



THE SUN

The Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Spokane

August 2010

WORSHIP — *touch the earth, reach the sky*

**Upcoming
Worship Services**
(Single Service at 10:00 a.m.)

August 8

Rev. Hollis Bredeweg
Chatterbox Cafe

August 15

Rev. Hollis Bredeweg
The Resurrection of Hadley

August 22

Rev. Hollis Bredeweg
Letting Your Feet Spread

August 29

Jeff Wasson
Why Church?

Sep 5

Mariah McKay
Sustainable September

Sep 12

Rev. Hollis Bredeweg
TBA (water Service)

Cayenne

Some of you know that Sally and I share our home with two dogs and a cat. The words “pet ownership” may be useful in stipulating our legal responsibilities to care for our little menagerie, but don’t convey at all the importance of Cayenne, Juni, and Mister Cat in our lives.

Whereas Juni is 100% dog, and Mister is very much a cat, I’ve never been sure how best to describe Cayenne. From time to time I have called her my spiritual director. Please understand that I mean no disrespect to those who provide this wonderful service, or those who utilize two-legged beings for such direction. Cayenne is very special to me, and has helped me a great deal. Allow me to present some brief illustrations:

Cayenne helps me to retain a focus on the here on now. Every time I find myself obsessing about something that happened yesterday, or something that might happen next week, I ask Cayenne about it, and she walks over to the front door, encouraging me to take a walk. Right now, while the sun is shining.

Whenever I’m upset about anything, she nuzzles up under my hand, both encouraging me to pet her and showing that somebody cares.

Cayenne has helped shaped my approach to parenting, management, and stewardship education by reminding me that incentives are always more effective than threats or punitive actions.

At some point we’ll take this discussion further at UUCS by looking at the ideas of Karen Pryor’s wonderful little book, *Don’t Shoot the Dog*. In the meantime, I celebrate the love, faithfulness and direction I’ve received from Cayenne. Perhaps you’ll share with me the names and stories of animal companions who have touched your life as well. I don’t propose a service at UUCS to bless the animals. Perhaps, however, we could consider organizing a service to recognize all the ways in which the animals have blessed us.



Hollis

**We are currently on our Summer schedule and
have only one Sunday Service at 10 a.m.**



Board Slivers

Can you believe our luck?! As I write this in mid-July, summer has finally arrived in Spokane. Cherries are hanging dark and rich on the tree in the backyard, bowls brim with raspberries on the kitchen counter and the sky is a piercing, unbelievable blue. I remember many years ago, when I first arrived in the northwest, we were having just such a summer as this. A cold, wet June and disconsolate Spokaneites everywhere, longing for heat. Freshly rescued from a relentlessly hot and humid Texas summer, I didn't get it. You mean you don't like snuggling under three blankets every night, even in June?! Seventeen years down the road, I get it now and exult in every warm day we have.

And just as I feel fortunate to be a northwesterner, I'm astonished at my family's luck in stumbling into the community of the UUCS and being welcomed here, cherished and even this year, honored with the leadership of your Board of Trustees. Could there be a more exciting time for us? We've weathered the year of living sans minister, landed in a good spot with Hollis Bredeweg as our interim minister, and are happily anticipating the search for a settled minister to join us in 2011.

I hope you will all help me keep my feeling of good fortune alive through the coming year by letting me know what is on your mind and in your heart about the development of our church community. One of my desires in joining the Board was to know the folks of this church better. It would give me great pleasure to hear from you. The invitation to talk to a board member is repeated every Sunday. Let this be the year that you take advantage of our invitation and share your wishes, dreams and visions for the Spokane UUC.

Betsy Rush

Special Collections

In the fall of 2006 we began living out the vision that it is our mission to make a difference in our world as not just individuals, but as a church community. It was with that intent that we began our monthly Special Collection. Each month the monies collected would go to a designated organization or church outreach effort. This year our church community generously gave a total of \$14,378.32 in support the following organizations/church outreach efforts.

September	Crosswalk	\$ 743.00
October	UU Association Sunday	\$ 556.00
November	Spokane AIDS Network	\$ 759.40
December	Sharing Fund (Minister's Discretionary)	\$4589.63
January	Haiti Earthquake Relief	\$2061.53
February	Partner Church	\$1672.00
February	OutSpokane	\$ 345.00
March	Make It Happen Fund	\$ 777.72
April	Planned Parenthood	\$ 980.55
May	Spokane Alliance	\$ 833.05
June	National Alliance on Mental Health	\$ 395.44
	PNWUU Growth Fund	\$ 665.00

Bishop Desmond Tutu says, "Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world." Thank you for giving so generously to "overwhelm the world."

Make It Happen Fund

"What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal." Albert Pike

It was with that understanding that the Teel family made the first generous gift which established the Make It Happen fund in 2006. Since then many other members have made financial donations to the fund. Church members can receive funding for social justice projects through an application process. The guidelines state that the project must be consistent with the mission and vision of our church and that members of the church are active in the project.

This year the following disbursements were made from the Make It Happen Fund:

OutSpokane	\$4,000
Our Grandmother's Voices	\$2795
The Dahli Lama visit	\$4,400
Unity in the Community	\$2,500
Crosswalk	\$600
Church Banner	\$103

It is thanks to your gifts of time and money that we reach out to make a difference in our world. Thank you.

Nancy Avery
Management Team

Third Thursday Book Group Upcoming Meetings

Special event for August 19! We'll be reading "African-Americans in Spokane," a book by Jerrelene Williamson. She is Gwen Hill's sister-in-law and Al Hill's sister. To make things even better, she has been invited to attend our meeting and she has kindly agreed to do so!

September 16th the discussion will focus on "The Elegance of the Hedgehog" by Muriel Barbery.

On October 21st the book to be discussed is "People of the Book" by Geraldine Brooks.

All meetings are from 1-3 p.m. Call Donna Borden Rhodes, 487-5054 for meeting locations.

From the Healthy Relations Team — Be Impeccable With Your Word. . . .

"Speak with integrity. Say only what you mean. Avoid using the word to speak against yourself or to gossip about others. Use the power of your word in the direction of truth and love." — Don Miguel Ruiz

If you would like support with a difficult conversation, guidelines for managing group dynamics, or feedback on effective communication skills, the Healthy Relations Team is here to support you. Please feel free to contact us, and know that we will honor your request with confidentiality and respect.

Devon Greyerbiehl, Team Leader, George Girvin, Molly Huss, Mary Rupert, team members.

You may contact us in person or call Devon @ 838-4314.

Glorious Ordination!

On Sunday, June 12, Tracy Lynn Gibson Springberry was ordained by the combined congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Spokane and the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Palouse. The service included a laying on of hands as members of the congregations participated in the ordination process, presentation of two stoles (the congregational gifts), a sermon by the Reverend Margaret Keipp, and participation by numerous other clergy from the district. Doug Huigen was the "Grand Master" organizer, and James Beebe the very able worship leader.

Our thanks to everyone who was involved in the ordination and the festivities. The preordination luncheon wouldn't have happened without the assistance of some wonderful volunteers – Larry and Linda Hodge, Al and Bernie Toutant, Stephanie Samson, Betsy Rush, Bonnie Overlie, Sue Stiritz, Jan Woodward, Bob Fendler, and Scott Fitzgerald – all incredibly gracious cooks, servers and cleaner-uppers! The reception was beautifully orchestrated with the help of Shirley Cannon, Sally Ray, Torge Lorentzen, Char Wilson, Alene Zander and Zoe, Devon Greyerbiehl, Tukcha Kim, and Marcie Norris (Martha Nerpel's daughter.)

Special thanks to Jean Larson, who did the flowers for the luncheon and ordination. And were they ever beautiful! (And Tracy's favorite color.)

Thank you to all who helped, and all who attended this historic and sacred event.

Congratulations to The Reverend Tracy Springberry!

*Denny Reid
Martha Nerpel*



2nd Annual Church Year Kickoff Event

For Church Year 2010-2011!

You're invited to our 2nd Annual Kick-off

Potluck Dinner

Wednesday, August 25, from 5:30 to 8:30 pm.

Keynote: Rev. Hollis Bredeweg on "What's Next?!"

Plus: Childcare

Sponsored by the Shared Ministry Team



Wheel of Life

Don reports that **Elva Willingham** is recuperating nicely but slowly from a broken femur that occurred from an accident during a freak wind storm following a wedding in Twin Falls, ID. After two weeks in rehab in a Twin Falls, Id., hospital, she will return home on Wed, July 14. Elva should be able to get rid of her walker in about a month. She thanks every one who e-mailed, sent cards or just thought about her.

UUs in the News

Thanks to all sharing their news with us! These articles can be found in the UUs in the News Binder on the cabinet next to the name tags in the Friendship Hall. If you have news to share, please leave your articles in the front of the binder.

Dan Treecraft is featured in an in-depth front page article in the July 18th Sunday *Spokesman-Review*. Photos of Dan and his wife Jan are included. Dan was diagnosed with tongue cancer last winter. "The last word against cancer" describes how Dan is choosing to live his days and how he will die.

A photo and an article titled, 15 Years of Giving: **Linda Moulder** and **Jerry White** "walk the walk" appear in Sightline Institute's *Gratitude Report* acknowledging those supporting its goals to make sustainable living a reality. Linda and Jerry are quite visible in the larger community as well as at church with significant achievements and devoted support for practicing and supporting sustainable living.

2010 Word Garden Poetry Anthology

The Word Garden Poets are most grateful for everyone's support for the congregational Word Garden poetry anthology. Your donations allow us to print an anthology each year for our annual poetry service. A few copies of this year's anthology are still available. To reserve or obtain an anthology see Elaine Stevens or email her at stevenscurtis@aol.com.

Annual Women's Retreat

A Real Happening!

Like any great event it takes some help to make it happen. Bring your potluck dish and your willingness to hear how you can volunteer to help with the general set-up and welcoming of women to camp N-Sid-Sen. Join together at Devon Greyerbiehl and Shirley Cannon's home to find out how you can be a significant participant in bringing this event together. It's fun, a great way to meet people and an easy way to contribute. Hope to see you at Devon and Shirley's on Monday, August 16th at 6:00 p.m. at 1421 S. Division. If you can't make the potluck but would like to help, call Devon at 838-4314.

GRADUATING SENIORS

James Higuera, grandson of Jane and Steve Higuera, graduated from Cheney High School. He lettered in tennis four years and this spring won the mayor's award for tennis. James was chosen as captain of the high school Knowledge Bowl and was president of the Arts Club. The summer of his junior year he traveled to England and this year traveled to Spain, France, Germany, Italy, Greece and Turkey, visiting family during the trip. James enters Evergreen State College in Olympia as a sophomore studying international relations, government and history. His goal is to work in international diplomacy or as a foreign service officer.

Elizabeth Wilhelm, daughter of Anne Gregory and Wes Wilhelm, graduated from Ferris High school, having taken advanced placement classes since her sophomore year. She was involved in the Ferris social action team, the Gay Straight Alliance, and was on the teen action board at Planned Parenthood to promote education and advocacy for sexual education. In the fall, Elizabeth will attend Pacific University in Forest Grove, OR, studying sociology and anthropology. The school has a center for gender equity to provide leadership in social justice in community and campus for promotion of women's rights.

Maxine Whitman, daughter of Georgi Gorham and Mark Whitman, graduated from Three Springs Alternative High School in Cheney. Maxine loves horses and has ridden her mount, Famous, in various parades and was part of the royalty grand entry of the Cheney Rodeo this summer. She plans to attend Spokane Falls Community College and is interested in studying to become a vet tech or possibly attending veterinary school.

Taemin Eum, son of Deok Ja "Tukcha" Kim, graduated from St. George's High School. He studied art all four years and was named a Spokane Scholar for his art. He designed T-shirts for three of the school's clubs and has displayed his work in our church. Taemin also appeared in two school musicals at St. George's, played tennis and soccer and enjoys playing the guitar. He will continue studies of graphic design at the Rhode Island School of Design.

Ingelise Kozora, daughter of Linda and David Kozora, graduated from Lewis and Clark High School. Both parents were dancers and Ingelise has danced since kindergarten, usually at least five days per week. This has been the first year without summer ballet classes, the past two years in Seattle and Boston. Ingelise intends to devote future studies to the fine arts at a four-year school but this fall will attend Spokane Falls Community College.

Charlotte Dubiel will be featured at a later date.



News about our Community Marketplace!

It's our second year for a new kind of Community Connections Marketplace, and it's even bigger and better than last year!! We'll be donating and bidding on lots of parties, dinners, flower and bird hikes, weekend cabins, cat and dog sitting services, massages, professional wood splitting, and much, much more. No "stuff," just lots of occasions to get together. Let your imagination be your guide. Second year refinements include a real data base (with incredible work from Mary Rupert), posting of Donations on the UU web site, opportunity to make your donations via the web site, etc.

On Friday evening, October 22, we'll have a kick-off party and dance, with our own talented and charismatic D-Jays Dianna and Renee hosting the music. It's potluck hors d'oeuvres, with wine, beer and soft drinks for sale. Childcare is FREE! This will be your first chance to bid on all the wonderful items for sale. Don't miss this fabulous occasion to party with your fellow UU's and be among the first to sign up for your favorite items!

On Sunday, October 24, through Sunday November 14, all the Marketplace items will be posted on the walls of the Friendship Hall and the Sanctuary, so you'll have plenty of time and occasions to make your bids. There'll be a scrumptious lunch, with surprises, on Sunday, November 14, to close out the bidding.

During August and September, we will be soliciting donations and also asking for volunteers to help with:

Calling to solicit auction items

Help with Donation Postings, set-up for Party, clean-up from Party, wine serving

Help with giving out bid numbers, Friday night and Sunday mornings

Etc!

Please call Lee Dominey or Marie Bjork if you are interested in helping! It's a great way to increase your community connections.

New Church Directory Available.

Pick up your new directory at church on Sunday or from the office anytime Monday through Friday between 10 am and 2 pm.

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 Martha Nerpel and Sally Ray with Devon Greyerbiehl as advisor.

Bette Brattebo compiles Wheel of Life events for the SUUN; if you have an event in your life you would like to share, or know someone who has a joy or sorrow, please contact Bette by e-mail at wheeloflife@uuspokane.org.

Team members are:

Martha Nerpel, co-leader

Sally Ray, co-leader

Patty Bedalov

Mary Jane Blanpied

Dianne Cook

Linda Hodge

Doug Huigen

Torge Lorentzen

Avis Monroe

Joan Nelson

Chuck Smith

Donna Sponseller

Sue Stiritz

Patty Tyler

Jeff Wasson

Devon Greyerbiehl, advisor

A Letter to Harold Balazs:

Dear Harold:

Officially, this is a thank you for the remarkable, beautiful and inspiring windows you provided for our new chapel.

Unofficially, it is an unabashed fan letter and an attempt to say thank you for the many, many touches of beauty that your talents have added to our church home.

We cannot vision our church without your work—the entry doors that brighten even a dark day—the chalice and candle holders that focus our thoughts on peace and love and our spiritual lives.

As a community we are enriched by your gifts and your generous sharing of talent. As individuals we feel fortunate to have you as part of our ever evolving faith community.

On behalf of our church and ourselves we thank you for the constant joy and encouragement provided by your work. We wish you peace and look forward to your presence in the remarkable years that lie ahead.

UU of Spokane Board of Trustees,
President,

Betsy Rush

for members Cly Evens, Mary Giannini, Isabelle Green Nancy Hand, Maggie Montana Bonnie Overlie, and recent past members Curt Chambers and Penny Reid

RE Teachers Needed ASAP:

The RE program needs two teachers for 5th-6th grade and 2 teachers for Junior High for the 2010 – 2011 church year. We also need for people to do a one-room school house during our 9:15 am service. All teachers work two times a month according to the team schedule, and you receive an hour of fun and blessings from the children. Please contact Diane Huigen (325-6383 ext. 306 or re@uuspokane.org) about joining a team. Training will be provided.

RE Program: Social Justice Awareness:

Our RE Summer Class is taking an offering each Sunday as a social justice awareness project. This is something new for the children, so it would be great if you parents would make sure your children have a penny or some change to add to our jar. When our jar is full the children will decide what worthy cause, or causes, to give the money. We will continue this project through the year in each classroom. Thank you for your help in making this work.

RE Program: Learning Our UU Principles:

This summer the RE program is working on learning our UU Principles, the children's version. We have fliers available, with the principles printed on them, in the Thoreau Room and outside the RE Office. If you don't see them, just ask one of the RE Council members. Please take one home and work as a family to learn them. At the end of the summer any child who has learned all of them will receive a prize. Have fun!

Recycling Made Easier

My partner, Joy keeling and I, were invited by Owen Mir, to participate in the church s monthly First Sunday Recycling Extravaganza as the mixed paper crew. Joy owns a pick-up. We have the time and we have been recycling our own materials anyway. We are attempting to fill Julian Powers able shoes. Impossible of course, but we ll do our best.

But, kind friends, we need your help. We re asking that you please, put your mixed paper, tightly packed, into paper bags-little, compact, easy-to-handle packages.

Pacific Recycle most often provides us with a bin which is several inches taller than the tail gate of the truck. This means we load by hand. This feat is so much easier when we can just pick up a paper bag, which recycles with it s contents. Plastic bags, which do NOT recycle, have to be torn open, then thrown away. Loose papers fly all over in the wind.

This is a fun and worthwhile project and we are enjoying the company of our fellow recyclers Owen Mir, Bob Fendler and Edna Ripka.

Thank-you for making recycling easier! See you out there the next first Sunday.

Liz Shafford

RE Summer Program:

Our RE Summer Program happens each Sunday through September 5th, in the Thoreau Room from 10:00 a.m. through 11:00. Bring your child for some fun and knowledge. Our guest list includes some fantastic UU Movers and Shakers - Sonora Dodd (her niece), Florence Nightingale (Lee Smith), Beatrix Potter (Mary Knight), Susan B. Anthony (Mary Lou Johnson), Clara Barton, (Karolynn Clark), Louise Mae Alcott (Joyce Robinson & Sara Bauer), Anie Farmer (Melissa Parker), Ben Franklin (Curt Chambers), Abigail Adams (Angie Dierdorff), Thomas Jefferson (Travis Peterson), and Sojunor Truth (Anna Vamvokias) – WOW! Our children have made lanterns, painted pictures of nature, learned about women's rights, played marbles and jacks, baked cookies, and made kites. This is a fantastic curriculum for the children and the participating adults! I want to thank our "guests" for bringing this wonderful experience alive! I also want to thank the RE Council for making sure everything works each Sunday: Janet Knight, Bonnie Brunt, Jean Edwards, Edna Budke, Laurie Baugher, Sarajoy VanBoven, and Amy Teel. I really appreciate all of you! It definitely takes a village to make a great RE experience for our children.

RE Picnic

The next big RE Picnic will be held Saturday, August 14 at the South Manito Park splash pad on 25th Street. Time: 3pm for splashing and 5 or so for picnic dinner. Another BYOEverything picnic (not a potluck). Meet your kids RE friends and their parents for a relaxing good time. Call Sarajoy at 509-592-7215 or e-mail at sarajoyvb@yahoo.com

OWL for Junior High youth begins in September

Our Whole Lives, our comprehensive sexuality education program for Junior High age teens, begins this fall. Parents who are interested in learning about the program and enrolling their young person must attend a parent orientation session which will be held Sunday September 26. The program will begin the first Sunday in October and continue through April with a schedule that accommodates most holidays.

Space in this popular program is limited. If you have questions or intend to enroll your young person who will be entering the 7th, 8th or 9th grade in the fall, please call or email Diane Huigen at 325-6383 or [HYPERLINK "mailto:re@uuspokane.org" re@uuspokane.org](mailto:re@uuspokane.org)



UU Women—August Events

August 8th. Sunday. 11:30. Monthly meeting at the church. Bring a "brown bag" lunch for a picnic together under the pines.

August 11th. Wednesday. 11:30. Lunch together on the patio of Indian Canyon Golf Course. Spectacular view of Spokane and the mountains.

August 26th. Thursday. 11:30. Lunch at the MAC and tour of the Harold Balazs exhibit.

UU Women is a chapter of the UU Women's Federation and welcomes all women of the church to its activities. For more information, please contact Judy Gammon at rog_jrg@msn.com.

PPGWNI:

High school age youth are invited to apply to become peer health educators with Planned Parenthood of Greater Washington and North Idaho. Peer health educators receive training and a \$400 annual stipend. The group meets weekly throughout the school year. To learn more and to apply to become a member call Lena Kassa at 241-4206.

thanks

Cynthia Fine

Professional Training Specialist
Community Health Education

ADMINISTRY — stand by this faith



UUCS Publications On-Line.

Read the most current versions of our church publications on-line. Just go to www.uuspokane.org and click on the SUUN, Order of Service, and/or SUUNday Focus icons.

Deadlines:

The SUUN (monthly newsletter)

Monday, August 23rd at 10 am (for August issue)
Send SUUN submissions to suun@uuspokane.org

SUUNday Focus(weekly newsletter)

Every Wednesday by 5 p.m. Send SUUNday Focus submissions to admin@uuspokane.org

Check Run Cut-off Dates

Requests for checks and invoices from members, teams and staff need to be submitted to the office by the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month. Check request forms are green slips available in Jeanettes drop box

SUUN Editorial Guidelines

The Management Team recently approved Editorial Guidelines for the SUUN that were recommended by the Communications Task Force (Shirley Cannon, Lee Dominey, Scott Fitzgerald, Lunell Haught and Correen Morrill). The SUUN is our official Church publication and serves as the primary written communication tool about the ministry, philosophy and activities of the Church.

In brief, the Guidelines set out the priority of articles, with regular columns, church policies and issues and team information receiving preference. Brevity is encouraged, with most articles limited to 150 words. No article should be longer than 400 words. Personal opinions/editorials and advertizing are not accepted.

E-mail submissions should be made to suun@uuspokane.org, with your name and telephone number.

The complete Editorial Guidelines can be found on the Church website and in the foyer file cabinet, bottom drawer.

FYI - this article, including this FYI, is 145 words.

Did you know?

Our church calendar is online and easy to use, simply go to <http://uuspokane.mhsoftware.com/> or just access it through our website at <http://uuspokane.org/>

You can request rooms and equipment, or just check out what is going on—try it out!



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Covenant Statement

We, the Unitarian Universalist congregation of Spokane, promise to:

*support and care for one another,
embrace diversity of persons and spiritual paths,
search for truth and understanding, and
work for social justice and environmental stewardship.*

*With this covenant, we honor each other with our laughter and tears,
our compassion, and respect.*

We are a community of open hearts, open minds, and open hands.

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