

The Westside Story

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF WESTSIDE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH
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SAVE THE DATES!

DECEMBER 1ST
POTENTIAL MEMBERS' CLASS

DECEMBER 2ND
PAINTBALL (YOUTH GROUP)

JANUARY 20TH
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

FEBRUARY 16TH
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHERS'
CONFERENCE

MARCH 2ND
CHURCH DEDICATION
AND OPEN HOUSE

December 23rd - *Carols and Lessons*. At the center of the holiday season, we'll commemorate the moment with music and readings and fun and games.

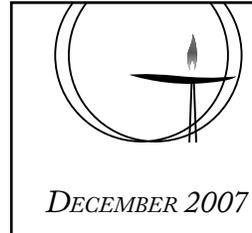
December 30th - *Something Wicked This Way Comes* by Dr. Russell Elleven. What makes something wicked or evil? Are there varying degrees of evil? Evil is seemingly everywhere these days...or is it?

Where's Russell in December?

With the exception of November 18th, Russell will have office hours each Tuesday and Thursday morning of the month. Just call him at 817-370-2171 during those days and times. If you do not reach him during those times, it is because he is with another church member. Your call will be returned as soon as possible. He intends to be at church each Sunday for "This Date in UU History" and for "Joys and Concerns".

Westside's New Phone Number: 817-924-6988

Our church's phone number has changed. Since the fire of 2005 we've been able to take our telephone number with us as our location changed. Now that we have set permanent roots at 901 Page Avenue, the phone company requires us to have a phone number aligned with our area of Fort Worth. Our new number is 817-924-6988. Or, the really cool way to remember it is: 817-92-4-MY-UU.



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.

Sunday Services

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

December 2nd - *How to Talk to Your Parents about Unitarian Universalism* by Nancy Van Boskirk. So many of us became UUs after spending our youth in a different religion. Parents can experience a wide range of reactions to our changes - Pride? Surprise? Disappointment? Betrayal? Worse? What happens to the family dynamics when a child abandons a family's religion?

December 9th - *Winter Montage*. Music, poems, readings and more to celebrate the coming of the winter season.

December 16th - *What a Paine* by Dr. Russell Elleven. Thomas Paine is someone many of us hear about and look to for inspiration. Why is that? Come learn about this fellow who was a pain in the sides of many members of the establishment.

Congregational Meeting Planned

Westside's mid-year congregational meeting will be held Sunday, January 20th after the potluck lunch (approximately 12:55 p.m). Current information regarding finances, committee activities, and other matters important to the operation of the church will be reported. All members are encouraged to attend.

Sunday Adult Forum

9:45 AM – 10:40 AM

December 2nd – *Emerson and the Idea of America* facilitated by Tom Woods. We begin our discussion of Emerson with a look at his life and times because his life was so closely tied to his works, and his works produced a vision of America that is still with us today. Emerson's expansive vision placed few limits on the powers of the new nation or on the individuals who contributed to its democracy. "Self Reliance" was a concept that summed up an entire philosophy of life. Just as each soul participated in the soul of the universe, so each American had a right to participate in the wider body politic. In addition, Emerson's idea of an Over-Soul allowed for a wide range of believers and non-believers to participate in religious free thinking. His ideas emphasized the liberty of each individual and the roles individuals played in the formation of the state.

December 9th – *Emerson and Transcendentalism* facilitated by Brenda Baldwin. Emerson's lectures and published essays gave form to the sometimes amorphous range of Transcendental ideas. Although Emerson was a Unitarian minister, he left the ministry when he felt his ideas were too liberal for the pulpit. In his search for religion, he developed ideals for countless others to follow. The Transcendental Club, which he helped to form, was a gathering of individuals who were suspicious of organized religion. Emerson set forth a powerful idea that still echoes today when he wrote "Nature is the symbol of the spirit."

December 16 – *The Month That Was* facilitated by Dick Trice. Please join in an open discussions of the important events of the previous month. As world ideas and events get ever more complex and crucial, it behooves us to be informed. Come to share, compare, and sharpen your thoughts with others.

December 23rd – *Emerson's Influence* facilitated by Brenda Baldwin. Emerson was one whose thoughts were adopted by others almost immediately. He developed perspectives that rapidly influenced educational theory, theological and religious practice, and political debate. Emerson's theological speculations lie behind a whole range of modern ideas about the dangers of religious extremism and dogmatism.

December 30 - NO ADULT FORUM

A FEW WAYS THAT YOU CAN PRACTICE A MORE OUTWARD ORIENTATION TO UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM (*originally published in The Membership Journey*) By Art Brewer, First Unitarian Congregation, Toronto, Canada.

This month, challenge yourself to apply these as you move through your daily life:



1. Give a copy of the magazine *UU World* or another *UU* publication to a nonmember.
2. Carry a "7 Principles" card, and give it to people when they ask about Unitarian Universalism.
3. Put a *UU* decal on your car or home window.

GENIUS IS ETERNAL
PATIENCE.

- MICHELANGELO

OUR UU COMMUNITY

Wanted: UU Pen Pals for UU Prisoners

Looking for a social justice project that UUs can do alone or in groups, in their own homes, whenever it's convenient? Over 300 prisoners have joined the Church of the Larger Fellowship (CLF) seeking liberal spiritual support by mail. About half are writing to a (non-incarcerated) UU pen pal through CLF's "Letter-Writing Ministry," but dozens more CLF prisoner-members are still on the waitlist.

All letters to/from prisoners are sent by mail (so UUs without web/email can participate), and all letters from prisoners are forwarded through CLF's prison ministry (prisoners are told only their pen pal's first name). The CLF's prison ministry staff makes pen pal matches and remains available for advice/support. Individual UUs are welcome to apply, or a group from the same congregation can apply and ask to be matched at the same time to form an ongoing study/support group.

For Letter-Writing Ministry guidelines and an info-application packet, visit www.clfuu.org/prisonministry or write to CLF Prison Ministry, 25 Beacon St., Boston, MA 02108 or prismin@clfuu.org.

Holiday Bazaar Coming Soon

Plan now to attend the Alternative Holiday Bazaar the first weekend in December. There will be new vendors this year, so be sure to bring your holiday shopping list. The event will be held at First Jefferson Universalist Unitarian Church, 1959 Sandy Lane, Fort Worth, 76112 on Saturday, December 1st and Sunday, December

2nd. Hours will be from 10:00 am until 8:30 pm on Saturday and from noon until 3:00 pm on Sunday. The vendors have crafts from around the world along with fair trade coffee, tea, and chocolate. Many of these items are great stocking stuffers. Plan to shop and eat some of the best vegetarian food around our area!

HOFW Screens Sicko

The Humanists of Fort Worth will be hosting a showing of Michael Moore's film *Sicko* on Saturday night, December 1st at 7:00 p.m. at the church. Come at 6:30 for refreshments and conversation. All are welcome.

UUA Begins Fire Relief Fund to Help Southern Californians

Dear Friends:

I want to thank you all from the depth of my heart. You have all responded with great concern, help, and kindness. The calls and e-mails offering help number in the hundreds. To date (November 12) we have received more than fifty thousand dollars from congregations and individuals here in Southern California and from across the continent to help those devastated by the fires. We are connected to Unitarian Universalists around the nation and world who really care about what happens.

I have spent some time in San Diego working with members of the Trauma Ministry and the leadership of our congregations. At this stage we are still hearing from those who were in the way of the fires. We know that one family from our Chalice congregation lost a home, another lost a good portion of their home, and a number of families had the fires literally stop at their door. Numerous families have

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*PERFECT ORDER IS
THE FORERUNNER OF
PERFECT HORROR.*

- CARLOS FUENTES

major smoke damage needing professional help to make their homes livable again. Our PSWD Fire Relief Fund Panel has been able to respond quickly to the needs of families in our congregations, thanks to the generosity of other UUs. The Fund Panel and I will continue to explore how to best help people. At this stage we do not know of needs beyond financial. when I do know I will contact each congregation. Our experience tells me that the recovery will take months and years. We will work with our laity and ministers in need for as long as it takes. If you would still like to help financially please see below for where to send donations.

You can help by sending a donation to the PSWD Fire Relief Fund. These funds will go (in order) to UU congregations in need, UU families and individuals in need, community groups our congregations are working with who serve those most in need, and other groups working with those most in need. We also realize that the impact of these fires will last for months and years, and we want to be in a place to help both short term and over the long haul.

You can help by sending your check to:

Pacific Southwest District
Fire Relief Fund
2052 Norma Street
Oxnard, CA 93036

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- DR. THOMAS SZASZ

We have also developed a partnership with the UUA who will accept credit card donations on behalf of the PSWD Fire Fund at:

<http://tinyurl.com/ytfz3f>

Again, thank you for your generous support,

Ken Brown
District Executive
Pacific Southwest District

INSIDE WESTSIDE

Employment Opportunity

Director of Religious Education for Children & Youth. For more information and application procedure, please visit our website. www.westsideuu.org



Angels, Angels, Angels

This year Westside will be participating in South Central Alliance of Churches' (SCAC) Angel Tree, to provide gifts of toys and clothing to needy children.

We have chosen twenty children, ten girls and ten boys from six different families, ranging in age from infants to eleven-year-olds. If there are multiple children from one family registered, Westside has all the angels for those children. Angels will be available for you to select on Sundays at church, from November 18th through December 2nd. The Angels (green for boys and red for girls) will have information about each child's name, clothing sizes and "toy wishes".

You are asked to purchase one outfit for your child, as well as a toy for him or her. If the toy needs batteries, please include them as well. Although not formally a part of the program, Westside members are also encouraged to include one age-appropriate book.

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SCAC asks that each child's gifts be in a separate bag with a handle, with the angel attached to the bag (like a gift tag). The gifts in the bag may be wrapped, or the bag may be a decorated gift bag (with tissue paper, etc.).

Please bring all gift bags to church no later than December 9th. We will need volunteers to take the gifts to SCAC on Wednesday, December 12th; and, - the fun part - volunteers are also needed on Thursday, December 13th, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm to distribute the gifts to the families we selected.

This is a wonderful opportunity for us to help out right here in our own neighborhood.

If you have questions and/or would like to volunteer to help in this effort, please call Beverly Archibald at 817-346-3303 for more information.

Exploring Westside Membership Class

Potential new members and friends of Westside are invited to find out more about the membership journey at Westside on Saturday, December 1st from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the church. You will get a brief history of Unitarian Universalism, view the DVD "Voices of a Liberal Faith", and hear a history of Westside. We will share our spiritual journeys as well as discussing what you expect from a church and what Westside expects of its members. This is an informative and fun event with the opportunity to join Westside if you choose to do so. Pizza will be served for lunch to the attendees. Please come and learn more about Unitarian Universalism at Westside. RSVP to Dr. Russell Elleven 817-370-2171. Let him know if you will need child care.

Voluntary Simplicity

Our small group course, Voluntary Simplicity, was concluded on November 1st. We all found it to be an extremely worthwhile class to attend, even as busy as we all are. We enjoyed getting to know each other as much as we enjoyed learning how to simplify our lives and what kind of ecological footprint we are making. We have several ideas we hope to implement within the church at large.

We would like to offer a similar course in the spring. Anyone interested in learning more, please contact Mary Noer (817-249-7341 or at terrynoer@sbcglobal.net)

Don't forget! In an effort to have less of an ecological footprint on our world, any who are willing are encouraged to bring their own plates to potluck on the third Sunday of every month. Bring a bag to take home dirty dishes so that the kitchen crew doesn't have more work. When everyone does one little thing, it turns into a big thing! Be on the cutting edge of a new culture - and live our 7th principle!

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HELP WANTED



WESTSIDE STORY EDITOR. YOUR SKILLS ARE NEEDED: ORGANIZING, EDITING, PROOFREADING, AND PROFICIENCY WITH WORD. NO DESKTOP PUBLISHING IS REQUIRED (ERIC STEVENS HAS THAT COVERED). IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP FACILITATE COMMUNICATIONS AT WESTSIDE, CONTACT BRENDA BALDWIN AT 817-293-0450 OR AT PRESIDENT@WESTSIDEUU.ORG.

*IN EVERY WORK OF
GENIUS WE RECOGNIZE
OUR OWN REJECTED
THOUGHTS: THEY
COME BACK TO US WITH
A CERTAIN ALIENATED
MAJESTY.*

*- RALPH WALDO
EMERSON*

Service Project News for December

Westside continues to enjoy success with our new plan for service projects. Each month, non-designated plate offerings are donated to a worthy recipient organization. During November, our recipient has been the South Central Alliance of Churches. Westside is its newest member, and your generous donations help support its outreach to local individuals and families in need.

For the month of December, the board is pleased to announce that the Somali-Bantu Empowering Women Program will be our service project recipient. The program is a collective of refugee Somali-Bantu women that have gathered in the local area and are producing and selling native craft works to support their new lives here. The Somali-Bantu immigrant community faces unusual challenges adapting to life in the U.S.A. due to an absence of an existing group of alike refugees, lack of mar-

ketable job skills, and unfamiliarity with Western life. Our donations will provide this worthy local women's micro business seed funding for their craft supplies.

Suggestions from Westside members for future recipients of service project plate offerings are encouraged. Please route them through Charles Palmer, treasurer, at charles.palmer@tyson.com, speak to him at church, or call him at 817-233-5198. Your Board of Directors will review the recipient's qualifications with two simple criteria: 1) "Do donations to the recipient further our church's vision and mission?" and 2) "Are the recipient's values in sympathy with the seven Unitarian Universalist principles?" Service project donation recipients may be repeated throughout the year based on need and number of participating recipients. All qualified recipients not chosen one month will continue to be reviewed in the following months. Our record of donations and recipient organizations may be seen in the enclosed newsletter table or on our service projects poster located on the church bulletin board outside the office. Thanks!

WATCH THIS SPACE FOR WUU SERVICE PROJECT SUCCESSES!

Service Project Donation Recipients

JULY 07 - WESTAID	\$853.63 RECEIVED
AUGUST 07 - TARRANT AREA FOOD-BANK	\$647.51 RECEIVED
SEPTEMBER 07 - CANCER CARE SERVICES	\$1,018.75 RECEIVED
OCTOBER 07 - UUA "NOW IS THE TIME" NATIONAL CAMPAIGN	\$862.00 RECEIVED
NOVEMBER 07 - SOUTH CENTRAL ALLIANCE OF CHURCHES	
DECEMBER 07 - SOMALI-BANTU EMPOWERING WOMEN PROGRAM	

TRUTH HAS NO SPECIAL
TIME OF ITS OWN. ITS
HOUR IS NOW - ALWAYS.

-ALBERT SCHWEITZER

Posting Information at Church

We currently have four bulletin boards at church: The "Religious Education" bulletin board is located near the water fountain between the fellowship hall and rear door of the sanctuary. It is kept up-to-date with news from our RE program, and all are encouraged to use it to stay informed of the latest activities of our children and youth. (Don't miss the re-use of materials and use of renewable resources in the creation of the display!)

In the hallway just outside of the rear sanctuary entrance, to the right of the pamphlet rack, is the "Westside and UU Happenings" bulletin board. On this board, you'll find information about upcoming events at Westside and our larger UU community.

In the hallway between the Angel Montessori and Westside offices, just around the corner from the pamphlet rack, are the "BRIC" and "Community News" bulletin boards. The BRIC board is kept up to date by the Building Repair and Improvement Committee. Look there for the latest information regarding our building repair and improvements. The Community News bulletin board is for posting of events in the community that may be of interest to Westside members and friends.

Tom Woods, Westside Vice-President, is working on a formal policy for the posting of materials. Until this policy is adopted, please contact Tom if you have any questions or comments regarding the posting of materials.

Please do not post materials on the walls or doors of the church without checking with Tom (or Brenda Baldwin, Westside President, if Tom is unavailable). If you have a need to briefly post something, the use of MASKING TAPE will help preserve the "newly painted" condition of our walls and doors as long as possible.

Please Help With Parking

If you are physically able, please park in the parking lot on Lipscomb. This will leave the parking near the building, including that along the street, for those with physical challenges and guests who are unfamiliar with the location of our parking lot on Lipscomb. Your help is appreciated!

RE HAPPENINGS

Update from RE Committee

We had the best Halloween party on October 27th! Our youth not only attended, but came two hours early to help set up and stayed late to help clean up! We had carnival games, group relays, a piñata, and a genuine fortune teller who was in so much demand he has to come back next year just to finish up! The dunking booth was all the rage – it helped Russell clean off after having cream pies thrown at him! (A little hint for those who are ever in a dunking booth – talking trash does NOT throw off people's aim.) Thanks go out to all of the participants who helped make this such a fun day.

Don't forget to check the bulletin board in the hallway by the water fountain. You'll find pictures of our children and youth in their RE classes as well as a flocking chart of who has flocked whom.

We have great kids! Would you like a chance to get to know them? We are looking for a couple of teacher assistants to help out in the classrooms when needed, perhaps once or twice a month. You would not be responsible for developing a lesson, only for assisting the teacher and students with various games and crafts. Our classes have grown, so we could sometimes have ten kids in some of the classes! What a great situation!

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BLOW THE REST AWAY.*

*- GEORGE ELIOT
(PEN NAME OF MARY
ANN EVANS)*

We could also use two substitutes, to teach the classes once in a great while. The teacher would be responsible for providing the lesson plan if you would be willing to teach it for just one Sunday.

If you would like to take this opportunity to become better acquainted with our future UU's and learn a lot yourself (I guarantee it!) please contact Mary Noer (817-249-7341 or terrynoer@sbcglobal.net) or Jessica Zinn (817-763-3145 or jzinn@mac.com).

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. (Beginning in January, the standing meeting will be the third Wednesday of each month.) 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 Charles Palmer for financial reports at their phone numbers listed in the church directory or leave a message on the church phone (817-292-3337).

Teachers' Conference

On February 16th, a Saturday, we will be holding our mid-year RE teachers' conference from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Lunch and childcare will be pro-

vided with prior reservations. We will concentrate on teambuilding, curricula research, and the nuts and bolts of teaching. Please contact Mary Noer at 817-249-7341 or terrynoer@sbcglobal.net or Jessica Zinn at 817-763-3145 or jzinn@mac.com with your RSVP. All interested in participating in the RE program are encouraged to attend.

Learning the Ropes

On November 4th, seven youth and five adults were challenged at the YMCA Camp Carter Ropes course. We arrived around 1:00 p.m., and the trials started. We had to get across a hot chocolate sea on marshmallows that gummy sharks kept stealing, swing across a deep chasm while saving an alien trout, get out of a maze with no exit while blindfolded, go down a zip line and jump off of a perfectly good telephone pole! Though some events were more challenging than others, everyone had a great time, and we learned that we have a GREAT bunch of kids! Look for pictures on the RE bulletin board.



Current & Upcoming Youth Happenings

Flocking!! Our youth are still hard at work every Friday and Saturday. If you know someone who needs to be flocked with flamingos, please contact Alisha Scott at 817-270-2000 or alisha377@charter.net. The cost is \$20, and every penny goes into the youth fund to help them pay for their other activities. Check out the RE bulletin board for pictures of the flock and a chart of who has been flocked so far.

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- ALBERT EINSTEIN

On December 2nd, the Westside UU Youth will be going to play paintball. Participants will need to wear pants and long sleeves. Contact Alisha Scott (817-270-2000) or alisha377@charter.net for more information.

Don't forget – our youth meet from 12:30 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. after the church service in a room off of the fellowship hall. We are using the curriculum, "UU's according to the Simpson's". All teens are welcome to attend this and any of the youth outings!

On December 30th there will be NO youth meeting after church. They will meet again on January 6th.

Giving Back – On Dec. 23rd our youth will be going to either the Union Gospel Mission or to the Presbyterian Night Shelter to help with food preparation. All are welcome to go with them and help. Look for more details in the Order of Service or talk to Alisha Scott.

Church Calendar, Contacts & Communication

If you are planning (or canceling) a church event or committee meeting, please send the information to calendar@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 are not receiving timely notification of events, please let us know via e-mail or via phone (817-292-3337).

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

AFTER-CHURCH POTLUCK LUNCH – Third Sunday of each month. The next one will be December 16th. Please join us for food and fellowship. A special table is reserved for visitors and newcomers.

CONTEMPORARY BOOKS – The next meeting is December 16th at 6:30 p.m. at Linda Hanratty's house, 4236 Oak Park Court. We will discuss *Bridge of San Luis Rey* by Thornton Wilder. For information, call Linda at 817-924-6629.

BRIDGE NIGHT – First Sunday of each month from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the church. The next night is December 2nd at Reed Bilz's house, 6130 Haley Lane. 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.

KENNEDY MICROBANK GROUP - will meet Thursday, December 6th at 7:00 pm at the church. All are welcome. For information, contact Ann Sutherland at 817-294-0401.

THE WEDNESDAY LUNCH BUNCH (formerly known as the Kimbell Lunch Bunch) is now meeting at various restaurants around town. See the Weekly Web for the restaurant of the week, and join the group for food and fellowship. Contact Dick Trice at 817-446-3840.

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.

WESTSIDE GREAT BOOKS - First Sunday of each month at 12:30 pm. The next meeting is December 2nd. Discussions are open to all. For additional information, call Dick Trice, 817-446-3840.

DINNERS FOR NINE - For information, contact Dolores Ruhs, Social Chair, at 817-24-1829 or at ruhsdol@sbcglobal.net. Look for more details in the Order of Service or talk to Alisha Scott.

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CHALICE LIGHTER CALL

FALL 2007

The Fall 2007 Chalice Lighter Call for the Southwestern Unitarian Universalist Conference is to help Westside Unitarian Universalist Church of Ft. Worth, Texas, fund improvements to their new church home.

Westside UU Church, which survived a devastating fire two years ago, has now embarked on an ambitious and multifaceted program designed to improve the interior and exterior of their worship space, increase the church's visibility within their community, provide compelling programs, and better serve members and the local populace.

Your contributions to the Chalice Lighter program will help Westside UU Church reach their goal. All of your contributions (100%) go to the Chalice Lighter recipient. Let's see if we can contribute at the top level for our friends at Westside, who are seeking \$22,600 in Chalice Lighter assistance. Your Chalice Lighter contribution will help finance the start of exterior building improvements.

If this is your first call, please give generously. If you have participated in Chalice Lighters previously, please continue to give generously. In order to be a Chalice Lighter each of us gives a minimum of \$10, three times a year, in response to each call. Many of us give more than \$10. If you have been giving at the \$10 level, try giving \$15 or \$20. This is a worthwhile project and the folks at Westside could really use your help to support their new church. Your contribution will return benefits to Unitarian Universalists all over the District for years.

Please make copies of this letter and distribute them to the members of your congregation. Talk to your friends at church about this worthwhile program. All of us, putting our resources together, can get this done.

Send your check, made out to "SWUUC Chalice Lighters", and have your friends send their checks to:

**Chalice Lighters
SWUUC District Office
6720 Brentwood Stair Road
Fort Worth, Texas 76112**

Thank you for your generosity of spirit and resources

The SWUUC Chalice Lighter Committee

WESTSIDE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

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By The Numbers

<i>Date</i>	<i>Adults</i>	<i>Children</i>	<i>Total</i>
Sunday, October 07, 2007	83	9	92
Sunday, October 14, 2007	67	20	87
Sunday, October 21, 2007	81	12	93
Sunday, October 28, 2007	61	12	73
Monthly Average	73	13.3	86.3

Committee Chairs

Adult Education - Vacant
Building - Gene McKeon 817-921-3692
Finance - Howard McMahan 817-294-1363
Membership - John Nagely 817-292-3629
Social Justice - David Burlingame 817-294-0401
Religious Education - Jessica Zinn 817-763-0901
Social - Dolores Ruhs 817-249-1829
Worship - Amy Youngblood 817-924-1358



This congregation has taken part in the UUA Welcoming Congregation Program to become more inclusive towards bisexual, gay, lesbian, and/or transgender people.

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.

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Have an announcement?

Submit announcements for the next monthly newsletter by December 14th. 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.

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