

The Westside Story

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Worship Demystified Workshop Rescheduled for June 10th

Ever wonder how these Sunday services develop? Where do the opening and closing words come from? How do we line up guest speakers? And do you wonder if, maybe, you can join in? Join in the Worship Demystified workshop Sunday, June 10th, at 12:30 p.m. for answers to all these questions and more.

The workshop is divided into three parts. Stay for one, stay for a while, stay for all of it.

1. Nuts 'n' bolts: Everyone interested in participating in our services as worship leaders, chalice lighters, story readers, etc. should attend this. We'll show you all you need to know to participate.
2. Demystifying the process: Divine inspiration is not required for opening and closing words – are you surprised? We'll explain the aims and purposes of our current service structure. Feedback and suggestions are encouraged!
3. Got ideas? Here's where you can learn how to submit your suggestions for readings, speakers, music, etc., and join fully in the worship process.

Set aside some time after church Sunday, June 10th, and join in. You may find that the mystery is gone but replaced with a new kind of wonder about worship.

Bring a Friend to Church Sunday, September 2nd

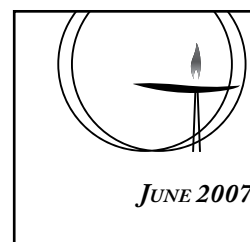
It has been proclaimed from on high (not really, Russell just suggested) that Sunday, September 2nd will be Bring a Friend to Church Sunday. All Westside members are invited to extend the hospitality of our church to their friends on that day. While you are, of course, encouraged to invite your friends to church at any time, September 2nd will be a church-wide effort. Russell knows whom he is inviting. Gayle knows whom she is inviting. Do you?

The membership committee has printed up 50 brochures to offer your friends if you will use them. These brochures are pretty expensive to print, so please only ask Reed Bilz for a brochure if you'll really use it:-)

Welcoming Congregation!

At the congregational meeting on May 20th, Westside affirmatively voted to seek the designation of Welcoming Congregation from the Unitarian Universalist Association's Office of BGLT Concerns. The congregation has given six educational sessions, made bylaws changes (also voted on at the 5/20 meeting), and taken other action steps in order to ask for the designation. The necessary paperwork to seek the designation was sent in by Russell Elleven on May 21st, 2007 and was acknowledged by that office on the same day. Thanks to Reed Bilz, Gwen Gipson, John Huffman, Sandy Myers, Bill Terry, and Mignon Vogel who made up the committee who oversaw the process.

Congratulations Westside!



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*WESTSIDE UNITARIAN
UNIVERSALIST CHURCH
MAKES A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF
OUR MEMBERS, OUR FAMILIES, AND THE WORLD
AT LARGE THROUGH SUPPORTIVE RELATIONSHIPS,
RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION,
AND SOCIAL ACTION.*

OUR VISION STATEMENT

*WESTSIDE UNITARIAN
UNIVERSALIST CHURCH
WILL GROW AND BECOME
A MORE INFLUENTIAL
LIBERAL RELIGIOUS
PRESENCE THROUGH
ACTIVE SERVICE TO OUR
COMMUNITY AND THE
WORLD AT LARGE.*

Thank You Westside!

On May 20th the congregation of Westside Unitarian Universalist Church unanimously voted to make a substantial commitment to increase ministerial time and, thus, compensation. I just wanted to say "Thank You" for taking this leap of faith. This has sent the message that you have faith in me that I might be able to serve our church in this increased capacity. You also have faith in our church that we can continue the momentum which seems so obviously clear at this time. That we share this faith in the mission and vision of our church is both humbling and exciting. I cannot tell you how much I look forward to January 1, 2008...thank you Westside!

- Russell

Where's Russell in June?

Russell will be a traveling man in the month of June and only at Westside one Sunday (6/17) this month. From May 31st through June 4th, Russell and Gayle will be in Chicago to celebrate Russell's graduation from the Doctor of Ministry (DMin) program at Meadville/Lombard Theological School. From June 8th through June 11th, he will be attending a Grief Recovery Certification program in Dallas. On June 18th he flies out to Portland, Oregon in order to attend the UUA General Assembly. On June 30th he and Gayle will celebrate 15 years of marriage...yee haw!

Office Hours for June:

- Tuesday, June 5th - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm.
- Thursday, June 7th - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm.
- Tuesday, June 12th - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm.
- Thursday, June 14th - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm.
- Tuesday, June 26th - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm.
- Thursday, June 28th - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm.

Just call him at 817-370-2171 during those hours. If there is no response, it means he is meeting with another church member and will return your call at the earliest opportunity.

Adult Forum

9:45 AM. - 10:40 AM.

NOTE: Forum times have been changed, as most are aware, from beginning at 9:30 and ending at 10:30 to the later times of 9:45 to 10:40. We continue to alternate subjects between World Religions and Great Ideas of

Philosophy. (When it is necessary to save that time for important church communications, the Forum schedule will continue at the point from which it last was held.) Here is the schedule for June as it now stands:

- June 3rd: From Pagan religions to Hinduism
- June 10th: The Cosmos---What is it made of?
- June 17th: Hinduism, continued
- June 24th: The Greek Tragedians on Man's Fate

Sunday Services

11:00 AM. - 12:00 PM.

June 3rd - *The Power of One* by Liza Ely. It is easy to move into a state of despair and hopelessness as we become better informed about the state of our earth. Yet, the beauty and the sound of one single bird can touch our hearts deeply. Let's explore how we can each sing our own personal song to bring healing to our world. Liza Ely, a UU since 1977, is one of the original SW District Congregational Consultants and was a faculty member of Dwight Brown Leadership Experience. She is a trained facilitator for Pachamama Alliance, an organization committed to bring forth an environmentally sustainable, spiritually fulfilling, and socially just human presence on the planet.

June 10th - *Felix Adler* by Nancy Van Boskirk. Felix Adler is considered the founder of the Ethical Culture movement. Without him, something like Ethical Culture may have developed, but it would have lacked the singular influence of his passionate energy and vision. Nancy Van Boskirk will introduce us to this fascinating man, who lived in the 19th century but whose ideas are still fresh and vital today.

June 17th - *My Struggles with the Bible (Part II)* by Dr. Russell Ellevén. In part two of a two-part series, come hear how Russell has struggled with the Bible and how he relates to it today. Perhaps you have had the same struggles and can relate to his story? This two-part series precedes Russell's July reflection entitled *My Struggles with Jesus*.

June 24th - *The Thing Which I Greatly Feared Is Come Upon Me* by Alan Wilhelm. ... and boy am I glad. Alan Wilhelm will share his thoughts, inspired in part by the title's words from the book of Job, on how fear influences our lives.

HAPPINESS IS THE ONLY GOOD. THE PLACE TO BE HAPPY IS HERE. THE TIME TO BE HAPPY IS NOW. THE WAY TO BE HAPPY IS TO HELP MAKE OTHERS SO.

- ROBERT INGERSOLL

OUR UU COMMUNITY

following qualities:

THE WESTSIDE STORY - JUNE 2007

News from Down Under

Roger Pym, the UU minister from New Zealand who visited us when GA was in Ft. Worth, sent me the following email. Roger really enjoyed his time with us and was most appreciative of the many kindnesses shown to him by Westside. If anyone wants to correspond with him, you can reach him through his email address: rogerp_nz@yahoo.com. I have responded to Roger, telling him that I have shared his information with our congregation.

- Beverly Archibald

Greetings Everyone!

Sorry this is a bulk email to all of you to bring you up to date with what's been happening for me.

Back on March 20th I was admitted to hospital following about six weeks of having difficulty swallowing - this problem gradually got worse. The next day I was diagnosed with cancer - lymphoma. I have basically been in hospital since - with a week out following the first chemo treatment - but was readmitted due to an infection. The treatment is 6 lots of chemo with two weeks off in between. The chemo is a five-day hook up.

I am currently out for a few days before going back in for the second blast of chemo. The prognosis is good as the cancer has not spread, and if it hadn't grown up my esophagus it may not have been detected for some time.

I remain positive and am surrounded by lots of loving friends and support.

Anyway, I just wanted to let you all know. Hope all is well for all of you!

Blessings,

Roger

Can UU's, Art, and Money

Co-Exist?

The North Texas Association of UU Societies (NTAUUS) is sponsoring a design contest for an area-wide UU tee shirt to be made this fall. The winner will take away a cash prize of \$100. Anybody interested in participating should create a design in ".JPG" format that has the

1. The design must be readable from 15 feet away;
2. The design must contain the words "Unitarian Universalist";
3. The design must contain the email address: www.NTAUUS.org;
4. The design must have a depiction of the chalice in some form;
5. The design must have a "catchy" phrase that speaks to how UU's live their values in the world;
6. The design must use no more than 5 colors (including black);
7. The design must be created to print well on a white or light blue shirt without design elements disappearing.

Submit design entries via email to Daniel Polk, vice president of NTAUUS, at danieldale@att.net by June 11th at midnight. Design entries should include the artist's full name and complete contact information. Judging will be the following week, and the winner will be notified by June 30th. The winner will be asked to sign a release for the creative rights to his/her design.

Refugee Services of Texas Seeks Help

Refugee Services of Texas, Inc. expects to receive large numbers of refugees into the Fort Worth area this summer. This is a great opportunity for individuals and community organizations to get involved with many different cultures and exciting projects. Contact Kimberly at 817-457-8110 for more information.

Donate Gently used or new

- Furniture
- Dishes and kitchen items
- Linens
- Toiletries

Funding

- Rent
- Utilities
- Gift cards

Volunteer

- Tutoring in English as a Second Language (ESL)
- Transportation to appointments
- Introducing refugees to the community

Our church member contact for information is Sandy Myers at 817-683-9410 or at smyers85@sbcglobal.net.

*THERE ARE TWO THINGS
TO AIM AT IN LIFE;
FIRST TO GET WHAT YOU
WANT, AND AFTER THAT
TO ENJOY IT. ONLY THE
WISEST OF MANKIND
ACHIEVE THE SECOND.*

- LOGAN PEARSALL
SMITH

*NOT BEING ABLE TO
GOVERN EVENTS, I
GOVERN MYSELF.*

- MICHEL DE MON-
TAIGNE

Southwest Unitarian Universalist Summer Institute

SWUUSI informational brochures are available on the table outside of sanctuary. This year's institute will be held from July 22nd through July 27th at Lake Murray State Park, Oklahoma.

"A Story Worth Waking up For" is the theme of this year's Summer Institute. Theme speaker and resident artist is Steve Bhaerman. Sunset talks will be by Rev. Valerie Mapstone Ackerman. Numerous workshops are offered, activities for children during the workshops, and many evening activities are also scheduled. This is a family camp sponsored by the Southwestern Unitarian Universalist Conference. The McMahan's (817-294-1363) and the McKeon's (817-455-2536) have been attending SWUUSI since 1967, so you can ask them for additional information.

You can also check it out online at: <http://swuuc.org/swussi>

INSIDE WESTSIDE Annual Congregational Meeting Held

On Sunday, May 20, 2007, following a well-attended potluck lunch, a quorum of Westside members met to vote on several issues and to discuss others. President Brenda Baldwin called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., recalling the many accomplishments of Westside in the previous year – including the purchase of a permanent home for the church and the attainment of a NTAUUS grant to assist on bringing Dr. Russell Elleven into a full-time ministry position.

Charles Palmer reviewed the church's cash-flow projections for the next four years and next year's budget.

Nominees to the Board were announced and later elected by a majority: Brenda Baldwin, President (1 year); Walt McConathy, Vice President (2 years); Charles Palmer, Treasurer (2 years); John Nagely (2 years); Amanda Oglesby (2 years); Dianne Nixon (2 years).

Nominees to the Nominating Committee were announced and later elected by a majority: Carl Romano, Cathy McConnell, Michael Oglesby, Caroline Nixon, and Beverly Archibald.

The members voted unanimously to become a UUA Welcoming Congregation, as a final step in declaring their determination to provide a safe, welcoming place for the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered community.

Members also voted unanimously to call Dr. Russell Elleven to the ministry of the church in a full-time capacity beginning January 1, 2008.

John Huffmann was named Volunteer of the Year and received a standing ovation for all his efforts on behalf of the church in 2006. Bill Terry received a T-shirt in thanks for his work as Board President in the previous year. Dr. Russell Elleven was presented with a preacher's stole, given by appreciative Westsiders.

After the bylaws were amended to be consistent with Westside's newfound status as a Welcoming Congregation, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

BRIC Report to the Congregation

If the following information sounds a bit familiar, that is because it is. The below was shared in the May 20 report to the congregation. Since not everyone who receives the newsletter was able to attend the May 20 meeting, we felt the below information would be worth repeating.

First of all, the Building Repair and Improvement Committee (BRIC) is happy to report that we have met our first goal: to ensure the \$7500 set aside in escrow at the time of closing was spent by May 23 toward either: roof repairs, HVAC needs or electrical issues.

As of May 15, Artic Air invoiced Westside in the amount of \$7,650 for work performed on specific HVAC repairs recommended at the time the building was inspected. This work concludes what the BRIC has identified as the first phase of the HVAC improvements. Phase two includes replacing the unit located in the rear of the sanctuary and relocating it to an alternate location. We believe this will eliminate the noise currently perceived by some as a disruption to the Sunday worship service and will also allow future remodeling of the closet to provide more seating space. With all the HVAC work performed, the BRIC's goal is to ensure we meet building code compliance and we increase the overall efficiency of our HVAC system.

*A MAN IS NOT OLD UNTIL
HIS REGRETS TAKE THE
PLACE OF DREAMS.*

- YIDDISH PROVERB

*NOBODY MADE A
GREATER MISTAKE THAN
HE WHO DID NOTHING
BECAUSE HE COULD
DO ONLY A LITTLE.*

- EDMUND BURKE

At the time of this newsletter submission, scheduling of the electrical repairs is set for May 22, and roofing repairs are currently being coordinated; with an ideal completion date of mid to late June.

The BRIC's second priority was to develop a process by which Westside members could submit their recommendations for building and grounds repairs and improvements.

On May 13, the BRIC presented a form for the congregation to use when making recommendations for building/grounds improvements. The BRIC is currently discussing the method by which it will ensure follow up with all individuals who submit a form. Hard copies of the form are available at the church and electronic copies of the form will soon be located on Westside's website.

Completed forms are essential to the process and will be requested from all who wish to submit a recommendation for building/grounds improvement. By sticking to this process, the BRIC hopes to provide a consistent method for everyone to provide input.

The BRIC's next goal is to develop a master plan for completing these repairs/improvements. As stated in our May newsletter, this plan will incorporate the congregation's input. The BRIC's goal is to submit this plan to the board by July 1.

The BRIC is working with the board to finalize a date this fall to complete the repair/improvements for which funds are available. Those items for which funds are not available will be placed on the "to do" list as specified in the master plan.

Finally, the BRIC is also doing its best to keep the lines of communication open. The congregation can expect to see ongoing updates of its progress in the monthly newsletter, along with an open account of the funds being spent.

As of the time of this newsletter submission, the BRIC's current funds were as follows:

DONATIONS OF MEMBERS AND FRIENDS	\$55,531.63
BOB CONTI CHALLENGE GRANT	\$25,000.00
UNALLOCATED CAPITAL FUNDS	\$72,379.02
FUNDS ESCROWED BY AOH CHURCH	\$7,500.00
TOTAL FUNDS	\$160,410.65
BUILDING INSPECTIONS	\$1,175.00
DOWN PAYMENT ON BUILDING	\$100,000.00

CLOSING COSTS	\$1,510.18
HVAC IMPROVEMENTS	\$7,650.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$110,335.18

FUNDS REMAINING FOR BUILDING REPAIR AND IMPROVEMENT	\$50,075.47
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In the months ahead, you will see a detailed account of our expenditures, so that you know exactly where the money that we have raised is going.

In the meantime, we thank you for your patience – there is SO MUCH TO DO, and so little time!

The BRIC's members are: Angel Montessori School (AMS) Representative: Cindy Greaves-Herridge; and Westside UU members: Bob Vann, Janice Williams, Jill Jung, Maria Schmidt and Committee Chair, Gayle Elleven.

As a reminder: the purpose of this ad hoc committee is, with input from members and friends, to develop and present to WUUC board a master building and grounds repair/improvement plan which improves building safety/code compliance and enhances the overall aesthetics of the building, all while making fiscally prudent decisions and remaining consistent with UU principles and Westside's mission and vision.

Help With Parking

If you are physically able, will you please park in the parking lot on the east side of Lipscomb St. on Sunday morning? This will leave more space for those with mobility issues, those with small children, and those visiting our church for the first time to park closer to the entrance. The walk across Lipscomb can be difficult for folks with physical challenges, and those new to our church will not realize the Lipscomb parking lot is available until we can get signage in place (it's the lot with the large white unprinted sign between two driveways). Your help is much appreciated.

Brenda Baldwin
Board President

*MOST PEOPLE WOULD
SOONER DIE THAN
THINK; IN FACT, THEY
DO SO.*

– BERTRAND RUSSELL

*MAKE EVERYTHING AS
SIMPLE AS POSSIBLE, BUT
NOT SIMPLER.*

– ALBERT EINSTEIN

Westside Membership Information Session

The Westside Membership Committee, the Board, and the minister invite all those interested in exploring membership in our congregation to attend an informational session on Saturday, July 21st from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. We will discuss UU history generally and Westside history specifically, discuss spiritual journeys, discuss your and the church expectations of members, and eat pizza. At the conclusion of the session participants will be given the opportunity to sign the membership book. Please let us know you are coming, and if you need childcare, by contacting our minister, Dr. Russell Elleven at 817-370-2171 (home) or at doctorelleven@gmail.com.

If you are interested in membership but want to join Westside sooner or cannot come to this presentation, please contact Russell.

Annual Church Camping Trip Coming Soon

Please save the dates for the next annual church camping trip: October 5th – October 7th. More information will be coming to you soon. Contact Jessica Zinn at 817-763-0901 or Bettina Pfeiffenberger at 817-343-8873 for more details.

Board of Directors Meeting

The standing meeting of the Westside UU Church board is the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 at the church. Please check the church calendar at www.westsideuu.org to verify the meeting date, as it is sometimes necessary to meet at another and/or an additional time.

If you would like to add an agenda item, please contact the church president, Brenda Baldwin, at president@westsideuu.org in advance of the meeting. If you would like to attend a meeting as an observer, advance notice isn't necessary, but is appreciated and will provide more effective building access.

If you would like to receive board meeting minutes and/or financial reports, please utilize the links available under "church business" on the church website, or contact Beverly Archibald for minutes and Mark McMurry for financial reports at their phone numbers listed in the church directory or leave a message on the church phone (817-292-3337).

*I FIND THAT THE
HARDER I WORK, THE
MORE LUCK I SEEM TO
HAVE.*

- THOMAS JEFFERSON

*KNOWLEDGE SPEAKS,
BUT WISDOM LISTENS.*

- JIMI HENDRIX

Church Calendar, Contacts & Communication

If you are planning (or canceling) a church event or committee meeting, please notify John Huffman at webmaster@westsideuu.org, so the calendar can be updated accordingly. This link to the Webmaster, as well as links to the newsletter editor, committee chairs, the board, and others may be found by clicking on "contact us" near the bottom of the homepage of www.westsideuu.org.

Announcements of upcoming activities are also included in the insert in each Sunday worship's Order of Service and sent out in the Weekly Web. If you not receiving timely notification of events, please let us know via e-mail or via phone (817-292-3337).

CASA 2007

For the past eight years, a group of us, called CASA, have gone down to the Mexico border and built a small house for families that live there. This year's trip down to Progreso, Mexico is scheduled for June 3rd – 6th. We are building one house this year. If you are interested in joining us or want to know more about the project, please contact Bill Terry or Mary Noer (817-249-7341 or email terrynoer@sbcglobal.net). We are also accepting contributions to fund the building materials we use for the project. Any contribution will help and is greatly appreciated. You may contribute through the church. Just write CASA 2007 on the memo line of your check, and place it in the offerings basket.

New and Familiar Faces

By Elizabeth Campbell

After living much of her adult life in Minnesota, Chicago, and the Los Angeles area, Linda Jenkins returned to Fort Worth three years ago. She described her feelings of returning to her childhood home. "Returning to the heavily Republican Bible Belt has been a shock," she wrote. Linda first visited Westside when we held services at Temple Beth-El. Linda spent time at a UU congregation in Claremont, California and enjoyed the experience. She found Westside to be the perfect place for her "progressive" political views. "I appreciate the warmth and humor at Westside, the terrific preacher, the opportunity to be part of a growing community and a new building, the musical

and playful character of much of the congregation, and all the lovely people who have so much to teach me." Linda found Westside on the Internet.

An accomplished writer, Linda is finishing her first mystery novel set in the fictional town of Preston Bluff, near the Navasota River. Linda also co-authored and co-edited the revised anthology of "Women in American Theater." She is also a guest columnist for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. Her first editorial was published in March, and her next piece is scheduled to appear in the June 16 newspaper editions. Linda graduated from Rice University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English, and she later received her Ph.D. in theater from the University of Minnesota. She spent nine years in Minneapolis, teaching and raising her family, before moving to Chicago where she taught at Northwestern University.

In 1989, she moved to Los Angeles where she worked as a story analyst for television and film. Since returning to Fort Worth three years ago, Linda is active in her White Lake Hills Citizens on Patrol and in a local choral group. She also loves going to libraries and to the Bass Hall.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Contemporary Books – Fourth Sunday of the month at 6:30 p.m. The next meeting is June 24th at the church. We will be discussing books by Barbara Pym and Jane Roberts Wood. For information, contact Reed Bilz at 817-249-2067 or at Rbilz@earthlink.net.

Bridge Night – First Sunday of the month from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the church. The next night is June 3rd. All levels are welcome, and we are always glad to have new players. Please call Ann Sutherland at 817-294-0401 if you wish to attend or to have further information.

Kimbell Lunch Bunch – Every Wednesday at 11:30 a.m., Westsiders and friends gather at the Kimbell for community discussion and a good lunch. Look for a crowded table with familiar faces.

Birthdays & Anniversaries – We will have birthday and anniversary celebrations on the first Sunday of each month. Please

call Dolores Ruhs, 817-249-1829 or e-mail ruhsdol@sbcglobal.net.

The Humanists of Fort Worth

The HOFW meets every second Wednesday of each month in our church sanctuary beginning at 7:00 p.m. and ending on or before 8:30 p.m. The next meeting is June 13th. Our speaker will be Jack Z. Smith, one of the finest local writers for the Star Telegram. He spoke before our church Think 'N Talk group a year ago, and it was a high point of much interest. His subject will be the very serious one of 'Overpopulation.' All Humanist meetings are open to visitors, and this particular program should be of interest to all Westside members. Mr. Smith's column appears in every Friday's edition.

Westside Great Books - Meets

the first Sunday of the month at 12:30. The selection for discussion is Nikolai Gogol's "The Overcoat". At our last meeting we welcomed two new members, neither members of our church, Jane Freidlin and Dianne Jones. These discussions are held in the sanctuary and newcomers are invited to attend.

Church Camping Trip

– Save the Date! October 5th, 6th, & 7th - Bring yourself, tent, sleeping bag and family (kids, dogs, parents, etc) to the annual church camping trip. We will be heading to Cleburne State Park for a great weekend of fun outdoors. Contact Jessica Zinn jzinn@mac.com 817-507-5157 or Bettina Pfeifferberger Zookittie@gmail.com 817-343-8873 for more details (and more will come as the date gets closer.)

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BETTER DESIGNEDLY.*

– FRANCIS BACON

WESTSIDE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

Board of Directors 2006-2007

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By The Numbers

<i>Date</i>	<i>Number of Adults</i>	<i>Number of Children</i>	<i>Total</i>
Sunday, April 01, 2007	57	6	63
Sunday, April 08, 2007	64	9	73
Sunday, April 15, 2007	65	8	73
Sunday, April 22, 2007	59	7	66
Sunday, April 29, 2007	68	9	77
Monthly Average	62.6	7.8	70.4

The 7 UU Principles

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote:

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity, and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

Westside Unitarian Universalist Church
c/o McMahan, 3600 Lawndale Ave.
Fort Worth, TX 76133

Have an announcement?

Submit announcements for the next monthly newsletter by June 15th. Submit announcements for the weekly Order of Service by the Thursday before you want the announcement to appear. Specify where you want your announcement to appear. All submissions should be made to Jane Palmer at Cpalmer263@sbcglobal.net or 817-847-9713 or 2609 Silver Hill Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76131.

Spread the Faith!

When you have finished reading your Westside Story, leave it at the doctor's office, barbershop, wherever it might be read by a potential UU.

Voluntary Simplicity

In September, an eight-week discussion course titled, "Voluntary Simplicity" will be offered at Westside. This program was developed by the Northwest Earth Institute in Portland, Oregon (www.nwei.org). From initial meetings at a handful of Portland-area UU churches in 1994, the idea has spread to over 1,000 study groups in various settings throughout the country.

The course book, about 100 pages, contains a well-chosen, diverse collection of short essays, articles and book excerpts organized around weekly themes. The study group will provide a supportive setting in which to examine personal values and habits. Coordinators are Linda McConathy (817-294-5894) and Mary Noer. Please call with any questions.

SESSION THEMES:

- The Meaning of Simplicity • Living More with Less • Your Money or Your Life
- Do You Have the Time? • How Much is Enough? • Swimming Against the Tide
- The Practice of Simplicity

Where: Westside UU Church

When: 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. on Thursdays Sept. 13, 20, 27, Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25, Nov. 1

Cost: \$17 for paperback book "Voluntary Simplicity," includes S&H. All are asked to purchase a copy which is available only from NWEI. A group order will be placed.

DEADLINE for Enrollment: Sunday, August 5th. To enroll, please fill out the form below, or look for the yellow forms on the table outside the sanctuary. Submit form with book payment to Linda or Mary or mail in. There will be a second group if more than 12 enroll as the size will be limited so all will have an opportunity to participate.

An excellent article on this topic, titled "The Best Things in Life Aren't Things": UUs in Search of Simplicity by Bella English, was published in the Sept/Oct 1999 issue of the UU World. It can be read at www.uuworld.org/1999/0999feat2.html

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Name (s) _____

Address _____

Telephone # _____ E-mail _____

copies of Voluntary Simplicity @ \$17.00 ea _____ Total cost \$ _____

Make checks to: Westside UU Church, note Voluntary Simplicity on Memo line.

Give form & check to Linda McConathy or Mary Noer

OR

Mail to: Linda McConathy, 4340 Wedgworth Ct., Ft. Worth, TX 76133

DEADLINE to ENROLL: August 5th