



## *Chaplains report on a Caring Community*

The Chaplains Corps, working with Russell, has been contacting various members whom we've missed seeing or hearing from. If you know of anyone that has been sick or in the hospital, or is having a difficult time, please let Russell or a chaplain know. You may contact us at [Chaplain@westsideuu.org](mailto:Chaplain@westsideuu.org).

If you cannot attend church, and want one of your Joys or Concerns mentioned during that portion of the Sunday morning service, let us know, and we will try to get it included.

One of our frequent visitors, Frank Moreland died. He died on December 14 at the age of 73. Frank was a gifted architect. He patented a design for sustainable earth-covered homes of which there are 10 in Texas. His homes, using his patented design, were evaluated to last 4500 years. Frank Moreland also has a library of his works dedicated to him at the University of Texas at Austin. He will be long remembered. Frank did not join Westside, but he both received and gave friendship here.

## *Westside Chaplains Havev Big Ears*

### **A Special Note on the Chaplains Corps from Russell**

As some of you may have noticed, Westside has grown a little over the past few years. After nearly doubling in size, it became evident to me that I could no longer spend as much time with folks as I wanted. The Westside Chaplain Corps is an attempt to assist me in providing additional connection with church members.

For a little over a year now, Westside has had a group of six individuals who are attempting to increase the number of listening ears for those who want or need to be heard. The six members of the Westside Chaplain Corps are: Beverly Archibald, Jane Hansen, Diane Jones, Paul Maginnis, Myrtle McMahan and Caroline Nixon. You'll often see them wearing a special name badge to Sunday services as a way of identifying themselves as Chaplains.

I say the Chaplains have Big Ears because they basically have one very important duty. And, that duty is simply to listen.

To have someone really listen to us can be a very powerful experience. Most of us have been trained or taken courses about how to effectively communicate. These educational opportunities inevitably teach us how to speak in public, how to get our message across, and other similar concepts.

Rarely are we ever taught to listen. Because of this, our Chaplains fill a special void for many Westsiders. The Chaplains cannot fix Westsiders problems; they cannot run errands for church members; they cannot come up with large sums of money or find that new job for you any more than I can. But they can be there with you, and listen.

Is the Chaplain Corps a perfect solution? No, unfortunately there are still some people who may not get the attention they need or deserve. But we are trying to do the best we can, and we want to do even better in the future. If you would like a call or visit from a Chaplain with big ears, please send an email to [chaplain@westsideuu.org](mailto:chaplain@westsideuu.org), and someone will contact you as soon as possible.

# The Westside Story

## **January 2011**

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## **Our Mission Statement**

Westside Unitarian Universalist Church makes a positive difference in the lives of our members, our families, and the world at large through supportive relationships, religious exploration, and social action.

## **Our Vision Statement**

Westside Unitarian Universalist Church will grow and become a more influential liberal religious presence through active service to our community and the world at large.

## Sunday Services

**January 2 - "Flash Forward", A New Year's Service.** Bring in the New Year with some flash and dazzle! Make 2010 disappear before your very eyes, and welcome the new year in Westside style.

**January 9 - "How do you prepare for that?" by Ric Hansen.** There comes a time in every person's life when this question is asked. Perhaps the preparation is more common than we think.

**January 16 - "Doing Something Different This Year" by Dr. Elleven.** It is not uncommon to try and

make changes at the beginning of every new year. Most of us have tried and often failed to do something different. Why is this so hard? Is there an easier way? Russell will offer his .02 this Sunday.

**January 23 - "Religious Education at Westside" by Dr. Elleven.** There is little more important than the education of our young people. This Sunday Russell will reflect on religious education at Westside. Where have we been, where are we going, what are we doing?

**January 30 - "Faith of our Mothers" by Don Jack-**

### Westside UUC Service Project

Each month at Westside, our undesignated plate offerings are donated to a worthy recipient organization. The following table lists these organizations and our recent contributions to them.

|                |  |             |
|----------------|--|-------------|
| November '10   | South Central Alliance of Churches             | \$1228.86   |
| October '10    | UUA Association Sunday                         | \$847.23    |
| October '10    | UUA Pakistan Relief                            | \$528.29    |
| September '10  | Samaritan House Dinners meat budget            | \$1,229.22  |
| August '10     | Planned Parenthood of North Texas              | \$1,526.07  |
| June '10       | Presbyterian Night Shelter                     | \$1,006.35  |
| July '10       | InReach Fund                                   | \$1,171.60  |
| May '10        | South Central Alliance of Churches             | \$1687.29   |
| April '10      | Trinity Habitat for Humanity                   | \$900.10    |
| April '10      | UU Women's Federation                          | \$276.05    |
| March '10      | Americans for the Separation of Church & State | \$1291.94   |
| February '10   | Safe Haven of Tarrant County                   | \$1092.63   |
| January, '10   | UUSC Haitian Relief Fund                       | \$1751.35   |
| January, '10   | Tarrant Area Food Bank Pet Food Division       | \$763.61    |
| December, '09  | South Central Alliance of Churches (SCAC)      | \$852.53    |
| November, '09  | Westside InReach                               | \$1305.01   |
| October, '09   | UUA Now is the Time Campaign                   | \$766.05    |
| September, '09 | Samaritan House Food Account                   | \$876.77    |
| August, '09    | Safe Haven of Tarrant County                   | \$832.35    |
| July, '09      | Allied Communities of Tarrant (ACT)            | \$635.69    |
| June, '09      | Interfaith Environmental Alliance              | \$539.85    |
| May, '09       | Women's Center of Tarrant County               | \$1,135.31  |
| April, '09     | Community Hospice of Texas                     | \$1,032.39  |
| March, '09     | Westside UU "Go Green" campaign                | \$816.75    |
| February, '09  | South Central Alliance of Churches             | \$ 847.44   |
| January, '09   | Westside UU "Go Green" Campaign                | \$1,231.80  |
| December, '08  | Samaritan House                                | \$1,057.54  |
| November, '08  | UU Church of Baton Rouge, LA                   | \$1,109.56  |
| October, '08   | UUA Now is the Time Campaign                   | \$704.00    |
| September, '08 | Kennedy Micro-Lending Group                    | \$1,272.12  |
| August, '08    | Heifer Fund                                    | \$ 1,506.69 |
| July, '08      | Clinica Esperanza                              |             |

*Men of lofty genius  
when they are  
doing the least  
work are most  
active.*

*-Leonardo da Vinci*

*Money often costs  
too much.*

*-Ralph Waldo  
Emerson*

*When I was young,  
I admired clever  
people. Now that I  
am old, I admire  
kind people.*

*-Abraham Joshua  
Heschel*

son. Westside's own, Don Jackson will speak about leading women in history and particularly about Harriet Taylor, a formidable intellectual leader of her time. She was the life partner of John Stuart Mill and silent partner in the writing of their famous essay, "On Liberty".

### *Forum – Sundays at 9:45 am*

Our first Sunday Forum in 2011, begins the study of a book written by Tony Judt (pronounced 'jutt') and published in 2010, ILL FARES THE LAND. Dr. Don Jackson has volunteered to open each meeting with a 15-minute summary of fourteen separate sections of the short book (some chapters have more than one section). Judt writes that "Something is profoundly wrong with the way we think about how we should live today....We know what things cost but have no idea what they are worth. We no longer ask of a judicial ruling or a legislative act: Is it good? Is it fair? Is it right? Will it help bring about a better society or a better world?" This is another great book and no one could better bring it to life than Don. Plan now to get into the book at the introduction on January 2nd. Forum begins at 9:45 am.

These are the subjects for the five Sundays in January:

**Jan 2 - A Guide for the Perplexed**  
**- How do we Cope with Change?**

**Jan 9 - Private Affluence, Public Squalor**

**Jan 16 - Corrupted Sentiments**  
**- Wealth & Affluence**

**Jan 23 - American Peculiarities**  
**- American Exceptionalism and Economism and Its Discontents**

**Jan 30 - Keynes and the Welfare State**

### *RE News*

Don't miss Tricia Bowes' RE News. You'll find it in the last page of this newsletter (after the page with attendance).

## *in & around westside*

### *Meet Maggie Thiesen*

Maggie moved to Fort Worth from Albuquerque, New Mexico to get her undergraduate degree at TCU. She is presently in her first year of graduate school. Maggie's parents live in Albuquerque, and her older sister lives in Portland. She loves music and plays the piano and guitar.

### *Family Circle Supper*

"Family Circle Suppers" are being held Saturday, January 22, at 5 PM. Held at members' homes, these child-friendly potluck suppers are a fun and relaxed opportunity for the parents and children of our congregation to get to know each other. If you would like to attend or host this month or in the future, please contact Elizabeth Murphy at emurphywa@aol.com or 817-576-3193.

### *Where's Russell in January?*

The beginning of the new year is one of excitement. The TCU Horned Frogs will be playing in the Granddaddy of Them All, the Rose Bowl. Russell and Gayle will be there, wearing purple, and rooting for the Frogs as they take on Wisconsin. Win or lose, Russell is determined to enjoy the moment.

From the excitement of the Rose Bowl, Russell will take off for what is, hopefully, his final visit to Houston before Gayle's return to Fort Worth in March. Russell will be back in town on Tuesday the 12th. The Southwest UU Minister's Retreat is the 17th through the 20th. He will deliver reflections on the 16th and 23rd.

Because of all the traveling, office hours for January look like this:

**Thursday, January 13th: 9 am to 1 pm**

**Tuesday, January 25th: 9 am to 1 pm**

**Thursday, January 27th: 9 am to 1 pm**

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*Extreme justice is extreme injustice.*

*-Marcus Tullius Cicero*

*The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much, it is whether we provide enough for those who have too little.*

*-Franklin D. Roosevelt*

*Intolerance of ambiguity is the mark of an authoritarian personality.*

*-Theodor Adorno*

Please feel free to call Russell at home during these hours (817-370-2171). Do be aware, however, that often these hours are actually close to full with church appointments. Russell uses these times to meet church members and friends at homes, offices, coffee shops or restaurants. It is often easiest to simply send an email to [relleven@gmail.com](mailto:relleven@gmail.com) and set up an appointment.

church. Invitations with ticket and reservation information will be mailed out in February. The cost of the ticket (\$25.00) will cover your dinner and related expenses only and is not a donation. We will need to limit ticket sales to 150. If you are in a position to help raise funds for our church, please plan on purchasing a ticket and attending our fundraiser! We will also open up this event to “friends” of Westside as well.

### *Friendly Reminder: Policy for Entering Church Building on Weekdays*

We have an agreement we put in place with AMS when we purchased the building regarding entering the building during the week. We are not supposed to enter the building before 6:00 PM during the week, unless we call ahead to AMS first and then sign in upon entering. The reason for this is quite simple and important. AMS has to ensure the safety of the children that attend its school. Furthermore, AMS can have their license revoked if they do not comply.

Our venue for the evening will be the Marquis on Magnolia, a historical building that has been beautifully refurbished that is now used for various social events. It is shaping up to be quite a “dressy” evening with live music, open bar, silent auction, dinner, live auction and several raffle items!! Over the next several weeks, you will be receiving emails with previews of items/services to be auctioned, the starting bid, approximate value, etc. This way, you can come prepared to not only “win” your item, but help raise funds as well.

*Men are not  
against you; they  
are merely for  
themselves.*

-Gene Fowler

*This above all: to  
thine own self be  
true, / And it must  
follow, as the night  
the day, / Thou  
canst not then be  
false to any man.*

-William Shakespeare

*You can preach a  
better sermon with  
your life than with  
your lips.*

-Oliver Goldsmith

To summarize, here are our options if we want to enter the building during the week (Monday - Friday):

**Do not enter the building before 6:00 PM**

**If you need to be in building before 6:00 PM,  
please call AMS ahead of time at 817-920-7767,  
and sign in with AMS staff when you arrive.**

Please contact Gwen Gipson if you have any questions about this policy.

Start saving up now to help our church raise much needed funds to continue our amazing work. We have assembled a terrific acquisitions team led by Pam Rogers and Suzie Lotven to help solicit items and services for our auction, but we will need your help as well. If you would be willing to serve on our acquisitions team, please let us know! Start thinking about what item and/or service you can donate to be auctioned off in one of our auctions that evening! We will have a specific form for you to use beginning in January, and will let you know whom to contact for your item or service donation. If you have any “leads” on individuals or businesses that would be interested in participating, please contact Suzie or Pam. No gift/donation is too small.

### *Westside's "Progressive"*

#### *Dinner & Auction*

Our major fundraiser for the year will be our very own “Progressive” Dinner and Auction held on Friday evening, March 18. This should prove to be a lovely social evening, but most of all it is a fundraiser for our liberal community, our church, and our UU principles. All funds raised will go to the general budget of our

We have several Westside families that have offered to help underwrite the expense of the event, so that every dime we raise that evening, will go back into our church! If you would like to be an underwriter, please contact us. We have received such a heart-warming response! Any amount is appreciated! Thanks!

Look for more information and “teasers” to come over the next several weeks! Let's get excited and show everyone

that compassionate progressives can raise funds as well!! Ha!! We are excited about this opportunity!

Gratefully,

Myron and Linda Ice  
Co-chairs, "Progressive" Dinner & Auction

## *Mid-Year Congregational Meeting*

January 30th, 12:30 - 1:30 PM  
at the church. Tentative Agenda:

**Financial Report**  
**President's Report**  
**By-Laws Amendments**  
**Dick Smith Award**  
**(See proposed By-Laws changes in the December newsletter)**

## *Board Minutes Available to Westsiders*

Copies of the minutes of all regular Westside Board meetings, from the beginning of FY 2009 to the present, may be found in a binder in the church office. Some attachments, such as reports from church committee meetings, are not yet included, but should be added very soon. Where available, there are also copies of the financial reports provided to the board by Westside's treasurer. Please do not remove the binder or its contents from the office.

Thanks.  
*Suzie Lotven, Board Secretary*

## *Are you a new member?*

In order to keep the pictorial directory fairly current, we schedule picture appointments on an on-going basis. Pictures for the directory are taken by Mary Cretsinger, a professional photographer and a member of Westside UU, at no charge to you. For more information and to set a time for your photo contact Mary at 817-292-7766, or marycret@yahoo.com, or www.marycret.com

# *opportunities to learn & serve*

## *Angel Tree 2010*

Thank you to everyone who helped with our SCAC Angel Tree Program. Your time and generosity will help many families in our neighborhood have nicer holidays!

- Pam Rogers

## *Calling All Chalice Lighters!*

*By Russell Elleven*

The Chalice Lighter Program is a wonderful way to support other Unitarian Universalist congregations in the Southwest UU Conference (SWUUC) for as little as \$30 per year. Congregations are able to apply for grants from the Chalice Lighter fund in order to do some pretty impressive things. They buy property to build their first church. They use the grant to make major renovations. They sometimes begin to build a church building from scratch with the grant. The possibilities are endless, and some of you will remember that Westside has been a recipient of this grant in the past.

A while back Bettina Pfeiffenberger took the lead in getting Westsiders signed up as Chalice Lighters. Well, we are at it again. If you have ever been a chalice lighter or are interested in becoming one, please go to my (Russell's) office and get one of the forms that will be on the round table. Fill out the form and just leave it there. I'll collect the forms in January and send them in together as one packet.

Filling out the forms means that you will send at least \$10 to each "call" during the year. There may be up to three calls per year. So, when Gayle and I fill out our form, we are agreeing that two people will send \$10 for each call (10+10=\$20) in order to assist our larger UU family do the work needing to be done.

Your Westside Board is contemplating the possibility of applying for a grant for your congregation. It is always best for the congregation applying to have a substantial portion of its membership supporting the Chalice Lighter Program.

So, even if you are a current Chalice Lighter par-

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*Worth begets in  
base minds, envy;  
in great souls,  
emulation.*

-Henry Fielding

*Because we don't  
understand the  
brain very well  
we're constantly  
tempted to use the  
latest technology as  
a model for trying  
to understand it. In  
my childhood we  
were always  
assured that the  
brain was a  
telephone switch-  
board. (What else  
could it be?) And I  
was amused to see  
that Sherrington,  
the great British  
neuroscientist,  
thought that the  
brain worked like a  
telegraph system.  
Freud often com-  
pared the brain to  
hydraulic and  
electromagnetic  
systems. Leibniz  
compared it to a  
mill, and now,  
obviously, the  
metaphor is the  
digital computer.*

-John R. Searle

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participant, come to my office, fill out the form, and spread the good news of the faith we all cherish!

Email me with any questions (relleven@gmail.com)

## *Westside Quilting & Handiwork Group*

The Westside Quilting/Handiwork group will meet Sunday, January 9, from 1:00 till 4:00 in the Sanctuary. All skill levels are welcome. Share your skills, or learn some new ones. Come to work on small quilts for Samaritan House or your own projects. Kids are welcome to help with a supervising parent; they must be old enough to safely handle sharp tools. Bring sewing supplies if you have them. Donations of cotton quilting fabric are welcome! For information talk to Debby Rake 817-473-2414 or dsrake@gmail.com.

*The time will come  
when men such as I  
will look upon the  
murder of animals  
as they now look on  
the murder of men.*

*-Leonardo da Vinci*

*In the case of good  
books, the point is  
not how many of  
them you can get  
through, but rather  
how many can get  
through to you.*

*-Mortimer J. Adler*

*Throw your dream  
into space like a  
kite, and you do not  
know what it will  
bring back, a new  
life, a new friend,  
a new love, or a new  
country.*

*-Anais Nin*

## *Humanists of Fort Worth*

Our members will share the great good fortune of the Church Forum in having Dr. Don Jackson as speaker and discussion leader at our next meeting on Jan 12. Don recently retired as the Herman Brown Professor of Political Science at TCU. He has served on the boards of the FW CLU, the Texas CLU, and the National Board of Directors of Americans United for Separation of Church and State. He was selected as a Supreme Court Fellow in 1974, working as a staff member for Chief Justice Warren Burger, and he attended the UN conference in Rome in 1998 that led to the creation of the International Criminal Court, which now sits at the Hague. He has also written several books and many academic articles on the subject of law, politics, and the protection of human rights under international law.

His topic is the book, THE POLITICS AT GOD'S FUNERAL, by Michael Harrington. In brief, with the apparent failures of Marxism to transform society and of Christianity to create a peaceful, loving people, where do we go from here? Europe has answered with a secular society, but what are our options?

What do you think? I think that this is one meeting worth your every effort to attend. Call Dick Trice at 817-446-4696 if you have any questions.

## *Gino Kennedy Fund*

### *KIVA) Meeting*

**7 PM, January 19 at the home of Myrtle McMahan**

At the moment there is a minimal amount to loan out, as we really worked hard at the last meeting to put all of it to work. We made 12 loans to people in 10 countries. To date, we have loaned to people in 36 different countries. Hopefully, some of it will be paid back by meeting time.

## *Calling All Seekers of Social Justice!*

*By Kristin Pitt*

As the new chair of the Social Justice Committee, I am very excited at all the efforts going on at Westside. We are participating in helping others in our community through our involvement of the South Central Alliance of Churches. Many people participate in the monthly meal offering at Samaritan House. Others are assisting in the coordination and distribution of our micro-bank money lending program, the Kennedy Fund, through Kiva.org. Our Green Sanctuary effort is, in a very real sense, social justice. And, of course, our monthly plate offering is an active way of monetarily contributing to social justice issues.

Westside is doing a lot! Is there more to be done? Yes, there is. Is Westside at a point where we might further diversify our efforts? That's what Russell and I would like to find out. We'd like to meet with all Westsiders who have social justice ideas that our religious community might pursue. So, we'd like to meet with you and hear your ideas on January 20th at 7:30p.m. at the church.

What we ask of those who are willing to attend the meeting to do beforehand, is to check out at least two other Unitarian Universalist websites to see what they are doing in the arena of social justice. Please look at websites outside of our immediate area for ideas. Bring all your ideas to the meeting where Russell and I will attempt to facilitate a discussion of where Westside might next involve our church in increasing our presence in the community.

Please contact Kristin Pitt at kristinpitt@charter.net or 817-995-0704 for any questions.

## *Contemporary Book Club*

We will meet January 23, 2011 to discuss THE BOOK THIEF, by Markus Zusak. The book, narrated by Death, takes place in Nazi Germany, but it is not about the Holocaust. In February (the 27th), plan to bring a book you have read and would recommend for the group.

## *Cleanup Day with the Board*

**January 29th, 9AM - 1PM (or longer)**

Come join the Westside Board for a church cleanup day. Let's scrub the place up and down, and make it shiny with pride!

## *Self Management and Recovery Training (SMART)*

These confidential meetings are held each week at Westside on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. for those who want or need to discuss strategies for confronting addictive behaviors. The group is sponsored by the Humanists of Fort Worth as an alternative to traditional 12-step meetings requiring belief in a higher power. For more information contact Russell at [relleven@gmail.com](mailto:relleven@gmail.com) or go to [www.rke.cc](http://www.rke.cc).

## *our wider community*

### *Women's Alliance*

February 8 - Women's Alliance invites all the women of First Jefferson UUC and Westside UUC to a potluck lunch, NOON at First Jefferson. Bring "Jokes you know and love" to share, and brace yourself to sing along with Marjorie's ukulele. Other instruments are welcome if you can play by ear, or just shake

something more-or-less in rhythm. Or, bring a puzzle to work if you hate sing-alongs.

### *Do You Travel?*

Do you stay in hotels or motels? If you do, please pick up the unused toiletries, and bring them to Westside. Myrtle McMahan volunteers at John Peter Smith Hospital, and the patients really appreciate them. Thanks!

### *Women's Combined Alliance:*

#### *Westside and First Jefferson*

On Tuesday, January 11, We are off to the Kimball Museum for an Exhibit of works by Salvator Rosa (1615-1673), a 17th century Italian painter who did landscapes, fanciful portraits, scenes of witchcraft and magic, altarpieces and themes from classical literature. We can also stroll through the permanent collection, which has some exciting new paintings that the Kimball recently purchased. My membership will give us a 10% discount on purchases at the gift shop. Alliance members will meet at the FJUUC parking lot at 9:30 AM to carpool, or come directly to the Kimball at 10 AM (3333 Camp Bowie Blvd, Ft. Worth). Lunch at the Kimball Restaurant is 8\$ or more. And the food is great!

From your trip planner: Marjorie Montgomery 817-885-8372.

### *SouthWest UU Women's*

#### *Conference*

**Dallas, Texas - March 4-6, 2011**  
**Holiday Inn Select North, Dallas**  
**For more information and to register go to [www.swuuv.org](http://www.swuuv.org)**

**Keynote Speaker Tamara Lebak, Associate Minister**  
**All Souls Unitarian Church, Tulsa, OK**

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# Westside Unitarian Universalist Church

## Our Board

President: Gwen Gipson

Vice President: Caroline Nixon

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Treasurer: Bob Rake

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Director, one-year interim term: Nancy Van Boskirk

Directors, continuing: Brenda McKeon and Ann Sutherland

## By The Numbers

|                 | 9am  | 11am<br>adults | 11am<br>kids | Total |
|-----------------|------|----------------|--------------|-------|
| <b>November</b> |      |                |              |       |
| <b>Nov. 7</b>   | 17   | 103            | 34           | 154   |
| <b>Nov. 14</b>  | 13   | 116            | 25           | 154   |
| <b>Nov. 21</b>  | 15   | 115            | 24           | 154   |
| <b>Nov. 28</b>  | 9    | 77             | 24           | 110   |
| <b>Average</b>  | 13.5 | 102.75         | 26.75        | 143   |



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

## The 7 UU Principles

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote:

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience & the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

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## 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](mailto:COM@westsideuu.org).

## Committee on Ministry

Mary Cretsinger, Chair

Linda Hanratty

Kay Kubala

Jeff Rodriguez

Tom Woods

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

# Children's RE News

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CRE Chair: Tom Woods

DRE: Andrea Petty

Board Liaison: Michael Munoz

OWL: Andrea Petty

Curricula/Supplies: Tricia Bowes

RE Parties: Laurie Hagstrom

RE Events: Lauren Keefe

Special Fund Manager: Sara Munoz

RE Publicity: *still available*



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## **Giving Back**

Lauren Keefe has set up a wonderful opportunity for the children in our religious education department to give back to a community in need. Families will meet on Saturday, January 22, at 9:30am at Mission Arlington. Mission Arlington has arranged a morning of kid friendly tasks that will help out their facility, and let our children experience some hands-on helping. In preparation for our volunteer work, RE will also be collecting outer wear for the shelter.

## **OWL Our Whole Lives**

We are happy to have OWL classes underway in January for Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade on Sunday mornings and for 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes on Wednesday nights. Westside RE knows the importance of comprehensive sexuality education, so if your child was unable to attend this round of OWL classes, please know more classes will be offered again soon.

## **Our new DRE**

Please congratulate Andrea Petty, who will be serving as our new Director of Religious Education starting in January. Andrea is an active member of Westside UU in the church and R.E. department. Andrea graduated from Howard Payne University with a bachelor's degree in History and Political science and has a master's degree in Museum Science from Texas Tech University. She also has served as President of the Executive Board of Tarrant Home Education Association for three years. More recently, Andrea has helped Westside UU by implementing the Our Whole Lives (OWL) sexuality education program, serving as Chair of the R.E. Committee and was assistant director for Week of Westside, our summer day camp. Andrea is currently working on getting the master's level of credentialing under the Unitarian Universalist Association. We look forward to her fresh approach to child development as we look into 2011.