



UNITARIAN
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CHURCH OF SPOKANE

GETTING INVOLVED

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EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION

Management Team

Mission: The Management Team is charged by the Board of Trustees to see that the mission of the Church is achieved. We do this by meeting regularly to discuss the daily operations of the Church, address concerns of congregational members and teams, and plan how best to move the mission and vision of the congregation forward.

Meetings are held: Twice monthly, usually on Tuesdays. All are welcome to attend the meetings. If you would like something to be put on the agenda, please contact Rev. Todd.

Personnel Team

Our Team's Mission is: Our team's mission is to act as advisory to the Minister and Board of Trustees regarding church staff employment. We conduct research regarding issues in church employment and make recommendations to the Minister and the Board of Trustees.

If you would like to join us: When openings on the Personnel Team occur, we post it in the Focus and SUUN. We are happy to hear from you at any time if you are interested in being a member of this team.

Risk Management (Safety) Team

Our Team's Mission is: To address all church related safety issues, including safety concerns for the children and volunteers in Religious Education; staff and volunteers; Sunday Services and other church activities and our building and grounds.

If you would like more information or have a safety/security concern, please contact Phyllis Thayer (phyl2mail@gmail.com, 509-703-8863) or any member of the team.

Team Coordinating Council (TCC)

Our Team's Mission: Our team's mission is to coordinate and support team leaders and to serve as a liaison between the Management Team and Team Leaders.

If you would like to join us, please contact Dave Gard of the Board or Jerry White if you are interested in serving on this team.

CONGREGATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS

Healthy Relations Team

Our Mission: We meet monthly and as needed. Our team members are appointed by the BOT, and charged with promoting Healthy Relationships at UUCS by practice, advising, teaching, and facilitating constructive communications. We diligently refine our skills through reading and training and keeping current with healthful models of conflict resolution and maintenance of healthy relationships. We facilitate one-on-one conversations, and group or church wide conversations that will encourage healthy relations and conflict resolution. We listen and maintain confidentiality.

If you would like to join us, please contact Devon Greyerbiehl (509) 838-4314 or email devogrey4@aol.com.

Path to Membership

Our Team's Mission is: Our team's mission is to encourage people to move from being visitors to becoming active members of our church. The Path to Membership team is a welcoming group that strives to include new members into our congregation, giving them a sense of belonging, and helping them make meaningful connections with other members of the congregation.

If you would like to join our team, please contact Pat Warpenburg or Johnna Woodruff.

Pastoral Care

Our Mission: Facilitate a caring response by the members of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Spokane towards members and friends in a crisis or life transition. Provide compassionate care in partnership with the minister and congregation to individuals who want emotional or personal support at times of life changes. Increase congregational skill and connections in responding to interpersonal concerns of members and friends.

If you would like to join us: It would be appropriate to talk to any one of the members of the Team and express your interest in becoming a member of the Pastoral Care Team. Then you would meet with one or both of the chair persons to see if the Team would be what you were looking for. There is also paperwork to complete including a Confidentiality Statement. We would especially welcome some younger members.

Small Group Ministry

Our Mission is: To develop meaningful small group exchange in a covenant or affinity group format.

If you would like to join us, please contact: Patty Bedalov at pattymaryrose@gmail.com.

Singular Unitarians

Our Mission: We are an informal group and we schedule a wide variety of activities. You may choose those that appeal to your interests. Attendance is voluntary. Events that have been scheduled in the past include potlucks, movie nights at homes or at a theater, music, educational or dramatic performances, happy hours, restaurant meals, and picnics. We are inclusive. You need neither be single nor Unitarian to join.

If you would like to join us please email with your phone number and e-address to SUUUCS@msn.com. We can also be reached by contacting Chuck at 939 2344 and give this same information and you will be notified of our next gathering. You can also fill out a green Singular Unitarians form on the greeting table in the church foyer and follow the instructions.

UU Women

Our Mission: To provide opportunity to socialize.

If you would like to join us, please contact Judy Gammon (509) 363-0535. The meeting locations are also published in the SUUN as well as the focus and the weekly e-newsletter.

WORSHIP

Music Director

Our current Sunday Music Program includes the Mixed Choir (our anchor volunteer musical group), our Winter Solstice Women's Choir, ad hoc Women's Ensembles and Family Choir opportunities as volunteer time and interest permit, individual and small group performances plus occasional guest musicians from outside our church community. We also have occasional concerts throughout the year.

The Music Program is supported by individual volunteers who help the Music Director with the Music Library, caring for the congregation's hymnals, putting on concerts and gathering feedback from the congregation on what might enhance our services from a musical standpoint.

Please contact Deborah at uumusic@uuspokane.org or by phone at 325-6383, ext. 303 if you are interested in helping in this way or by sharing your musical expertise with the congregation by performing for a Sunday.

Worship Team

Our Mission: Our mission is to provide reflection and feedback on our services and to serve as a sounding board for Todd, when he needs one. We pay attention to how our services are flowing, we also are open to feedback from the rest of the congregation. We discuss with Todd and the Team how our services are going and what, if anything, ought to be changed. The team strives to create services that are meaningful to all who attend, with particular attention to younger people who will carry our church into the future. Our team plans and recruits guest speakers for services when Todd is out of the pulpit, usually once a month. This includes recruiting, training and coordinating the work of the lay leaders. We also engage in dialog with our Music Director, Deborah, about the role of music in our services. As needed, we coordinate with the Ushers Team and the church staff to ensure the best possible physical environment for our services. Finally, we work with the Storytellers to help them coordinate the message of the story with the rest of the service and to keep the story time to an appropriate length.

If you would like to join us: New members are eagerly welcomed for the Worship Team. New lay leaders go through a detailed training and practice to learn the skills needed for our services, as do storytellers and ushers. We encourage you to volunteer for any of these positions. Anyone interested should contact Susan Virnig susan@newstories.org or 535-3998.

Usher Team

Our Mission: Is to help provide a positive and welcoming experience for those attending services, we assist congregants by distributing programs, answering questions, welcoming, and providing seating and general assistance. We support the worship service by recording attendance, taking and counting the collection, helping with clean-up and assisting worship leaders as needed.

If you would like to join us, please contact Warren Carpenter 509-448-1699.

LIFESPAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Adult Enrichment

Our Mission: Our mission is to advance Adult Programming to complement the UUUCS mission to Create Community, Find Meaning and Work for Justice

If you would like to join us, please contact Georgette Thornton at gsthornton437@gmail.com or 509-838-3807. You can also leave a note in the Comments box on the Program table in the foyer.

Our Whole Lives (OWL) Task Force

Our Mission: Our mission is to support the Our Wholes Lives Sexuality Education Curricula taught in the UUUCS and to find responsible facilitators for the classes. The curricula include: K-1, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12, Young Adult, Adult and Older Adult.

If you have questions about Our Whole Lives Sexuality Education at the UUUCS, please contact Aria Curtis at re@uuspokane.org or by calling the office at 509-325-6383.

Religious Education Leadership Team (RELT)

Our Mission: Supporting the spiritual growth of our children, youth, and their families is vital to our Unitarian Universalist Church of Spokane's shared ministry, joyfully supported by our church community. Through comprehensive religious exploration and providing opportunities for meaningful connection, we offer a nurturing program with engaging experiences which inspire a sense of wonder, a search for meaning, and the practice of our Unitarian Universalist values.

If you would like to join us, please contact Aria Curtis at re@uuspokane.org or by calling the office at 509-325-6383.

OUTREACH & SOCIAL JUSTICE

Core Team for the Spokane Alliance

Our Mission: The mission of the UUUCS core team is to strengthen the UUUCS community by supporting the Spokane Alliance in promoting social justice, developing community leaders and by encouraging a relational culture within our congregation. Some of the ways the core team will carry out this mission are by encouraging congregants to attend leadership training, informing congregants about public meetings, hearings and other gathering that promote a stronger, more just community. As well as promoting a greater understanding of the work of the Spokane Alliance.

If you would like to join us, please contact Jerry White or Marilyn Carpenter. We try to recruit new members who are interested in Social Justice Issues.

Partner Church

Our Mission: Our mission is to foster our relationship with our partner church in Felsőrákos, Romania through communication, education and support.

If you would like to join us, please contact any team member or the Communications Manager in the office or just attend a meeting. Meetings are listed on the church calendar, usually on the first or second Thursday of the month. We usually don't meet in the summer.

PRIDE Team

Our Mission: The PRIDE Team serves as a resource for Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual, Transsexual, Questioning (LGBTQ) people and their allies in our church and in the larger Spokane community.

If you would like to join us, this team is in need of a team leader as well as more members, please contact the Administrative Office or Peggy Eklof, if you are willing to take this on.

Social Justice Council

Our Mission: A Safer Spokane. Oil trains are endangering our lives and drinking water. Coal trains are spreading dust and rocks on private property. The Safer Spokane Campaign is an initiative for the people of Spokane. We are working to get enough signatures to put it on the ballot for the next City of Spokane election. This is a beginning! Only signatures of registered voters living in Spokane will count toward the required number to put it on the ballot. Once this is passed in Spokane, the idea can spread to other municipalities.

If you would like to join us, please attend our monthly meetings to see if it is right for you! The meetings will be listed in the SUUN and on our church calendar. You can also contact co-chairs, Peggy Eklof and Pam Davies for more information.

SUUN

Our Mission: Our mission is to produce the Monthly SUUN newsletter

If you would like to join us: Submitting articles allows for participation, but not membership.

Meals on Wheels

Our Mission: Deliver Meals on Wheels every Tuesday.

If you would like to join us, we are always accepting volunteers to help, please contact Judy Gammon at (509) 363-0535.

FACILITIES

Aesthetics Team

Our Mission: It is the purpose of the Aesthetics team to maintain the visual integrity of the property and assure that enhancements added to the interior and the exterior, are achieved with a long-term perspective.

If you would like to join us, please contact Lila Girvin, 624-0314 or Jean Larson 448-2631

Art Team

Our Mission: Our mission is to enhance church parishioners experience of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Spokane; to promote diversity and social justice through art shows; to enhance environmental awareness and stewardship and to continue to fundraise for the church as well as provide an avenue for congregant's service to the church community.

If you would like to join us, please contact Anna Vamvakias at bambaka13@comcast.net, We are always accepting volunteers, team members and artists. We will also be participating in the volunteer fair.

Building & Grounds

Our Mission: Our mission is to help maintain church property in a safe and orderly condition and to assist the administrator in organizing larger maintenance projects.

If you would like to join us, please contact: Julie Jose josejj205@yahoo.com, 325-8889.

Memorial Garden

Our Mission: Our mission is to promote the memorial garden within the congregation, to keep records, arrange for engraving and authorize expenditures of Memorial Garden funds.

If you would like to join us, please sign up at the volunteer fair-membership is open to all.

Raised Bed Garden Team

Our Mission: Our mission is to grow vegetables for local food banks and for our own UUCS Farmer's Market in the fall. We also are charged with maintaining the seven garden beds. These gardens are located on the south side of the RE wing.

If you would like to join us, we welcome all gardeners or those who want to learn more about vegetable gardening. For more information, please call Phyllis Thayer 509-703-8863 or phyl2mail@gmail.com.

FINANCE

Community Auction Team

Our Mission: To organize and run the annual Community Auction, typically held in the autumn. It has two missions: to encourage and further a sense of community and fellowship among church members and friends, and to raise money for the church's general fund.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact Candace Schmidt.

Endowment

Our Mission: Our mission is the establishment, growth, and supervision of the UUCS Endowment Fund.

If you would like to join us: Members of the Endowment Team are elected by the congregation at an annual meeting. The sitting team members determine when new members are needed. Church members are always welcome to speak with any team member about the Endowment Fund.

Generosity Team

Our Mission: Our mission is to develop and sustain varied and robust revenue streams to support the UUCS ends, and to nurture the relationship between meaningful involvement in the church community and those revenue streams.

If you would like to join us, please contact Cindy Philips, Sunny Cook or Stephanie Sampson.