

THE Westside Story

FEBRUARY 2006

The monthly newsletter of Westside Unitarian Universalist Church
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Beth-El Congregation Interfaith Shabbat

Our own Rev. Russell Elleven, along with Rev. Craig Roshaven from First Jefferson UU Church, has been invited by Rabbi Mecklenburger and the Beth-El Congregation to participate in their annual Interfaith Shabbat. This is an annual Sabbath service, sponsored by their women's auxiliary, Women of Reform Judaism (Sisterhood). They invite a church group to join in their worship, the goal being simply to help people get to know one another. With Westside having held service at Beth-El this year, they are inviting Westside and First Jefferson to participate. The event is Friday night, February 10th, at 8:00 p.m. Both congregations are invited to the service and to a reception following in our honor. Please mark this on your calendar and plan to attend. This will be a great way to support Russell and to say thank you to Beth-El for sharing their facility. In case you have forgotten, the address is 4900 Briarhaven. See you there!

Adult Forum (9:45 am – 10:45 am):

**Please note – All Forum presentations will now begin at 9:45 and continue until 10:45. Because forums must be held in the open area at the west end of the building, everyone not attending the Forum is asked to be especially quiet when going to the kitchen or walking through the area.*

February 12 “The Ultimate Unitarian Philosopher, Baruch Spinoza” – Ken Carlson – One of history's noblest men, brightest philosophers, and religious thinkers, Spinoza was accused of atheism because his ideas of God were so radical. He was a great believer in government protection of liberty and thought.

February 26 “William Ellery Channing: Unitarian Christianity” – Dr. Russell Elleven – Session 5 of 10 in UU History. Learn how our religion developed before and during the American Revolution.

Sunday Services

February 5

The Rev. Bernard Kern

“The Churches' Muted Prophetic Voice”

Churches excel at worship, at aiding the sick and the disadvantaged – at the HOW of religion – but are failing to learn the WHY of the need. The failure is in attacking the root causes of problems, of voicing the prophetic warnings necessary for real solutions in a troubled world. (Ref: Micah, 6:8) Reverend Kern is a retired Lutheran minister, member of the Tarrant Area Council of Churches, active with Land Mine Removal and many other organizations for social justice.

February 12

Dr. Russell Elleven

“The World of Work”

Many of us must work in order to “make ends meet.” There are things that make work both bad and good. Russell will attempt to delineate these things.

February 19

Dr. Jack A. Hill, Associate Professor of Social Ethics,

TCU's Religion Department

“Facing Death: Can We Build a Culture of Caring in a World of Medical Bureaucracies?”

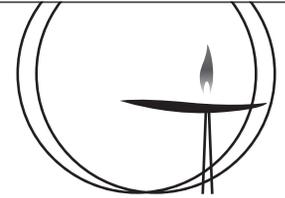
A common sense outline of the issue of euthanasia, created by thinking about the ethical resources of our U.S. moral heritage. How do we honor the wishes of the terminally ill patient in relation to the aims of physicians, the health care establishment, immediate relatives, and the wider society? (Ref: Psalms 72:12-14 and Matthew 7:12-20) Dr. Hill is the author of “I-Sight: The World of Rastafari” (1995), “Seeds of Transformation: Discerning the Ethics of a New Generation” (1998), and “Making Ethical Decisions” (2002), as well as numerous articles in journals and periodicals.

February 26

Dr. Russell Elleven

“Will God Ever Go Away?”

God(s) have been with us for some time. Will there ever be a time when human beings need God(s) less and less? Perhaps so — perhaps not.



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

UU Women's Conference

Interested in discovering what you know? Ready to delve into the mysteries of Mary Magdala and Interplay? Want yoga, dance and music? These are just a few of the many workshops and events offered at the 20th annual SWUUC Women's Conference, set for February 24-26, 2006 at the Doral Tesoro Hotel (at Golf Club) in Fort Worth.

Our weekend together will be a salute to our past, a time to strengthen our present, and a toast to our future. Join us at this pinpoint in our long and strong SWUUC timeline.

As Keynote Speaker, Rosemary Matson has agreed to lead our celebration of wisdom. A self-described mover and shaker, Rosemary has stayed involved in UU women's issues since the tumultuous '70s, and will inspire us with stories of accomplishment over obstacles. We will weave in stories from our local heroines, and we welcome your contributions.

We have so many stories, and so much to learn from each other. Our celebration of wisdom will include favorite workshops and vendors, great entertainment, and soul-satisfying ceremonies, plus new activities guaranteed for a rich experience.

The registration fee of \$130 includes three meals and a banquet. The Doral Tesoro is offering a special conference room rate of \$99 per night, quad occupancy. Pick up a registration packet at church, or register online at www.swuuc.com.

Some of our Westside women have committed to making this conference the best ever! Brenda Baldwin and Amy Youngblood will serve as co-conveners. For more information, contact Amy at 817-924-1358 or Brenda at 817-927-1762.

Vagina Monologues Returns

Continuing a long-time Westside tradition, Amy Youngblood and Beverly Archibald will appear in Eve Ensler's *The Vagina Monologues* on February 11th at 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 and will benefit Truth be Told, an organization which helps women in prison transition to a productive life after prison. The performances will be held on the campus of Texas Wesleyan University in the Fine Arts Building.

Entertainment will be provided throughout the day, including pre-show entertainment 15 minutes before each performance and an "afterglow" beginning at 9:30 p.m. Dace Sultanov will be among the featured performers.

This is the fourth appearance for both Beverly and Amy. In the early years of this production in Fort Worth, Brenda Baldwin produced it and Westside was a financial sponsor. At one point, nine Westside members were featured in it.

Tickets are available on-line at www.vdayfortworth.com or by phone at 817-413-0302.

Alaskan Invitation

Five Alaskan UU fellowships have invited other UUs to their eco-cultural programs in June, July and August 2006. See the REAL Alaska! Alaskan Uus will provide bed and breakfast accommodations in their home in Anchorage, Seward, Fairbanks, Juneau, and Sitka. They will also lead tours and hikes and host parties. Visit with Tlingit, Inupiat, and other native Alaskans. See whales, sea otters, sea lions, seals, bears, moose, caribou, wolves, puffins, eagles, and other birds in the wild from the Arctic Ocean to the Inside Passage in the south, and visit Denali and other national parks. Reverend Dick and Mary Weston-Jones will act as leaders. For more information, visit the website at www.wuurld.org, e-mail dick@wuurld.org, or phone toll-free at 1-888-998-8753 for a brochure. Reservations are being taken now.

SWUUC Calls for Help

The SWUUC Chalice Lighter Call for winter is for Live Oak UU Church in Austin, Texas.

The purpose of the call is to assist Live Oak in supporting a rapidly growing Religious Education program that is "large church" in the number of children (154), but in a church that has just attained "mid-sized church" in the number of adult members (165) since moving to their new property in 2003. Chalice Lighter funds will be used to extend the hours for the Director of Religious Education, who works with 154 children and 64 adult volunteers.

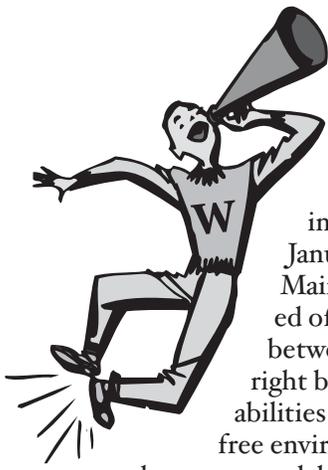
Chalice Lighters is a program where district congregation members and friends are encouraged to give \$10 three times a year to assist churches with special challenges and opportunities. You can make a one-year donation all at once if you so prefer, and donations above the minimum will be gratefully accepted! Many of you have already benefited from Chalice Lighters, so please be generous and send your check to:

Chalice Lighters
SWUUC District Office
6720 Brentwood Stair Rd
Ft Worth Texas 76112

Make your checks payable to: SWUUC Chalice Lighters

Join the UU Coaching Network!

UUCN is growing and invites you to join! This non-profit association is a community of professionally trained life coaches anchored in the UU principles of compassion, integrity and inclusion. To learn of its mission and how you can benefit from membership, please visit www.uucoachingnetwork.org. If you are considering hiring a coach, UUCN is also a resource to find the right coach for you.



SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Bowling day - Due to various date conflicts, we will be bowling on February 11th (instead of January 28th.) We will meet at Main Event at 10:30am. (It is located off of the service road of 120 between Hulen and Bryant Irving, right behind Costco). All ages and abilities are welcome! This is a smoke-free environment! We will have two

lanes reserved, but if we hear from many planning to attend, we will reserve more. (This will be a "Dutch treat" event.) Please contact Mary Noer (817-249-7341) or terrynoer@sbcglobal.net with any questions.

Snacks and Potlucks - or "eats and greets!" - We enjoy each other's company so much we never want to leave on Sunday - until we get hungry! Please help support our Sunday snacks by donating \$1 per person per month (just write "snacks" in the memo line of your check). We also need volunteers to set up the snacks and make sure they are cleaned up afterward. If you would like to be on the "SNACKS" committee, perhaps helping out once a month, please contact Brenda McKeon (817-921-3692) or bamckeon@aol.com. Dolores will surely appreciate our help!!

Thanksgiving Thursdays are BACK!!! - February 9th (6:00 p.m. dinner; 7:00 p.m. Think-N-Talk) Take a mid-week break to enjoy a dinner prepared and cleaned up by someone else and/or to share thoughtful conversation. It's simple. If you'd like to eat dinner, please pre-pay by Sunday, February 5th. (See Audrey Weil at church; \$5 for adults and \$3 for kids.) If you'd like to participate in Think-N-Talk (organized by Dick Trice), arrive by 7:00. Participate in one or both (dinner and/or Think-N-Talk). In February, the dinner theme will be winter favorites (okay, so we haven't had much winter weather, but we can pretend!) The dinner menu will consist of California Spinach Salad (fresh spinach with fruits and nuts), bread, vegetarian soup/stew, a carnivore soup/stew, a kid-friendly homemade mac-n-cheese, fruit salad and dessert. Childcare is not available in February. Questions? Please contact Brenda Baldwin (brendabrew@hotmail.com or 817-927-1762.)

Bridge Night - Every month, on the first Sunday of the month, at 6:30pm. All levels are welcome to attend! For location and other questions, please contact Mary Noer (817-249-7341) or terrynoer@sbcglobal.net

!! Happiest Hour !! - Don't miss this great opportunity for connecting with each other in a comfortable and relaxed environment, on March 3rd, Friday, from 6:30 to 8:30pm at church. We will have two delicious "fundos" to share! Bring your favorite appetizer and beverage and come relax! Kiddos are welcome and can enjoy each other's company! Contact Mary Noer (817-249-7341) or terrynoer@sbcglobal.net for more information.

April Fools Talent Show - April 1st at 7:00 p.m. at the church - What better way to celebrate April Fool's Day than to gather with members and friends of Westside Church to share our talents? If you would like to perform (sing, dance, etc.) or display your talent (art, collectibles, etc.), please contact Brenda Baldwin (brendabrew@hotmail.com or 817-927-1762). The first half of the show will be limited to acts suitable for an intergenerational audience. After intermission, who knows? Childcare will be available. Please come, and bring some friends! This will be our third show ever, and both previous shows have been awesome. We have more talent every day, with new and more adventuresome members and friends. The Social Committee will provide delicious appetizers and drinks, and you are welcome to bring your own beverages.

Save the Date - Church Camping Trip - March 24th -26th at Cleburne State Park. We had such a great time last fall at this park we just have to go back! Join us for one or two nights, or just come on down for Saturday evening dinner! We will have activities, for children and adults, and great food! We'll even have a marshmallow fight using a real marshmallow launcher! Contact Mary Noer (817-249-7341) or terrynoer@sbcglobal.net to reserve your spot. Cost is generally around \$20 for two nights. (Please let Mary know if you need any camping equipment.) A service will be held at the campsite on Sunday for those attending.

AIDS Walk - The 2006 Aids Walk will be held on April 2nd at TCU. We would like to get together a team of walkers from Westside. There is a Kickoff party on February 7th to sign up our teams, though we can sign up more people later on. Please help out by either walking or sponsoring our walkers monetarily. Contact Mary Noer (817-249-7341).

UU Women - Come meet for food and fellowship every First Friday of the month. Women of all ages are welcome. We will be meeting at noon at the Kimbell Art Museum in the cafeteria. Please call Liz Hutchison (817-726-3999) if you have any questions.

Bike and Breakfast - First Saturday of the month. What do creaky knees, buff quads, bagels, blue herons, nine people carrying their bikes across a river via really big stepping stones, coffee, sitting on a bench enjoying the view, scrambled eggs, flat tires, and lots of camaraderie have in common? Westside's Bike and Breakfast event, of course! In October, the entire group rode from Yogi's to the river and then to the Trinity Park, duck pond, encountering the Walk for Diabetes along the way (loved the balloon arch we decided was there for us to ride through.) In December, we rode from Yogi's to the river and then went towards Lockheed-Martin Recreation Area, at various paces (that's where the sitting on the bench enjoying the view comes in), turned around and rode for awhile before deciding crossing the river near Colonial Country Club

was a good idea even though it wasn't a bike crossing (it was fun anyway, and no one fell in!) Sharing breakfast upon returning to Yogi's on both occasions gave us a chance to share our experiences with one another and with a couple of folks who joined the bikers for breakfast.

Please join the group for Biking and/or Breakfast on Saturday, February 4, for biking at 8:30 a.m. and breakfast at 10:30 a.m. If you'd like to bike, meet in the parking lot of University Park Village near the Celebrity Café and Bakery at the southwest corner of the shopping center. (The shopping center is at 1612 S. University Dr. 76107, on the west side of University just south of I-30.) We are changing meeting locations, so that we can see how far towards the Stockyards we can get on the Trinity Trail before turning around (after 45 minutes or when you are half-tired) to meet back at the Celebrity Café for breakfast at 10:30. Please contact Brenda Baldwin (brendabrew@hotmail.com or 817-927-1762) if you need more information or encouragement (all fitness levels are welcome, but please bring a companion if you can't ride alone.)

Great Books Group #1 – Second Sunday of the month from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The next meeting is February 12, 6:30 p.m. at Westside, 901 Page St. The reading will be Prometheus Bound. Facilitator is Ed Furber. If you have questions or need directions, call Linda or Walt McConathy at 817-294-5894.

Great Books Group #2 – Third Sunday of each month from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. This new group met for the first time on January 15th. The next meeting will be on February 19th to discuss The Epic of Gilgamesh, the first reading in a new series called "Great Conversations". 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. For information, contact Reed Bilz at 817-292-7974 or at rbilz@earthlink.net.

Choir Practice – February 5th and February 19th at 9:45 a.m. If you love to sing, please join us! For more information, contact Cathy McConnell at Cathy_Lynn_mac@yahoo.com

The Westside Story Goes Green

Westside UU Church is continuing to strive toward becoming a "Green" church. One step in this direction is reducing the amount of paper use. In trying to achieve this goal, the newsletter distribution will be going electronic. Starting with the March newsletter, every member with an active email address will not receive a paper copy of "The Westside Story". Instead, they will receive an email with a link to the newsletter website. The newsletter will be published electronically in Adobe Acrobat format. Software for viewing this format is available free for download. There will also be a link to a site where you can download the viewing software. Everyone without email will continue to receive a paper copy of the newsletter. If you find that the electronic version is not to your liking, you can sign up for receiving a paper copy by emailing Myrtle McMahan at HMMcMahan@aol.com and asking her to place you back on paper distribution.

Restroom Advice

Since we share our restrooms with the Montessori preschoolers, the locks on the stalls have been moved to the tops of the doors for safety reasons. For privacy, just look up.

Fair Trade Coffee

Every second Sunday, Dolores Ruhs will accept "Fair Trade Coffee" orders. The orders will be faxed Sunday night. The church will get its coffee for \$6.00 a pound. She can also place orders for teas, and chocolate bars. The church will realize a commission on all items sold.

"Fair Trade" is a revolutionary concept in action. It is a program that brings together the producer (the coffee grower) and the consumer (the coffee drinker) in a more equitable and meaningful way. The coffee industry middlemen are by-passed and a more direct bridge is built between the producer and the consumer. Also, any "Fair Trade" products that are purchased will go towards helping our church to become a Greener Church. See Dolores for list and prices of coffee, teas and chocolate bars.

CALENDAR:

FEBRUARY (Black History Month):

- 2 Groundhog Day
- 3 UU Women's Lunch
- 4 Bike & Breakfast
- 5 Bridge Night
- 5 Choir Practice
- 9 Thanksgiving Thursday
- 11 Vagina Monologues Production
Bowling Day
- 12 Great Books #1
Adult Forum
Coffee Orders
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 15 Susan B. Anthony Day
- 17 Newsletter Submissions Due
- 19 Great Books #2
Choir Practice
- 20 Presidents' Day
- 24 SWUW Women's Conference Begins
- 26 Adult Forum
Contemporary Books

MARCH (Texas History Month):

- 1 Ash Wednesday
- 2 Texas Independence Day
- 3 UU Women's Lunch
Happiest Hour
- 5 Bridge Night
- 9 Thanksgiving Thursday
- 12 Great Books #1
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
Newsletter Submissions Due
- 19 Great Books #2
- 24 Camping Trip Begins
- 26 Contemporary Books
- 31 Cesar Chavez Day



DIRECTORY INFORMATION

A new telephone directory is being compiled for Westside Unitarian Universalist Church members and friends. Please complete the following information and return to the church by February 19, 2006 or mail to Myrtle McMahan, 3600 Lawndale, Fort Worth, TX 76133. Please include only the information you wish to share.

FAMILY NAME _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Mailing address if different:

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Home Telephone _____

Family E-Mail _____

Family Fax _____

CHILDREN IN FAMILY (only those attending Westside)

Child's Name _____

Birth Date _____

Child's Name _____

Birth Date _____

Child's Name _____

Birth Date _____

ADULTS IN FAMILY:

Partner 1 – Full Name _____

Occupation _____

Work Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Work E-mail _____

Birth month & day _____

Partner 2 – Full Name _____

Occupation _____

Work Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Work E-mail _____

Birth month & day _____

Do you wish to access your newsletter from the Westside UU Web site: <http://Westsideuu.org>?

Yes _____

Do you wish to have a printed version of the newsletter?

Yes _____

INSIDE WESTSIDE

Mid-Winter Meeting

"I accept your call without hesitation. Where do I sign?" With this response, Dr. Russell Elleven accepted the call of the Westside congregation and brought the January 15, 2005 Mid-Winter Members' Meeting to a close. Dr. Elleven will serve as the half-time minister and, as such, will lead 20 services per year, provide pastoral care as needed, serve as a non-voting member of the Board of Trustees, and keep eight office hours per week. The contract had previously been approved by the Board, ending the work of the search committee that included members Walt McConathy, John Huffmann, Reed Bilz, Audrey Weil, and chairperson Beverly Archibald.

In other good news, Bill Terry, President of the Westside congregation, announced that the search for a new Director of Religious Education had ended with the

hiring of Brian Dierolf. In this capacity, Mr. Dierolf will be paid for 40 hours of service per month. (Look for more information on Mr. Dierolf in next month's West Side Story.)

Bill Terry also announced that a final settlement had been reached, as of January 14, 2006, on the termination of the Trailhead property lease. A final payment of \$3300, for a total settlement of \$12,000, was made on that date to discontinue Westside's obligation on that property.

The meeting began with presentations of plaques to some especially deserving Westsiders who have gone above and beyond all expectations in their service to Westside: Howard McMahan for his service as president for two years and Amy Youngblood for six years as editor and publisher of The Westside Story

A Call to Writers and Would-Be Writers

Jane Palmer, editor of The Westside Story, would like to initiate a guest column in the monthly newsletter as a forum for discussing the Seven Principles as they apply in our daily lives. This idea comes as the result of suggestions and requests from several Westsiders. The goal would be to have a new viewpoint to look forward to each month – rather than one person's – and a range of expression from humorous to profound to sentimental. Topics might include dealing with prejudice, family challenges, goal-setting, ethical dilemmas, bad habits, – you name it.

Westside is a seeming hotbed of writing talent, so let's showcase it. Submissions of 200-600 words can be sent to Jane by email at Cpalmer263@sbcglobal.net or delivered in person at Sunday services. Friends of Westside are also encouraged to participate. If participation is good, this will be an ongoing column.

Website for UU Singles

UUsingles.com provides matchmaking services for Unitarian Universalists and other like-minded liberal religious thinkers. They make it fun to meet other singles while promoting the inherent worth and dignity of every individual – a fundamental principle of Unitarian Universalism. Individuals age 18 and older of all sexual orientations are welcome to join. Posting ads is free and membership dues are modest.

This matching service differs from other like matchmaking services in several ways:

Minimal Advertising. Keeping true to their values, the owners limit the amount of advertising you will be exposed to while connecting with other singles.

Commitment to Social Justice. UUsingles.com donates ten percent of all profits to further the work of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (<http://www.uusc.org>).

Privacy. Your email address will never be sold or shared with another company or organization.

Birthdays – Anniversaries Anyone?

We've become one church "family",

Of which we are all a part.

We are one in love and joy,

In fondness and in worth,

And so as One we want to

Celebrate the day of your birth.

If anniversary is the occasion,

We want to be part of that as well.

We will be celebrating birthdays and anniversaries for the month of February on the first Sunday of the month. Are you having a birthday or anniversary in March? Please email and let me know by March 1st. We would love to be part of the fun! mrazack@charter.net.

Friends Will Call

Friends of the UUA will, once again, be conducting its Winter Fundraising Phonathon beginning on Monday, February 20th and continuing for approximately four weeks (to members of congregations within the United States). Friends will be working with Outreach Associates, a telemarketing firm located in Pittsburgh, PA. Outreach Associates has provided telemarketing services to non-profit organizations since 1991. Donations from individuals are a crucial part of the UUA's operating budget. In the past year, members of the Friends of the UUA provided over \$1 million dollars in funding, roughly 13% of the UUA budget.

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.

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

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

Have an announcement?

Please send your announcements via e-mail to Brenda Baldwin (brendabrew@hotmail.com) by Thursday for publication in the following Sunday's insert. Any questions, please call Brenda at 817-551-8551.

Westside Unitarian Universalist Church *Board of Directors 2005-2006*

President – Bill Terry
Vice-President – Paul McClellan
Secretary – Virginia (Gino) Kennedy
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Need to talk?

As a licensed professional and chemical dependency counselor, I can offer individuals, couples, and families a therapeutic and pastoral counseling relationship. This service is free to Westside members. During the period that we do not have our own building we can either meet in your home or mine (by Hulen Mall). These sessions are completely confidential within the limits of Texas state law. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 817-370-2171 or doctorelleven@gmail.com.

Also, please remember that we have a number of Westsiders on the Caring Umbrella Committee. While these folks will not perform counseling or enter into a pastoral relationship with church members, they will offer several helpful services to the congregation in times of need. You may contact Joy McClellan at 817-556-9458 orpadreis@yahoo.com.

We want you to be well at Westside.

In UU faith,
Rev. Dr. Russell K. Elleven
LPC, LCDC

SUBMIT YOUR ARTICLES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR NEXT MONTH'S NEWSLETTER

by February 20th! Email them to Jane Palmer at Cpalmer263@sbcglobal.net or mail them to 2609 Silver Hill Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76131 or phone them in at 817-847-9713.

A **challenge grant** has been offered by the UU Congregation at Shelter Rock to benefit the **UUA-UUSC Gulf Coast Relief Fund**. This challenge grant will deliver another \$1 million in aid (in addition to the \$2 million-plus already raised) to this fund. Beginning with contributions dated Oct. 2, 2005, Shelter Rock will match each dollar given to the fund, up to a total of \$500,000.

Checks should be made out to the UUA-UUSC Gulf Coast Relief Fund and sent to: Relief, Department of Development, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, MA 02108-2800 or they can be put into the collection baskets on Sunday.

Three UU churches in the New Orleans area are badly damaged, and at least one is beyond repair. The Gulf Coast Relief Panel and UUSC's Department of Rights in Humanitarian Crises have committed to providing long-term and effective interventions and solutions, by making intentional, judicious grants in order to make the best use of the funds to provide ongoing assistance to those most in need.

-- Deborah J. Weiner, UUA.

By the Numbers:

Date	Adults	Children	Total
December 04, 2005	58	13	71
December 11, 2005	51	11	62
December 18, 2005	55	7	62
Monthly Average	54.7	10.3	65