



THE SUN

The Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Spokane

June, 2010

WORSHIP — *touch the earth, reach the sky*

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

June 6
Youth Sunday

June 13
Rev. Carol McKinley
Pride Day

June 20
Rev. Hollis Bredeweg
Erin's Eyes

June 27
John Hancock
The Dalai Lama

July 4
TBA

July 11
Paul Quinnett, Ph.D.
*The Psychology of Hope:
From Research to Practice*

July 18
Word Garden Poets

Happily Embracing the Interim Life

Life is what happens to you while you're busy making other plans. The truth of those words, attributed to John Lennon, became apparent to me again a few weeks ago when the Interim Search Team called and asked me to consider accepting the Interim Minister position. After securing the approval of the UU Pacific Northwest District through Executive Janine Larsen, I agreed to accept the team's invitation. On May 3rd the UUCS Board of Trustees voted to approve the Interim Search Team's recommendation.

In accepting this exciting challenge, I intend to do whatever I can to position and prepare the church for the strong, effective settled minister who will be coming into our midst in a year's time. What are the challenges we need to take on in the process? UUCS has already stated its priorities for the future. In your Policy Governance Document, the "Ends" you seek are to create an inspiring and nourishing liberal religious home, characterized by:

- Energizing, Inspiring Worship
- Caring Welcoming Community
- Transformative Outreach
- Lifespan Religious Education

In keeping with these worthy ends and building on the considerable strengths already apparent in our life together, my ministry will focus on assisting the church to:

1. Develop the capacity to look beyond our internal needs and decide how to answer the question, "What is the difference we hope to make in Spokane and the larger world?"
2. Support our church's Religious Education leaders as they continue to provide vital, life changing programs to those within our congregation and beyond.
3. Solidify the administrative structure that supports our mission and values. We will build on significant accomplishments over the past year in the areas of financial reporting and budgeting, while developing and integrating our new staff team.

These efforts will be carried out within the context of our continued intention to embody a caring, welcoming community. To this particular end, when asked what kind of a minister the church is looking for, I have replied that you need and deserve a minister with the capacity to love and be loved by the church. You are a much more loveable bunch than you know. So, when asked to spend the next year with you, I happily put my other plans on hold, and replied, "Yes!"

Rev. J. Hollis Bredeweg
Interim Minister

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



Picture This! Snap, Crackle, Pop!

!Paparazzi! Attention Photo Bugs...

The UU Search Teams has "developed" a photo contest!
Wanted: Good digital photos of our church members and events, community activities, and regional beauty. We need pictures as part of our presentation package that we share with potential permanent ministers. We want to "expose" the candidates to the best we have to offer, and to have them fall in love with us. So, whip out those cameras and take some shots of church members - portraits of people at coffee hour, doing recycling, volunteering at the office, or for an outreach project, maybe just walking the Centennial Trail. We UUs are all around, lets take note of what we are doing and celebrate it in pictures!

Deadline is June 30th. Prizes will be awarded. Please send your pics to Dale Avery at dale.avery@comcast.net, or Dan Eacret at wendydaneac@msn.com

Thank you from the Search Team!

Muusic Notes

Spring is finally here, folks, and soon after that, summer!! The Music Team and I are starting to gear up for our summer services and we would welcome musical volunteers for our late June through August Sundays. Of course, we welcome a wide variety of music. In the summer we have one service only at 10am—a little easier load than the regular church year. We would be glad to see soloists or small groups of all kinds—instrumentalists and/or vocalists. So, if you are a musician, give some thought to sharing yourself with the rest of us! If you are interested in singing and/or playing during the summer or simply have a good idea or two, please contact me by phone or email at 325-6383 ext. 303 or uumusic@uuspokane.org. We'll talk about general possibilities at this point, and get clear on specifics as soon as summer services are in the planning stage.

As most of you know, our choirs are "off" during the summer months, coming back after Labor Day in September. There is a heavy commitment during the regular church year, which makes summer a needed period of rest and relaxation. I want to extend a particularly BIG "thank you" to all of our choir members from the Mixed and Women's Choirs. Although you did stellar work all year, you really outdid yourselves in prepping and performing the difficult music for my 20 year celebration on April 25th. I know it was a stretch, and s-t-r-e-t-c-h you did!! I will never forget that day and all you gave to me and to the rest of this congregation. Please know how deeply you are appreciated.

May we all enjoy the greening of the year and the beautiful bird song outdoors...what an "uplift"!

Deborah Jacquemin,
Your Music Director

2nd Annual Kickoff

For Church Year 2010-2011!

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

Wednesday, August 18, from 5:30 to 8:30 pm.

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

Plus: Childcare

Sponsored by the Shared Ministry Team

Summer Worship

Summer brings a different pace to our lives and to our church. In years past summer was a time for a wide variety of worship experiences and guest speakers while the minister was on vacation and study leave. This summer at UUCS will be a departure from that tradition. With Hollis Bredeweg beginning his ministry July 1, summer worship at UUCS will afford us an opportunity to get to know him and one another better. We'll kick off the summer with an observance of Independence Day on July 4th. Though detailed plans are still pending, count on hearing the stirring words of Thomas Jefferson and stories from Revolutionary times. We'll also take some time to reflect on the sources of strength in our nation, community and personal lives. See you in church!

Restoration of our Labyrinth

The spiral removed to make way for the fire lane has been restored thanks to George Girvin's mathematical acuity. George reconfigured the design and replaced many of the rocks. Jane and Steve Higuera and Elaine Stevens also added rocks. We are very grateful to all who helped and for the many offers we received from people in the area who use our labyrinth. May our sacred labyrinth bring peace to those who walk it and protection to the firefighters who respond to emergencies at our church. They have used the fire lane to turn around at least three times recently! Blessings to all.



The Congregations of
The Unitarian Universalist Church of Spokane
 and
**The Unitarian Universalist Church
 of the Palouse**

Request the honor of your presence

**At the Ordination
 of
 Tracy Lynne Gibson Springberry**

Saturday, the 12th day of June, 2010

At 6:00 p.m.

at the

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Spokane
 3430 W. Fort George Wright Drive
 Spokane , Washington

Reception to Follow in the Friendship Hall



Ordination

On June 12, the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Palouse and Unitarian Universalist Church of Spokane will ordain Tracy Springberry as a minister. Ordination is the act that makes a person a minister, just as participating in a wedding service is what makes two people married. This is the first time the UUCP has ordained a minister, and only the second time in its 128 year history that the UUCS has ordained a minister.

In the tradition of the Catholic Church, ordination occurs when a bishop puts his hands on a ministerial candidate during the ordination service. The bishop bestows at that moment the authority to act as a priest. He received this authority through the historical line of bishops all the way back to the twelve apostles who received the authority from Jesus himself.

Unitarian Universalists think of ordination very differently. Our tradition descends directly from the Puritans who broke radically from the hierarchical Christian traditions of 16th century. The Puritans believed that a congregation should choose someone from within in their midst who had the qualifications and character to serve as their minister. The congregation, not a hierarchy, had the authority to choose and ordain a minister.

This is still the tradition of Unitarian Universalists. While UUs do have an Association (the Puritans did not) that takes the responsibility of examining future ministers to determine whether they are qualified, the Unitarian Universalist Association cannot ordain. Only congregations have that power.

If you go to a Catholic or to most mainstream Protestant ordination, bishops or other ministers lay hands on a ministerial candidate to ordain. In UU congregations the members of the congregation lay hands on the candidate to bestow upon him or her the position of minister. That moment is powerful, and one that demonstrates the congregations' faith and hope in both a particular person and the future of our tradition.





Upcoming Humanist Focus Summer Events

During the summer, the Humanist Focus group offers 3 casual potluck get-togethers open to anyone interested. Please call the number provided if you need directions.

Saturday June 26, 2010 9:30 am Breakfast Brunch Potluck
Eileen Starr and John Douglas Home: 4711 South Magnolia, Spokane 448-8229

Saturday July 24, 2010 9:30 am Breakfast Brunch Potluck
Dorothy Mehl and Mickey Thompson Home: 906 East Sanson, Spokane 489-3868

August at the home of Lindell and Bart Haggin, date to be determined. Watch for further information.

Sign up for free weekly Humanist Network News at 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 spokanehumanists.org.



UU Summer Campouts

Would you enjoy exploring the great outdoors without driving a whole day to get there?

Do you like camping in an RV or tent?

Would you like to get to know your fellow UU's in a relaxed, unstructured atmosphere?

If your answers the above are "maybe" or "you betcha", read on:

A small group of your fellow UU'ers would like to get together informally for three mid-week days (or more, if you want) at scenic locations less than a 3 hour drive from Spokane, 2 or 3 times during the summer. When we decide on a campground and date, we'll give you the campground name and a link to the website so you can make your own reservations, telling them you are with the Unitarians. We'd like to know if you are coming so we know who to expect. We'd also appreciate suggestions of great places to go.

Our first campout will be at the Blue Lake RV Resort near Bonner's Ferry July 6- 8. The website is www.bluelakervresort.com, phone 208-946-3361. There are RV sites and tent sites along a small lake. Everyone is welcome: men, women, children and dogs.

For more information, contact Sue Stirtz, ssirtz@yahoo.com, 466-5986 or Sue Wotring, susan.angela@hotmail.com,

Erin's Goodbye

I really hate goodbyes. It's a challenge for me to focus on the memories and good times in the past when all I can think about is impending loss. Saying good bye to Erin Fitzgerald is going to be especially difficult. Her presence here over the last twelve years has been wonderful on so many levels. She has educated me, inspired me, comforted me, and called me in so many different ways to be my best self. I know that many of you feel similarly about Erin, and you, too, will be feeling the loss of her as our Religious Education Director. When Erin resigned, I volunteered to coordinate the celebration of her time with us. With the help of Diane Huigen and many of you, several events to honor Erin have been arranged. We hope that there will be many opportunities for each of you to say good bye, and to create a memory or two to hold on to when Erin leaves us at the end of June. If you would like to be a part of the preparations for these events, please email me at cindyphillips@centurytel.net and I will direct your offer of help to the appropriate individual.

Erin's Last Sunday, Sunday, June 20, 10:00 a.m.

During this last Sunday together, Erin will take a moment to say good bye to all of you as we share one final service together. Following the conclusion of the service we will feast on a picnic-style sack lunch; ending our time together with ice cream sundaes - the same way we have begun so many of our church years in the past. We hope this will signify the beginning of a new and fulfilling chapter in Erin's life.



LIFESPAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
— *praise the source of faith & learning*

Lifespan Religious Education and Programs

Youth Sunday

Sunday, June 6 at 10 a.m.

Please join us for a service to honor our graduating seniors. All people grades 5 and above are invited to attend the service. A reception will follow the service.

Last Day of Religious Education Classes

Sunday, June 13 at 10 a.m.

This Sunday is the last day before our summer break. Please make sure to personally thank our volunteers for all that they have done this year to support our children and youth in their spiritual growth.

Religious Education Volunteer Appreciation Brunch

Sunday, June 13 at 11 a.m.

Please join the Religious Education Council and staff for a brunch honoring our Religious Education Volunteers. All volunteers are our guests and all others are invited to make a \$5 suggested donation.

Erin Fitzgerald

325-6383

programs@uuspokane.org

**Would You Like to Help
the Summer R.E. Program — and Act?**

We need youth and adults who are willing to present themselves as famous Unitarians or Universalists or both. Each Sunday the program will have a special guest telling his or her story, and that could be you! It is as easy as calling Diane Huigen at 325-6383. I will read off a list of names and you get to choose, so call soon to get the famous UU you want.

Volunteer Appreciation Brunch

We would like to honor our teacher volunteers with a fantastic lunch on Sunday, June 13th, in the Thoreau Room. We hope you all will come for food and good conversation. We really appreciate all the time and effort you have put into teaching our UU children for the past church year. Your influence has made an impact that will affect the children for the rest of their lives. Thank you!

**The Church of the Larger Fellowship
(CLF) at General Assembly**

Traveling to General Assembly this June (June 23 – 27, Minneapolis, MN)? The Church of the Larger Fellowship (CLF) will be there! The CLF is a unique congregation without walls. We are a congregation by mail, phone and cyber-space, offering spiritual inspiration and religious education on your life's journey. Here's where you can find the CLF at this year's General Assembly:

CLF Ingathering and reception for the Rev. Jane Rzepka

Wednesday, June 23, 6:45 pm

Minneapolis Convention Center, Room 101-I

CLF's Worship Service

Friday, June 25, 4:30 pm

with Reverends Gail Geisenhainer
& Abhi Janamanchi preaching

music with Sarah Dan Jones
& friends from the UU Musicians Network

Minneapolis Convention Center, Ballroom A

Come find us at Booth #817

UU Purchases to support the many ministries of the CLF

*chalice pendants
chalice lapel pins
note cards
RE curricula
UniUniques products*

Worship, Online community, and RE resources for

*individuals
families
congregations*

There's lots to talk about at the CLF Booth (#817)!

All proceeds from booth sales support the many ministries of the Church of the Larger Fellowship, serving UU individuals and small groups all over the world. The Church of the Larger Fellowship is supported by its membership.

Questions?
www.clfuu.org
617-948-6150

The Church of the Larger Fellowship's mission is to provide a ministry to isolated religious liberals, promote the understanding and growth of Unitarian Universalism and institute programs to that end.

Learn more about the CLF at www.clfuu.org.

Classroom Happenings:

Preschool: On Sunday, April 25th, the lesson goals were to experience positive associations with the color black, to expand awareness and appreciation for human diversity, and to see all people as members of one human family. Our first two UU Principles – the inherent worth and dignity of every person, and justice, equity, and compassion in human relations – are at the core of our identity. In our R.E. programs, we emphasize the values of uniqueness and interdependency. The kids put together a puzzle of unique pieces to create a whole puzzle. May 16th the class celebrated Hawaiian Lei Day. The Polynesian settlers of the Hawaiian Islands created the lei as an appeasement to the gods. Later, flowers became the symbol of friendliness and the “Aloha” spirit. Lei Day began in 1928 at the suggestion of the late poet, Dan Blanding. Lei Day is observed in Hawaii on May 1 and leis are exchanged as a sign of friendship. The class made leis out of 3 colors of tissue paper.

K-2: On Sunday, April 25th, the class focused on the intangible gift of mutual caring in the connections we can make with animals. The children talked about their own interactions with animals and learned about relationships in which a person and an animal need each other. The central story introduced guide dogs trained to help owners with disabilities. They did a Blessing of the Animals ceremony with stuffed animals. May 16th the class focused on the interdependent web of life and the intangible gift of protection – protection of the environment and all life that shares it. Children today are much more involved with indoor activities and so lack the interaction with the outdoors that would help them develop a healthy relationship with nature. The kids walked around our church backyard observing and documenting the nature that exists on our church grounds. We don’t want our children to suffer from Nature Deficit Disorder.

Third-Fourth Grade: On April 25th this class celebrated Earth Day. They started with a traditional Yoga exercise, Salute to the Sun, and then heard a portion of a speech given by Chief Seattle spoken over 150 years ago. “The Earth does not belong to people; people belong to the Earth. All things are connected like the blood which unites one family. People did not weave the web of life, we are merely a strand in it. Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves.” They made a Web Of Life banner for their classroom. Then the class planted a Dogwood tree just west of our Labyrinth hoping it will grow into a beautiful big tree which will shade people as they walk the labyrinth. The UU belief for this lesson is we should be friends of the Earth, not its conquerors. On May 16th, the class celebrated Mothers’ Peace Day. The children learned about Julia Ward Howe, a Unitarian and a pioneer in the cause of peace. Her Mother’s Day Proclamation was heart wrenching. “Arise, then, women of this day! Arise all women who have hearts, whether your baptism be that of water or of tears! ...Our sons shall not be taken from us to unlearn all that we have been able to teach them of charity, mercy and patience. We women of one country will be too tender of those of another country to allow our sons to be trained to injure theirs.” The kids then painted peace t-shirts which you may have seen after the service.

Fifth-Sixth Grade: “Nature has given people one tongue but two ears, that we may hear from others twice as much as we speak.” Epictetus, the Greek Stoic philosopher. On April 25th, the class reflected on and practiced the skills of listening and considered the impact of embracing listening as a quality of our UU faith. The class discussed how they have felt at times when they weren’t listened to, and how they can become better listeners. They also explored some of the reasons people have trouble listening. The children listened to their hearts using our stethoscope and played listening games. May 16th the lesson focused on humor. “It is the test of a good religion if you can joke about it.” – G.K. Chesterton (1874-1936), English writer and journalist. Sandpaper symbolizes humor, a tool which smoothes the rough edges of life. This session provided opportunities to reflect on how humor and laughter in a life of UU faith can help us survive and enjoy the life we are given. The discussion touched on humor that is cruel, humor that opens us up to healing laughter, and with the issue of jokes that are based on stereotypes. We all learned about Dr. Kataria School of Laughter Yoga. Fun!

Junior High: Continuing our adventure into UUville, on April 25th, the Junior High class individually filled out two surveys with no explanation: Rate the following factors that influence the average high school senior as he/she picks a college to attend, and Rate the following factors that have influenced or will influence you as you pick a college to attend. This activity was intended to reveal the assumption that people often judge their own actions as having more noble or “higher” purposes than the actions of others. The way the surveys were set up the odd-numbered questions as “better” reasons to pick a

college than the even-numbered factors. Then the group became a Presidential Panel assembled to address a major policy issue facing the Unitarian Universalist States of America. They were to debate the pros and cons of the issue and to draft a specific statement for submission to the populace of the UUSA for a vote. On May 9th and 16th the class members were citizens of a world where everyone is Unitarian Universalist. They learned about the history of Utopia and then built a UUtopia. What would be the UU idea of a utopian society, and what would we need to do to maintain a UUtopia? Then they dealt with a doomsday scenario exercise. This is the end of the curriculum, but what a wonderful experience it has been!

Senior High: On Sunday, May 9th, the class studied Confucianism. Confucius is another icon of Chinese culture about which youth likely have no real familiarity other than as a source of enigmatic proverbs. This session helped our youth explore the basic tenets of Confucianism and briefly review relevant elements of Chinese history and culture. Confucius was actually known as Kung Fu Tze. Like other Chinese names, his name was Latinized by early Portuguese explorers and traders who advocated the spread of Catholicism to Asia. In some ways, Kung Fu Tze was the most like modern UUs among the 6th century Asian philosophers because of his humanist ideals. During his life, Kung Fu Tze was a public official, a teacher, a scholar, a traveling sage, and an advisor to government officials. Sometimes respected, he was also often viewed with hostility and derision. On May 16th, the lesson was about Japanese Culture. It helped the youth explore the influences one’s environment can have on religious views and philosophies, and to examine Shinto, the native religion of Japan. Shinto represents a pantheistic religion where there are many gods, but these spirits are the attributes of the environment itself. Like druids, Native Americans, earth-based religions, or even Christian religious sects such as the Amish, Shintoists have a profound love of nature and see Nature’s beauty as divine. For the Shintoist, therefore, the land of Japan itself is divine.

5th-6th Grade OWL: This group continues to learn about life and relationships. Lesson 5 was about lovemaking and reproduction. This session explained the many ways that 2 people can express love for one another, and it also provided a fun, experiential way to learn about the events leading up to conception. Finally this session gave participants the opportunity to consider how the arrival of a baby affects a family by imagining how a new sibling would change their lives. Lesson 6 dealt with health and safety. Young people are exposed to potential threats to their sexual health every day. Helping them learn ways to avoid risky behaviors is important; helping them understand what to do if they are or have been involved in a situation that may compromise their sexual health is just as crucial. The session provided information about sexually transmitted diseases, about self-protection, and about seeking assistance in sexually abusive situations. Lesson 7 was about communication. Embarrassment, cultural taboos, and inadequate language make discussing sexuality difficult for most people, not just children. But young people must overcome these obstacles if they are to stay safe and healthy, and to express their feelings and needs. This session is designed to help participants become more comfortable using accurate sexual language and to begin developing effective communication skills. These skills will enable them to better understand, and be better understood by their friends, family, and eventually their sexual partners. Lesson 8 is the final lesson focusing on decision making. Young people’s feelings and values about sexuality are not shaped by their families alone. The message they receive from parents, peers, the media, their communities of faith, and other sources can be extremely conflicting and confusing as they try to sort out their feelings and make healthful sexual decisions. This session is designed to help them identify some of the conflicting messages they receive. This class ended Sunday, May 23rd. Thank you so much Elizabeth and Karl Boettner!! You are angels!

Mothers’ Day, May 9th: We had an awesome Mothers’ Day celebration! The children make cards for their mothers, a felt flower, and decorated a cookie for mom. Everyone had a wonderful time, beautiful smiles on 24 faces. Our fantastic helpers were Amy Teel, Huckleberry Palmer, Janet Knight, Stuart Wilson, Margo Cockey, Betsy Rush, as well as 4 teenagers – Gabi Boettner, Mandy Rush, Wolfey Gerhardt, and Ashley Reed. The Junior and Senior High classes met with their regular awesome teachers – Ed Byrnes, Joyce Robinson, Lynn Jinishian and Barb Stuebing. Thank you so much everyone!

Shalom

Diane Huigen

Wheel of Life

Art Keeler recently had surgery at Deaconess Hospital. The surgery was successful and he is recuperating in the health center at the Rockwood Retirement Community. He appreciates visitors. Thanks for all your caring thoughts.

Katie Taylor, daughter of Cindy Fine, will graduate this month from Seattle University with a Master of Education (M.Ed.) in Student Development Administration. In August, she and her partner Dan Smith will drive to the east coast where they'll board the MV Explorer for a round-the-world-voyage. Katie will be working as the Health and Wellness Coordinator for nearly 800 students in the Semester-at-Sea program. Nobel Laureate Archbishop Desmond Tutu is a special lecturer for the voyage. After Katie and Dan return to the states in December, they're planning to settle in the San Francisco bay area.

Quilters Take Note!

You are invited to join an international quilt retreat! Sept. 20 - Oct. 1, 2010 in Felsorakos, Transylvania, Romania. Jean Vanbockel, noted quilting teacher & author from Idaho, will lead us in a quilt project which will be donated to an orphanage. See Julie or Jerry Jose or the partner church kiosk in the Fellowship Hall for information.

Original Poems for Word Garden Anthology Wanted

Members and friends of all ages from the church are invited to share their original poems in the Word Garden poetry anthology. Poems need to be copy machine ready and include your name. You may submit up to two pages using both sides. Word Garden Poets will select poems to be included. Email poems to Elaine Stevens at stevenscurtis@aol.com. Poems may also be left in the church office marked Poems for Word Garden Anthology. The deadline for poems is 11:30 AM after the church service on Sunday, July 11, 2010. Anthologies will be available at the poetry service on July 18.

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

**Attention All UU Women!
Annual Womens' Retreat
October 15, 16, 17**

Mark your calendars now!

The 8th! Mark your calendar now! Look for registration forms soon on the UUCS website and in church on Sundays. Last year over eighty women members and friends had a fun inspiring weekend, inspite of the chilly weather. You won't want to miss this year's event.



Join us
in wishing Erin Fitzgerald



as she
us for

Bon Voyage

leaves
her

next

Big Adventure!

A church service dedicated to Erin is scheduled for Sunday, June 20, at 10 a.m., and will feature a sermon by the Rev. Hollis Bredeweg, songs from Carla Brannon and more! The service will be followed by a box lunch and ice cream sundaes for all. There will be ample opportunity throughout the morning to Erin your best wishes and a fond farewell.

After 12 years working tirelessly for us, we'd like to send Erin on a REAL vacation. To donate to the "Erin Travel Fund," please send your donations to UUCS with "Erin" marked in the memo line.



If you would like to help with planning for the service or luncheon, please contact Cindy Phillips at cindyphillips@centurytel.net.

From Intolerance to Understanding

Part 1: *Not in God's Name*

Film and Discussion

Sunday, June 13, 2010

5:30 – 7:30 PM

Unity Church

29th and Bernard, South Hill

Join us for this excellent film that follows His Holiness the Dalai Lama on a journey to understand and overcome religious intolerance. Seven world faiths are presented. The film will be followed by lively discussion with others from various faith traditions.

Light refreshments will be provided.

An offering will be taken to support interfaith programs.

Calling All Gardeners

Plant a Row (PAR) for the hungry is a people-helping people program that helps feed the hungry in local neighborhoods and communities throughout the USA. Launched in 1995, PAR encourages gardeners to grow a little extra and donate the produce to local soup kitchens and food pantries serving the homeless and hungry in their community.

PAR is rooted in the heartfelt tradition of gardeners sharing a bountiful harvest with others. Together we can all make a difference in the lives of people in our community who experience hunger.

Last year gardeners from our church joined me in donating over 250 lbs of fresh vegetables, fruit, and herbs to food bank drop off locations in Spokane and surrounding cities. (The goal for this year is 300 lbs) . When you deliver your donation to one of the drop off sites, you can request a PAR receipt, giving you a \$1.50 per pound tax deduction. If you'd like to know more about this program and where you can drop off your extra produce this year, contact Deanna Fendler at 835-5011 or deannafendler@hotmail.com.

Thank You So Much

On behalf of the low income and homeless women at the Women's Hearth, I would like to thank all the overwhelmingly generous people who donated items throughout the month of April to the Hearth collection containers in the back of the Fellowship Hall. This kind of generosity to the needy in our community truly demonstrates the open hearts of members of this congregation! Deanna Fendler, Project Coordinator.



PRIDE Parade

The UU PRIDE Team invites you to join us when we walk in this year's PRIDE parade. The parade is Saturday, June 12th. It begins at noon. You will find the UU Church in the front of the parade, just behind the Drum Corps. Your participation does matter. We would also love to have your help in the family area that afternoon or at the church's information table.

Please call Nancy Avery if you would be willing to help. 385-1447 or Nancy.Avery@comcast.net



Governance News

Email is a fact of life for most of us. It certainly has simplified the task of staying in touch, or quickly passing on information. However, it is easy to abuse and to create problems. Email simply doesn't offer the same quality of communication as face-to-face conversation. Your Management Team has set some guidelines for email use in our church communications. Below are some points to keep in mind as you use email.

Use email only for brief, to-the-point communication. Take the time to be concise.

Accurately identify email topic in the Title/Subject heading.

Formatting gets lost in email text. If you are sending text within your message that is intended to be cut and pasted by the recipient, leave out formatting.

Be careful of what you write on email. Remember that others can read email communications, and you need real clarity, as well as sensitivity, in writing.

CAPITAL LETTERS EQUAL SHOUTING. Use upper/lower case writing.

Don't engage in "flame wars." (Becoming abusive with someone, or engaging in "flame throwing," via email.)

Writing doesn't get interpreted in the same way that oral communication does (I can't see your face, or hear your tone)-- therefore, choose your words carefully.

Even though the transmission is immediate, your response doesn't have to be. A response on urgent issues is expected; other matters deserve your consideration and a timely response within 24 hours is entirely acceptable. A quick acknowledgement that you've received the message, and will give it thoughtful consideration and reply soon is helpful.

Maintain the subject thread. Either make note of the subject thread in your email response or forward / cc the material to which you are responding.

Reply to intended list member. Email lists are wonderful for prompt delivery of information. Don't use these lists for one-on-one discussions. Instead, if you and Member X are trying to arrange a meeting, reply directly to Member X.

Reply to sender. We have all probably forwarded messages with a request for the "forwarder" to respond to a particular message. If you receive such a forward, make sure you do, indeed, reply to the sender of the original message. Hitting the reply button will send your response back to the person who forwarded you the message.

Respect message privacy. Email users understand that there is no such thing as a private email message. But before forwarding a message, ask yourself if the sender would mind it being forwarded. If in doubt, ask the sender.

Save the messages that matter in electronic form. Don't print out every message you receive. Use your computer like your filing cabinet, and create files to store the messages that matter, so they can be brought up without thumbing through hard copies of all correspondence.

Back up your files frequently.

Keep current with emails. Unless you've established a policy that everyone on your team reads and replies to their emails daily, you can't be sure an urgent request will be read promptly. So establish the "keeping up with current emails" policy that matches your team's needs.



Building and Grounds News

Your Building and Grounds Team has been busy trying to make our building more "Green", while saving money. We replaced all the incandescent lighting in the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall with compact fluorescent bulbs. Thanks to an Avista rebate and Owen Mir's doggedness, we were able to complete the job at very little cost. Chuck Sequina, Owen Mir and Ed Tyler did the hard task of changing the bulbs and wiping down all the cobwebs and dust on the ceiling!

Thanks some funds from the Endowment Team, we were able to install a CO2 sensor in the Sanctuary. It will regulate the amount of "air exchanges" in the Sanctuary and should make a significant decrease in the cost of heating our Sanctuary.

With the building of the Chapel, we got another "bigger and better" storage area for our tables and chairs. The prior table storage area, next to the kitchen, will become the new "kitchen annex". We have installed some cabinets for kitchen and rental storage. We will also keep several carts in that area. The outdoor kitchen annex will become a "short-term" storage area for events occurring in the Fellowship Hall.

We need help with several large summer projects. We plan to replace the carpet in the RE Wing Hall (thanks to more Endowment Funds!), paint the exterior doors, wash the outside of the building, build a fence around the Chapel heating system, and other smaller projects. If you are able to help, please contact Linda Moulder at lmoulder@uuspokane.org.



ADMINISTRY

KUDOS to the Communication Task Force

Special thanks to Shirley Cannon, Lee Dominey, Scott Fitzgerald, Lunell Haught, and Coreen Morrill for developing a thoughtful and thorough Report that reviewed all of our methods of communication and made recommendations for improvements. The Task Force was recruited by the Management Team and began their work in November. They immediately recommended some changes to the SUUNday Focus, developed Editorial Guidelines for the SUUN, and completed their total Report in March. The Management Team has reviewed and accepted the Report and referred it to our Church Administrator. We hope to see a new directory, further development to the website and many other improvements. A number of volunteers will be needed to make it all happen. Thanks in advance for saying yes, if you are asked to assist our communication efforts!

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.

Deadlines:

The SUUN (monthly newsletter)

Thursday, June 15th at 5:00 p.m. (for July issue)

Send SUUN submissions to suun@uuspokane.org

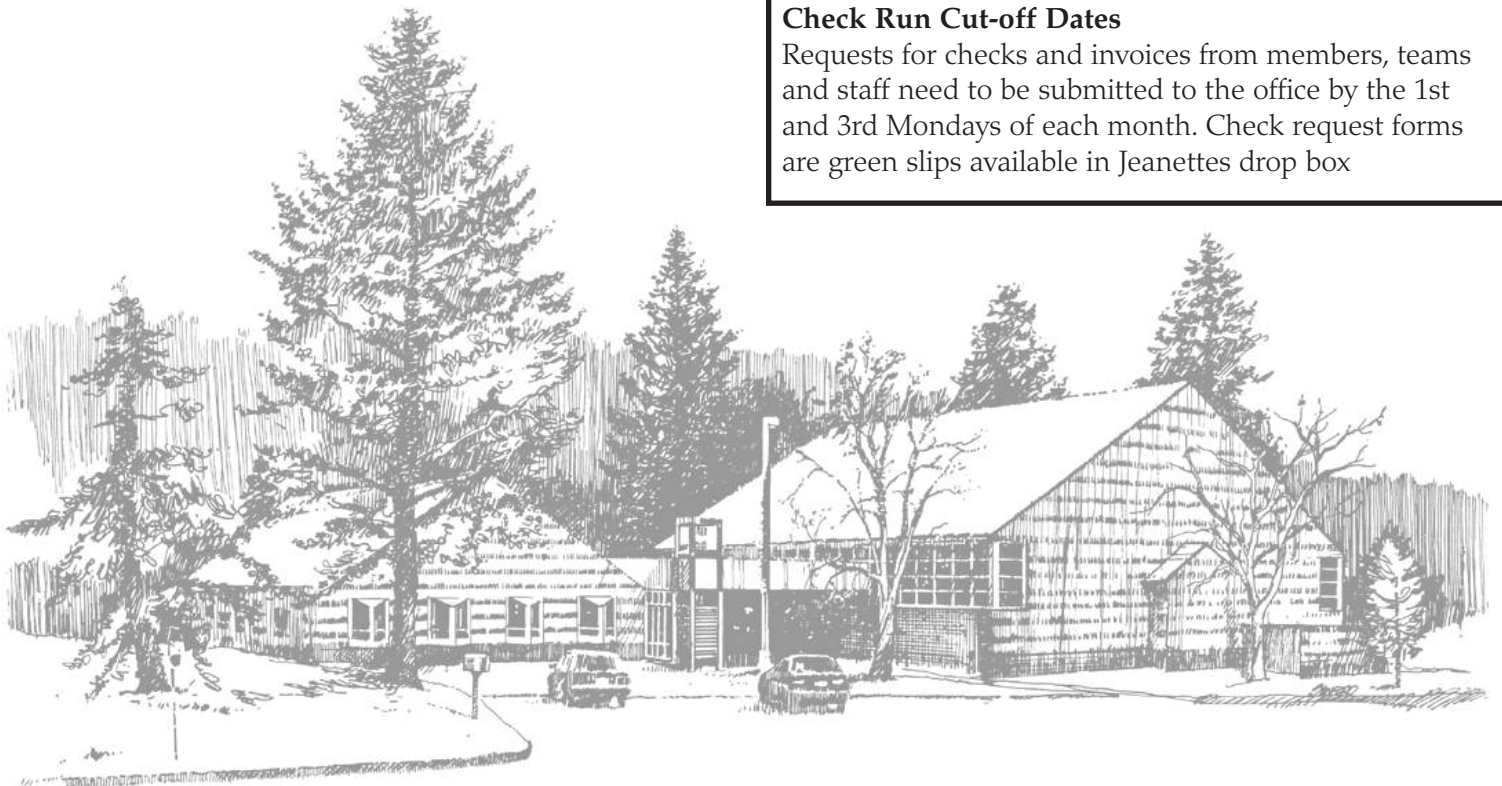
SUUNday Focus(weekly newsletter)

Every Tuesday by 5 p.m. Send **SUUNday Focus**

submissions to sundayfocus@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



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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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