

THE *Westside Story* OCTOBER 2006

The monthly newsletter of Westside Unitarian Universalist Church

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Welcoming Congregation

On **October 8th** we will be having our first educational session for the Welcoming Congregation program. Please attend this session that will explain the program, National Coming Out Day, and a guest speaker. This will be a wonderful and informational program. Please come.

Where's Russell in October

Russell will be in the pulpit four of the five Sundays in October to facilitate Joys and Concerns. He will be delivering the reflections on the 15th and 29th. On the 22nd he will be the guest minister at a new UU church in New Braunfels. He will also be facilitating an educational meeting for the Welcoming Congregation program on the 8th.

Office hours for the month of October are:

Tuesday – October 3rd – 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Thursday – October 5th – 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Tuesday – October 10th – 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Thursday – October 12th – 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Tuesday – October 17th – 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Thursday – October 19th – 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Tuesday – October 24th – 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Thursday – October 26th – 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Tuesday – October 31st – 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Just call him at 817-370-2171 during those times. If there is no immediate response it means Russell is meeting with another church member at that time and will return your call as soon as possible.

SUNDAY SERVICES (11:30 am - 12:30 pm)

October 1st

UN Sunday

UN Sunday is the Unitarian Universalist celebration of the birth of the United Nations on October 24, 1945. Following the inhumanity of World War II, the United Nations reflects Member States' intent to protect and promote the basic human rights of all citizens of the world, while working to eliminate the scourge of war, instability, and the divisive forces within the world community. In 2006, the UU-UNO invites congregations to deepen their understanding of the United Nations today by devoting a service to reaffirming the connections between UU principles and vital UN issues.

October 8th

Religion; False or Otherwise

Alan Wilhelm

Our own Westside member reveals his long road through religiosity which culminated in finding his "happy place," or who he is now.

October 15th

What Language!

Dr. Russell Elleven

The words we use are very important. What we say, and how we say it, says a great deal about us and our beliefs. Russell will let you know his understanding of this important topic today.

October 22

The Power in Our Name

Victor Cruz

How much do you know about the other church that shares its building with us? Victor Cruz, minister of Angel of Hope Church, will talk with us this Sunday.

October 29th

How Important is Religion?

Dr. Russell Elleven

We do it, we learn it, we study it. Religion plays a large role in our lives. What is religion and how do we exercise it? These issues will be addressed and discussed on this Sunday.



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.

OUR UU COMMUNITY

Information Concerning a General Assembly 2006 Responsive Resolution on Racism and Classism (originally published at UUA.org)

UU Congregational Leaders:

In my role as a member of the Board of Trustees and Secretary of the UUA, I am writing to notify congregational ministers and leadership of a resolution passed on June 25, 2006, by the delegates at the General Assembly in St. Louis. The text of this resolution is the following:

“Resolved, that the Delegates to General Assembly are charged to work with their congregations to hold at least one program over the next year to address racism or classism, and to report on that program at next year’s General Assembly.”

The bylaws of the UUA provide for responsive resolutions in response to a substantive portion of a report delivered at the GA either by an officer of the Association or a committee. The resolution above was moved and passed in response to reports presented by officers at the 2006 GA and the report of the Special Review Commission appointed by the UUA President and Moderator to review the events surrounding the 2005 General Assembly in Fort Worth, Texas. Both the relevant 2006 officers’ reports and the Special Review Commission report concerned events at the General Assemblies that affected Unitarian Universalist communities of color, especially youth of color.

Some of our member congregations have done significant work on issues of racism, classism, and multiculturalism using resources provided by both the UUA and other sources of expertise. If your congregation has done such work, this resolution provides an opportunity to share your efforts and accomplishments with other congregations in your cluster or district so they can benefit from your experience. Resources and suggestions for programs provided by the UUA can be found online.

This resolution was not on the GA agenda. It was written by a GA delegate, offered as a responsive resolution, and overwhelmingly supported by the delegates from over 600 UU congregations. I urge you to use this resolution as an opportunity to reflect on how your congregation is engaging with the issues of anti-racism, anti-oppression, and multiculturalism. When delegates representing our congregations gather at 2007 General Assembly in Portland, Oregon, we will have an opportunity to share our experiences in congregationally-based programs on issues of racism and classism.

Paul Rickter, UUA Secretary

Community Conversations Series Hosted by the Social Justice Committee

On Thursday, October 26th from 6:30 -8:30 pm, the YWCA Racial Equality Department will conduct a 2-hour overview of its new program *Dialogue on Race* hosted by Westside Unitarian Universalist Church, now meeting at Angel of Hope Church, 901 Page St. YWCA’s *Dialogue on Race* is unique in Tarrant County in that it promotes action through honest dialogue. The *Dialogue* is not a class, seminar, or support group. Rather, it is a unique opportunity for women and men of diverse cultures to speak frankly and safely about racial issues while learning from each other about the repercussions of prejudice and institutional racism. The Dialogue is led by two trained facilitators who guide the participants by ground rules of honesty, respect, attentive listening, and voicing of fears and feelings grounded in personal experience. The two focus areas the YWCA will highlight are:

Reaching Common Ground Exploring the Power and Prevalence of Racism

The November 21st topic will be *Your Refugee Neighbors in Tarrant County: Where Do They Come From, How Do They Get Here, What is Their Future?* Since the 1970s, large numbers of refugees, asylees and victims of human trafficking have resettled in Tarrant County. The numbers have been down in recent years but for the past five years the statistics are:

2001 - 552	2002 - 366	2003 - 344
2004 - 470	2005 - 507	

You might be surprised to learn that the most famous trafficking case happened in the Fairmount area about four years ago!

There is a very large Vietnamese population living in Arlington and the Haltom City area and a significant Bosnian population sprinkled across southwest Fort Worth and a large Somali Bantu community in east Fort Worth. The Kurds live primarily in south Arlington and the Sudanese all over. There are several Congolese churches in HEB and a Sudanese church in the Wedgewood area. The next large group to be resettled by the three Tarrant County resettlement agencies is the ethnic minority Burmese who have spent more than two decades as internally displaced persons in Thailand. What kind of help will these large families need and how will they be doing ten years from now?

This presentation is a preview for Westside’s sponsorship of a table featuring refugee crafts and music at the annual Alternative Holiday Bazaar at First Jefferson UU Church the first weekend in December. It is also an opportunity to learn about the refugees, asylees and victims of human trafficking who are your neighbors in Tarrant County. Please mark your calendars for Tuesday, November 21st and join us to learn more.

OUR UU COMMUNITY

Friends Will Call

As a supplement to periodic mailings, Friends of the UUA will be conducting a fundraising phonathon beginning the week of October 9th and continuing through mid-November. Outreach Associates, a telemarketing firm located in Pittsburgh, will be phoning members who are currently active Friends of the UUA to ask them to renew their support and to consider becoming Sustaining Friends. (As you may know, Sustaining Friends agree to provide recurring monthly contributions, which increase the efficiency and effectiveness of donations as we reduce the frequency of solicitations to that group.) Our contract with this firm requires that all callers must be courteous, respectful, and succinct as they offer identified Unitarian Universalists an opportunity to support our Association directly. Your feedback about the calls will help us to monitor their quality. We have established a Friends Phonathon Hotline to facilitate that feedback: Members may call (617) 948-6525 to leave a message to ask to be placed on the "no call" list or to share a comment directly with a UUA staff member.

Your willingness to support the UUA enhances our ability to provide services and programs to member congregations and presents avenues for future growth of Unitarian Universalism throughout the country. If this phonathon is occurring at an inappropriate time for Friends of the UUA to be contacting members of your congregation, please let me know by return email before September 25th. With gratitude, Cynthia Salloway, Director Friends of the Unitarian Universalist Association Stewardship & Development A personal note to our colleagues in ministry: Leaders of congregations may be sensitive to financial requests at any time, but especially in the current economic and political climate. However, the Friends program is an essential fundraising component which provides about 7% of the UUA operating budget each year to help subsidize services to congregations.

Your continuing support of each of our balanced approaches to fundraising is vital to the success of our collaboration. Thanks for your partnership with our efforts.

(The Rev.) Dan King, Director of Campaigning

CROP WALK

As a member of the Tarrant Area Community of Churches (TACC), Westside UU Church will be participating in the 23rd annual CROP WALK. This year's Crop Walk will be on November 5th at Texas Christian University.

Each year, some 2,000 communities across the U.S. sponsor CROP WALKS. Our local agency designated to receive funds from CROP is the Tarrant Area Food Bank. TAFB provides food, resources and nutrition education to over 13 counties and will receive one-fourth of the funds raised. The remaining funds will go to Church World Service to alleviate hunger and poverty in 80 countries throughout the world. Church World Service is a cooperative ministry of 36 denominations, providing sustainable self-help and development, disaster relief, and refugee assistance around the world.

Nationally, upwards of 200 corporations match employee gifts and/or volunteer hours to the CROP WALK. Locally, thousands of businesses and media outlets support their community's CROP WALK, providing T-shirts and other supplies, turning out teams of Walkers, etc.

Through the years local churches, in partnership with Church World Service, have resettled some 400,000 refugees here in the U.S.

Around the world, Church World Service assists people under duress from circumstances beyond their control – drought and dislocation, gunfire and guerilla warfare, earthquakes, and economic upheavals, high winds and high waters.

For more information, call 817-737-5554 or visit www.fortworthcrop.org.

Elder Cohousing Addressed

An exciting new opportunity is presenting itself to the members and friends of the Unitarian Universalist Churches in North Texas. The NTAUUS is sponsoring three meetings on elder cohousing in October. These will look at cohousing as an alternative to the usual options for the elderly.

According to Zev Paiss of the Elder Cohousing Network, "People who are interested in elder cohousing really want to change the current culture surrounding aging." The Network believes that cohousing addresses the need for reasonable housing costs, provides interaction and involvement by residents, provides for better communities, and helps residents determine the structure of their community. It is typically more environmentally responsible as well.

The first meeting will be on Friday, October 6th from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at First Jefferson Unitarian Church, 1959 Sandy Lane, Fort Worth, TX 76112. The next will be on Saturday, October 7th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the First Unitarian Church of Dallas, 4015 Normandy Ave., Dallas, TX 75205. The final will be on Saturday, October 7th from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Horizon Unitarian Universalist Church, 1641 W. Hebron Pkwy., Carrollton, TX 75010.

Guest speakers at all three sessions will be Neshama Abraham and Zev Paiss. Refreshments will be served. For additional information, contact Bob Martin at 972-365-6923 or at bob.martin@earthlink.net.

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Oak Cliff Coffee House Welcomes Westsiders

UU Church of Oak Cliff sponsors a monthly coffee house called “The Labyrinth Walk Coffee House” which includes music and other entertainment. The coffee house opens on the fourth Saturday of each month at 3839 W. Kiest Blvd., Dallas TX 75233. Upcoming performances include “The Texas Gypsies” and Christine LeDoux on October 28th, and Karen Mal, Ken Gaines and Abi Tapia on November 25th. Tickets are \$12.00 at the door and \$10.00 in advance, except for the November performance which is \$3 more. The doors open at 8:00 p.m., but many people come earlier.

This is not a religious service, but members report it has attracted many visitors to the church. For more information, call 214-337-2429.

Lessons in Liberal Lay Leadership Conference

Community Unitarian Universalist Church of Plano is hosting the “Lessons in Liberal Lay Leadership” conference on October 21st from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Members of committees such as Worship, Nominating, Religious Education, Canvassing, Board, etc. are encouraged to attend.

The inspirational keynote speakers will be Reverend Chuck Freeman and Reverend Kathleen Ellis, co-ministers of Live Oak UU Church in Austin, TX. Workshop topics will include pledge drives, leadership skills, strategic planning, adult religious education, membership retention, and church governance.

Brochures and registration forms are now available at uuplano.org. The registration fee is \$25 per person until October 7th and \$30 per person after that. For more information, contact Celeste Kennedy, conference chair, at LeaderConf@uuplano.org.

Parker J. Palmer Visits the Metroplex

Texas Wesleyan University is proud to be one of the sponsors for Dr. Parker J. Palmer’s October visit to the Metroplex.

Parker J. Palmer, author of *A Hidden Wholeness* and *Let Your Life Speak*, will speak and respond to questions about vocation, spirit and life journey on Thursday evening October 12th at the University of Texas at Arlington. The following morning, he will be the keynote speaker and will facilitate a session entitled “Reconnect who you are with what you do.” This will be followed by afternoon vocational sessions led by Courage & Renewal professional facilitators. This full day of professional development offers continuing education credits to participants from a variety of professions.

The *Evening with Parker Palmer* (\$20) and the *Day of Professional Development* (\$105) are open to any interested individuals and are particularly geared toward educators, clergy, congregational leaders, health care practitioners, legal professionals, community leaders, and other helping professions. Registration is through the Courage & Renewal North Texas office (www.couragenorthtexas.org).

Dr. Palmer is a highly respected writer, teacher and activist who focuses on issues in education, community, leadership, spirituality and social change. He has worked with people in many walks of life, including public schools, college and universities, religious institutions, corporations, foundations, and grass roots organizations. He served for 15 years as Senior Associate of the American Association of Higher Education, and now serves as Senior Advisor to the Fetzer Institute. Ten years ago, he founded the national Center for Courage & Renewal, which oversees the “Courage to Teach” program for K-12

educators across the country and parallel programs for people in other professions. Locally, the work is carried out by the Courage & Renewal - North Texas.

For eight years Courage & Renewal -North Texas has worked to provide personal and professional renewal experiences for educators and other leaders in North Texas so that they might increase commitment to vocation and deepen the ability to approach life and work with integrity and authenticity.

“Courage work” is based on the premise that everyone has an inner source of truth and guidance (soul, spirit, heart) and that certain practices can help us better connect who we are (our inner lives) with what we do (our work in the world.)

Parker Palmer has also published seven books, a dozen poems and more than one hundred essays. His work has been recognized with eight honorary doctorates, two Distinguished Achievement Awards from the National Educational Press Association, an Award of Excellence from the Associated Church Press, and major grants from the Danforth Foundation, the Lilly Endowment, and the Fetzer Institute. He received a Ph.D. in sociology from the University of California at Berkeley. A member of the Religious Society of Friends (Quaker), he lives with his wife, Sharon, in Madison, Wisconsin.

Further information about the *Evening with Parker Palmer* and the *Day of Professional Development* can be found on the Courage & Renewal North Texas website (www.couragenorthtexas.org) or call 817-531-4962 or 817-257-6132. The events are sponsored by Courage Collaboration – North Texas; Courage & Renewal North Texas; TCU; Texas Health Resources; Texas Wesleyan University; and UTA School of Nursing.

INSIDE WESTSIDE

Church Library Update

New books have been added to our church library, which is located just behind the sanctuary. To check out a book, sign the card in the pocket, and put the date you check it out on the card, and place in the card box. When you return it, please put the card back in the pocket for the next check out.

The following books are new:

The Gospel of Judas edited by Rodolphe Kasser, Marvin Meyer, and Gregor Wurst . It is one of the greatest historical discoveries of the twentieth century.

C.G. Jung – Dreams Translation by R.F.C. Hull. Jung's approach to dreams and his methods for interpreting them have influenced generation of psychologists and students of the mind.

When God Was a Woman by Merlin Stone. The question most pressing—perhaps the one that has most insistently caused this book to come into being—is this: What effect did the worship of the female deity actually have upon the status of women in the cultures in which She was extolled?

Drawing Down the Moon by Margot Adler. This classic book is “the best and most comprehensive study of Neo Paganism.” –Theodore Roszak. Margot Adler was the theme speaker at the Southwest Women's Conference two years ago.

Tao Te Ching by Lao Tzu, Introduction and notes by Yi-Ping Ong. Taoism emphasizes “non-dualistic” thinking and the interconnectedness of all life.

The Wisdom of Forgiveness, Intimate Conversations and Journeys by His Holiness The Dalai Lama and Victor Chan. The book presents a remarkable portrait of this great leader, as we've never seen him before.

I Ching, Navigate life's transitions using ancient oracles of the I Ching by Antonia and Bill Beattie. Find inner peace in taking charge of your own destiny.

We Will Make A River, The Absence of the Father & The Dance of the Zygotes, Coming of Age in Oklahoma. Poems by Mary McAnally. She is a poet with a keen eye who looks and does not shrink from seeing.

The World's Religions by Huston Smith. The book explores the essential elements and teachings of the world's predominant faiths.

ISLAM a Very Short Introduction by Malise Ruthven. The author is a lecturer in comparative religion, specializing in Islamic affairs, at the University of Aberdeen.

Additional Library News

The children's religious education books have been catalogued. If you are looking for an excellent book for “A Story For All Ages,” please check in the Religious Education closet for them. They may be checked out the same as the books in the library.

Milestones

On the 6th of September, Dolores and I celebrated our 48th anniversary, and I, my 71st birthday. Ain't that a hoot?

Don Ruhs

(Submit your milestones for The Westside Story to
Cpalmer263@sbcglobal.net)

Westside Will Be

A “Welcoming Congregation”

Twenty-eight Westsiders met on September 10th and agreed to set Westside UU on the path to becoming a UUA-sanctioned “Welcoming Congregation” to people who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender. Dr. Russell Elleven will lead six educational sessions as part of this process: October 8th, November 5th, December 3rd, January 14th, February 11th, and March 11th.

An extensive review of all church publications, including the Bylaws, will be conducted to insure that Westside is using inclusive language and affirmative nondiscriminatory terminology. Additionally, Westside must agree to use the UU sexuality education program “Our Whole Lives” and participate in various community outreach efforts.

Completion of this process will allow Westside to use the UUA's Welcoming Congregation icon in all of its advertising and public outreach efforts.

INSIDE WESTSIDE

Getting to Know You

As much as you may enjoy Sunday morning service, do you also enjoy the conversations you have with others of the congregation before and after church, at social events, or when you get a chance to share a meal with them? Those conversations are a great way to learn what others think and to share your thoughts.

You may have heard of the "Small Group Ministry" movement. At this time, Westside does not have the resources to embark on such an involved process. We do, however, have people who love to discuss issues. Therefore, on Sunday mornings October 22nd, November 19th, and December 17th, a focused group discussion will be held at 10:00. We will be using guidelines developed by the Unitarian Universalist Community Church (UUC) in Augusta, Maine. Each session will begin with a short reading. Following the reading, the topic will be introduced and the discussion begins. UUC states their use of this format has deepened their spiritual

resources, expanded their sense of ministry, and strengthened their congregational life in ways that are most welcome, and often surprising.

We will begin our October 22nd discussion with the topic "Approval". The session will begin at 10:00 and conclude by 11:00. Your participation and subsequent feedback will help us determine if this program is a good fit for our congregation. If you are new to the congregation, we anticipate this being a great way to get to know others quickly. If you've been a part of the congregation for some time, we anticipate this being a great way for you to share yourself with newcomers and to learn more about both them and those you've known for some time.

Please contact Brenda Baldwin (brendabrew@hotmail.com or 817-988-9441) or Mary Noer (terrynoer@sbcglobal.net or 817-249-7341) if you have any questions or comments about this program.

All-Church Work Day

Save October 14th on your calendar! Angel of Hope and Westside UU will have an all-church workday from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the church on Page Ave. AOH is planning a watering system for the front to increase curb appeal, and would appreciate any suggestions. These workdays are addressed in our lease and allow us jointly to 'spiff up' the property. Let John Huffman 817-924-9845 or westsideuu@charter.net know your suggestions.

Who Put the "Luck" in Potluck?

Thanks to all who participated in the October potluck lunch by bringing a dish, cleaning up, or just showing up. We truly outdid ourselves with an outstanding array of foods, which covered just about every type of World Cuisine, a vast array of salads, side dishes, and desserts. The conversations were equally scintillating.

This monthly opportunity for community-building is an important part of Westside's ministry. Please mark your calendars for the next one, October 15th, and keep up the good work! See you there.

Reduce Pollution and Raise Funds

One Cartridge at a Time

Thank you to all the donors of empty ink cartridges! The Religious Education Committee is continuing to accept your printer cartridges when they're out of ink. We send them to a company that recycles them, and we receive 50 cents to \$4.00 for each cartridge. They accept most cartridges except Epson and Canon BCI.

We've already made over \$100! The funds are used to purchase new supplies and snacks for the RE program. Place your empty cartridges in a Ziploc or plastic bag, and bring them to church. You can hand deliver them to Caroline Nixon, or leave them in the RE office.

Thanks for your support!

Update from the Committee on Ministry

The Committee on Ministry (COM) is charged with the responsibility for oversight of the health and well-being of the ministry within the congregation. To that end, the committee meets monthly with Russell to discuss issues which have arisen. The committee will hear, in confidence, any concerns in this regard which are raised by any congregant, and will seek to address them promptly and thoroughly. Similarly, the committee assists and supports the minister in his role. The committee, in addition, informs itself on matters of compensation and makes a recommendation to the Board as appropriate.

A lesser-known function of the COM is to serve in an Ombuds capacity when conflicts arise between members of the congregation, and the presence of a neutral third party may be of assistance. The congregation may expect both confidentiality and sensitivity in these matters.

Please feel free to contact any member of the COM at any time. We welcome criticism, compliments, and suggestions. The members of the committee, selected jointly by the board, minister and congregation, include Reed Bilz, Chair; John Huffman, Walter McConathy, Jane Palmer, and Maria Schmidt.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Bridge Night – First Sunday of the month from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The next night is October 1st. All levels of players welcome! For information and the location, contact Ruth or Harry Van Dam at 817-346-7791 or harryvandam@sbcglobal.net.

Sandwich-Making – Second Monday of every month from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. You are invited to participate in Angel of Hope service projects: to make sandwiches at the Presbyterian Night Shelter. Contact Kim Haymon, cell: 817-726-6856. Donations accepted in “Turner Projects” (large plastic jug) on the front left platform of the church.

Halloween party!! October 28th, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the church! Don't let the kiddos miss this – it is one of the best parties of the year! We'll have games and a craft, a piñata, not to mention a contest or two! Don't forget to wear your costume and bring a friend!

Church Fall Camping Trip – November 10th–12th - We're going a little later this year with the hopes it will be a little cooler, but not TOO cool! Location isn't determined yet, although the request has been made for Cleburne State Park. We'll do our planned Saturday meals (a veritable feast for dinner), play cards, go hiking, perhaps our scavenger hunt, and hopefully some tie-dying! Join us for either one or two nights, but please let Mary Noer (817-249-7341 or terrynoer@sbcglobal.net) know by November 1st if you plan on going.

Garage Sale to Benefit Westside UU Church - On Friday and Saturday, November 3rd and 4th, Jessica Zinn and Mary Noer will be having a garage sale at Jessica's house, 7456 Aberdeen in Fort Worth. All proceeds will go to the church to join the funds the children raised to buy a new church. Douglas and Carina will also be having another bake sale on November 4th, selling snacks to all those bargain shoppers at the garage sale. Please plan on stopping by, even if just to buy a goodie, and let your friends know!



Great Books Group #1 – Second Sunday of each month at 6:00 p.m. (Note the time change.) Our discussion of *The Abolition of Man* was something else since everyone came ready to jump in, and we all tried to talk at once! We've never had so much energy generated for a discussion, but we had a great time, and our facilitator

survived. The next meeting will be on October 8th at the McConathys' home. The selections are *The Value of Science* by Henri Poincare and *Thoughts for the Times on War and Death* by Sigmund Freud. For information, call 827-294-5894.

Great Books Group #2 – Third Sunday of each month from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the church. The next meeting will be on Sunday, October 15th to discuss Freud's *Thoughts for the Times on War and Death*. Discussions are open to all. For information, contact Dick Trice at 817-446-3840 or at paandmatrice@sbcglobal.net.

Contemporary Books – Fourth Sunday of the month at 6:30 p.m. The next meeting is October 22nd. The selection is *Middlesex* by Jeffrey Eugenides, Pulitzer winner. We will meet at Linda Hanratty's house, 4236 OakPark Ct., 817-924-6629.

Hymnal Sponsorship

Do you ever look at the bookplates on the inside front covers of our hymnals? They represent the lasting love or respect we have for others in our lives, and it is a joy to open a hymnal and read the name of a loved one. Each was sponsored by a member or friend of Westside, and we are again offering this opportunity for the additional new hymnals which have been purchased for our Sunday services.

The bookplates read:

THIS BOOK GIVEN IN HONOR OF _____ BY _____
THIS BOOK GIVEN IN MEMORY OF
_____ BY _____

Only four remain. The cost is \$30 per hymnal. Please be looking for a form in the Order of Service in the coming weeks. For more information, call Linda McConathy 817-294-5894

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

Spread the Faith! When you have finished reading your *Westside Story*, leave it at the doctor's office, barber shop, wherever it might be read by a potential UU.

Have an announcement?

Submit announcements for the next monthly newsletter by October 20th. 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 at 817-847-9713 or at 2609 Silver Hill Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76131.

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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.

BY THE NUMBERS

Date	Adults	Children	Total
August 06, 2006	52	10	62
August 13, 2006	52	6	58
August 20, 2006	45	11	56
August 27, 2006	46	4	60
Monthly Average	48.7	7.8	56.5

October 2006 *Westside Unitarian Universalist Church*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yom Kippur begins • Choir Practice • Bridge Night 	2	3	4	5	6	7
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great Books #1 • Welcoming Congregation Meeting #1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Angel of Hope Sandwich-making (Presbyterian Night Shelter) 	10	11	12	13	14
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great Books #1 • Choir Practice • After-Church Potluck Lunch 	16	17	18	19	20	21
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contemporary Books • Focused Discussion #1 	23	24	25	26	27	28
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daylight Savings Time Ends • Choir Practice 	30	31				

November 2006

Westside Unitarian Universalist Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 • Kimbell Lunch	2	3 • Garage Sale	4 • Garage Sale
5 • Welcoming Congregation Session #2 • Bridge Night • CROP WALK	6 • Election Day	7	8 • Kimbell Lunch	9	10 • Camping Trip Begins	11 • Veterans Day
12 • Great Books #1 • Choir Practice • Camping Trip Ends	13 • Angel of Hope Sandwich-Making (Presbyterian Night Shelter)	14	15 • Kimbell Lunch	16	17 • Newsletter Submissions Deadline	18
19 • Great Books #2 • After-Church Potluck Lunch • Focused Discussion #2	20	21 • Social Justice Conversation	22 • Kimbell Lunch	23 • Thanksgiving	24 • Rosh Hashanah begins	25 • Oak Cliff UU Coffee House
26 • Choir Practice	27 • Contemporary Books	28	29 • Kimbell Lunch	30		