

The Westside Story

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF WESTSIDE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH
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Westside's Building Dedication

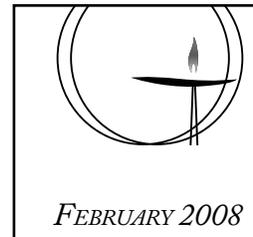
SUNDAY, MARCH 2ND
@ 4:00 PM

Thirteen years after a few Unitarian Universalists began meeting in homes in west Fort Worth, and with the support of Westside's members and friends, Westside accomplished a "first" with the purchase of real estate at 901 Page Avenue in historic Ryan Place in March of 2007. As we approach the one-year anniversary of closing on the purchase of 901 Page Avenue, we are dedicating our building and celebrating both the calling of Dr. Russell Elleven as full-time minister and a more than 25% membership growth in the past year.

Our new property was the home of Unity Church of Fort Worth for many years. Angel of Hope Christian Church, a progressive and welcoming Disciples of Christ church, bought the property from Unity and later leased space to the Montessori pre-school previously housed at the adjacent St. John's Episcopal Church. The Montessori pre-school remains at Westside as a tenant and as a fulfillment of our mission. As you know if you've been to Westside recently,

we've made significant progress with the interior of our building, and we plan to make a solid start on the exterior before March 2nd.

Please show your support of our church, and celebrate our success by participating in this important day in the life of our church. Members, friends and guests of all ages will gather in the sanctuary at 4:00 p.m. for a service of dedication to include music, the honoring of our founders and donors, and words of remembrance, dedication and celebration. The festivities continue with a reception immediately following the service of dedication. (We will also have our usual Sunday morning activities on March 2nd, including Adult Forum at 9:45 and Worship featuring Katie Sherrod as guest speaker at 11:00.)



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.

Valentines Outing



A Valentines package is being offered for a night out in Cleburne. For \$50 per couple, you will be treated to dinner at the Lemon Sisters Café and a play across the street at the Plaza Theatre on Main Street. Anyone interested in joining our group for a fun, low-key evening out should contact Ann Sutherland at 817-294-0401 or at ann.sutherland@sbcglobal.net.

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.

SAVE THE DATES!

FEBRUARY 16TH
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHERS'
CONFERENCE

FEBRUARY 17TH
DISC GOLF

FEBRUARY 23RD
KARAOKE NIGHT

MARCH 2ND
CHURCH DEDICATION
AND OPEN HOUSE

APRIL 12TH
GREEN FEST

Where's Russell in February?

Russell will be at Westside each Sunday in February to facilitate Joys & Concerns. He will deliver three reflections this month. Office hours are each Tuesday and Thursday morning. You can call him at home or at the church during those times. If visiting with someone else, he'll return your call as soon as possible.

If you'd like to have lunch with Russell just send an email to him at relleven@gmail.com. He can meet you near your place of work or come to your home to discuss church matters or just talk. Beware - if you ask him to choose the restaurant he'll always choose the Spiral Diner on Magnolia, which is very close to our church.

Sunday Services

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

February 3rd - *A Unitarian Universalist's View of Spirituality* by Sue Casteel. Does spirituality have a place in the life of a Unitarian Universalist? Sue Casteel, a life-long UU and ministerial candidate who is currently attending Brite Divinity School, will be offering an explanation for why the answer is "yes". Come hear why spirituality is relevant even for our everyday lives and why it is an important part of what it is to be human.

February 10th - *Cherish Your Doubt* by Dr. Russell K. Elleven. We are part of a religious community in which you are encouraged to cherish your doubts. Is this good? Do you cherish your doubts? Hear what Russell has to say this Sunday.

February 17th - *Are You Feeling Lucky...* by Dr. Russell K. Elleven. Do you believe in luck? What is it? How has it served you in life? If you are lucky, Russell will respond to some of these questions and perhaps more during the reflection portion of our program.

February 24th - *What's In A Name* by Dr. Russell K. Elleven. At the mid-year congregational meeting the church decided to look

into the process of exploring the possibility of a name change for our congregation. Is this a good idea? Russell will offer some ideas to some challenging questions today.

Sunday Adult Forum

9:45 AM - 10:40 AM

Our study and discussion of the Transcendentalist Movement continues on the first, second, and fourth Sunday of February. On the third Sunday (Potluck Sunday), a current events discussion facilitated by Dick Trice will be held.

February 3rd - *William Ellery Channing and Unitarianism*

February 10th - *Theodore Parker - Social Reform in the Pulpit*

February 17th - *The Month That Was*

February 24th - *Amos Bronson Alcott*

Karaoke Returns

Fun, song, and frivolity will reign again at Westside on Saturday, February 23rd. Following in the footsteps of a very successful Karaoke social gathering in October, we are once again asking all singers, dancers (We didn't plan on those last time, but they turned up and added lots of fun to the evening) and appreciative audience members to come out and share the fun. There will be child-care for those who sign up by February 16th. Wine, lemonade, and coffee will be provided, and you are asked to bring a FINGER food (that means no one needs a spoon or fork to eat it) to share. If you prefer a different beverage, please BYOB. We'll gather at 7:00 to socialize and to sign-up to sing Karaoke. Our host, Scott Paulson, will start the Karaoke by 7:30, and we plan for the evening to wind up around 9:00. Remember, one song per person (or for at least one person in your group) until everyone's had a chance to sing. Dancing and fun are unlimited! Please contact Brenda Baldwin (brendabrew@hotmail.com or 817-988-9441) with any questions, for child-care, or for more information. Child-care sign-up will also be available on the Karaoke poster posted at church.

HE WHO POSTPONES
THE HOUR OF LIVING IS
LIKE THE RUSTIC WHO
WAITS FOR THE RIVER
TO RUN OUT BEFORE HE
CROSSES.

-HORACE

OUR UU COMMUNITY

South Central Food Drive in February



by Beverly Archibald

We will begin collecting food items for the pantry at South Central Alliance of Churches (SCAC) in February. They are the agency which specifically helps those in need in our neighborhood. Westside is a member of SCAC, and Jane Hansen has agreed to represent us on their Board. They are the agency through which we gave the angel tree gifts at Christmas. Tiel Jensen, who is in charge of the pantry, has told us that their primary need at this time is for canned meats or fish. If you will bring canned meat or canned fish items to church on Sundays during February, Suzie and Jay Lotven have agreed to take them to SCAC for us.

In the past, we have been able to help out with WestAid's food pantry. Hopefully, we can be active participants in SCAC's pantry as well.

Civil Rights Bus Tour: March 22nd - 30th

Join Rev. Dr. Gordon and Judy Gibson as they take you on a tour of significant sites of the Southern Civil Rights Movement, offering a journey of experiential learning where you will encounter the sights, sounds, and especially the people who worked to create change during this revolutionary time in our country's history. The course is offered for credit for seminary students, but non-students are encouraged to audit the course. Enrollment to take the course for credit will be limited to 15. An additional 15 seats on the tour will be available to the general public. Registration is on a first-come ba-

sis and is due no later than January 18, 2008. Please note that this year the course runs across Easter weekend. Participation for the entire eight days is required for those seeking academic credit and strongly encouraged for all others. See the link on our home page for more information about this course: www.meadville.edu. This course was offered in 2006 and was a life- and ministry-changing experience for all of the participants. For an account of that trip, please visit the website at www.meadville.edu.

Niagara Falls Opportunity

Hear the roar! Feel the mist! See the mighty Falls! July 20th through July 23rd. Come experience the wonder of Niagara Falls, including some great educational opportunities, while being taken care of like royalty. The UU Church of Niagara is conducting a four-day UU Niagara Experience which is a lifetime opportunity to encounter the Falls up close from every perspective, even safely riding beneath a tethered balloon. Spend four days with us exploring the rich historical and natural wonders around the Falls. For information visit the web site <http://www.uunex.net/> or Email: uunex@yahoo.com or call 716-745-7149 or 716-791-4453.

News from UUA

As of January 15, 2008, our Association Sundays have raised \$1.31 million (including the \$500,000 matching gift challenge) for national marketing, District-distributed grants to congregations for local growth and outreach projects, and President Sinkford's Diversity of Ministry Initiative.

Check out the article at uuworld.org which reported \$1.1 million as of last week. As we continue to receive and process contributions daily, our numbers just keep going up! Statements of how much your congregation has raised so far will be mailed this week.

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LIKE CARS IN AMUSE-
MENT PARKS, OUR
DIRECTION IS OFTEN
DETERMINED THROUGH
COLLISIONS.

-YAHIA LABABIDI

With your generous end-of-year gifts, the Campaign has reached 74% of its \$50 million goal. This includes \$15.5 million in cash and pledges and \$21.5 million in legacy commitments.

In the December 31st (most widely read) issue of Time magazine, Vladimir Putin was named Person of the Year. Pages 164 to 165 featured Unitarian Universalism's second advertorial, made possible only by Association Sunday and your many individual contributions!

What else do your gifts support? This advertorial directs readers to Time magazine's Religion Pages online, and a welcoming UUA landing page including Unitarian Universalist perspectives on some of the most controversial and sensitive religious issues of our time, along with the video entitled Voices of a Liberal Faith, and tools to find a congregation!

And as a result of all this, the Chicago Tribune gave our faith some great press for free on December 28, 2007!

The Friends of the UUA ended 2007 with an appeal on peacemaking. At the end of this month, President Sinkford will be sending a letter about National Awareness in an effort to inform even more Friends about the Time campaign.

The Annual Program Fund is making great progress toward goal. To date, the fund has reached \$3,239,149, or 46.1% of its highest ever \$7,019,739 goal. A total of 190 congregations have fulfilled their pledges, including 141 con-

gregations giving at the full Fair Share level. Many thanks to the members of the Annual Program Fund Committee who work tirelessly to promote a culture of generosity across our Association and make this fund as effective as it can be.

SMART Group Meeting at Westside

Through a grant obtained by the Humanists of Fort Worth (www.hofw.org), Westside is hosting Self Management and Recovery Training (SMART) meetings. These meetings, facilitated by our minister, are an alternative to 12 Step recovery programs. The SMART program is based upon cognitive behavioral techniques and does not require the participant to believe in a higher power or to deem themselves powerless. The meetings occur each Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. and are confidential.

If you, or someone you know, might benefit from SMART meetings, please contact Russell at relleven@gmail.com or by phone.

Humanists of Fort Worth

HOFW meets on the second Wednesday of each month at the church. The next meeting is February 13th at 7:00 p.m. Program details will be announced at a later date.

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. Intentionally sit beside a visitor at a Sunday service.
2. Use a UU coffee mug at work.
3. Host a party to which you invite both members and nonmembers.



OUR HEADS ARE ROUND
SO THAT THOUGHTS CAN
CHANGE DIRECTION.

-FRANCIS PICABLA

INSIDE WESTSIDE

249-7341 or terrynoer@sbcglobal.net or Jessica Zinn at 817-763-0901 or jzinn@mac.com for more information and to give your RSVP.

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Meditation for All Interested Westsiders

Overcome by a sense of dissatisfaction and confusion? Perhaps we can help. Join Amy Babb and Dwayne Blackwell for Westside Buddhist Meditation Group's first "sitting" on February 25th from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary. Each week we will enjoy a combination of techniques designed to quiet your mind and awaken to the moment. Meditation is a great portable spiritual practice which, if practiced in a group setting, is a gentle way to start incorporating this wonderful tool into your everyday life.

We have plenty of straight-backed chairs suitable for sitting-upright meditation. If you prefer the kneeling, lotus, or cross-legged positions, please feel free to bring your own cushion, zafu, or bench. For information, contact Amy Babb at 817-573-6959 or Dwayne Blackwell at 817-573-6959.

Winter Parent/Teacher Conference

On February 16th, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., the Religious Education Committee will be hosting our midyear conference for all teachers, parents, and others interested. Among other activities, we will be exploring various curricula from different sources to help us choose the most exciting and relevant resources possible to teach our children and youth. Lunch will be provided, so we will need RSVP's by Monday, February 11th. Childcare will be provided with RSVP's indicating it is so needed. Please contact Mary Noer at 817-

Mid-Year Congregational Meeting Held

Following the January potluck lunch, Westsiders met for the semi-annual congregational meeting on Sunday, January 20th as required in the Westside bylaws.

Dr. Russell K. Elleven opened the meeting with a review of his plans for the next six months, which include moving from half-time to full-time ministry and his new outreach ministry programs: the Relationship

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DESPERATELY
WANTED



WESTSIDE STORY EDITOR

**Your skills are needed:
Organizing, Editing, Proof-
reading, and Proficiency
with Word. No desktop
publishing is required (Eric
Stevens has that covered).
If you are able to help fa-
cilitate communications at
Westside, contact Brenda
Baldwin at 817-293-0450 or
at president@westsideuu.org.**

*I HAVE NEVER GONE TO
SLEEP WITH A GRIEV-
ANCE AGAINST ANY-
ONE. AND, AS FAR AS I
COULD, I HAVE NEVER
LET ANYONE GO TO
SLEEP WITH A GRIEV-
ANCE AGAINST ME.*

-ABBA AGATHON

Enhancement Group (REG) which will provide participating couples with a monthly night out – including some specific exercises, followed by dinner and a movie; and the Self-Management and Recovery Training (SMART), a drug/alcohol recovery program that offers a secular approach as an alternative to the traditional AA programs.

Next, Brenda Baldwin delivered the President's Report. Brenda reported that worship service attendance trends are up from the last two years and noted that six of the top ten highest attended services were when Dr. Elleven was in the pulpit. Plate collections for the first six months have allowed Westside to donate over \$5,000 to its selected service project recipients (as opposed to approximate \$2200 for the same time period last year.) She gave attendees a demonstration on how to use the church website to access the calendar, webmaster, Weekly Web, and newsletter. Attendees were also reminded that the church is closed on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 to protect the privacy of the SMART group participants. She discussed the fact that Westside is without a Social Justice Committee chairperson. Finally, she closed with the good news that membership is "well over 100 for the first time in our history".

After this, a straw poll was conducted to vote on whether or not Westside should form an ad hoc committee to consider the possibility of a name change for the church. Attendees voted 24 – 6 in favor of said committee formation.

Then Gayle Elleven delivered the Building Repair and Improvement Committee (BRIC) Report. Gayle thanked all committee members and ad hoc members for their help, singling out Maria Schmidt, Jill Jung, Gene McKeon, and Brenda Baldwin for their outstanding efforts. She

announced that many exterior improvements are planned for February, in preparation for the building dedication ceremony which is scheduled for March 2nd. These include working on the flower beds, thinning trees, improving the appearance of sidewalks and entryway, and painting doors and railings. Finally she reviewed the BRIC's balance sheet with attendees.

Next, Charles Palmer delivered the Treasurer's Report for the first six months of Westside's fiscal year. He reported the good news that Westside is financially healthy and has produced income in excess of the budgeted minimums.

Finally, Bill Terry (as Chair of the Stewardship Committee and as a member of the Finance Committee) made a Stewardship Presentation. He explained that Westside now has a "Program Budget" in addition to its ongoing "Line-Item Budget". The Program Budget categorizes Westside's expenses according to the broader program intentions of the expense. The program categories are "Denominational Connections", "Community Within", "Lifespan Religious Education", "Community Outreach", "Income Generation", and "Worship and Music." For the first six months of the fiscal year, the largest income generators were

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH. FOR MORE INFORMATION AND APPLICATION PROCEDURE, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE. WWW.WESTSIDEUU.ORG

THE PROPAGANDIST'S
PURPOSE IS TO MAKE
ONE SET OF PEOPLE
FORGET THAT CERTAIN
OTHER SETS OF PEOPLE
ARE HUMAN.

-ALDOUS HUXLEY

annual pledges (62.8%), building use (14.7%), and grants (15.4%). The largest expenses were worship/music (29.5%), "community within" (23.8%), and religious education (20.8%).

Disc Golf!

On February 17th, after potluck, our UU Youth (and any others interested) will be going to play Disc Golf at Boaz Park in Benbrook. Bring water and sunscreen (hopefully this will be needed) as well as good hiking shoes. Bring discs if you have them. If not, we will have extras for any who need them. Contact Mary Noer at 817-249-7341 or terrynoer@sbcglobal.net for more information.

Upcoming Westside UUC Service Project News

Westside continues to enjoy success with our new plan for service projects. Each month, undesignated plate offerings are donated to a worthy recipient organization. During January, our recipient was the Southwest Unitarian Universalist Women for the International Convocation of Unitarian Universalist Women. It will be used to assist women from other countries to attend the conference which will be in Houston, Texas, February 27 – March 1, 2009.

For the month of February, the board is pleased to announce that the undesignated plate offering is going to the Allied

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WATCH THIS SPACE FOR WUU SERVICE PROJECT SUCCESSES!

Service Project Donation Recipients

JULY 07 - WESTAID	\$853.63 RECEIVED
AUGUST 07 - TARRANT AREA FOODBANK	\$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	\$788.59 RECEIVED
DECEMBER 07 - SOMALI-BANTU EMPOWERING WOMEN PROGRAM	\$896.68 RECEIVED
JANUARY 08 - SWWC INTERNATIONAL CONVOCATION OF UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST WOMEN	
FEBRUARY 08 - ALLIED COMMUNITIES OF TARRANT (ACT)	

*IT IS NOT LIFE AND
WEALTH AND POWER
THAT ENSLAVE MEN,
BUT THE CLEAVING TO
LIFE AND WEALTH AND
POWER.*

-BUDDHA

Communities of Tarrant (ACT). ACT is a grass roots community level organization recently instrumental in informing the public about JPS Hospital's positions on health care for undocumented aliens and influencing positive changes in their policies. ACT continues its work to improve health care for Tarrant County's residents by publicizing the recent expansion of access at its member churches. Other goals include improvement of Fort Worth schools, focusing on attendance, graduation rates and more. ACT works within under-represented constituencies to train leaders, facilitate organization, and strengthen their ability to address issues that affect them. For more details, visit the ACT Web site at <http://alliedcommunities.org>.

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!

*IF YOUR MORALS MAKE
YOU DREARY, DEPEND
ON IT, THEY ARE
WRONG.*

*-ROBERT LOUIS
STEVENSON*

Items Needed on History of Church

Dear Westsiders:
The Committee for the Dedication of our New Building is looking for some

items on the history of our congregation. If you have any old photographs of early or recent church activities please let me know. If anybody has a complete set of Westside Stories I would like to look through the issues you have, be they for two years or ten. Apparently we do not have a church historian. If anyone is interested in becoming our historian, please contact me. We have different records in different places but seemingly no comprehensive set of records. If you have some items that might be of interest from your time as an officer or a board member or general observer, let me know so we will have a starting place for our historian. This will obviously be a work-in-progress and may take a long time, but hopefully there will be some basic items we can share with all on March 2nd.

Thanks,
John Nagely
Membership Chairman
817-991-3939
John@Nagely.com

Green Fest Comes to Westside

SAVE THE DATE – April 12th - for Westside's UU Green Fest, an eco-and-earth-celebrating festival for all ages. Rain or shine, there'll be something for everyone from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

We'll have entertainment, food, games, raffles, and demonstrations of "green" living here on Page Avenue. Admission and parking are free, with cash-only opportunities to contribute to Westside while having fun and maybe learning something new about nourishing our planet.

Plan to attend and bring friends as we honor Earth Day (April 22nd) and Arbor Day (April 26th). And, please volunteer to Linda Jenkins, Diane Jones and Nancy Van Boskirk to help with the activities.

Board of Directors

Meeting

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

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

If you would like to receive board meeting minutes and/or financial reports, please utilize the links available under "church business" on the church website, or contact Beverly Archibald for minutes and 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).

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 February 17th. Please join us for food and fellowship. A special table is reserved for visitors and newcomers.

CONTEMPORARY BOOKS – The next meeting is February 24th at 6:30 p.m. at Audrey Weil's home. We will be discussing *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe. For information, contact Reed Bilz at 817-735-9559.

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

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 – The new meeting time is every third Sunday from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The next meeting is set for Sunday, February 17th to discuss *The Master and the Margarita*. 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.

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

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How are we doing?

Do you feel that our church is doing something right? Should we be doing more or less of something? Should we be doing something different? If so, let the Committee on Ministry (COM) know. The committee also wants to know if you have a criticism, concern, or question. Look for us after the service, call us, or email us at COM@westsideuu.org.

Caroline Nixon (Chair, 817-922-9742), Reed Bilz, Mark McMurry,
Jane Palmer, & Maria Schmidt

Have an announcement?

Submit announcements for the next monthly newsletter by February 15th. 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.

When you have finished reading your Westside Story, share it with a potential UU.

By The Numbers

<i>Date</i>	<i>Adults</i>	<i>Children</i>	<i>Total</i>
Sunday, December 02, 2007	81	19	100
Sunday, December 09, 2007	72	7	79
Sunday, December 16, 2007	94	7	101
Sunday, December 23, 2007	80	10	90
Sunday, December 30, 2007	89	6	95
Monthly Average	83.2	9.8	93

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.