of Life writer. If you have an event in your life you would like to share or know of someone who has a joy or sorrow, please contact Bette by e-mail at wheeloflife@uuspokane.org.

Other team members are:

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| Donna Sponseller, co-leader | Sue Stirtz, co-leader |
| Mary Jane Blanpied | Patty Bedalov |
| Dianne Cook | Linda Hodge |
| Doug Huigen | Torge Lorentzen |
| Avis Monroe | Martha Nerpel |
| Sally Ray | Terri Ray |
| Chuck Smith | Lee Smith |
| Patty Tyler | Jeff Wasson |

Devon Greyerbiehl, advisor



The Board of Trustees and You?!

Does this sound like you?

- Institutional memory
- Sense of humor
- Collaborative, team player
- Good thinker, analytical skills
- Embrace learning
- Effective communicator
- Understanding of church finances
- Embrace Policy Governance model

If you see yourself (or another church member) having these characteristics, you (or the other church member) might be just who is needed to serve on the Board of Trustees. They are involved with “outward vision, future focus, and strategic leadership – representing and leading the membership in determining and requiring appropriate organizational performance.” The Board position requires a significant time commitment (averaging some 10 to 15 hours per month), a keen interest in articulating and carrying the vision of the congregation, solid previous participation in at least one church team, and willingness to work within the structure of Policy Governance. And a joyful heart!

Your Nominating Team will soon be seeking and accepting applications for the 2010-2011 Church Year. For more information, contact any member of the Nominating Team:

Laurie Baugher, Lee Dominey, Devon Greyerbiehl,
Jean Larson, Julie Rector, Sue Stiritz, Sue Wotring.

Metamorphosis: Six Steps to Creating the Life You Want.

An Eight Week Class Series-

By: Michael Hoffman

Time for a change? Make any resolutions? The world has changed dramatically and continues to. Many of us are seeking new lifestyles, careers, and a more fulfilling way of life. Some of us are stuck in old patterns and self-beliefs that no longer serve us. This is an experiential class series that draws on sharing circles, self-awareness exercises, and ceremony to walk participants through a complete personal change. It can be applied to change any aspect of your life. Michael Hoffman is a transformational speaker specializing in orchestrating change for the past 25 years. So come allow yourself that much needed rite-of-passage into the life you want. Classes are Tuesday nights, 6:30 to 8:00pm, March 9 – May 4, 2010. UU members, guests, friends, couples come for free. Questions? Info? Michael Hoffman 509-850-7694 or www.michaelhoffman.info.

“Close Enough To Touch”

A Coffee House Poetry Reading
By Rev. Linda Whittenberg

Friday, March 19, 7- 9 Pm

In The Unitarian Universalist Chapel

“Beneath every poem

is another close enough to touch”

Please join us for a very special event as we welcome the return of Rev. Linda Whittenberg to help us celebrate the dedication of our new chapel with a coffee house poetry reading. Retired UU minister, Rev. Whittenberg will read from her poetry books, *Dying Can Wait*, and *Tender Harvest*. These will be available for purchase after the reading, with some of the proceeds going toward the finishing touches of the chapel. Good coffee and fine refreshments will be offered by the UU Youth group to add to the magical evening. If you love poetry, or if you love our new chapel, or if you love coffee – or if you love all three, this is the place to be!

Rev. Whittenberg served the UU Church of Spokane as we built and moved into our current building. It will be a fine thing to have her poetic words once again grace us.

In her words:

The Web of Life is the central theological metaphor which animates my work. I understand art to be a way of illuminating the great matrix, in Hindu culture called Indra’s Net. Through writing I discover nuance and significance, the way things connect and interweave, places where the threads knit and hold.

Writing poetry is not unlike the work of the spider who spins thread out of herself. To carry the metaphor even further, like the spider, artists rebuild the broken places and, if necessary, build anew as many times as it takes to make a thing of beauty and worth.

Always my work reflects my love for the people and the things of this world, especially ordinary everyday blessings.

Deborah Jacquemin’s Anniversary Party

Sunday, April 25th

You are invited to a celebration for our long time Music Director Deborah Jacquemin who is celebrating 20 years of music ministry in our congregation. The celebration will feature a sermon from Deborah at a single service beginning at 10 a.m. After the service we will move into high party mode with a wonderful brunch, a program, gifts and much more. It is a not to be missed celebration.

If you would like to volunteer your service that day to help us make this the biggest celebration ever please contact Erin Fitzgerald (programs@uuspokane.org) or Susan Virnig (susan@newstories.org).

Religious Education View

Religious Education Program for Children

5-6 Grade Our Whole Lives Class and Parent Support Group
Sunday, March 7 at 12:45 p.m.

This is the first Sunday of an eight week class and concurrent parent support group dealing with sexuality education.

Religious Education Programs for Youth

Coming of Age Youth and Mentor Meeting
Sunday, March 7 at 12:45 p.m.

Mentors and youth are welcome to attend this meeting and potluck. Please bring a dish to share.

Adult RE and Faith Formation

Conversations with the Bible

First and Third Wednesdays of each month at 7 p.m.

This on-going group meets twice monthly to explore the meaning of the Bible from a liberal prospective. The class format is to listen to an instructional DVD for the first portion of the class and then to have a facilitated discussion. Newcomers are welcome to come and check out the class.

Members Ministry

Newcomer Q & A

Each Sunday after both Services

Each Sunday members, friends and visitors are welcome to engage in an informal question and answer period following each service.

Youth History Prize

The Unitarian Universalist Historical Society seeks original historical essays, sermons, plays, dramatic readings, worship services or poetry written by youth ages 12 – 19 years on Universalist, Unitarian or Unitarian Universalist history. The entry deadline is April 1, 2010. The first prize is \$350 and the second prize is \$150. If you are interested in more information contact Erin Fitzgerald at 325-6383 or programs@uuspokane.org.

Protection Magick & Psychic Self-Defense Study Group

Book required: *The Witch's Shield* by Christopher Penczak. Other books recommended, although not required. 8 session group. Saturday mornings 10:30 a.m. to noon. Will try to meet two Saturdays a month (depending on room availability). Contact Jane Stewart, Atlantia1111@comcast.net/509-220-6697 for registration.

Classroom Happenings:

Preschool: Sunday, February 7th, the children celebrated the Chinese New Year. Perhaps you saw the big blue dragon as it paraded through the Fellowship Hall on Sunday. The kids decorated the head and body after seeing pictures of dragons used in real Chinese New Year parades. The dragons in these parades are not evil dragons; they are good dragons and a symbol of strength and power. Valentine's Day was Sunday, February 14th, so the children had fun making valentines, and learning about the beginnings of the holiday. Did you know the customs of Valentine's Day come from the ancient Roman festival, Lupercalia, honoring Pan, the Roman god of nature, and Juno, the goddess of women and marriage? In this day and age, it is a good way for children to develop positive images of themselves as loving, caring individuals, and it is fun.

K-2: Our fifth UU principle, the right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregation and in society at large, was the basis of the lesson on Sunday, February 7th. The class made valentines for their families. February 14th, the kids explored the sixth principle, the goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all. They heard about Adin Ballou, a Universalist Christian pacifist who helped establish the Hopedale Community, where members worked to create a new way of living based on the teachings of Jesus. Then they made peace pinwheels that represent their hopes for peace in our world.

Third-Fourth Grade: On February 7th this class learned about the Chinese Dragon celebration. The children decorated their dragon head and green body, and then paraded through the Fellowship Hall during the coffee hour with the Preschool class's dragon. Their UU belief for this week was our ideas of God may change as we grow.' On February 14 the children learned about the Hopi story of creation and made Kachina dolls and prayer sticks (pahos). The Hopi believe Kachinas are the ancestors of all people who now live on Earth. They are the living spirits of the dead. When people die, if they have been good people, their souls turn into Kachinas or clouds. The children discussed our UU belief that no one really knows for sure what is beyond death.

Fifth-Sixth Grade: This class started a new curriculum on Sunday, February 7th, called Toolbox of Faith. The curriculum invites the class to reflect on the qualities of our UU faith, such as integrity, courage, and love, as tools they can use in living their lives and building their own faith. Each of the sessions uses a tool as a metaphor for an important quality of our faith. The first session used a version of the folk tale told in China and Japan of the difference between Heaven and Hell. The kids demonstrated how people tried to eat in Hell by taping a spoon to a ruler so the entire length was longer than their arms and no one would share their food. In Heaven people fed each other so no one starved. This helps children understand the value of cooperation. On Sunday, February 14th, the children's tool for the day was a magnifying glass, which symbolizes questioning and looking deeper. This session focused on the value of questioning assumptions and wondering, "Why?" They heard about astronomer and Unitarian Maria Mitchell (1818-1889), who embodied the truth-seeking quality of the Unitarian faith in both her spiritual and scientific life.

Junior High: In early December, the class took photos of families within our church community, and now they are working on their artistic display which will be in the Thoreau Room soon. On February 14th, the class reflected about what they learned about families, and the process of working together.

Senior High: On February 7th, the youth discussed both the confusion and the opportunities for insight that come with being a teenager, explored what it means and what it feels like to exist between childhood and adulthood, and analyzed how the various elements of their lives have combined to make them the person they are today. On February 14th, the class did a workshop overview of their time with this curriculum, because next week they begin a new one, Sacred Threads – An Asian Religious Curriculum for High School Youth.

Thank you to all the parents and friends who help with our Religious Education classes!

Wheel of Life

We hold in our thoughts the family of **Floyd Johnson**; Floyd, who was a member of this church for many years, passed away recently. He had been cared for by Coeur d'Alene Hospice. An informal memorial was held on February 8.

Dorothy Jones, a long time church member, has been living with her daughter and daughter in law in Seattle. Her daughter-in-law was suffering from a terminal illness. Unfortunately, her daughter-in-law passed away 2/19. We send our condolences and will keep the family in our thoughts during this very difficult time. If you would like to be in touch with Dorothy, please contact Martha Nerpel for an address.

Emalee's Gruss Gillis' hip replacement surgery went very well. She is grateful for the healing energy from others

Welcome to **Liz Gilbert's** first grandchild, Lucille Charlotte Schruth, daughter of Liz's son Dave and his wife, Caroline. Lucy was born January 16 in Seattle.

Pete Piper is in Waterford Skilled Nursing, #278, 2929 S. Waterford Drive, Spokane, WA 99203. He really enjoys visitors and getting fan mail.

Information recently received from Linda Greene indicates that poor **Dan Treecraft** wants everyone to know that he has tongue cancer and the doctor has given him from six months to two years to live. As he said to Linda Greene, "I'm hoping to get a lot of attention out of this."

March Art Wall Features Colorful Butterflies; April to Feature Artists of the Church

Photographs of butterflies of the Northwest, by church member and naturalist John Bauman, will hang in the fellowship hall during the month of March. The colorful exhibit "Children of the Sun" merges art and nature, as Bauman's photographs capture examples of the stunning beauty that surrounds all of us living in Spokane, if we only make time to see it.

In April the Art Wall theme is "Artists of the Church", featuring pieces of art by church members and friends. The pieces can be in a variety of media, including water color, oil painting, collages, photography, ceramics, etc.

Share a piece of your work with fellow UUs by contacting Susan Mossuto, Art Wall Team Leader, or one of the team members: Mary Jane Blanpied, Dick Borden, Lisa Conger, Tukcha Kim, Bill and Marjorie Tracy, or Anna Vamvakias.

Buddhist Meditation and Teachings in March & April

Meditation Group Continues!

Even though our teachers are in silent retreat for three months, people in this group have found it so helpful that we are continuing. Each Monday in the e.e. cummings room, from 6:30-8:00pm, our time will be divided between silent meditation and a discussion, chapter by chapter, of the book "Taming the Mind" by Venerable Thubton Chodrun. NEWCOMERS are always welcome! Anyone is also welcome, regardless of whether you have read the book or not. This group will continue on Mondays through March 8. After that time our teachers will return. (See below.)

"Friend, Enemy, or Stranger: Are We All So Different?"

Geshe Thupten Phelgye
Monday, March 15 -- 6:30 - 8:00pm
Sanctuary

Geshe Thupten Phelgye is a Buddhist monk who is in his second term as a member of the Tibetan Parliament in Exile. He founded the Universal Compassion Movement which has him traveling extensively world wide, giving talks on a variety of topics ranging from how to resolve anger to compassion and world peace.

Buddhist Meditation Group

Mondays, March 22- April 26
6:30-8:00pm

This group is for beginners as well as practiced meditators. Nuns from Sravasti Abby outside Newport will lead these classes and give clear and helpful instruction on meditation.

Buddhist Meditation Retreat

Saturday, April 10, 2010 – 9am – 4pm
Sanctuary

Come join us for a day spent in meditation and instruction by the nuns from Sravasti Abby. Newcomers, as well as long-time practitioners are welcome! (More details to follow in the April SUUN.)

For more information on any of these gatherings, contact: Susan Virnig susan@newstories.org or 535-3998.

Spokane Children's Theatre

Adaptation of Hans Christian Andersen's Nightingale
Directed by Sara Edlin-Marlowe

Performance Dates: Saturday, March 20 at 1 p.m.

Sunday, March 21 at 1 p.m. & 4 p.m.

Tuesday March 23 (School shows at 10 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.)

Friday, March 26 at 7 p.m.

Saturday, March 27 at 10 a.m. & 1 p.m. (both signing shows)

Sunday, March 28 1 p.m. & 4 p.m.

All performances at SFCC in the Spartan Theatre

The Grandmothers Are Coming!

Eva Boyd of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai tribes and Vickie Downey of the Tesuqueh Pueblo tribe in New Mexico will be visiting us in early April through a great collaboration between our Make It Happen Fund and the nonprofit Grandmother's Voices.

Eva is a master basket weaver and teacher of Salish language and culture. Her delightful storytelling and commitment to sustaining local community while building global friendships have taken her as far as the Australian Outback, where she shared her skills and generosity of heart with indigenous communities. Vickie is an international spokesperson representing native peoples and indigenous concerns who has spoken multiple times at the United Nations and other global forums. She is a renowned peacekeeper who has worked at home and abroad in mediating concerns in diverse human communities.

Eva and Vickie will spend the evening of Thursday, April 8, at an inter-generational event with us. We will share a potluck dinner, these elders will tell stories from their culture and we – children and adults alike! – will learn how to make baskets from a master basket weaver.

Sunday, April 11, these two elders will be the heart of our service and besides giving the sermon will also work with our children in the Story for All Ages. After the second service and a brief lunch, Eva and Vickie will be available for a discussion session on questions and concerns that we may have about how to build community with our native neighbors and some more intimate sharing in an informal and relaxed setting.

The degree of wisdom, knowledge, skill and wisdom relevant to community building that these two women bring is extraordinary. Come join us!

Susan Virmig

UU Women

Marion Moos, long time member of the UU Women's Federation and the UU Church of Spokane, has been enrolled in the Clara Barton Sisterhood. The Clara Barton Sisterhood was created to honor UU women aged 80 and over and to recognize their contributions to the life of our religious association and women's organizations. Congratulations, Marion, and thank you!

Upcoming Events

March 7th—Celebration of 2010 International Women's Day. 3-5PM at the Women's Club, 1428 West 9th.

March 14th—Monthly meeting. 12:30PM. Sanger Room. Light lunch and program—*Seven Keys to a Happy Life* by William Menninger, MD.

UU Women is a chapter of the UU Women's Federation and invites all the women of the Church to participate in its activities.

Reiki Group

Reiki: How to reduce stress and increase well-being

Introduction to Reiki

March 24 – 7-8:30 p.m.

Over the years you may have heard about Reiki and you're curious to know more. Maybe you have friends who practice, you've read about it in magazines, or recently seen Dr. Oz on national television advocating that people try Reiki as an effective way to reduce stress and enhance well-being. If you'd like to learn more, Susan Mitchell will offer an introductory talk at our church on Wednesday, March 24 from 7-8:30 p.m. There is no charge for this event.

Susan learned Reiki from Hawayo Takata, the woman who brought Reiki to the West from Japan. She has practiced Reiki for over thirty years and is well-known throughout the international Reiki community.

First Degree Reiki Class

Friday, April 23-Sunday, April 25

Have you ever had the impulse to ease a friend or loved one's pain, but didn't know what to do or how?

Do you believe that healing is at least as much mental and spiritual as it is physical?

First Degree Reiki is for people from all walks of life who know there's more to healing than just taking medicine and who long to access or deepen the healing wisdom in themselves.

Reiki is a gentle, Japanese touch therapy that helps you if you're facing illness or other life challenges—large or small—and want to feel whole again. Reiki is simple and effective first aid for pain, stress, accidents, and emotional upsets. And learning to use Reiki brings you closer to your own spiritual connection and healing wisdom.

Reiki is easy to learn. All you need is an open mind and a willing heart to learn to use Reiki to soothe the aches and pains in your family and in yourself.

If there is enough interest in this First Degree training, Susan Mitchell will offer this at our church. There is a charge of \$200 for this training and you will receive First Degree certification upon completion.

For more information about either the introductory evening or the weekend training, please contact Tracy Morgan reikihobo@gmail.com or (805)286-5172.

BOOKS!! BOOKS!! BOOKS!!

Come browse and shop. The UUCS Book Store will be open for business on the first and third Sundays of each month between services and after second service with a collection of books, posters, chalices and note paper. You'll find it in the back of the friendship hall, just in front of the windows.

You can also think about giving some of your time and energy to keep these supplies available to our congregation. If you have questions or comments, contact Martha Nerpel or Donna Sponseller.

Thanks,

Donna



Upcoming Humanist Focus Group Programs

March 6, 2009 at 8:15 a.m.

Breakfast at Old Country Buffet, Division & Rowan

Join fellow Humanist thinkers for breakfast and discussion following a presentation.

March 21, 2009 at 12:45 p.m.

Meeting Room, Unitarian Universalist Church of Spokane

Speaker: Councilman John Snyder .

Join Councilman Snyder as he answers our questions on current city topics such as: Safe Streets, Complete Streets, Bicycle & Pedestrian access, Spokane's economic development, Community Garden program or maybe the progress of the North/South Freeway. Bring your questions for a one hour exciting conversation with one of our newest council members.

Sign up for free weekly humanist Network News at www.humaniststudies.org.

Ray Ideus is a certified Humanist Celebrant and available for your service. He can be

contacted at (509)464-3635 or lorry@comcast.net.

The Humanist Focus web site is www.spokanehumanists.org.

Partner Church News

Thank you all for attending the Hungarian Dinner and celebrating our partnership with Felsorákos, Romania. We raised \$1,800 before expenses, so along with the special collection from Jan. 31, we will be able to send a generous contribution toward installation of central heating in the guest house. Westminster Congregational UCC organized a lunch, dancing and art auction to benefit the guest house as well. It should be in fine shape to receive the travelers from their church this fall.

Anyone from our church is welcome to visit Felsorákos. You may stay with a family or in the guest house. Please contact Julie or Jerry Jose if you are interested.

Next year is the 20th anniversary of our partnership! Send us your ideas for how we should celebrate!

josejj205@yahoo.net And thank you to our wonderful

Partner Church Team,

Shirley Carlson, Nancy Davis, Dan Gore, Julie Lattin, Chris Lattin, Doris Shinn and Lou McKee and Nada Morse from Westminster.

Julie Jose

Spokane Alliance

The education team of the Spokane Alliance has been focusing its attention on Spokane's children and youth and their education. They have been identifying problems to be concerned about, as well as successes. They have been looking at what is being done elsewhere.

In such places as Portland and Seattle people were concerned about the shrinking of public funds and private donations devoted to programs supporting children and youth. They passed a Children's Investment Fund initiative to assist the most effective of these programs. In today's economy the need for these services is greater than ever, but public revenue to support them is low. The Alliance and many other organizations in Spokane are working to place a similar initiative on the ballot to provide some needed funding. Some of our Unitarian members have been speaking out about some of the problems they have seen.

Bonnie Overlie reports: Until recently I was a first grade teacher at an elementary school in Hillyard. Most of the parents in this neighborhood are hard working people who love their children. This area of Spokane is considered one of the poorest areas of Washington State. Most people work two to three jobs just to make ends meet. This became very evident to me when one day, I was talking about different kinds of places we live in. Most children replied that they lived in a house or apartment. But one boy said that a van could be a place to live in. I didn't comment at the time, but later, when I had time to talk with the boy in private, I learned that his family had been evicted from their one bedroom apartment and he was now living with his parents and three siblings in their van. This van did not run and had no heat. I was able to help find housing for this family with the help of the school district, but I wondered how many other families were either living in their cars or were on the verge of losing their homes.

Another child in my classroom disclosed that he was living in the garage. His mother had a new boyfriend, and they did not want to be bothered by "the kid" during their all night drug parties. Upon hearing this, I called CPS. Anyone who has worked with CPS knows how overworked and understaffed this agency is. After six months this boy was finally removed from his home and placed in foster care. I wish I knew how he is doing now.

Bonnie Overlie

HOLD THE DATE!

Chalice day camp over Spring Break! For kids ages 5-10, more information to follow! brought to you by: Kellyann and Erin Camerons Girl Scout Silver Award!

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