



## *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.

Sue Spell had a total abdominal hysterectomy due to a softball size fibroid tumor. Surgery went well, and she is recovering nicely. She is already back at church.

A joy and concern, Isaac Garcia had his cast removed after recovering from a broken arm. Unfortunately, his mother, Caroline Nixon, broke her arm in a bicycle crash. We wish her a speedy recovery.

We wish Paulette Holland a quick recovery from her hip replacement surgery.

We share in the joy of Carl Cropp and Nikki Roe, as they have a baby girl born in April. Her name is Cloie.

## *Special Announcement: Celebrating the Life of Charlie Ogilvie*

Charlie's family has arranged for a memorial service to take place on Sunday, August 15th at 2:00 p.m. The ceremony will take place in the main auditorium of the UNT Health Science Center. Please see the campus map (<http://www.hsc.unt.edu/campusmap/>) for location.

A reception at 4:00 p.m. will be held at Westside. Any additional information or changes will likely come through this church email system. Please make plans now to be with others and celebrate Dr. Olgilvie's life on August 15.

Those on the Chaplains Corps are Beverly Archibald, Caroline Nixon, Diane Jones, Paul Maginnis, Jane Hansen, and Myrtle McMahan. Please give us a call or e-mail us with any concerns you may have.

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Monthly Newsletter of Westside  
Unitarian Universalist Church

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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 options*

## *Sunday Services*

**August 1 - Celebrate Pete Seeger!** Pete Seeger's world views and perspective on humanity are a wonderful example of our UU principles. Let's celebrate this American musician, singer, songwriter, folklorist, labor activist, environmentalist, and peace activist.

**August 8 - From the Little I Know About...Unitarian Universalism** by Dr. Elleven. Having just returned from the Southwest UU Summer Institute, Russell will attempt to cobble together a reflection about how little he knows about our faith. This is the final installment for the summer series of how little the Westside minister knows.

**August 15 - No Take Backs!!** by Dr. Elleven. Have you ever done something you wish could be taken back? Maybe not at that moment, but at a later time when more information became available you thought, "What was I thinking?" Russell will reflect on this conundrum today.

**August 22 - "That's Me In The Corner"** by Dr. Elleven. So begins one of Russell's favorite songs of all time. The band was R.E.M. The time was 1991 and people everywhere were losing their religion.

**August 29 - Does Poverty HAVE to Be?** by Lylette Pharr. What do you think is the heart of the matter regarding poverty? Is poverty an issue of character? Are some folks just lazy and not trying hard enough? Is poverty just part of the human condition? Does it have to

be? What is the heart of the matter? Lylette Pharr, Homelessness Coordinator for the City of Fort Worth, will be here to explore these questions with us. Between now and then Lylette invites you to ponder those questions and come to the service with an open, seeking mind and heart.

## *FORUM*

Forum will be wrapping up Zinn's A People's History of the U. S. in August. August 1, Dick Trice will lead the discussion of Ch. 22, "The Unreported Resistance." August 8, Lin Wells will discuss Ch.23, "The Clinton Presidency and the Crisis of Democracy." August 15, Dick will discuss Ch. 24, "The Coming Revolt of the Guards." And, August 22, Lin will wrap up the discussion with the "Afterword," Zinn's reasons for writing the book.

Beginning August 29, a new book will be the subject of Forum: Free-thinkers--- A History of American Secularism by Susan Jacoby, published in 2004. On this Sunday Dick will lead the discussion of the first three chapters.

For those who may want to purchase the book, orders can be combined to save shipping charges. The price for good used books is \$5.86 plus shipping charge at Amazon.com.

Forum begins at 9:45 and ends at 10:30, between the two reflections. All are welcome!

## *RE News*

Don't miss Julie Tribble's RE News. You'll find it in the last two pages of this newsletter (after the page with attendance).

*A few minutes ago every tree was excited, bowing to the roaring storm, waving, swirling, tossing their branches in glorious enthusiasm like worship. But though to the outer ear these trees are now silent, their songs never cease. Every hidden cell is throbbing with music and life, every fiber thrilling like harp strings, while incense is ever flowing from the balsam bells and leaves. No wonder the hills and groves were God's first temples, and the more they are cut down and hewn into cathedrals and churches, the farther off and dimmer seems the Lord himself.*

-John Muir

# *in & around westside*

## *A Tribute to Charlie*

*One of several from the blog of Judy Alter*

### **The Essential Triathlete by Steven Jonas**

At about the time I made the decision to get in shape, I was called to the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine as a consultant by a former radiologist and professor of Medical History named Charles Ogilvie, D.O. But Charlie did more than open new vistas to me in medical education; He became one of my primary inspirations to continue running.

Charlie Ogilvie himself had been sedentary and about 80 pounds overweight when he took up running at the age of 59. He went on to become a truly astonishing athlete. His personal best for a marathon is 3 hours and 3 minutes – accomplished at over 60 years old! That is 26 consecutive 7 minute miles. He celebrated his 65th year by running 10 marathons. He always won his age class, and was usually faster than the next 4 to 5 younger age groups! At one time he was the North American age record holder for the 10k, and still holds the Texas all-time record for a 10k and a Marathon run by a 65 year old. For a change of pace at age 68, Charlie took up triathlons. At age 69 he was named All-American in the triathlon by Triathlon Today for his age group. At that time Charlie's mother was still living, hale and hearty in her 90's. Her comment when Charlie took to the triathlon was "Charles. Do you really think it is safe for a man of your age to be riding a bicycle on the public roads?"

## *Where's Russell in August?*

With August comes the Southwest Unitarian Universalist Summer Institute (SWUUSI). Russell will be leaving for the conference right after meeting with the chaplains on August 1, and return later that week with the hope of constructing a reflection for the August 8th service. He will also be in the pulpit for the next two Sundays (15th and 22nd) before heading down to Houston for a week.

Appointment Times/Office Hours are as follows:

**Tuesday, August 3rd - SWUUSI**

**Thursday, August 5th – SWUUSI**

**Tuesday, August 10th, 9 am to 1 pm**

**Thursday, August 12th, 9 am to 1 pm**

**Tuesday, August 17th, 9 am to 1 pm**

**Thursday, August 19th, 9 am to 1 pm**

**Tuesday, August 24th, Unavailable**

**Thursday, August 26th, Unavailable**

**Tuesday, August 31st, 9 am to 1 pm**

You can email [relleven@gmail.com](mailto:relleven@gmail.com) to set up a time/place to meet during these times or call Russell's home number (817.370.2171). If no answer, please leave a message and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

## *Circle Suppers in August*

Adult Supper- August 21, 6:30 pm- A repeat of last year's event at Villas on the Bluff, 5234 Bryant Irving Rd. BYOM(bring your own meat) to grill, plus a side dish to share (salad, vegetable, dessert, chips and dip, etc.). Also, BYOB ( iced tea, lemonade, and water provided). More details in the OSS if needed, or call Beverly at 817-346-3303.

Family Supper - August 21, 5:00 pm - If you are interested in attending or hosting this family supper,

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*When others asked the truth of me, I was convinced it was not the truth they wanted, but an illusion they could bear to live with.*

*-Anais Nin*

*Life is something that happens when you can't get to sleep.*

*-Fran Leibowitz*

*Everyone is kneaded out of the same dough but not baked in the same oven.*

*-Yiddish proverb*

please email or call Elizabeth Murphy at emurphywa@aol.com or 817-576-3193 These monthly potluck suppers are great opportunities to entertain and make new friends!

## *Membership Committee Report to the Congregation*

The Membership Committee, along with the rest of Westside UU Church, welcomed 56 new members into the congregation in the 2009-2010 Fiscal Year; from 164 on July 1, 2009 to a count of 202 as of June 1, 2010, count adjusted for attrition. We have seen three consecutive years of 25% growth year over year. The demographics of these new members includes single adults, young couples, families with young children, transgender individuals, same sex couples, mature single adults and mature couples.

Members of the committee meet the first Thursday of every month, and include Jeff Bullock, Chair, Reed Bilz, Board Liaison, Beverly Archibald, Joy Counts, Dr. Russell Elleven, John Nagely, Diane Jones, Suzie Lotven, Howard and Myrtle McMahan, Sara Munoz, Bill Terry and Lin Wells. We have just added Bree Bailey to represent the growing number of young single and married people.

Highlights of our responsibilities include:

- Usher/Greeter assignments and oversight, includes Sunday attendance counts
- First Time Visitor registration and callback
- Visitor List Review/Prepare

invitation list for Exploring Membership Class

- Facilitate quarterly Exploring Membership classes; create New Member Packets
- Follow up of completion of information from the New Member packet
- Prepare biographies of new members for publication in "Westside Stories"
- Facilitate quarterly New Member Recognition Ceremonies
- Facilitate, along with the Ellevens, bi-annual New Member Receptions
- Maintenance of church database
- Participate in annual Committee Fair
- Seek areas to improve the Membership Experience

2009-2010 Membership Committee Accomplishments:

- Solicited the need for childcare during Adult Forum on Sunday mornings
- Completed church database Developed Usher/Greeter duties for 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Sunday services
- Oversaw online implementation of New Member Bio and Circle Supper forms
- Set up booth for 2009 TCU Church Fair, August 2009
- Took over planning of New Member Receptions, with Ellevens remaining hosts
- Presented definition of "Friend of Westside" to be voted on at 2010 meeting

*I contend that we  
are both atheists. I  
just believe in one  
fewer god than you  
do. When you  
understand why  
you dismiss all the  
other possible gods,  
you will understand  
why I dismiss  
yours.*

*-Stephen Roberts*

*I speak the truth  
not so much as I  
would, but as much  
as I dare, and I  
dare a little more as  
I grow older.*

*-Michel de Montaigne*

*Every man is a  
creature of the age  
in which he lives,  
and few are able to  
raise themselves  
above the ideas of  
the time.*

*-Voltaire*

- Streamlined our functions in coordination with the new church database
- Promoted “Circle Suppers”, including sponsoring a church-wide supper in August
- Provided new member information to the Worship Team for chalice lighting; Stewardship Committee; church photographer; church name tag creator to help expedite the fulfillment of their functions

I feel very fortunate to work with the fine group of individuals who collectively make up the Membership Committee, each of whom is very dedicated to both the church and our committee. As our church continues its unprecedented growth, we must all work together to ensure that the needs of members and visitors are being met, so members will remain active members, and visitors will become members. This is the challenge I will continue to lead the MemComm to accept as we move forward into our new fiscal year, while maintaining our high level of service to Westside Unitarian Universalist Church.

*Jeffrey Bullock, Membership Committee Chair*

## *DRE's 2009/2010 Congregational Report*

*(Between the monthly RE newsletter and the RE committee report last month, this is the only news that hasn't already been published.)*

In the past year, I have participated in several professional development opportunities that added to my knowledge and broadened my

realm with new, fresh ideas and from many different perspectives. They included RE Administration, Teacher training and Middle and High School OWL (Our Whole Lives). I also represented Westside at the General Assembly in Salt Lake City.

I was voted the LREDA President for the Southwest district by my peers; we will be sponsoring the National LREDA Conference this October in New Orleans. I am also involved in NATUURES (North Area Texas UU Religious Educators), with monthly meetings of north Texas DREs to plan cluster activities with our children and youth, and teachers.

*In Faith, Julie Tribble*

## *New Faces*

### **Will Schnack**

Hello everyone! My name is Will Schnack and I am very excited to be a part of Westside. I grew up going to church and really appreciated the community and social aspects of it. I also appreciated the Christian values of “leading by example.” I have since become a disbeliever, so it is nice to find a place with the democratic community that supports the beliefs and pursuits of the individual and are willing to lead by example.

My friend Dan (I call him the Baron von Bose), who is also my gardening guru, brought my friend Jon and myself to Westside. I have enjoyed it ever since. I like that I can travel my personal spiritual path while participating in the concern for ethics with others from a human perspective and without dogma. I like that I can talk to others, and we can grow together and learn from others with both similar and different pursuits of liberty and equality. I like that, among

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*The ultimate sense of security will be when we come to recognize that we are all part of one human race. Our primary allegiance is to the human race and not to one particular color or border.*

*-Mohamed El-Baradei*

*If there is a God, I don't think He would demand that anyone bow down or stand up to Him.*

*-Rebecca West*

*The only way human beings can win a war is to prevent it.*

*-George Marshall*

*If the world ever advances beyond what it is today, it must be led by men who express their real opinions.*

*-Robert G. Ingersoll*

*I abhor vivisection. It should at least be curbed. Better, it should be abolished. I know of no achievement through vivisection, no scientific discovery, that could not have been obtained without such barbarism and cruelty. The whole thing is evil.*

*-Charles Mayo*

*The death of dogma is the birth of morality.*

*-Immanuel Kant*

the famous Unitarians and Universalists, there can be listed Charles Darwin, Henry David Thoreau, Ralph Waldo Emerson, and William Batchelder Greene, whom have all been an inspiration to me in the past. I like Westside, and I never thought I'd be able to admit that I like church again, but I do.

So I'm supposed to tell you a little about myself. I'm twenty-five, originally from Nevada, then went to Idaho, then to Arkansas, and finally to Tejas! I have a great father who I love very much (and need to tell him more; you know how men can be sometimes) and twin male and female siblings who are both 19 years old. I have the best chihuahua in the world and the two cutest gray kittens.

I'm self educated. I dropped out of high school when I was in my second year and got my GED. I'm very interested in learning, but not being brainwashed. I believe education should be voluntary and beautiful.

I play drums in a melodic hardcore punk band called Division of Power. I used to play in a hardcore punk band called Druids on Parade as well. I also play guitar and write folk songs as Intent. Music is a large part of my life.

I have the beginnings of a food forest at my house, which is where you mimic the layers of the ecosystem in a forest but with food plants, each of them participating in guilds and playing a specific specialized role to one another.

I am an atheist, naturalist, and pantheist. I don't believe there is an existing deity but that all of our actions, through the course of natural selection, make all of existence a collective god. In this way we hold a great deal of natural power as individuals in the universe and can play the roles of creator or destroyer, goddess or devil.

I believe that we should be good to each other. Not because there is a man in the sky who will throw lightning at us, or toss us into a fiery pit, but because it is what we expect in return from one another, and we must lead by example because it is our actions and the decisions we make today which make the world what it will be tomorrow. For this reason I am a mutualist anarchist. I believe that free association, equilibrium of liberty, and voluntary exchange are important aspects of society.

I have participated in the Industrial Workers of the World, a revolutionary workers' union, and served as the elected delegate for a few years with the Panther City General Membership Branch. I'm very interested in community organizing, cooperative entrepreneurship, and worker self-management. I'm also very interested in mutual aid societies for insurance and credit.

These days I have a private foundation which teaches, through seminars, cyclical cosmology, evolution, psychology, mutualist/geoist economics, democracy, and sustainability.

You may see me at the Spiral Diner. That's where I work and have worked for the past five years of my life. I have been a vegan for eight years now and a vegetarian for nine. I'm looking forward to sharing many more Sundays with all of you. Westside knows how to party.

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## *Are you a new member?*

In order to keep the pictorial directory fairly current, we schedule pic-

ture 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

## *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

## *our wider community*

### *Bring toiletries for SCAC in September*

September is Westside's month to provide toiletries for South Central Alliance of Churches, of which we are a member, so please start thinking about what you can donate. The

toiletry packs contain the following:

- 2 Rolls of Toilet Tissue
- 2 Bars of Soap
- 2 Deodorants
- 2 Razors
- 1 Shaving Cream
- 1 Conditioner
- 1 Shampoo
- 1 Tube of Toothpaste

Other Items Needed:

- Children's Cold Medicines
- Tylenol
- Motrin
- Feminine Products

The packs are assembled at SCAC – we only need to provide the items needed. Dollar Stores are an excellent place to purchase many of these things, or watch the sales at the local drug stores.

Please bring your items any Sunday in September, and put them in the big red cart by the front door. As usual, Jay and Suzie Lotven will deliver our donations to SCAC.

Westside is a vital member of SCAC and our contributions are very much needed and appreciated. Call me with any questions. Beverly 817-346-3303. Thanks.

### *Diversity at First Jefferson*

The Diversity Task Force Chair at First Jefferson UU Church, Lewis Morris, has graciously invited Westside members to be a part of a process that examines a new curriculum recently released by the UUA titled "Building the World We Dream About." From the UUA website it says:

Building the World We Dream About is a Unitarian Universalist program

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*Memories are interpreted like dreams.*

*-Leo Longanesi*

*Ethiopians imagine their gods as black and snub-nosed; Thracians blue-eyed and red-haired. But if horses or lions had hands, or could draw and fashion works as men do, horses would draw the gods shaped like horses and lions like lions, making the gods resemble themselves.*

*-Xenophanes*

*Our choicest plans have fallen through, our airiest castles tumbled over, because of lines we neatly drew and later neatly stumbled over.*

*-Piet Hein*

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*Though I have been trained as a soldier, and participated in many battles, there never was a time when, in my opinion, some way could not be found to prevent the drawing of the sword. I look forward to an epoch when a court, recognized by all nations, will settle international differences.*

-Ulysses S. Grant

*I need someone to protect me from all the measures they take in order to protect me.*

-Banksy

*Nature is ever at work building and pulling down, creating and destroying, keeping everything whirling and flowing, allowing no rest but in rhythmical motion, chasing everything in endless song out of one beautiful form into another.*

-John Muir

that seeks to interrupt the workings of racism and transform how people from different racial/ethnic groups understand and relate to one another. It consists of 24 two-hour workshops, with Taking It Home activities, reflections, and readings to be done between workshops. The program creates opportunities for participants to practice dreaming our world otherwise, and then commit to new, intentional ways of being. As Unitarian Universalists, we hope developing antiracist, antioppressive, and multicultural habits and skills will lead us to build the multicultural world of beloved community we dream about.

Lewis' email address is: elmo0297@yahoo.com

(For More Info: <https://uaa.org/religiouseducation/curricula/tapestry-faith/buildingworld/>)

## *An Invitation*

The women of First Jefferson Unitarian Universalist Church and of Westside Unitarian Universalist Church are cordially invited to attend a merged Alliance. We meet on second Tuesdays for friendship, inspiration and adventure. We have service projects for our churches, and for the larger community. For the remainder of 2010, our programs are:

Sept 14 - Noon - "Getting to Know You" Potluck at First Jefferson U.U. Church, 1959 Sandy Lane, Fort Worth, TX 76112. Westside UU Church women will be invited to all our future meetings, and we will focus on getting to know each other. Hostesses: Gail Rowntree/Vicki Ball

Oct 12 - TRIP to Japanese Gardens. Lunch at Gardens Restaurant. Hostess: Diane Feldman

Nov 9 - Potluck at First Jefferson. Speaker Leslie Gordon, local author of children's books and a column in the Handley Herald. Hostesses: Marianne Herrmann/Marjorie Montgomery

Dec 14 - Potluck at First Jefferson. Speaker Rev. Jennifer Innis. Bring one gift to exchange. Hostesses: Diane Feldman/Gail Rowntree.

Contact our Coordinators if you have any questions: Karen Burkett, [m.k.burkett@att.net](mailto:m.k.burkett@att.net); Peggy Portman [pegportman@aol.com](mailto:pegportman@aol.com)

## *VDAY Ft Worth, 2011*

VDay Fort Worth is in its 9th year of planning on participating in the 2011 Worldwide Campaign to "end the violence against women and girls". Over the past 8 years we have joined with and continue to honor Eve Ensler, playwright and author in performing her award winning play "The Vagina Monologues". We are getting ready to form the "V-Team" and we need you.

The V-Team Committees:

- Vendor Recruitment
- Volunteer Committee
- Public Relations/Speakers Bureau Committee
- Donations/Raffle Committee
- Entertainment Committee

Please let me know if you are interested in being on one of the committees; also, what days are good for you to meet. Thank you in advance. Shawn Ewing, Organizer, V-Day Fort Worth 2011. [vdayfortworth@hotmail.com](mailto:vdayfortworth@hotmail.com)

# *opportunities to learn & serve*

## *WESTSIDE UU FUNDRAISER - Kroger Gift Card*

HOW IT WORKS: Westside has been issued gift cards that have a bar code on it. The bar code has a program on it that credits Westside every time you add money to your card. Initially, the card has \$1 on it. Please take the card to the Service Desk at Kroger to have the card loaded. Loading may be done with cash, check, credit card or debit card. The cashier may load the card for any sum up to \$500.00. Use the card to purchase groceries, gas, prescriptions, etc. It spends the same as cash. When you have spent the amount on the card, please take the same card back to be reloaded.

## *Contemporary Books*

August 22, after church, the Contemporary Book Group will discuss *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett, the author's first novel that is still on the best-sellers list. September 26 we will discuss *Memoirs of a Geisha* by Arthur Golden.

## *Ethical Eating Discussion*

Last month the group enjoyed a DVD presentation concerning *Sugar Addiction* by Alex Jamieson. Ad-

ditionally, Reed Bilz shared her experience participating in the Vegetarian Summerfest Conference in Pennsylvania. For the month of August, the group will watch a presentation by Dr. Joel Furman on obesity. Come one, come all!

## *Humanists of Ft Worth*

HOFW meets Wednesday, Aug 11, at 7 p.m. at Westside. Mr. "My Fair Share Lady," Myron Ice will share his thoughts on the sometimes painful process of finally embracing logic and reason on a daily basis, but also the joy and peace that intellectual honesty brings. He will briefly share his "journey" as it parallels the journey of the funny and very insightful comedian Julia Sweeney of "Saturday Night Live" fame. Myron will show snippets of her hilarious one-woman show "Letting Go of God." Come and learn about her story and how it not only parallels Myron's, but probably yours as well. Come ready to laugh and share your own story!!

## *Self Management & 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).

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*I cannot imagine a God who rewards and punishes the objects of his creation, whose purposes are modeled after our own -- a God, in short, who is but a reflection of human frailty.*

*-Albert Einstein*

*Patriotism is proud of a country's virtues and eager to correct its deficiencies; it also acknowledges the legitimate patriotism of other countries, with their own specific virtues. The pride of nationalism, however, trumpets its country's virtues and denies its deficiencies, while it is contemptuous toward the virtues of other countries. It wants to be, and proclaims itself to be, "the greatest", but greatness is not required of a country; only goodness is.*

*-Sydney J. Harris*

*The deadline for submissions to the newsletter is the 15th of the month.  
Email submissions to our Editor Cindy Fountain at [vanessa4907@sbcglobal.net](mailto:vanessa4907@sbcglobal.net).*

# Westside Unitarian Universalist Church

## Our Board

President: Gwen Gipson

Vice President: Caroline Nixon

Secretary: Suzie Lotven

Treasurer: Bob Rake

Directors, two- year terms: Reed Bilz, Michael Muñoz, and James Finn

Director, one-year interim term: Nancy Van Boskirk

Directors, continuing: Brenda McKeon and Ann Sutherland

## By The Numbers

June	9am	11am adults	11am kids	Total
June 6	19	81	24	124
June 13	20	109	35	164
June 20	18	117	24	159
June 27	13	91	30	134
Average	17.5	99.5	28.25	145.2



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

Dick Trice, Chair

Mary Cretsinger

Kay Kubala

Lin Wells

Tom Woods

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



# RE News

DRE: Julie Tribble

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Chair: Susan Farris

Committee:

Brenda McKeon

Sara Munoz

Tricia Bowes

Jessica

Zinn

Lela Woods

Andrea Petty

## World Playground

We have had some great times in our classes so far! On **July 4th** our country was **Japan**, and Tara Mitchell spent the time to translate all of the kids names into hiragana, Japanese alphabet, so all of the older kids could write their names on bookmarks. Our little ones made Japanese fans and learned to say hello, (Konnichiwa) and goodbye, (Sayonara) and peace (heiwa).

**July 11**, James and Andrea Finn showed us the music and landscape of **Ireland**, as well as where James' grandparents were born and raised.

We have **Greece** on **July 18th** (Tricia Bowes and Julie Tribble will teach & **France** on **July 25** (Tricia Bowes,

Brenda McKeon, Sallie Johnson and Julie will be teaching).

**Mission Statement:** Our RE provides a safe environment that supports development of an open mind, helping hands, and a loving heart in our children and youth.

## Teacher's End of year party

This year's RE party was at Andrea Petty's home on July 17th.

It was a time to relax and unwind with our fellow teachers...the teacher's kids really enjoyed the bounce house too!

A special thanks to all of our teachers! We truly have a Religious Education department to be envied!

Thank you!

What to expect for the rest of the summer:

We have a lot of preparation going on for our vacation church camp, The 3 R Camp - Reduce, Reuse, Recycle going on at Westside August 11 - 13. Registration will be available the beginning of July and is limited to 40 kids, so register early!

I am also teaching the 3rd - 6th graders at SWUUSI (Southwest UU Summer Institute) this year the first week of August, but will be back for the rest of the month.



## SWUUSI - Southwest UU Summer Institute

The theme for this year is "Swimming in the Deep End" and is a UU 201 course (a step above the basics of UUism). Our own Russell Elleven will be teaching a course on *Ethical Eating*. This is a fun, family-friendly camp, and worth your while! I hope you consider going at some point, it is amazing to be around so many UUs at one time.

## WOW, aka Week of Westside also known as 3-Rs camp

This year we have a wonderful camp planned that will show us what wonderful things can be done with recycled goods, how we can reuse some things that might be considered junk, and how to reduce the amount of trash that we produce! All in 3 days!!! Look for the registration forms in the foyer. Registration is limited this year to 40 kids, sign up early! Camp is for ages 4 - 14.

We need recyclables! Please check out the WOW Wants poster in the

foyer and the box underneath to hold your "treasures". We are hoping to get all of our supplies from members' and friends' recyclables, so that we don't have to go and buy any supplies for the camp...will you help??? Check out our poster, and see what you can donate.

We also need volunteers! We have 4 age groups and will need guides to move them from class to class. We need storytellers and "project managers"; we could use some help with clean up, after snacks and at the end of each day. If you have a craft or know some cool games...come and join us! The more the merrier!!!

There are volunteer forms on the table with the WOW poster...fill it in and leave it in the pocket on the right side. We will call and let you know when our training day is scheduled. Our children are wonderful, and you will be glad that you took the time to get to know them while helping teach them worthwhile things!

## RE Registration starts on August 8

We will have a table set up in the fellowship hall for RE registration beginning August 8. Classes start on Aug. 29th. *Dr Seuss & Unitarian Universalism* is the curriculum for the Barton, Anthony, and Alcott classes.

*The new You, the Creator* is being studied in the Young class, and the Emerson class curriculum is *Popcorn*

*Theology*. This is going to be an exciting year, and the kids won't want to miss a week of it!!!