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The Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Spokane

September 2010

WORSHIP — *touch the earth, reach the sky*

Upcoming Worship Services

Sep 5

(Single service at 10:00 a.m.)

Mariah McKay

The Next Generation Gospel

Sep 12

(Services at 9:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.)

Rev. Hollis Bredeweg

A Trinitarian Perspective on Water (Water Service)

Sep 19

(Services at 9:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.)

Rev. Hollis Bredeweg

What I Did Last Summer

Sep 26

(Services at 9:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.)

Rev. Hollis Bredeweg

The Concerned Parents of Pike Township

Guest Speaker: Cindy Fine

Oct 3

(Services at 9:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.)

Rev. Hollis Bredeweg

Gilt by Association

The Water Service

September 12, 2010

The traditional start of the program year at UUCS is the Water Service on the Sunday after Labor Day. On this day we return to two worship services and welcome back the choir. We also welcome back many church members who have taken advantage of the summer to rest, travel, or simply change pace.

The Water Service has historically included the opportunity to share water and stories many of our members have brought home with them from their travels. All present are invited to pour water into a common vessel, symbolizing our coming together again.

One of my first memories of attending a UU Fellowship was the Sunday Sally and I wondered in to find the congregation celebrating their water service. As visitors unfamiliar with the tradition we felt awkward and a bit alienated. If we had known, we could have brought water with us. The fact that we didn't reemphasized that we were outsiders. A service symbolizing unity instead reinforced the divisions between us.

On September 12 we intend to put a slightly different slant on this wonderful tradition. By all means bring the water you have carried back to Spokane with you. If you did not travel much, or weren't aware of this tradition, bring water from home or pour some from the pitchers we will have readily available. Our focus will be on our ultimate unity – the importance of water to all life. You will be invited to share, not merely where the water comes from, but wherever your heart and concern go to those who have too little, too much, or inadequate quality of this life-giving substance. We will reunite our congregation and our concern for justice and stewardship of the earth.

On September 12th bring your water, your stories, and your deepest concerns to mingle with those of your friends at UUCS.

- Hollis Bredeweg

On Sunday September 12th we are returning to our regular church year schedule starting with a 9:15 a.m. service and a 11:00 a.m. service!



September Special Collection

Our September 26th Special Collection will provide support for the Spokane AIDS Network (SAN). SAN's mission is to minimize the impact of, and maximize awareness about, AIDS and other consequences of HIV infection in the Inland Northwest. SAN has been serving HIV positive clients and providing HIV prevention education to communities in the Inland Northwest since 1985. If you have any questions about SAN, contact them at 509-455-8993/info@san-nw.org.

Board Slivers

I love coffee! Nowadays, since my drip coffeemaker died, the french press was retrieved from the back of the cupboard to create a rather thickish, but aromatic and tasty brew. Stumptown Coffee of Portland, Oregon, my favorite coffee shop on the planet, trained me on my french press technique via their website. But you don't have to go to Portland to get a great cup of coffee or visit a website to get personalized training on barista-hood. Yes. You've seen 'em. The children of your church friends are right there in the foyer, every Sunday, steaming and stirring their way into a heavenly cup of coffee for you and excellent job skills for themselves. The Coffee Cart, with the help of many very caring and loving adults, is well on its way to achieving these and other, worthy missions for our youth.

Creating a bridge between the youth and adults of our church, just one of the stated goals of the Coffee Cart, was also a commonly expressed hope by your Board of Trustees during our annual retreat at the end of August. Of course, we spent much of our Board retreat time on the very real and important tasks before us to stay linked with the congregation, to smooth our governance structures, monitor our finances responsibly and in every way, prepare ourselves and you for a settled minister. But we did take the time to share what we dreamed for this church family.

How are your bridge-building skills? What ideas do you have for integrating youngsters and their families with the adults of our church? How can we bring these two wings of our church together? Let the creative juices flow as coffee into a cup!

Betsy Rush



Path to Membership Fall Classes

If you are seriously considering membership in the Unitarian Universalist Church of Spokane you will want to attend the Path to Membership classes this fall. Held on two subsequent Sundays, they are the first step in becoming a member of our church. Each class has different information, so participants need to attend both. The classes will be held on October 31st and November 7th from 12:30 to about 2:30. Childcare will be available with advance reservation and lunch will be provided. You can sign up at the Welcome Table in the foyer of the church or by calling the church office at 325-6383.

Children's Initiative Fund

On August 24th an enthusiastic crowd of more than 200 gathered for the Children's Initiative Assembly organized by the Spokane Alliance. It was a celebration of our success in gathering enough signatures to put the initiative on the ballot. It also recognized much work lies ahead to get it passed in November.

Testimony was given that demonstrated the need for the services that will be funded by the Children's Investment Fund. These are: Early Childhood Education, Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect, Mentoring of Children and Youth, and Before and After School Education. Sheriff Ozzie Knezovitch told his own story and why he will be working to pass the Children's Initiative. He sees the problems of many Spokane youth today and the need for the resources that will help. The cost to incarcerate a juvenile offender in Spokane for one year is \$69,000. 60% of the inmates in the Spokane County jail system are school dropouts.

Four City Council members shared information about their own lives that motivates them to support this initiative. Jon Snyder, Amber Walderf, Steve Corker, and Richard Rush all promised they will spend time working on this campaign. At the end of the program children and their parents stepped up on the platform. This demonstrated children and families are what this effort is all about!

People then filled out response sheets showing what tasks they will volunteer to work on to support the campaign. Here at our own church we will provide more information about ways you can help and how the Children's Investment Fund will work. For more information you can contact Elizabeth Keeler 536-0858, Bill Prouty 448-7503, Julie Rector 838-6362, or the Spokane Alliance 532-1688.



CUUPS September Events

The Spokane CUUPS chapter is dedicated to building and promoting community within the Pagan community, honoring the individual and collective growth of Spirit, and bridging the gap between Pagans and non-Pagans. ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND. Please RSVP to events at:

www.meetup.com/CUUPS-Spokane-WA

- **Saturday, September 4th at 10 am** — Monthly CUUPS Business Meeting in the Thoreau Room. Hosted by Carlos.
- **Friday, September 10th at 7 pm** — Crystal Toning session for adults in the Chapel with Kira Pitre. \$5 suggested donation.
- **Saturday, September 11th at 10 am** — Study group in the Thoreau Room. Finish review of The Witch's Shield, Chapter 5. Hosted by Jane Stewart
- **Tuesday, September 14th at 7 pm** — Ritual planning committee. Hosted by Joan and Ted Medina.
- **Wednesday, September 22nd at 6 pm** — Mabon Ritual & Potluck. See below for more info.
- **Friday, September 24th at 7 pm** — Crystal toning group in the Chapel for adults. \$5 requested donation. Hosted by Kira Pitre.
- **Tuesday, September 28th at 7 pm** — Ritual planning committee. Hosted by Joan and Ted Medina.

Mabon/September Full Moon Ritual & Potluck Feast

Tuesday, September 22nd • Doors open for set-up at 4 pm • Ritual begins at 6 pm
Mabon/Fall Equinox is the second harvest sabbat of the Wheel of the Year, often associated with the harvest of apples and grapes. A harvest mandala and spiral dance ceremony will be followed by a harvest potluck feast. Our harvest mandala of blessed grains will be saved and used to create a soup or stew at our Samhain event. Ceremony leads: Joan & Ted Medina.

Please Bring:

- A non-perishable donation for our local Second Harvest Food Bank, to be donated in the name of CUUPS.
- A harvest-inspired side or dessert potluck dish to share (some members have food allergies so gluten/dairy free is appreciated but not required).
- Eating implements, beverages and roasted meat will be provided.

NOTE: Children are welcome to attend this Mabon event; however, there will be no organized child care provided so parents and guardians will be responsible for their children at all times.

To get more information and RSVP: www.meetup.com/CUUPS-Spokane-WA

My Sister's Closet

On Sunday, September 26th UU Women will be collecting gently used clothing appropriate to wear to a job interview. The clothing will be donated to My Sister's Closet-an outreach service of the Y. Women who are beginning a job search and need appropriate clothing may "shop" at My Sister's Closet and choose two outfits which they may then have. Small and large sizes are especially needed. If you have clothing which you would like to donate, please bring it to church on Sunday morning September 26th.



Third Thursday Book Group

Members of this book group want to make sure that all interested persons know they are welcome to attend. To that end, the September 16th meeting will be held at the church at 1 p.m. Please check the event roster for room assignment. We will be discussing "The Elegance of the Hedgehog" by Muriel Barbery. Although reading the book does help, it is not "required." Just come and join us!

We'll be back in homes for our October 21st meeting. We'll be discussing "People of the Book" by Geraldine Brooks.

Want more info? Call Donna Borden Rhodes at 487-5054.

GroUUnds for Change

The espresso coffee cart was a dream that came out of Rev. Richard's call to the congregation several years ago to minister to each other. A small group of dedicated adults and youth met many times during the past two years to develop a mission and vision for the venture. Cindy Phillips, Shirley Cannon, Breeilyn Young, Scott Fitzgerald, Matt and Beth Budke, Betsy Lawrence, Shirley Carlson, Ariel Fitzgerald, Bryn Butler, Elizabeth Fitzgerald and Anne Gregory met together and in small groups to dream and plan. We defined our vision and goals and got to work with the necessary steps to make the dream a reality.

Our vision was to create a coffeehouse experience that embodies our UU principles. To that end, our specific goals are to:

1. provide job skills for our youth and young adults,
2. raise money for youth programs,
3. provide education to the congregation about coffee as a social justice issue,
4. create a bridge between youth and adults, and to
5. enhance the coffee hour as a community-building experience.

A cart was purchased and delivered to the church. Bill Prouty and Cindy Phillips removed the considerable amount of packing material. Ed and Patti Tyler moved the cart in two feet of snow back behind the entry way where it was cleaned, repaired and missing parts were replaced. The espresso machine was a very generous donation by a local cowgirl restaurateur, and after repairs worked like a dream. Electrical wiring and hookup were installed to accommodate the cart and machine. Youth were trained and young adults were recruited to serve as supervisors. Ariel Fitzgerald trains and supervises the youth and young adults and has developed an extensive procedural handbook. Libby Fitzgerald and Ed Tyler have made and donated dozens and dozens of cookies, biscotti and baked goods for the cart. Ariel Fitzgerald and James Higuera have confidently oversee the baristas.

The cart opened for business in late fall of 2009, and since that time the cash donations have completely paid off the considerable start-up costs for the venture. Proceeds now are offsetting the youth fund deficit (did you know there is no funding in our budget for the youth?), and will soon be providing scholarships for our youth to attend trainings, leadership school, cons and more. We've begun working with the Membership Team to build connections with visitors and newcomers, and we'll be starting the fall on our goals to promote coffee as a social justice issue. We are continually striving to create connections between our youth and adult congregants.

How can you get involved?

- Donate generously when you partake of the offerings of beverages and sweet treats.
- Donate generously even if you're not partaking!
- Purchase a GroUUnds for Change t-shirt.
- Sign up to bake sweet treats.
- Purchase and donate one of the items from our wishlist – it's on the cart, just ask!
- Get to know the baristas and young adult supervisors by name.
- Encourage youth and young adults you may know to become trained in the ways of the coffee cart.

We're creating a wonderful new connection for and with our youth. For some of them, this is the first work experience they may have. They truly want your cup of coffee and your coffee experience to be a thing of beauty. Be kind to them. Invite them in to the beloved community that is the Unitarian Universalist Church of Spokane. If you have questions, concerns or complaints, please directly them to the head coffee queen, Cindy Phillips. She can be reached at 235-6455, 991-9669 or at cindyphillips@centurytel.net.



Coffee Cart Wish List

- Wooden Cabinet
- Bookshelf
- Acrylic Syrup Holder (16)
- Whipped Cream Containers (3)
- Cartridges for Whipped Cream Containers
- Personalized Aprons
- Three Trash Can Set on Wheels (Black)
- Nutmeg, Cinnamon, Cocoa Shaker Set
- Lidded Biscotti Jars
- Glass Cake Plates with Domed Lids
- Flat Pastry Plates with Lids
- Small Metal Tongs (6)
- Personalized Coffee Mugs
- Personalized Water Bottles
- Small Counter Trash Can (Black)
- Condiment and Straw Holders (Black)
- Cup and Lid Holders (Black)
- Refrigerator Shelf
- 12 oz. Hot Cups (Case)
- 12 oz. Hot Cup Lids (Case)
- 12 oz. Cold Cups (Case)
- 12 oz. Cold Cup Lids (Case)
- Syrups
- Business Card Drink Punch

If you are interested in donating anything on this list, just contact Ariel Fitzgerald for details
<awwdee@comcast.net>

Humanist Focus Group

Upcoming Programs



- **Saturday, September 11, 2010 at 8:15 am**

Breakfast at Old Country Buffet, Division & Rowan
Join fellow Humanist thinkers for breakfast and discussion following a presentation.

- Join the Humanist Focus Group the third Sunday of each month from September through May 2011, meeting in the Chapel from 12:45 — 2 pm.

- **Sunday, September 19th**

Karen Carlberg, Professor of Biology at Eastern Washington University, will be speaking about Sensory Physiology: How Real Are Our Perceptions? Do our senses accurately report what's going on around us?

- **Secular Banquet — Time to get your registration in!**

The secular groups of Spokane will hold a banquet, Sunday, October 3, 2010, 4:00 PM at the Mukogawa Institute Commons, 4000 West Randolph Rd., Spokane.

Featured speaker will be Rob Boston, senior policy analyst at Americans United for Separation of Church and State. Rob also serves as assistant editor of AU's "Church & State" magazine and is on the Board of the American Humanist Association.

Tickets are \$30. The buffet dinner will include Beef Burgundy, Salmon and Turkey Breast. Please note on your registration if you wish to have a vegan meal. We are asking for donations to cover the cost of wine.

Reservations and ticket money need to be in by Friday, September 24th. Mail registration and check to Lorraine Ideus, 8314 North Lemon Lane, Nine Mile Falls, WA 99026. Please include a phone number or e-mail address. Make checks payable to Humanist Focus Group.

Questions or suggestions to lorry@comcast.net or 509-464-3635.

Healthy Relations Team

If we have beliefs we cherish, then we know how important others' beliefs must be to them.

The Anatomy of Peace, Arbing Institute

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.

Abundance, Creativity, Generosity

Highlight UU Market Sundays

The UU Farmers Market will begin Sunday, September 12 for four consecutive Sundays. A special lunch will be available as part of the Market on October 3. The Market depends on individual contributions of saleable items grown or handcrafted by our members and friends. Let your creative imagination be your guide--flowers, jams and jellies, home-baked breads, pies, muffins... Please bring your donated items at least 15 minutes before either service begins. Volunteers to staff the Market are needed each of the Sundays to set-up, sell, and close up. Tasks take an hour or less. And it's fun.

The funds raised by the Market are contributed to Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC). Over nearly three decades our church has raised thousands of dollars to support humanitarian and justice projects around the world. Go to <http://uusc.org> and learn how UU actions make a difference in the world.

Can you help? Contact Shirley Cannon or Stephanie Samson



UU Women September Events

Wednesday. September 8th. 11:30. Lunch at the Sweetie Pie Café. The café is located at 1724 Carlisle--just west of Ash and south of Northwest Boulevard.

Sunday. September 12th. 12:30. Monthly meeting in the Thoreau Room or out under the pine trees if the day is lovely and warm. A social time. A time to renew friendships and make new acquaintances. share summer experiences.

Sunday. September 26th. Collecting clothes for My Sister's Closet.

UU Women is a chapter of the UU Women's Federation and invites all the women of the church to participate in its activities. If you have questions, contact Judy Gammon rog_jrg@msn.com



Church Artist Don Schaefer Featured on September Art Wall;

Members' Art by Harold Balaz Needed for October Tribute

The Art Wall Team is pleased by the positive response to the dramatic paintings by Gallery of Thum artist Timothy Phillips exhibited in August. Throughout September the wall in the Fellowship Hall will display mixed-media works by church member Don Schaefer.

The artistic creativity of long-time member Harold Balaz can be seen throughout our church, for example in the striking patterns in the windows of the newly completed chapel. Now the UU Art Wall Team has scheduled a tribute to Balaz to hang in October. The team asks all members who have pieces of his art that they're willing to display to bring them to the church by Friday, September 24th. Make sure each piece has your name and phone number on the reverse side. Contact team chair Susan Mossuto at 838-3219 to help coordinate the exhibit.

Partner Church News

To commemorate the 20th anniversary of the partner church program, our Transylvanian partners compiled a book about the partnerships. This is what Rev. József wrote:

As we prepare to celebrate 20 years of partnership, I remember how happy we were to welcome Julie and Jerry Jose, who brought warm wishes from the UU Church of Spokane, starting a blessed and—I hope—everlasting friendship between two churches and two nations.

Remembering my first visit to the US, I close my eyes and see people awaiting me at the Spokane airport carrying the banner: "Isten hozott József." It was like a dream. My first GA, my first speech from the pulpit of the Spokane UU Church, my first march for the rights of gays and lesbians. And how wonderful it was to welcome groups of visitors, to share with them our homes, to pray and celebrate together, to go on trips and to say "egészségedre" while drinking a glass of pálinka. The guesthouse project, the scholarship program, the spiritual and financial support for the women's and the youth associations, the bookcover project: all are indelible moments in our partnership.

Let me add a few words about our second partner from Spokane. Thanks to Lou and David Ver Wolf, we are now partners with the Westminster Congregational United Church of Christ as well. They visited us two years ago and we celebrated American Thanksgiving together. I also paid a week-long visit last year to Spokane UU and spent another week with the Westminster Congregational. It was exciting to realize that we have a lot of common goals for the benefit of our churches and people. God bless our partnership and friendship! (Rev. József Kotecz)

Julie Jose 325-8889

REGISTER NOW

Annual Women's Retreat, October 15 – 17th

Here is your opportunity to join with other UU women in a weekend of massage, hiking, poetry, laughter, dancing, drumming, singing, Saturday Night Alive! . . . and the list goes on. There is so much to choose from, or maybe you want to read, relax and reflect. Meet new and long time friends in a lovely wooded setting. Did I mention the FOOD?! The meals and comraderie will leave you smiling long after the weekend is over.

To help us plan for your arrival and arrange your accommodations you are encouraged to register NOW. The deadline for registration is October 6th. Registration forms can be found on the UU website, uuspokane.org, or in the church office. There are a limited number of scholarships available. If you have questions please contact Martha Nerpel at 747-5961.

Friends of Compassion

About six months ago, a movement began to flourish to bring His Holiness, the Dalai Lama to Spokane; this project was the brainchild of John Hancock from Rotary 21 here in Spokane and Venerable Thubten Chodron from Sravasti Abbey, Newport.

In addition to sending an invitation to His Holiness, the intention is to bring compassion into the Spokane community.

At this time, the group called Friends of Compassion meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month.

The group will meet on next on Wednesday, September 15, from 7-9pm, on the SFCC campus in the Sub Lounges A & B of the Student Union. The college is located on 3410 W. Fort Wright Drive. For more information, please go our website at <http://www.friendsofcompassion.com>.

Events that might interest you are the involvement with the prisons (gathering materials to send), collecting socks for the homeless, working with One Peace Many Paths and a weekly Meditation group that has sprung up at the Unitarian Universalist church.

The next meditation session with the nuns from Sravasti Abbey begins Monday, October 11 and runs thru November 22. The sessions begin at 6:30 and are held in the new Chapel at the Church.

Venerable Semkye and Jigme will facilitate. When the nuns are not able to come to Spokane, the group continues with projects as those mentioned above and also a meditation book club.

Please join us at any of our events..

Thanks!

Sara Edlin-Marlowe

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Wheel of Life

Diane Huigen is back at work in Religious Education after her left knee replacement in mid-July. She gratefully thanks all of you who expressed support through cards and kind works.

Sally Ray shares happy additions to her family with the birth of a granddaughter, Abigail Katherine on March 20 in Dallas, TX to her son Aaron and his wife Amber. This was followed on June 16 by the birth of a grandson, Evan Robert to her daughter, Stephanie and husband, Ryan. Congratulations to one and all.

Bob and Veda VanZee's son, Michael, has been selected to represent the United States in the Special Olympics next summer in Greece.

Hollis Bredeweg's mother, Imogene Bredeweg, age 91, recently fell, and broke her hip. She had surgery in Terre Haute, Indiana and is recuperating. However, the experience of going in and out of the hospital and the rehab facility has intensified her symptoms of dementia. Hollis's brother and wife are making arrangements to manage her care in their home in Prairieon, Indiana.

Olivia Caulliez shares that her mother died June 24 in France. The funeral was held on July 1st. The palliative care unit was very helpful and the whole family has been rallying around which has been a blessing.

Dorothy Jones had moved to Seattle a couple of years ago to be with her daughter. She now lives in Fred Lund Manor Rm 322, 1802 - 17th Ave. Seattle, WA 98122 Phone 206-324-1632

Simplify Your Holidays Workshop

(Adapted from Unplug the Christmas Machine)

On October 9, 2010, the Adult Enrichment Team is offering an all day workshop entitled "Simplify Your Holidays".

Georgette Thornton will facilitate this presentation which will be held from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided and child care may be available upon advance request.

Based on the book Unplug the Christmas Machine, participants will reflect upon what holidays really mean to them, examine how they individually celebrate the holidays and develop an action plan for change.

A registration flyer can be found on the Adult Enrichment table in the fellowship hall. There is a \$10.00 charge for this workshop which covers the cost of lunch and work sheet handouts. A minimum of six participants will be necessary for the workshop to take place and maximum of 12 participants will be accepted.

For more information, please contact Georgette Thornton at 838-3807 or email gsthornton437@gmail.com.

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

Patty Bedalov

Dianne Cook

Doug Huigen

Avis Monroe

Chuck Smith

Sue Stiritz

Jeff Wasson

Sally Ray, co-leader

Mary Jane Blanpied

Linda Hodge

Torge Lorentzen

Joan Nelson

Donna Sponseller

Patty Tyler

Devon Greyerbiehl, advisor

Are you ready for the Community Marketplace?

It begins on Friday evening, October 22, with a kick-off party and dance, at a potluck hors d'oeuvres, with wine, beer and soft drinks for sale. Childcare is FREE! Here, you'll be able to bid on all the wonderful items for sale - like sing-alongs, bird hikes, dinner parties, canoe excursions down the Little Spokane, pancake breakfasts, and get-togethers we haven't even thought of yet! No "stuff," just lots of ways to be in community with your fellow UU's.

So get ready to make your own donation(s)- anything that brings people together or gives them the opportunity to leave town for a cabin, lake house, condo, boat ride, etc. Let your imagination be your guide! 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 September, we'll be asking for donations and also asking for volunteers. Look on the UU web site for more information, and please call Lee Dominey or Marie Bjork if you are interested in helping! It's a great way to increase your community connections.

Hear ye, hear ye all UU families! It's that time of year again to register your child or children for the 2010–2011 religious education program. The registration form is used to indicate your continued interest in your child's participation in the program. The form updates your contact information, gives us information regarding any special needs your child may have, gives us vital health information, indicates your child's interest in the children's choir and let's us know how you would like to assist with our cooperative religious education program.

We are excited about the new curriculum for the RE program this year and hope that your children will be as well. There are also many new teachers who have stepped forward to help in the classrooms and we welcome their new energy and insights. As always, we are thankful for the "tried and true" teachers who also bring their energy, insights, and experience as well.

Our fall RE Program begins on September 19th. The first service will consist of a "one room schoolhouse" program, and the second service will have individual classrooms for the various age groups as usual. If you have any questions about our program, you can contact the welcome table volunteers, Diane Huigen, RE Director, or any RE Council member wearing a yellow ribbon.

We hope to see you all on the 19th!
The R.E. Council

Religious Education Calendar of Events:

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| Sept. 5th: | Last Sunday for our Summer RE Program
Registration for RE begins |
| Sept. 12th: | Water Service – multigenerational service
– No RE classes
Registration for RE |
| Sept. 19th: | First Day of RE classes:
Come join us for a fun-filled year!
Registration for RE |
| Sept. 26th: | 7th, 8th, 9th Grade OWL Parent
Orientation – 12:30 p.m., R.E. wing
Registration for RE |
| Oct. 2nd: | JH class visit to the Hutterites |
| Oct. 3rd: | 7th, 8th, 9th Grade OWL classes begin –
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
Registration for RE |
| Oct. 10th: | OWL Class – 9:00 to 11:00
Teacher Check-Back – 11:00 |
| Oct. 17th: | OWL Class – 9:00 to 11:00 |
| Oct. 23th: | OWL Retreat – 3 p.m. overnight |
| Oct. 24th: | OWL Retreat – to 11:00 a.m. |
| Oct. 31st: | OWL Class – 9:00 – 11:00 |

The RE Program needs snacks!

We ask each family to donate a box of non-perishable snacks.

Please, no nut or peanuts!

Suggested types of snacks: graham crackers, goldfish crackers, cheese crackers, fruit leather, popcorn, pretzels, animal crackers.

Drop off your snacks at the RE office. Thanks!

RE Programs:

Learning Our UU Principles:

Our RE children have been working this summer on learning our seven UU principles. Once a child has learned all seven and can recite them to me, they will receive a wonderful gift. This would be a great family project and it gives the children an answer when their friends ask what they believe and/or what their church believes. We have fliers, children's version, available in the classrooms and in the RE office. Please feel free to take one or more.

Social Justice Awareness:

During our summer RE program we began taking an offering each Sunday. The money collected will go to a worthy cause which the children will pick, such as the Humane Society. We are going to continue this offering throughout the church year. Each classroom will have a collection jar, and at the end of the year the children will decide where to send the money. We need parental help in remembering to give your child some pennies, change, bills, so each child can participate. Maybe they could work a little during the week to make their donation to their classroom's cause. This is our Social Justice Awareness project to help the children become aware of life outside their world and that they can make a difference. Thank you for your help!

OWL for Junior High youth begins in September

PARENTS: thinking of enrolling your child in OWL? Please help us with planning by contacting RE Director, Diane Huigen now at 325-6383 or re@uuspokane.org.

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.

Wanted: Nursery Care Provider

You would work Sundays from 9:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. We want someone who is reliable and willing to provide a fun and safe environment for children three and under while the children's parents are attending Sunday services. You need to be at least 18 years of age. Please contact Diane Huigen @ 325-6383, ext. 306.

Thank You to Our Volunteer Teachers:

Thank you to all the wonderful people who have volunteered to be RE classroom teachers for this coming year! This is an amazing group, both new teachers and seasoned!

Preschool:	Terri Ray, Stuart Wilson, Mimi and Cassie Blank, Tammy & Eric McMaster
K-2nd Grade:	Joy Jones, Anne Gregory, Heidi and Travis Peterson
3rd – 4th Grade:	Robin Fox, Edna Ripka, Angie Dierdorff, Huckleberry Palmer
5th – 6th Grade:	Marc Whitman, Barb Stuebing, Quinn Ennis, Debbie Kutsal, Michelle and Steve Poiani
Junior High:	Gordon Teel, Kelly Mathews, Mark Laskowski, Patty Bedalov
Senior High:	Jean Edwards, Ed Byrnes, Joyce Robinson, Khalil Islam-Zwart
Youth Advisors:	Beth & Matt Budke;
K-1 OWL:	James Beebe, Barb Stuebing, Maggie Dale, Dean Tyler-Babkirik
Junior High OWL:	Cindy Fine, Aaron Carr-Callen, Jan Yoder, Gary Jewell
Nursery Care Helpers:	Donna Ennis & Lisa McIntosh.

It definitely takes a village to make a great RE experience for our children!

ADMINISTRY — stand by this faith

Inventory Liquidation

The UUCS book store is closing. This is your golden opportunity to pick up valuable books for a donation. Watch through September for the book store to be open until inventory is sold.

Deadlines:

The SUUN (monthly newsletter)

the last Thursday of each month

Send SUUN submissions to suun@uuspokane.org

SUUNday Focus(weekly newsletter)

Every Wednesday by noon. 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

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!

From the Administrator's Desk

• RU Receiving UU World?

If you are a UUCS member and still aren't receiving your copy of UU World, please contact Jet even if you've previously contacted me. I am working with UUA to sort out why some members receive the publication and others do not. Thanks!

• Calling All Office Volunteers

Are you a current office volunteer? If not, do you have time to come help out around the church office between 10 am and 2 pm during the week? If you answered, "Yes," to either of these questions, this message is for you. Please contact Jet about your availability this church year so we can get a volunteer calendar put together for the exciting times coming up.

• Sanctuary Kiosks

Thanks to Rosemarie Duffy, our sanctuary kiosks have been readied for the new church year. If your team has a kiosk space, please check to make sure your information is up-to-date. If your team doesn't have a space and wants one, contact me for a sign and we'll get you set up.

• Order of Service and SUUNday Focus On-Line

In our on-going efforts to create a more robust, inviting, and informative website, the Order of Service and SUUNday Focus for the upcoming Sunday are now available on-line on Thursday evening. Go to the website at www.uuspokane.org, click on Upcoming Worship Services, and follow the links under the upcoming Sunday service.

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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.*

If you no longer wish to receive the SUUN, please contact us at admin@uuspokane.org

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