

The Westside Story

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Ingathering Sunday September 7

The first Sunday after Labor Day is traditionally Ingathering Sunday for many UU churches. After a summer of travel, kids being out of school and, in some churches, reduced worship and religious education, this Sunday is viewed as a chance to come together as a church community now that many have returned from other activities. Although we don't see a significant reduction of programs at Westside in the summer, there are many who travel out of town, and families with school-age children definitely see a change in their routine.

To celebrate our coming together again, or just coming together, or just to celebrate our church community (take your pick!), please join with friends and members of Westside for Brunch, beginning at 9:45 Sunday morning, September 7.

In addition, all the standing committees at Westside (Adult Education, Building and Grounds, Finance, Membership, Religious Education, Social, Social Justice, and Worship) will have information and people available to provide you with more information about these areas of our programs and how you can participate in those that interest you and/or to receive your feedback on these areas.

Please come and enjoy a delightful meal to include egg dishes, breakfast meats, bread items, fruits, juice and coffee, enjoy the company of members and friends of Westside, and perhaps learn a bit more about our church.

Westside gets better and better!

NEW HALF-TIME DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - We have now hired a 1/2-time DRE – Julie Tribble! Julie comes to us with a lot of experience and excitement, and we can't wait for her to start! Look for her in September and please give her a warm welcome – our RE program is just getting better all the time!

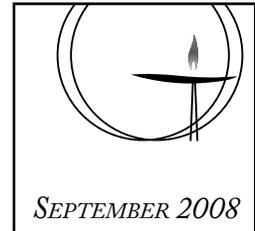
CHOIR IS BACK - "Come Sing a Song..." with Cathy McConnell and the rest of the Westside choir. The choir resumed on August 17 and will sing every other week. Email Cathy at clmcc7@yahoo.com for information.

YOUTH TEAM BUILDING EVENT - All teens are welcomed and encouraged to join us on Sept. 21st as we go to the YMCA's Camp Carter to enjoy some team building and ropes course activities! We will leave from church after we share a great potluck dinner. (The exact time will be announced in a future Order of Service.) We had a great time last year and built some strong friendships, and we would love to build more!

Please call Mary Noer (817-249-7341), or Sandy Olah (817-988-4714) to let us know of your interest as we make our reservations.

Social Justice Committee

We have some great ideas for this coming year. In addition to keeping our program to alleviate world-wide poverty, this meet-



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.

ing will feature Carina Terry. Carina would like to work on global warming and will present some ideas to us. In addition, we hope to survey other area UU churches to find their particular goals. Closer to home, we'd like to begin work toward a school-based health clinic in our neighborhood, hopefully across the street

at Daggett Elementary School.

The committee meets Thursday September 7th at 7 pm at the church.

For further information, email Ann Sutherland, chair, at 817-294-1645. Hope to see you there!

A Letter from Carina to Westsiders

Dear Fellow UU's,

Global Warming is a big thing. I am concerned because the earth is changing and my children and my children's children are going to have to live in it. I am too! I am trying to do something about it. I am going to do several things to help slow down Global Warming and I need your help.

First, I am going to follow the garbage trucks to their destination and take pictures of the dump. I will put these pictures on a poster to show you about it, so you will see how much we need to stop throwing things away. When all of our dumps are full, where will all the garbage go? Our backyards? Most likely!

Next, I will go to stores and take pictures of all the packaging on things. I would like to show you how much stuff just goes into dumps. If we stop buying this stuff, less stuff will go into dumps, and they will not overflow as soon. We should try not to buy a lot of stuff with lots of packaging that we want – in fact, we should try to buy only stuff we need, and even then, try to limit our packaging.

I will also make a survey for me to find out what things you all are already doing to help slow down global warming, or the pollution of our earth. I will pass out these surveys at church and ask you to fill them out and give them back to me. I will also ask you for more ideas and I will join the Social Justice Committee to enlist their help.

Eventually, I'm going to ask you all to change your lives, one step at a time. I know this is a big thing to ask, but if we are going to save our world, it is necessary. I am also trying to do all of these things. For example, I love "Littlest Pet Shop" toys, but I will stop buying them and asking for them because they have so much packaging, and they are just a want, not something I need. I am also getting on my family to not eat out as much because it takes more resources than just eating at home.

I hope we can all work together to slow down Global Warming!

*Sincerely,
Carina Terry*

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CRUM ON WHICH TO
PLACE IT, AND I SHALL
MOVE THE WORLD.

- ARCHIMEDES

Westside UU Service Project News

Westside UUC continues to show its generosity through our service project program. Each month, undesignated plate offerings are donated to a worthy recipient organization. During the second through fifth weeks of August, the undesignated plate offering has gone to support the hunger relief effort known as the Heifer Project International. The numerous worldwide projects under Heifer's direction alleviate hunger through training and equipping recipients to develop and sustain their own food supply. Heifer has operated for over 60 years in 128 countries, literally reaching millions of families with their mission of giving a source of food rather than just short-term relief. More can be learned about this great cause at www.heifer.org.

Equally important, our first week of August was designated for the Knoxville UUC relief effort coordinated by the UUA following the tragic shootings there at the end of July. The generosity of our congregation will add to the growing pool of outgoing compassion and aid for the human lives lost and injured during that terrible event. More can be learned about the Knoxville relief effort at www.UUA.org.

For the month of September, the board is pleased to announce that the undesignated plate offering is going to support our own poverty relief project known as the Kennedy Micro Lending Fund. This fund and its managing group were established in honor of our beloved late member, Gino Kennedy, who expressed a heartfelt desire to make a difference in this world through helping relieve poverty. The fund's original seed money has been distributed and the project has been such a success that the board supports the infusion of September's monthly plate offering for that purpose. The Kennedy Micro Lending Fund partners with KIVA.org as the manager of the loan distribution and collections. More can be learned about KIVA and our group at the web site www.kiva.org.

Suggestions from Westside members for future recipients of service project plate offerings are encouraged. Please route them through Charles Palmer, Treasurer, at charles.palmer@tyson.com, speak to him at church, or call him at 817-233-5198. Your Board of Directors will review the recipient's qualifications with two simple criteria: 1) "Do donations to the recipient further our church's vision and mission?" and 2) "Are the recipient's values in sympathy with the seven Unitarian Universalist principles?" Service project donation recipients may be re-

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MONTH	RECIPIENT	AMOUNT
JUL-07	Westaid	\$853.63
AUG-07	Tarrant Co Food Bank	\$647.51
SEP-07	Cancer Care Services	\$1,018.75
OCT-07	UUA Now is the Time campaign	\$862.00
NOV-07	South Central Alliance of Churches	\$788.59
DEC-07	Somali-Bantu Empowering Women	\$896.68
JAN-08	SWWC Int'l Convocation of UU Women	\$1,000.00
FEB-08	Allied Communities of Tarrant (ACT)	\$556.92
MAR-08	Westside UU "Go Green" campaign	\$6,058.08
APR-08	UUA Service Committee - Kenya	\$600.82
MAY-08	South Central Alliance of Churches	\$640.25
JUNE-08	Red Cross/Crescent Burma Cyclone Relief	\$1,033.43

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- CHARLES BABBAGE

peated throughout the year based on need and number of participating recipients. All qualified recipients not chosen one month will continue to be reviewed in the following months. Our record of donations and recipient organizations may be seen in the enclosed newsletter table or on our service projects poster located on the church bulletin board outside the office. Thanks!

Sunday Services

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

September 7 - *A New Water Communion.* Today's service includes the grand finale of the RE classes' Heifer International project, which has reminded us all summer of the interdependent web of life. Afterward we will honor water as another vital aspect in the web. Note this service varies from the traditional UU water ceremony (if there is such a thing!) in that you need not bring water for a commingling ceremony.

September 14 - *Samaritan House* by Steve Dutton. Samaritan House began 15 years ago fighting AIDS in our community, by rescuing infected men and women and giving them a safe place to live. Today they are housing nearly 350 persons, including whole families affected by HIV/AIDS. Steve Dutton, President and CEO of Samaritan House, will speak about the many changes happening at Samaritan House and how they will be continuing their fight against the spread of this disease.

September 21 - *What's All This Stuff About Gay Marriage?* by Dr. Russell Elleven. With the upcoming national election there is the possibility same-sex marriage may again be brought forth as a wedge issue. What is all the fuss? Why is this such a big deal? Russell responds this Sunday.

September 28 - *My First Real Attempt to Talk About Race* by Dr. Russell Elleven. Even within our Unitarian Universalist circles race is a difficult and touchy topic. But its difficultness and touchiness reaches

each and every one of us. Russell will make an attempt to broach this subject for the first time this Sunday.

Adult Forum

Spirit of Life – *Sunday mornings at 9:30.* This series of workshops continues on two Sunday mornings in September, the 14th and the 21st. Three sessions were held in July, four in August, and the series will conclude with two sessions in September. Participants need to be present at the beginning of each session as, with the amount of material to be covered, it is critical that we start promptly at 9:30.

The workshops are both reflective and interactive. Discussion occurs both in the large group and in small groups. We are not only learning things about ourselves, but we are also building community with other participants. This is a place to explore, expand and/or clarify your definition of spirituality in a supportive community. For more information, please contact Beverly Archibald (bevanfw@charter.net or 817-346-3303) or Brenda Baldwin (brendabrew@hotmail.com or 817-988-9441), co-facilitators.

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September 14, 9:30 a.m. – *Spirit of Life – Wings Set me Free.* Exploring our hopes, dreams and expanding vision, with gratitude for the religious pluralism which enriches and ennobles our faith, we seek to deepen our understanding by exploring our spirituality-related hopes, dreams and potentials. We will cultivate a spirit of acceptance and affirmation among participants.

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LESS TO LEARN, THAN
TO CONTEMPLATE.

-RENE DESCARTES

September 21, 9:45 a.m. – *The Month That Was*. A current events discussion group facilitated by Dick Trice.

September 28, 9:30 a.m. – *Spirit of Life – Come to Us – Closing and Continuing On*. This closing workshop is designed primarily for those who have participated in some of the Spirit of Life workshops; although, as always, all are welcome to attend. Participants will be helped to recognize and claim the benefits of the workshop series, and identify the support they need for ongoing spiritual development. We will explore ways in which we may share these gifts with the congregation, as well as ways to offer one another ongoing support.

Children's RE

Our Kiss-a-Pig program is drawing to a close. August 31st was the last day for anyone to put a name on the kiss-a-pig list. The morning of Sept. 7th everyone with their name on the list to kiss the pig will have one more chance to pay so that they do not have to kiss the pig! We will be taking money from 10 a.m. until 10:45 a.m., during the In-Gathering breakfast. We will have a pet pig in church this day! During the Story for All Ages, all those whose name is on the Kiss-A-Pig list will form a line to kiss the pig!! We will have a live feed, as we are sure no one will want to miss the faces of those that get to kiss the pig! All participation is, of course, voluntary and we hope you will join us in the fun service project, where the children are learning how to help others help themselves and their communities. All proceeds go to benefit the Heifer Project, and the children will get to decide what animals to donate.

Please look for Mary Noer or Jessica Zinn to sign up your friends to kiss a pig, or to see if you are signed up!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION for fall classes began on August 23rd. Classes will begin September 7th and run through the school year

until the beginning of June. Westside offers these classes: Beatrice Potter (nursery age), Clara Barton (3-5 year olds), Susan B. Anthony (ages 6-8 years old), Whitney Young (ages 9-12 years old), and Waldo Emerson (teenagers up to 18 years old). We have an exciting curriculum to explore this year, Our Jewish/Christian roots, with many fun activities and crafts that the students will not want to miss.

THANK YOU SARAH! We are sad to be losing Sarah Skiles, who has been our _time interim DRE – she has been SO wonderful and helpful with our program this summer, and we only wish she could stay as well as Julie! We hope wonderful things come her way, and we hope she won't disappear from our lives! Thank you Sarah!

– *Jessica Zinn and Mary Noer,*
RE committee co-chairs

IN AND AROUND WESTSIDE

Where's Russell in September?

Russell will be delivering reflections at Westside on the 21st and 28th of the month. In addition to those dates, he will facilitate Joys and Concerns on 7th. He will be unavailable the week of 8th through the 15th.

You can catch him most easily during official office hours. For September those times are:

Tuesday the 2nd, 9:00am - 1:00pm
Thursday the 4th, 9:00am - 1:00pm
Tuesday the 16th, 9:00am - 1:00pm
Thursday the 18th, 9:00am - 1:00pm
Tuesday the 23rd, 9:00am - 1:00pm
Thursday the 25th, 9:00am - 1:00pm

Remember, please call his home first (817-370-2171) and the office second (817-924-MYUU). If there is no answer, it simply means Russell is meeting with another Westsider. Leave a message and he'll call you back as soon as possible.

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– *JOHANN KEPLER*

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 meet-ings requiring belief in a higher power. For more information contact Russell at relleven@gmail.com or go to www.rke.cc.

Relationship Enhancement Group (REG)

Gayle and Russell facilitate a group each month that is focused on improving our intimate couple relationships. Come share your relationship expertise and learn from others who are also committed to making their intimate relationships as good as possible. The group meets at 4:00 p.m. on the third Saturday each month at Westside (September 20th). If your committed relationship is a priority for you, or you want it to be, come spend time with other couples who have this same goal. Look at www.rke.cc for additional information.

At this time no childcare is provided. However, PLEASE let Russell (relleven@gmail.com) know if lack of childcare prevents you from attending.

Choices for Sustainable Living Discussion Group Coming to Westside in September

North West Earth Institute (NWEI) is recognized as a national leader in develop-

ing innovative programs that empower individuals and organizations to protect the Earth. These programs emphasize individual responsibility, the importance of a supportive community, and the dual need to walk lightly on and to take action for the earth.

Nationwide, NWEI courses have been offered by local organizers in more than 900 communities in all 50 states. As of summer of 2007, total enrollment in the discussion courses exceeds 80,000 known participants, with thousands others taking the course with recycled course books. In the fall of 2007, approximately 20 people formed discussion groups at Westside utilizing the "Voluntary Simplicity" course materials.

Beginning in September, and continuing through March or April, discussion groups will be held at Westside on the second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. Each group consists of 8-12 people, and we have capacity for 2 groups. We will utilize the "Choices for Sustainable Living" course. Details of each session are below.

1. A Call to Sustainability. The goal of a sustainable society is popular, but difficult to define. How does the way our society functions affect the earth, and how can we be "a blessing to the planet?"

2. Ecological Principles. Some argue that the earth is the best teacher of sustainable practices. How can nature's organizing principles be applied in design, production of goods, and everyday living?

3. Sustainable Food. According to one author, our food travels an average of 1300 miles before reaching our plates. How can we lessen our impact on the earth through conscious choices about the way we eat?

4. Sustainable Buying. Daily messages tell us to buy, buy, buy. How can we escape from these cultural pressures, and instead only purchase what we truly need, from the most sustainable sources available?

5. Sustainable Communities. Change does not come without people coming together and taking action. In what ways can your community work towards sustainability? How can you

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- ISAAC NEWTON

make your community a sustainable one?

6. Sustainable Business and Economy. Is a growing economy equivalent to a healthy economy? What are other ways of measuring success, and how can we encourage businesses to adopt sustainable practices and perspectives?

7. Visions of Sustainability. Choices we make today are shaping the world of tomorrow. What are the possible outcomes, and how can we create the most sustainable society for ourselves and our children?

Each meeting consists of two parts: an opening and a facilitated discussion. The discussion revolves around a diverse collection of short essays, articles, and book excerpts organized around the session's theme. The readings are found in the study guide, and each participant must have advance access to a study guide to prepare for each session.

Interested, but want more info? Please contact Mary Noer (terrynoer@sbcglobal.net or 817-249-7341) for more information about the course.

We only have room for 22 participants. All those who enroll are encouraged to commit to the entire course.

Ready to enroll? You can secure your spot by enrolling and purchasing a study guide for \$20 (payable to Westside UU Church) or stating you have an agreement to share a study guide with someone else who is purchasing a study guide. If you are unable to purchase a study guide, please contact Brenda Baldwin to arrange for the loan of a study guide. To enroll, please contact Brenda Baldwin (brendabrew@hotmail.com or 817-988-9441) or sign-up on the bulletin board across from the nametag display at church.

Single-Payer Universal Health Care for all Texas

by Bill Russell and Janice Sims

Thank you to everyone who signed the petition in support of single-payer, universal

health care. We invite anyone who has not yet signed to add his or her voice to this ongoing effort. The petition will be available through the end of September.

Health Care for All Texas is a grassroots coalition promoting the idea that health care is a human right and that every Texan deserves guaranteed access to high quality health care at an affordable cost.

HCFAT supports the United States National Health Insurance Act (or the Expanded and Improved Medicare for All Act) HR-676. In addition, we are attempting to have legislation introduced in the 2009 Texas legislative session that would establish the Texas Health Insurance Plan (TIP), a not-for-profit Health Care Authority that would act as a single-payer insurance entity. Under TIP, all medically necessary services and prescriptions would be covered with no co-pays or deductibles. Details are available at the HCFAT web site www.healthcareforalltexas.org.

WESTSIDE STORY LOOKING FOR NEXT DESIGNER/DISTRIBUTOR

ERIC STEVENS WILL BE FINISHING
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& DISTRIBUTOR OF OUR
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Feeding Your Demons

by Amy Babb

Tsultrim Allione brings an eleventh-century Tibetan woman's practice to the West for the first time with FEEDING YOUR DEMONS, an accessible and effective approach for dealing with negative emotions, fears, illness, and self-defeating patterns. Allione, one of only a few female Buddhist leaders in this country and comparable in American religious life to Pema Chodron, bridges this ancient Eastern practice with today's Western psyche. She explains that if we fight our demons, they only grow stronger. But if we feed them, nurture them; we can free ourselves from the battle. Through the clearly articulated practice outlined in FEEDING YOUR DEMONS, we can learn to overcome any obstacle and achieve freedom and inner peace. Find out more at www.taramandala.org.

Please join the meditation group on Monday, September 22nd from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary for a special night of the teachings of Lama Tsultrim Allione through a pre-recorded audio teaching. Please contact me if you plan on attending. Amy Babb (817-565-6613) or pax_269@yahoo.com. Donations are accepted but not required!

NEW FACES:

DIANE JONES

by Beverly Archibald

To many of you, Diane Jones needs no introduction, as she has quickly made a place for herself in the life of Westside. Diane is an unattached single Mom, with four daughters (ages 22, 21, 20 and 14), three of whom are living at home.

For five years, Diane has owned Salon 707, which is located at 707 Boland Street in the cultural district. It was her beauty shop that actually brought her to Westside. Some time ago Diane took an online quiz about what religion is most aligned with her beliefs, and --no surprise-- she is a UU. She knew nothing

about Unitarian Universalism, and did nothing about it, but when her customers, Jane and Ric Hansen, mentioned that they were attending Westside, Diane decided to try it out. The rest, as they say, is history.

When Diane heard Russell in the pulpit, she was hooked. As she says, "He is for real; he speaks from his heart." Diane loves people and finds Westsiders authentic. She says we "come from a strong place -- are built on a solid foundation."

Originally from California, Diane moved with her family to Euless when she was fifteen. She really didn't like Texas then -- but after graduating from high school, becoming a licensed beautician, moving to Fort Worth and getting married, she decided that Texas (especially Fort Worth) was a pretty fine place after all.

Diane is a happy, outgoing person, and one of her favorite things is socializing with her friends. She also enjoys the camaraderie of team sports; she hates to "exercise" in a gym, but gets plenty of exercise as well as having fun playing softball, kickball and other team sports. When she has time, Diane also likes to read.

If you don't already know Diane, make an opportunity to talk with her at church. You will be glad you did.

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CHARLES OGILVIE

by Reed Bilz

We welcome Charlie Ogilvie to Westside although he has already become a vital addition to our congregation. He comes to us from Ben Wheeler (Texas for the unknowing). He is a physician (Radiologist) and Professor Emeritus at UNT Health Science Center. Charlie and his wife of 62 years, who is deceased, had four children, two male and two female. The children live

SCIENCE IS A DIFFERENTIAL EQUATION.
RELIGION IS A BOUNDARY CONDITION.

-ALAN TURING

far away and Charlie joined us to have more social interaction with like-minded friends. He also notes that Russell brought him to Westside and he likes the open-mindedness of the congregation.

Charlie's avocation is running and bicycling. He completed 66 marathons after age 60 and set the national 10K age record. He also competed in the Masters All American Triathlon. He attends a fitness camp every year in west Texas to pursue these interests. Ask him about the camp when he returns from this summer's visit.

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JOHN MCVEY

By Beverly Archibald

One of our newest members is John McVey, a retired widower with three grown children, two sons in the Fort Worth area and a daughter in Oklahoma.

In John's words, "My roots are with ordinary people who farmed and had ordinary jobs in Oklahoma. For many years I was a working journalist, a 'grunt' some would say, who produced the best small weekly paper I could. In the process of doing my best, I won a few awards, some of them surprisingly good, far above the 'grunt' league. I am now involved in education, currently part-time, and in private writing projects."

John is an amateur poet and essayist, and is also trying to write fiction. He enjoys reading, and is very interested in human affairs, global issues (especially global warming), world economic and social issues, particularly the massive genocide and slavery still going on in the world.

A member of Tzu Chi Foundation, a Buddhist charitable organization, although not a Buddhist, John has long been interested in Deism, Unitarianism and other religious movements and groups that emphasize the

teaching of love, compassion, and social awareness and action.

Again, in John's words, he joined Westside "to become a full-fledged member and to become actively involved in the church community, events and through UU and other organizations, to learn things of interest to people of conscience.... I hope to help the church in any way I can, through work and financial support proportionate to my means."

He especially likes the open friendly attitude of Westsiders and our interest in social issues.

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CLETIS AND LEE ICE

We have already welcomed Myron and Linda Ice, and now we are pleased to introduce Myron's parents, Cletis and Lee Ice.

Cletis and Lee both grew up in Montague County, Texas (Saint Jo, Forestburg, and Prairie Hill). While they knew of each other, they certainly did not foresee a long and lasting future together. But, Lee's grandfather may have had a crystal ball! In December 1936, Cletis' father died and his mother was encouraged to relocate to her sister's community. The farm that they leased was his future wife's grandfather's farm. When Lee visited her new neighbors, Cletis was sitting in the living room in front of the fireplace with her grandfather. Lee passed through the living room on her way to meet his younger sister when Lee's grandfather looked at Cletis out of the corner of his eye and said to him "you may be kin to me someday". Cletis was discharged from the military on February 9, 1946 and they were married on February 20, 1946. Lee's grandfather had wonderful insight as they have been happily married for 62 years!

Cletis and Lee moved to Waco where Cletis entered Baylor University. Lee worked hard to earn her PHT (Putting Husband Through),

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- JOHN JAMES AUDUBON

while Cletis fulfilled his father's wishes by earning a degree in Bible, and was ordained as a minister. He served as pastor of two small Baptist churches on the weekends while in school. After Baylor, they moved to Fort Worth with the intention of furthering Cletis' education, but health problems changed their plans. Cletis continued to pastor for awhile, including in his hometown of Forestburg. They eventually ended up as members of Broadway Baptist Church for the next twenty years.

Cletis worked as a loan underwriter for many years. He worked for HUD as well as several local mortgage companies. Cletis has enjoyed 100% retirement since 1999. Lee worked in retail, specializing in handbags and accessories. If you've seen any of her purses, you can see that she still has a knack for selecting the most fashionable ones!

The proud parents of Theron and Myron, the Ices count raising their two sons as one of their greatest accomplishments. Myron, a member here at Westside, is the younger of the two. Theron and his wife are piano technicians and own PianoTex in Arlington. Cletis and Lee supported their boys completely in every endeavor. Not only would they attend performances of the Fort Worth Opera with Myron in the cast, but they have been known to hang out in a honky tonk or smoky bar to support Theron in his many performances as a jazz musician! Cletis and Lee have one grandson, Mason, who lives in Dallas with his lovely wife, Mishan. Cletis and Lee are happy to be among the company of Unitarian Universalists. They have always harbored doubts regarding traditional beliefs and religion. Cletis was even known to question a professor or two about the inflexible theology of the Baptist church. They are professed secular humanists and proud to have finally found a like-minded congregation! They especially enjoy the Reflections given by Dr. Russell Elleven. When their health prevents them from attending on Sundays, they listen to each recorded message on the church website. Modern technology! A big thank you to Bill Terry, for making this happen.

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NINETY-NINE PERCENT
OF THE FAILURES COME
FROM PEOPLE WHO HAVE
THE HABIT OF MAKING
EXCUSES.

- GEORGE WASHINGTON
CARVER

OUR COMMUNITY

South Central Alliance of Churches

South Central Alliance of Churches, of which Westside is a member, has a wonderful opportunity for us to share and help families who are experiencing a financial crisis. For a child who would probably not otherwise have a cake and balloons, the BIRTHDAY BOX helps the family to provide these things for their child.

A birthday box contains cake mix, frosting mix, balloons, plates, napkins and a card. A small box of birthday candles could also be added.

If you want to assemble a birthday box, bring it to Westside and put it on the table in the back of the sanctuary and the Lotvens will take it to SCAC for distribution.

You can find out more about SCAC on their website: www.fwscac.org

September's Green Tip

From the National Resources Defense Council website

How far your food travels has serious consequences for your health and the climate. Here are simple ways to make a positive contribution to our planet.

Support your local farmers' market. To find out where one is located near you, visit www.localharvest.org or guide.buylocalca.org. If you don't live near a farmers' market, ask your city to set one up for your neighborhood.

Choose local produce when it's in season at your usual shopping places. Look on the labels to see how far your food traveled and ask your favorite grocery stores, restaurants, and even the cafeteria in your office to carry more local foods.

Avoid buying produce that has been flown in from abroad, such as European hothouse tomatoes, because the global warming pollution produced by this type of transport is substantially higher than others. Cherries, blueberries, blackberries, raspberries, tomatoes, bell peppers, and asparagus are the main fruits and vegetables most frequently shipped by air.

Encourage businesses and government bodies to adopt procurement policies favoring locally grown, organic, and sustainably harvested foods that are minimally processed. As foreign trade increases dramatically (and the global warming pollution and harmful health effects that go along with it do as well), you can make a real difference by taking simple steps in how you shop for your food. The more information you know about this issue, the better choices you can make for your health—and the Earth.

For more information go to www.nrdc.org/foodmiles.

DRE SEARCH

From the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Manhattan, Kansas

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Manhattan, Kansas, (www.uufm.net) is seeking a half time (20 hours per week) Director of Religious Education. UUFM is an active and growing congregation with a strong commitment to liberal religious education for our children and youth. Manhattan is a pleasant community of about 50,000 in the Flint Hills of northeast Kansas, and home to Kansas State University.

Questions may be directed to Carolyn Ferguson, dresearch@uufm.net. To apply, send cover letter, resume and contact information for two references to:

UUFM DRE Search Committee
P.O. Box 910
Manhattan, KS 66505

or to dresearch@uufm.net

Application deadline is September 5, 2008.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

CONTEMPORARY BOOK GROUP will meet after church at the church Sunday, September 28 at the church. We will discuss *Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain.

AFTER CHURCH OUT-TO-LUNCH BUNCH meets immediately after Sunday services every Sunday except potluck Sundays.

HUMANISTS OF FORT WORTH will meet the second Wednesday of the month (the 10th). We welcomed two members of the church to their first HOFW meeting in August and one new non-member. Visitors are most welcome to attend. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. and usually conclude at 8:30.

WESTSIDE GREAT BOOKS will meet the third Sunday (the 21st) at 6:30 p.m. at the church. The selection to be discussed is the Book of Genesis, King James Version. Newcomers are welcome.

DINNERS FOR 9 will resume on Saturday the 13th of September. If you are new to Dinners for 9 they are Potluck dinners held once a month on the second Saturday at different members' homes. It is a great way to meet new members and make new friends. You can sign up on the Westside Web page or by email me at pclaypool@yahoo.com. For those who have already signed up, please let me know if you are able to host a dinner. The host does not necessarily have to provide the house for the dinner, but can choose to provide the main dish and be responsible for contacting the other guests. If I have not answered your questions please feel free to email me.

*Paul McClellan,
Social Co-Chair*

PLEASE SUBMIT
ITEMS FOR OCTOBER
NEWSLETTER TO
JANICE_WILLIAMS@CHARTER.NET
BY SEPTEMBER 19.

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- NICOLAUS COPERNICUS

WESTSIDE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

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By The Numbers

<i>Date</i>	<i>Adults</i>	<i>Children</i>	<i>Total</i>
Sunday, July 6, 2008	75	10	85
Sunday, July 13, 2008	83	14	97
Sunday, July 20, 2008	88	11	99
Sunday, July 27, 2008	71	13	84
Monthly Average	79.25	12	91.25

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.



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

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How are we doing?

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

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

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