

The Westside Story

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SAVE THE DATES!

Saturday, September 1st - Church Garage Sale at the church. Bring items for sale the week before. Others will be involved. Please come and help. For information, contact Brenda McKeon at bamckeon@aol.com or at 817-921-3692.

Sunday, September 2nd - Bring a Friend to Church Day

Saturdays, August 11th, September 29th, and October 20th - Church Workdays

Friday, October 5th through Sunday, October 7th - Church Camping Trip

Sunday, November 4th - Westside's Open House and Building Dedication

At this time we are still working out Russell actually being at the church for office hours. So, for now continue to call him at 817-370-2171. If there is no response, it means he is meeting with another church member and will return your call at the earliest opportunity.

Sunday Services

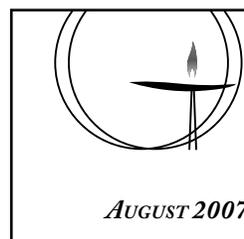
11:00 AM. - 12:00 PM.

August 5th - *The Miracle of The Jefferson Bible* by Scottie McIntyre Johnson. One of the Unitarian forbearers we UUs claim is Thomas Jefferson, who created his own New Testament for himself by literally cutting out the passages about supernatural occurrences, leaving only the ethical teachings of Jesus. What does this act, the creation of Jefferson's Bible, say about our heritage as liberal religionists and how might it inform our own individual searches for religious truth and meaning?

August 12th - *What Are You Willing To Risk?* by The Rev. Mark Walz. An uninvited visitor to my door brought me a gift I could never have imagined: a chance to articulate my faith in a new and compelling way. And through this meeting I found myself re-called to the Ministry of our shared faith. The Rev. Mark Walz of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Oak Cliff will share the good news of this experience.

August 19th - *So Much to Do!* by Dr. Russell Elleven. There is so much to do in life, at work, at school, at church. Sometimes it seems overwhelming. How do we do it? How do we get it done? How do we stick to it? Russell will offer some suggestions.

August 26th - *Labor—Source of Prosperity and Door-mat of Government* by Dick Trice. At the approach of the 126th year of Labor Day holidays, there is little for labor to celebrate. The rich and potent get richer and more powerful. As UUs we should be aware that our laws take from the poor to give to the rich and violate all of the Seven Principles we covenant to affirm and promote.



AUGUST 2007

Where's Russell in July?

Russell will be at church delivering the UU History Moment and "Joys and Concerns" all Sundays in August with the exception of the 26th when he will be in Columbus, Ohio for a friend's PhD graduation from Ohio State University. On Sunday the 19th he will deliver a reflection entitled "So Much to Do." Office hours for August are as follows:

Thursday, August 2nd - 9:00am - 1:00pm
Tuesday, August 7th - 9:00am - 1:00pm
Thursday, August 9th - 9:00am - 1:00pm
Tuesday, August 14th - 9:00am - 1:00pm
Thursday, August 16th - 9:00am - 1:00pm
Tuesday, August 21st - 9:00am - 1:00pm
Thursday, August 23rd - 9:00am - 1:00pm
Tuesday, August 28th - 9:00am to 1:00pm

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.

Adult Forum

9:45 AM - 10:40 AM

August 5th - *Socrates on the Examined Life* by Ed Furber. Rhetoric wins arguments, but it is philosophy that shows us the way to our humanity.

August 12th - *Confucianism* by Dick Trice. The most rational of religions, so much so that many deny it is a religion.

August 19th - *Plato's Search for Truth* by Ed Furber. If one knows what one is looking for, why is a search necessary? And if one doesn't know, how is that search even possible? Socrates versus the Sophists.

August 26th - *Taoism* by Dick Trice. Where Buddhism has its Eightfold Path, Lao Tzu has defined Three Paths to reality of life, the power of life, and the principle of life.

OUR UU COMMUNITY

JPS Announcing

Policy Changes

On August 28th, the JPS Hospital Board will be announcing their position relaxing the stringent requirements for eligibility of health care for the working poor and indigent people of Tarrant County. As we know from newspaper articles, etc., Allied Communities of Tarrant (ACT) has been very active bringing about this reconsideration of requirements. Some of our membership has been instrumental in attending work groups and analyzing the data throughout the year.

The ACT organization has requested that support for the policy change should be made apparent by attendance at the meeting. To be effective, supporters should be present in the chamber in the Administration/Admissions Building by noon, August 28th. Such a gathering would also demonstrate some of our UU concepts - justice, equity and compassion - by using one of the elements of the democratic process.

*BEWARE OF THE PERSON
OF ONE BOOK.*

- ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

*A MAN IS ETHICAL ONLY
WHEN LIFE, AS SUCH, IS
SACRED TO HIM, THAT
OF PLANTS AND ANIMALS
AS THAT OF HIS FELLOW
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TO ALL LIFE THAT
IS IN NEED OF HELP.*

- ALBERT SCHWEITZER

2007 Statement of Conscience: Moral Values for a Pluralistic Society

(Originally published at UUA.org)

In June 2005, the General Assembly of the UUA selected "Moral Values for a Pluralistic Society"

as the issue suggested to congregations for two years of study, action, and reflection. On June 23rd the Assembly approved a final statement as official policy for the Association.

The statement reads, in part:

People often make religious claims about controversial issues such as reproductive rights, stem cell research, the death penalty, and the teaching of evolution. Their efforts to advocate one perspective, to the exclusion of others, are influencing every branch and level of government. Consequently, the United States is moving away from its constitutionally mandated separation of church and state.

It is time for Unitarian Universalists to assert and defend two basic principles underlying the American Constitution (1) the basic principle of freedom, that is the right of all human beings to follow a life of their choosing, as long as others are not harmed, and (2) the basic principle of inherent equal dignity of all human beings, which includes the right of all human beings to equal justice.

The Assembly also passed six Actions of Immediate Witness (AIW). These statements are calls to action presented by delegates and relate to pressing social concerns. The titles of the 2007 AIWs are:

Support for the UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)

Support Immigrant Families—Stop the ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) Raids

Support Comprehensive Sexuality Education Legislation

Stop US Sponsored Torture—A Religious Call to Action

Repeal "Don't Ask, Don't Tell"

Pass the Employment Non-Discrimination Act with Transgender Inclusion and Protection

Transgender rights were a focus of the annual convention, beginning with the President's report highlighting support congregations have offered transgender people who face discrimination in their local communities. The assembly offered a Responsive Resolution on Transgender Issues to recognize the need for anti-discrimination laws openly affirm support for transgender people.

The final texts of the 2007 Statement of Conscience, Actions of Immediate Witness, and Responsive Resolutions will be available on the UUA's website within the next few days. Please check UUA.org for complete details.

Contact: Janet Hayes, Public Relations Director
Unitarian Universalist Association, 617-948-4385, jhayes@uua.org.

The Humanists of Fort Worth Meet at Westside

The HOFW meets every second Wednesday of each month in the Westside sanctuary beginning at 7:00 p.m. and ending on or before 8:30 p.m. The next meeting is August 8th. It will feature an open discussion of THE HUMANIST MANIFESTO III. Members and newcomers are invited to print off the one-page manifesto from the web and come to discuss it and its application to policies and positions our own chapter should or should not adopt. For information, contact Dick Trice at 817-446-3840 or at paandmatrice@sbcglobal.net.

INSIDE WESTSIDE

Voluntary Simplicity Course Full

Registration for the course "Voluntary Simplicity" is closed. A waiting list will be kept through the first meeting should someone withdraw, creating an opening. For information, call Linda McConathy 817-294-5894 or Mary Noer 817-249-7341.

Your Board of Directors

This is a brief introduction to the Westside UU Church Board of Directors for 2007-2008. Tom Woods, John Nagely and Amanda Oglesby are new to the board this year. The others were on the board in 2006 - 2007; Charles Palmer was a director last year and this year is serving in the position of treasurer. Each member brings unique qualities and capabilities to your board. These people are devoted to our church, and spend countless hours in the tasks associated with the leadership of Westside Unitarian Universalist Church.

Brenda Baldwin, President

Brenda has been involved at Westside for over 12 years. She first attended Westside when the church met in Orchestra Hall on Trail Lake Drive and was active in teaching children's religious education before first becoming church president in 1999. After serving two-terms as church president, Brenda chose worship as her next area of concentration at Westside. Brenda also served as church president this past church, and returns this year "to continue pursuing all the great things we envisioned last year". Brenda has a 15-year-old daughter, Leah, and has worked for Alcon Laboratories for 24 years. She considers her areas of expertise to be project planning and logistics.

"This is an exciting time for Westside. The responses of this past year's board and the congregation to the challenges of purchasing a building for our church are awe inspiring and demonstrate the commitment so many have to this church. I feel the people of Westside are our greatest asset. The welcome we extend to newcomers and explorers is always warm. Although not everyone who visits Westside will find his or her own religious home here, I believe they all leave knowing this is a place of compassion and respect. I look forward to working with the board, committees and congregation to continue to build and enhance programs and services for those within our church and those in the larger community. As we work together to make our building a physical place we can all be proud of, I am confident people, programs, and services will remain our priority."

Tom Woods, Vice-President

Tom Woods has been a member of Westside since June of 1997. He is a licensed massage therapist and massage therapy instructor. He holds a Master of Science of Oriental Medicine degree. Tom and Lela have been married for 21 years. Tom is the proud father of three wonderful sons and the grandfather of a precious (and justly spoiled) granddaughter. Tom was raised in the Roman Catholic tradition but turned to the UU denomination in order to meet spiritual, philosophical and intellectual needs.

"I'm looking forward to the challenges and rewards of the coming fiscal year. The energy and optimism of the congregation is exhilarating, and I want to do my part in maintaining that feeling. As vice president I intend to support our president, Brenda Baldwin, by accomplishing whatever task she delegates to me. I think that communication is vital to being an effective board member. So, I intend to be hanging around

INFORMATION CAN TELL US EVERYTHING. IT HAS ALL THE ANSWERS. BUT THEY ARE ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS WE HAVE NOT ASKED, AND WHICH DOUBTLESS DON'T EVEN ARISE.

- JEAN BAUDRILLARD

HUMOR IS JUST ANOTHER DEFENSE AGAINST THE UNIVERSE.

- MEL BROOKS

in the fellowship hall after services listening to whatever members and friends are talking about. I'm excited and enthusiastic about the future of our congregation."

Beverly Archibald, Secretary

Beverly has been a member of many different denominations (Congregational, Lutheran, Methodist, and Presbyterian). It was obvious she was searching, and didn't really "find" her place until she discovered Westside. When Lela Woods had her frame shop, Beverly used to come in fairly frequently to get items framed, to snack on pumpkin bagels, or just to visit - and religion was a frequent topic. When Lela and Tom found Westside, they encouraged her to visit, she did, and the rest, as they say, is history. Beverly has served on various church committees, and is currently in her second year as secretary. She has four grown children and four grandchildren.

Beverly feels that this is a wonderfully exciting time to be a part of Westside. She enjoys serving on the board, and seeing how the members of the board and the congregation come together to move the church forward, adjusting to many strong personalities and often differing opinions. She thinks that Russell is the perfect minister for us. As she said when she spoke about stewardship, "When I come to church, I feel as though I am attending a family reunion. Love IS the doctrine of this church, and I feel privileged to be a part of it."

Charles Palmer, Treasurer

Charles and his wife Jane have been members of Westside for two years. He is a divisional controller for a major food company with offices and plants in DFW and has been an accountant for 27 years, so this role comes naturally to him. Charles and Jane have two grown sons; Ian, a property manager in Santa Fe, NM and Dylan, a musician headed to New World Symphony - Miami in the fall. Jane is closely involved with Westside through her roles as newsletter/weekly insert editor and member of the Committee on Ministry.

"It is my goal to help our liberal church grow through responsible management of its finances, to communicate understandable reporting to members, participation with and support of the efforts of the board, and any other talents that I can bring to the table. Jane and I are happy to have found a new family at Westside and wish to continue the forward momentum that we have achieved."

I HAVE AS MUCH AUTHORITY AS THE POPE, I JUST DON'T HAVE AS MANY PEOPLE WHO BELIEVE IT.

- GEORGE CARLIN

ANYONE WHO TAKES HIMSELF TOO SERIOUSLY ALWAYS RUNS THE RISK OF LOOKING RIDICULOUS; ANYONE WHO CAN CONSISTENTLY LAUGH AT HIMSELF DOES NOT.

- VACLAV HAVEL

Dianne Nixon, Director

Dianne Nixon is an almost lifelong Unitarian. Her parents found 1st Unitarian Church in Houston when she was 7 or 8 years old. As an adult, she joined Emerson Unitarian in Houston, 1st Jefferson in Fort Worth, and then moved her membership to Westside when we were on McCart. She has served as RE chair and secretary of the board. She is married to Charles Nixon and together they have two children. Her daughter, Caroline, mother of Isaac, is also a member of Westside. Dianne, who has a BFA from UT Austin, has been an art director of advertising and public relations firms, a sexuality educator for Planned Parenthood, and currently facilitates the adolescent parenting program for Birdville ISD.

"As we settle into our new home, I want to do everything possible to help make the property and building safe and welcoming for members, friends, and visitors of all ages. Having a permanent home will make it easier for us to have a presence in the community and will enable us to focus on our mission."

Audrey Weil, Director

Audrey, married to Ray Weil, is a former Episcopalian, who became a UU and member of Westside in 2005, a year after moving to Fort Worth. Audrey has two grown sons and one daughter as well as five grandchildren. Her interests include writing contemporary women's fiction, and visiting Ft. Worth's wonderful museums, botanical gardens and zoo.

She is serving the second year of a two year term on the board. Prior to her board membership, she served one term on the Committee on Ministry.

After the excitement and turmoil of the year spent acquiring our present church home, Audrey looks forward to this year watching Westside grow into its new quarters and, with the other board members, dealing with the new challenges faced by our growing congregation.

Amanda Oglesby, Director

Amanda is a life-time UU (her parents met and wed at First UU Church in Dallas) and has been a member of Westside for eight years. She and her husband, Michael, have two children, Ashlyn, five, and Alex, seven. Prior to having children, Amanda received a degree in psychology/biology and subsequently moved to Geneva, Switzerland and studied French. She has been a stay-at-home mom and is currently taking

courses and applying to medical school.

Amanda states that she is “very excited to become a member of the board and really looks forward to increasing membership.” One of her major goals is to “focus on bringing in young members with children so that the church will continue to thrive.”

John Nagely, Director

John discovered he was a Unitarian-Universalist while studying about other religions in 1961 in his Lutheran Sunday School Class. Although attending several UU Churches, he didn't join Westside until 1998. John and his wife Lois were married in 1969 and came to Fort Worth with the Air Force. John took real estate courses at TCU before getting out and going into real estate in 1973. They have two adult bachelors, both here in Fort Worth. John says that Westside not only made him feel welcome but also welcomed his wife Lois, who belongs to another church.

John has been active on the Membership Committee for 6 years. “I think expansion and growth are the life blood of this church.” This is such a great time to be active in this amazing congregation. John is excited that we have found and are developing a great building and have a fantastic minister to help lead us. He is honored to have been elected to our Board of Directors. John also represents the church in several of the organizations surrounding the church, including Ryan Place, Fairmont Association, and Fort Worth South. John hopes that others in the church will join him in these endeavors to expand our presence and outreach in the community

What Happening with RE?

This is your Director of Religious Education letting you know what exciting things are happening in our RE program. I am pleased to announce that as of July 1st the DRE position has been promoted from quarter-time to half-time! This vote to extend the position's time once again shows how this church makes religious education a priority. Thank you for supporting our children!

As we presented on RE Sunday, the children have completed our Peace curriculum. The children are now using the skills they learned to live peacefully at home and at school. They have shared with me many stories of how they have resolved arguments with their friends and helped promote peace in their community. Hearing these stories is proof that our teachers have done a fabulous job this past school year.

Now that we have studied peace, we will be studying about our UU identity. The children will focus on and answer such questions as “What do UUs believe?”, “What makes us UU?”, “How do UUs act?”, and “How is UU different from other religions?” To help answer the last question, four summer sessions will be devoted to learning about four diverse cultures. These sessions are on **July 29th, August 5th, August 12th, and August 19th**. We will study about India, Africa, Europe, and Latin America respectively.

Then, on **August 26th, we invite everyone to join us before church for a pancake breakfast to kick off studying about America and Unitarian Universalism**. Our kids will spend the school year studying their UU identity by using several curricula such as Around the Church Around the Year, We Believe, Travel in Time, and The UU Kids Book. If you are interested helping our children and youth learn about their UU identity please see me, Brian Dierolf, or the RE Chair, Jessica Zinn.

Thanks for your support,

Brian Dierolf
DRE
B.Dierolf@tcu.edu
214-326-7625

Report on the Kennedy Fund

The Gino Kennedy Fund group met on July 5th. Charles Palmer presented the results of his inquiries into KIVA and FINCA. The group voted to work with KIVA. As requested, Charles set up an account the next day. As a KIVA lender, the committee is known as Kennedy Group 4134. Loans of \$150.00 each have been made to four women: Maria Teresa Carrillo Hernandez and Nohemi Trinidad Mendez Borges in Mexico, Carmen Amparo Cancino in Guatemala, and Lucy Wanjiku Chege in Kenya.

Maria requested a KIVA loan to help enlarge her used clothing business; Nohemi to buy catalog shoes, which she sells in her community, as well as produce she grows – she wants to make a down payment on a truck to deliver her goods; Carmen hopes to increase her business by purchasing chickens and drinks to sell in her store; Lucy is involved in selling milk in her own and surrounding communities and needs to increase her milk stock and storage facility.

To learn more about these women and many other individuals trying to build better lives for their

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AVOIDING NOT ONLY
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INTERNAL VIOLENCE OF
SPIRIT. YOU NOT ONLY
REFUSE TO SHOOT A
MAN, BUT YOU
REFUSE TO HATE HIM.*

*-MARTIN LUTHER
KING, JR.*

*DON'T BE YOURSELF.
BE SOMEONE A LITTLE
NICER.*

-MIGNON McLAUGHLIN

families and their communities, go to www.kiva.org/lender/kennedygroup4134 (If necessary, use the email address ID charles.palmer@tyson.com and the password [kennedyg](#))

For further information contact Ann Sutherland – ann.Sutherland@sbcglobal.net

Service Project News

In July 2007, Westside adopted a new approach to funding our service projects. Each month, non-designated plate offerings are donated to a worthy recipient organization. During July, our recipient was West Aid. So far, the results reflect that this is a new approach that members are gradually becoming more accustomed to. Please be generous!

In the month of August, the board is pleased to announce that Tarrant Area Food Bank will be our recipient. More information about Tarrant Area Food Bank can be found at their web site www.tafb.org or by calling 817-332-9177. They accept donations of time and talent as well as financial and food products.

Suggestions for future recipients of service project plate offerings are encouraged. Please route them through Charles Palmer, WUU treasurer, at charles.palmer@tyson.com. 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.

Report from Building Repair and Improvement Committee

On July 8th, the BRIC presented an initial draft of its building/grounds repair/improvement plan to the church board. Board approval of the BRIC's recommendations to hire a landscape architect and plans for space allocation were two key outcomes from the meeting. Additionally, the board approved the BRIC's proposal to coordinate three church work days prior to the November 4th open house and the BRIC's intentions to address some immediate projects relative to tree trimming and structural repairs.

In deciding whether to pursue professional guidance regarding improvements to the building's

exterior, BRIC member Maria Schmidt researched the difference between a landscape architect and a landscape designer. Both provide a master plan, but the scope of the landscape architect's is broader, addressing all aspects of the building's exterior, including: paint, gutters/downspouts, signage, lighting, grounds and code compliance. The landscape designer's plans are generally limited to the plants on the grounds and in the flowerbeds.

Maria met with two landscape architects and two landscape designers and, at the July 8th meeting, presented her findings to the board. During the meeting the board agreed that the master plan provided by a landscape architect would provide a "road map" for addressing both long and short term goals and improving the overall "curb appeal" of the building. The board asked the BRIC to obtain three proposals so that a landscape architect could be selected at the July 21st board meeting. Details about the landscape architect selected, along with ongoing communication regarding the plan they prepare will be shared with the congregation once a final decision is made.

The board's approval of the BRIC's recommendations for space allocation was also critical to the BRIC's plans. Jill Jung agreed to be the BRIC member responsible for researching this particular need, reviewing all requests for space submitted and meeting with various church members to ensure she had a clear understanding of the congregation's needs.

The board's approval of space allocation included use of the room closest to the building's main entrance as the minister's office and the designation of the room adjacent to it as a combination church/admin office. Jill also supported the proposal to convert the "art" room (located off of the fellowship hall), formerly occupied by Angel Montessori, into a combination nursery/storage area for use by the religious education committee. Additional plans were discussed for maintaining a library/quiet meeting area in the small space located near the front of the sanctuary, as well as plans for finishing out the room on the opposite side.

Jill will also work with other church members to prepare the space for use, whether that means purchasing furniture, selecting paint or planning for future enhancements. Jill also informed the board on July 8th that as the congregation grows, and its needs change, the aforementioned plans for space may need to be modified.

The BRIC also sought the board's approval to

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TRYING TO GET EVEN.*

- FRANKLIN P. JONES

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- MAHATMA GANDHI

schedule three church work days prior to the open house on November 4th. The BRIC selected three Saturdays: August 11th, September 29th and October 20th. The dates were chosen specifically because there are currently no other events taking place at the church at that time. Very specific details of what will be accomplished during these work days will be posted on the newly designated BRIC UPDATE bulletin board, located in the hallway near the sanctuary.

The BRIC wants to make it very clear that while it can use as much help as possible, it understands that Saturday mornings tend to be 'choc' full already! Those who decide to give up their time to participate on one or all of these work days can be confident in knowing each day will be organized and that every minute of time given will be put to good use.

Finally, BRIC members Bob Vann, John Huffman, and Gayle Elleven are all working to tackle several behind the scenes tasks to ensure our building is safe and sound, and that we are on track for our November 4th event. More details about what is being done and when other tasks are scheduled for completion will be posted on the BRIC UPDATE bulletin board.

Update from the Committee on Ministry

The Committee on Ministry (COM) is charged with the responsibility for oversight of the health and wellbeing 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, min-

ister and congregation, include Caroline Nixon (Chair), Reed Bilz, Jane Palmer, Mark McMurry, and Maria Schmidt.

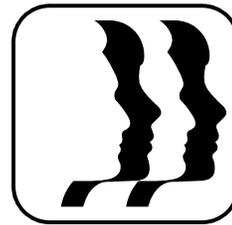
Bring a Friend to Church Sunday (9/2)

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

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

Liane Janovsky, A New Face in Church

By Elizabeth Campbell



Becoming a Unitarian was an easy decision for Liane Janovsky. She had considered joining a Unitarian church for several years because she and her husband, Rick, wanted their 4-year-old adopted daughter, Erica to have a broad-based religious and moral education. Liane came from a Jewish background, and her husband grew up in the Catholic Church.

Liane and her family live in the Ryan Place neighborhood and visited Westside on several occasions.

Liane said she joined Westside because, "I am entering a phase in life where it has become important to me to act on my beliefs."

Liane and Rick adopted Erica from China three years ago. Liane quit her job at a large law firm to stay home with her daughter.

Now, Erica is old enough for all-day Montessori, and Liane said she is ready to spend more time with "grownups."

In 2006 Liane opened her law practice where

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TO PEOPLE WHO DON'T
TALK MUCH.*

- GERMAIN G. GLIEN

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QUIZ: AM I PROUD OF
ME? I GAVE MY LIFE TO
BECOME THE PERSON I
AM RIGHT NOW. WAS IT
WORTH WHAT I PAID?*

- RICHARD BACH

she represents individuals and small businesses in matters such as discrimination, terminations, and wage and hour laws.

Liane is also very concerned about gas drilling issues. She is working with her neighbors in historic south Fort Worth distributing information about the facts to consider when signing a Barnett Shale lease. Liane is launching an educational campaign so that people can be informed about the advantages and disadvantages of signing a lease and the concerns about drilling in urban areas.

"I found an inspirational quote from Martin Luther King that really speaks to me: 'Every man must decide whether he will walk in the light of creative altruism or the darkness of destructive selfishness.' This is the judgment. Life's most persistent and urgent question is, What are you doing for others?"

Liane has a busy family life as well. Liane and Rick met in Rome, Italy in the summer of 1983. They married in 1984, and came to Texas five years later. They have lived in Ryan Place since 2000. Liane and Rick enjoy reading and traveling.

Board of Directors Meeting

Please check the church calendar at www.westsideuu.org to find the next meeting date. When

the board establishes their regular meeting time, it will be published in the newsletter.

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 it 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 and Communication

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

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- MARK TWAIN

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BEFORE THEY DIE WHAT
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FROM, AND TO, AND
WHY.*

- JAMES THURBER

When you're in a choir, the whole world sings

Open invitation to sing at Westside UU:

ADULTS, YOUNG ADULTS, TEENS

Choir rehearsals will resume August 19th at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. Please join us as we start a new season of songs!

During the church year (September - May), rehearsals are every other Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. We typically sing a choral introit and offertory on that same Sunday. Our repertoire is varied and accessible to all.

Please contact Cathy McConnell, our choir director, for further information at: clmcc7@yahoo.com or 817-734-1822.

Requirements:

- Must love to sing!!

Benefits of choral singing at Westside UU:

- Feeling of satisfaction & achievement
- Improved musical skills can be retained as a life-long hobby and interest
- Fun rehearsals, making music as a group.
- Make new friends, camaraderie
- Increased control over breathing
- Feel more alert, happy, AND
- Feel spiritually uplifted!!

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 August 19th. Please join us for food and fellowship. A special table is reserved for visitors and newcomers.

Contemporary Books

Fourth Sunday of the month at 6:30 p.m. We will next meet on August 26th at Marjorie Biller's home at 6825 Fortune Road. We will be discussing Reading Lolita in Tehran. For information, contact her at 817-735-9559

Dinners for 7 or 9

Dinners for 7 or 9, or Circle Suppers, are a way for people to get together to share a [potluck?] meal and fellowship in order to create and renew friendships and interact with others in the congregation. They will be held 9 times a year on the first weekend of the month. No Dinners will be held in November, December and July.

Here's how it works. Members or friends will sign up for the dinners. You can either sign up as an individual or a couple. If you sign up as a couple, you and your significant other will always be assigned to the same circle. If you sign up as an individual, you are assigned to a group individually. Once signed up, Paul McClellan will contact you two weeks before the Dinner weekend, telling you who are in your group and who is the Host. It is up to the Host to orchestrate when, where, and in what format your dinner together will be. The group make up will be different each time. Sign up sheets are available in the church or on our website.

You can sign up at any time. If you sign up after the two-week contact period, you will be included in the next cycle. If you need to skip a cycle (vacation, too much work, etc.) just let Paul know and he will remove you from the pool of participants for that cycle. For more information contact Paul McClellan at 817-556-9458 or at pclaypool@yahoo.com.

Bridge Night

First Sunday of the month from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the church. The next night is August 5th. All levels are welcome, and we are always glad to have new players. Please call Ann Sutherland at 817-294-0401 if you wish to attend or to have further information.

Kimbell Lunch Bunch

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

Birthdays/Anniversaries

We will have birthday and anniversary celebrations on the first Sunday of each month. Please call Dolores Ruhs, 817-249-1829 or e-mail ruhsdol@sbcglobal.net.

Westside Great Books

Meets the first Sunday of the month at 12:30. The next meeting is August 5th to discuss Troth by Gregor von Rezzori. These discussions are held in the sanctuary and newcomers are invited to attend. For information, contact Dick Trice at 817-446-3840 or at paandmatrice@sbcglobal.net.

Church Camping Trip

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

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HAVE SAID IT, UNLESS IT
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REASON AND YOUR OWN
COMMON SENSE.*

- BUDDHA

*A TRUE MAN HATES NO
ONE.*

- NAPOLEON BONAPARTE

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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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By The Numbers

<i>Date</i>	<i>Adults</i>	<i>Children</i>	<i>Total</i>
Sunday, June 03, 2007	65	6	71
Sunday, June 10, 2007	48	6	54
Sunday, June 17, 2007	67	5	72
Sunday, June 24, 2007	67	6	73
Monthly Average	61.8	5.8	67.5

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.

Have an announcement?

Submit announcements for the next monthly newsletter by August 17th. Submit announcements for the weekly Order of Service by the Thursday before you want the announcement to appear. Specify where you want your announcement to appear. All submissions should be made to Jane Palmer at Cpalmer263@sbcglobal.net or 817-847-9713 or 2609 Silver Hill Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76131.

Spread the Faith!

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