



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.

Our condolences to Betty Stiles on the passing of her husband, Troy, on August 3. Troy was a long-time and beloved member of Westside and will be greatly missed. Betty is moving to Lewisville to live with family, so we will miss seeing her at church as well. Betty's new address and phone number: Betty Stiles, c/o Lewisville Estates, 800 W. College Parkway #134, Lewisville, Tx 75077; 940-231-2156

Tom Young has moved to the Houston area and is receiving dialysis.

Meghan Foster has accepted a new job and is moving to Washington, D.C.

Lois and Ken Robison's daughter is in the hospital and improving, but anticipating surgery.

Sandy Olah's mother, Lee, is recovering from several recent hospitalizations and anticipating surgery.

John McVey is still recuperating after his bone marrow transplant and traveling to Dallas once a month for follow up appointments. He really appreciates that Westside has the most friendly and accepting people he's ever met.

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

Sunday Services

September 4 - *Why the World Frightens Me* with Dr. Elleven. There are so many reasons to be frightened of the direction the world seems to be headed today. Russell will offer you his frightening reasons this Sunday morning.

September 11 - *How We Spent Our Summer Vacations* with Westsiders. To kick off the church year, Andrea Petty (Director of Religious Education), Caroline Nixon (Board Vice President), and Gwen Gipson (Board President) will share what they have learned

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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.

this summer and how they would like to use their new-found knowledge and inspiration in service to Westside. The annual Committee Fair will also be held before and after the service. So, you will have the opportunity to see how you too can grow by sharing your time and talents with Westside.

September 18 - *A New Capitalism?* with Dr. Elleven. Russell knows little about economics. There is little doubt the economy is in turmoil right now. This makes him wonder if there is a different way to do Capitalism.

September 25 - *Justice for Hedgehogs* with Don Jackson. Ronald Dworkin, who teaches law and social philosophy at New York University, produced a book this year with the unusual title, *Justice for Hedgehogs*. That sounds strange, but it has ancient origins. The first known mention was by the Greek poet Archilochus, who wrote that, "the fox knows many little things, but the hedgehog knows one big thing." So, Dworkin and I will examine the big thing of trying to come up with a transcendent--or even an objective--foundation for social justice/morality in our time. One hint: the essential idea has to do with human dignity and self respect.

sunday morning options

Forum

September 4 - *On Education* - presented and led by Bill Russell

September 11 - *Analysis and Comparison of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address with the Funeral Oration of Pericles as recreated by the great historian Thucydides* - presented by Gene Walker

September 18 - Lecture 12 by Professor T.F.X. Noble - "From Greek Religion to Socratic Philosophy"

September 25 - Current Events (Contact Dick Trice for any questions re Forum at trice932@yahoo.com)

CRE News

Connect with CRE

The summer is coming to an end, and I would like to thank everyone for making our Summer CRE session a success. Our focus this summer was on

Lying to ourselves is more deeply ingrained than lying to others.

-Fyodor Dostoevsky

Dreaming permits each and every one of us to be quietly and safely insane every night of our lives.

-William C. Dement

Gullibility and credulity are considered undesirable qualities in every department of human life -- except religion.

-Christopher Hitchens

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.

July 2011	Samaritan House Dinner Fund	\$1,082.64
June 2011	Mental Health Mental Retardation Vision	\$819.52
May 2011	South Central Alliance of Churches	\$1,010.67
May 2011	Mobile Recreation Summer Day Camp	\$148.00
April 2011	UUA/UUSC Japan Relief Fund	\$960.25
April 2011	National Transplant Assistance Fund	\$634.41
March 2011	PFLAG	\$754.69
February '11	Aids Outreach	\$1213.74
January '11	Southern Poverty Law Center	\$759.29
January '11	Fund for Nelwyn Schnell	\$768.58
December '10	Tarrant County Foster Parents Assn.	\$1437.45
November '10	South Central Alliance of Churches	\$1228.86

Social Justice. Over the course of the summer, we covered topics such as covenant, kindness, empathy, compassion, fairness and community service. We practiced these topics through exercises in active listening, role playing, games, art, and service projects. This summer, with the help of the congregation, we planted herbs, made and delivered 45 birthday bags to SCAC, and made dog treats for the animal shelter. The children grew together in community and had a great time doing it! Thank you, All, who volunteered this summer!

For the fall we will be changing our format slightly. On the first Sunday every month, we will continue a tradition started this summer—Gathering. On Gathering Sundays all the children will meet together for a combined children's service. On second, third and fourth Sundays the kids will be in their respective classes. On fifth Sundays we will have an art or service project to work on with all of the children together.

All of us in CRE are excited and looking forward to a wonderful year. We have enough volunteers to get our year started, but we are always looking for more! Contact Andrea or Tricia if you can help out.

Weekend of Westside - WOW

Weekend of Westside was a big success! We all had a great time playing Wii games, doing crafts and generally having fun with each other. The highlight of the day was the Wii Hula Hoop tournament at the end. All the children and adults participated. That was a sight to see! The CRE department is looking forward to having another WOW in the near future. Thanks to all who volunteered to help out with WOW.

Upcoming Events

- Sept. 4 CRE In-gathering.**
- Sept. 12 CRE Council meeting 6:30pm at the church**
- Sept. 25 CRE Fire drill**

More Info:

Join the conversation and get important

CRE information at our Google group by going to groups.google.com/group/westsidere, and click the link to apply for group membership. If you have any questions you can contact Andrea Petty at dre@westside.org

News from former Westsiders

Ann Jarboe was Westside's first CRE Director at the former McCart St. site. She and her family moved to Ohio eight years ago, but have been keeping up with Westside through the newsletters. Those of you who remember the Jarboes will enjoy this update.

Amy Jo - Westside's first member by birth is a freshman in high school this fall! She is 5' 5" tall now and still has beautiful red hair and freckles. Amy Jo plays violin, runs cross country, swims, works on the yearbook, and keeps busy with friends. We call her our little St. Francis because she attracts animal friends wherever she goes. So, naturally, she is also working a few hours a week at a pet boarding business.

Hayden - He is a senior and looking at colleges for chemical engineering. He is a pretty serious baseball player, cellist, and swimmer. At school he enjoys history, chemistry, math and Latin. He is life guarding, traveling with his baseball team, and hanging out with friends this summer. He is still an easy to be around kid and still has a calming personality that chills things out a bit.

Jenny - She is a junior at University of Richmond studying biochemistry. She is very involved in campus life. Jenny is currently in Capetown, South Africa in a school sponsored program. She is working with children in Khayelitsha, Capetown's largest black township. The program also makes time for student touring on the weekends. She has met penguins, gone shark diving, and has a safari scheduled. The program is student led, and it is a bit overwhelming what she has to do from scratch. She is keeping a blog if you want to know more at <http://j-jarbs.blogspot.com> And, Ann reports that she and Hank are doing well.

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I have never met a man so ignorant that I couldn't learn something from him.

-Galileo Galilei

We grow tyrannical fighting tyranny. The most alarming spectacle today is not the spectacle of the atomic bomb in an unfederated world, it is the spectacle of the Americans beginning to accept the device of loyalty oaths and witch-hunts, beginning to call anybody they don't like a Communist.

-E.B. White

Where is the life we have lost in living? Where is the wisdom we have lost in knowledge? Where is the knowledge we have lost in information?

-T.S. Eliot

in & around westside

Committee Fair

Sept. 11th, 2011

As part of kicking off the new church year, Westside will hold its annual Committee Fair on Sept. 11, 2011, before and after the service. Come and enjoy light refreshments while perusing information about the different committees and opportunities for spiritual growth through participation in a committee. Please contact Board President, Gwen Gipson, if you have any questions about the event. We look forward to seeing you there!

Casino Night Returns

in October!

Mark Saturday, October 8, on your calendars. CASINO NIGHT! Black Jack, Holdem' Poker, Craps, and Roulette---- Plus, Karaoke for those who don't gamble. This is a fun fundraiser for Westside. Needed, helpers to serve wine, set up tables, and deal poker, blackjack or run a roulette or craps table. Contact Bill Russell: BillRuss@tx.rr.com, or Paul McClellan: jmclaypool@yahoo.com

Westside Camping in October

Here's a little heads-up for those who Camp! This year's Westside Fall Camping Trip will be October 14-16. Sign up starts in September. Contacts: James Finn, Andrea Petty, Steven or Laurie Hagstrom, and Tricia Bowes.

Westside T-Shirt Contest

Hey Westsiders! The Social Justice Committee has decided that our church

is in need of a new t-shirt. The forest green one was very popular, so we still want to keep our seven principles on the back. But, for the front, we have decided to hold a contest. This contest is open to all Westsiders, young, old, and in-between. Symbols, phrases, pictures, art - any ideas should be submitted that fit with Westside and UUism. The Social Justice bulletin board has a box for submissions, or you can email your idea to: kristinpitt@att.net.

Committee Spotlight

Each month we hope to spotlight a committee within the congregation, so we can better understand how our church functions. We've heard from the Chaplain Corp, now let's here from ABUC, Aesthetics and Building Use Committee

History

When our Westside community purchased the building that we currently occupy, there was an ad hoc committee charged by the Board with making critical changes to the existing building both from a functional and an aesthetic standpoint. The BRIC (Building Repair & Improvement Committee) upgraded the A/C system (some new, some repaired), removed a closet at the back of the sanctuary and a small stage in front of the window at the front of the sanctuary to give us the most floor space possible, created the library, selected and implemented indoor paint colors and carpet for the sanctuary, landscaping (including the adoption of a long-term landscape plan), and furniture. After their initial plan was developed and implemented, a new committee was put into place that would continue to oversee the same type of improvements and/or changes to our building.

ABUC

The ABUC committee began meeting in March of 2009 with a virtual smorgasbord of ideas and projects just waiting to be unfolded! One of the first and most daunting tasks on which the committee worked was the exterior painting of the

*It is the certainty
that they possess the
truth that makes
men cruel.*

-Anatole France

*A man has to live
with himself, and
he should see to it
that he always has
good company.*

*-Charles Evans
Hughes*

*Nobody can be
lucky all the time; /
so when your luck
deserts you in some
fashion / don't
think you've been
abandoned in your
prime, / but rather
that you're saving
up your ration.*

-Piet Hein

church. Selecting a visually appealing exterior and trim color can be much more difficult than you might imagine! This was obviously a major project from both a financial standpoint and an aesthetic view...we only had one chance to "get it right!" As a follow-up to the painting, the building urgently needed outdoor signage of a high quality to let folks know who the new neighbors were! We hope that everyone has enjoyed our choices...it seems like so long ago now, it's hard to remember how it looked before...pretty tired!

Other projects that have either been overseen, approved, and/or implemented by the ABUC are: the cushions that our children enjoy using at the front of the sanctuary, our stained glass window in the narthex, address numerals for the "front porch," signage at our Lipscomb Street parking lot, display of Russell's photograph and the demilune table below, wall hangings in the narthex, outdoor security and signage lighting, furnishings for church office, landscaping and irrigation system on east side of building, new lavatory and vanity in the hall restroom, painting, upgraded plumbing fixtures, and replacement of ceiling tiles in fellowship hall and restrooms, moving plate glass mirror outside of the kitchen to a safer and more secure location, and most recently, the addition of our new chalice table, chalice tablecloth and pulpit drape enhancing the appearance of our sanctuary dais. In addition to these tangible projects, this committee also works to keep our rooms tidied, free of excess "storage" and generally allow the rooms to be used for their designated purpose.

2011-2012 Fiscal Year

For the 2011-2012 fiscal year, projects include upgrading our hall restroom as well as the restroom that is ADA approved off the east classroom, painting Fellowship Hall, improved lighting in the sanctuary (in conjunction with the church's energy plan), and continued discussion regarding the long term maintenance of our exterior landscape.

You can see, as with all committees in

an active community such as Westside, the members of ABUC have taken their charge very seriously and continue to work on behalf of the church as a whole! The decisions that are made are a visual reflection of our community and often influence the first impressions our guests at Westside form. We want our church appearance to be warm and welcoming just as the folks inside will be!

Submitting Requests

If you have questions, concerns, and/or suggestions for the committee, the committee welcomes your comments! Please refer to the instructions on the church website to do so. The Board appoints members, and currently serving on the committee are Berry Bock (Chair), Brenda Baldwin, Linda Ice, Dianne Nixon and Maria Schmidt. The committee is also joined by a liaison from the Board and the Building & Grounds committee.

Where's Russell in September?

I will be at all Westside Sunday services in September. I will deliver reflections on the 4th and 18th and facilitate Joys and Concerns on the 11th. I will be unavailable from September 26 through October 3. Just ask if you want to hear what fun thing I'm doing during that time.

Below you will find my appointment times for the month. During appointment times I meet with Westsiders in my church office, in their homes, in a coffee shop, at a restaurant, sometimes in their places of work, or whatever best fits our schedules. In order to set a time to meet during these hours, just shoot me an email at relleven@gmail.com for the quickest response. Otherwise give me a call at home (817.370.2171) and I'll get back to you as soon as my schedule allows.

So, September appointment times will look like this:

Thursday, September 1st, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

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It is of interest to note that while some dolphins are reported to have learned English -- up to fifty words used in correct context -- no human being has been reported to have learned dolphinese.

-Carl Sagan

When you say that you agree to a thing in principle, you mean that you have not the slightest intention of carrying it out.

-Otto von Bismarck

The art of being wise is the art of knowing what to overlook.

-William James

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Tuesday, September 6th, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Thursday, September 8th, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Tuesday, September 13th, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Thursday, September 15th, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Tuesday, September 20th, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Thursday, September 22nd, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Tuesday, September 27th, UNAVAILABLE
Thursday, September 29th, UNAVAILABLE

Remember, Mondays are my day off so emails or calls on those days often receive a slower response.

Peace!
Russell

Happy New Fiscal Year!

Highlights from the
July 20 Board Meeting

The new Westside Board kicked off the new church fiscal year at the July 20, 2011 Board meeting. All Board members were present, including the three newly elected Directors: Stuart Cheney, Jane Palmer, and Jessica Zinn; as well as one outgoing Director, Michael Munoz.

As part of kicking off the new fiscal year, the Board reviewed the new strategic plan, in particular the timeline of goals to be implemented this fiscal year. The Board decided/approved the following:

Set a date for the Board retreat, Sept. 25
Appointed Charles Palmer as the new chair of the Stewardship

Approved the August plate offering recipient, Free the Slaves, based on Social Justice committee's recommendation

Discussed possible members of a new Financial Feasibility Study task force for purchasing a new property within the next few years

Discussed possible members of a new ad hoc committee to review bylaws revisions

We approved minutes from the Board meeting, as well as the monthly financial statements which are always available for

review in the church office. Finally, members are always welcome to observe Board meetings, usually scheduled for the third Wednesday of every month.

Gwen Gipson, President of Westside Board of Directors

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 marycret.com

opportunities to
learn & serve

Green Sanctuary

Environmental Notes

Thanks to House Bill 2714 in the 80th Legislature, computer manufacturers that sell in, or into, Texas must offer their consumers a free and convenient recycling program for personal and home-business computers. Reusing and recycling conserves natural resources by recovering valuable components and materials that can be used to make new products. Once a computer manufacturer submits a plan for recycling that is approved by the TCEQ, they can be added to the manufacturers' list maintained on TexasRecyclesComputers.org.

At the easy-to-use site, consumers select their computer brand on the list, and then click on the manufacturer's name to be redirected to the manufacturer's recycling web page. If a manufacturer is not on the list, TexasRecyclesComputers.org has other

Life is a tragedy for those who feel, and a comedy for those who think.

-Jean de la Bruyere

The world looks with some awe upon a man who appears unconcernedly indifferent to home, money, comfort, rank, or even power and fame. The world feels not without a certain apprehension, that here is someone outside its jurisdiction; someone before whom its allurements may be spread in vain; someone strangely enfranchised, untamed, untrammelled by convention, moving independent of the ordinary currents of human action.

-Winston Churchill

resources available to help recycle old computers. The website also contains downloadable resources to help promote computer recycling, such as ready-to-go articles and banner ads.

“Come Sing a Song”

Where: with the Westside Choir!
Practices will begin Sunday, Aug. 28 at 9:30 a.m. We will practice again on Sept. 4. Beginning Sunday, Sept. 11, we will practice at 9:30 a.m. and sing during the service. Our schedule will be every other Sunday from that point. If you love to sing, please join us - we have a lot of fun. Contact our Music Director, Cathy Shipman @ clmcc7@yahoo.com.

Sound System

Helpers Wanted

Bill Terry is looking for three people to help out with managing our sound system during the Sunday service. Qualifications for these helpers are:

Coming to church on Sunday by 10:15.

Willing to sit at back of Sanctuary during service.

Not afraid of electronics.

Commit to running sound once every 8 weeks.

Prior Sound System experience is not necessary, only a willingness to learn. Please contact Bill either by phone (817-249-7341) or email. (terrynoerbill@sbcglobal.net)

Quilting/Handiwork Group

The Westside quilters group meets the third Sunday of the month. We will be meeting from 1:00 to 4:00 after Potluck. Everyone is invited; no skills are required. Bring a sewing machine and

tools if you have them; we are happy to share. You can help make small quilts for the children of Samaritan House or work on your own project. If you have any questions talk to Debby Rake at 817-473-2414 or dsrake@gmail.com.

Energy Blast at the Museum

Westside's Green Sanctuary Committee needs your help! We are critiquing the Fort Worth Science Museum's Energy Blast exhibit as a social justice project to qualify for the national UU Green Sanctuary status.

We ask that Westsiders and our friends visit the exhibit (which focuses on natural gas) to note your observations and questions pro and con. (It takes 30-45 minutes.) Give your notes to Linda Jenkins or anyone on the committee. Linda will compile notes and draft a letter with commendations and recommendations on Westside's behalf to the museum's curatorial staff.

We will follow up to insist concerns be addressed. We will organize group events if needed. And of course individuals can go alone at any time. We need several dozen folks to contribute. Please help with this interesting environmental project.

Linda Jenkins - for the Green Sanctuary Committee

Vegan Potluck Saturday, September 24th!

Have you ever wanted to eat in a healthier way but didn't know where to start? Have you ever wanted to eliminate animals and animal products as a way of eating more compassionately? Have you ever wanted to eat lower on the food chain so as to be kinder and gentler to the earth? Have you ever wanted to hang out with others who want these same things? If you answered "yes" to any of these, please

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When you want to fool the world, tell the truth.

-Otto von Bismarck

The desire of knowledge, like the thirst of riches, increases ever with the acquisition of it.

-Laurence Sterne

A cult is a religion with no political power.

-Tom Wolfe

How far should one accept the rules of the society in which one lives? To put it another way: at what point does conformity become corruption? Only by answering such questions does the conscience truly define itself.

-Kenneth Tynan

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consider joining the Monthly Vegan Potluck group. We will hang out together, eat good food and exchange recipes. Vegan Potlucks will take place on the fourth Saturday of each month at 5:00 p.m. September's Vegan Potluck is set for the 24th.

Here's how the potluck will work:

Please arrive early (4:30 p.m.) if possible so you can to help set up tables and chairs
Bring a VEGAN dish

Bring the recipe for your VEGAN dish (or be prepared to email it to others)

In place of a prayer, we will light a candle and join in a Responsive Reading before the meal

Eat and enjoy

Talk with other potluckers

Look for dishes you like

Help clean up...

COME BE WITH US!!

Contact Russell Elleven, Laurie Hagstrom or Andrea Petty if you have any questions about the Monthly Vegan Potluck!

Humanists of Fort Worth

We meet on the second Wednesday evening of each month; next one is September 14; Program to be announced. For more information see Gene Gwin, Chair of HOFW.

Contemporary Books

The Contemporary Book Group will meet on September 25 at church, after church, to discuss *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls, a memoir about growing up in a dysfunctional family. October 30 we will discuss *Persepolis*, a graphic memoir about growing up in Iran by Marjane Satrapi.

our wider community

Save the Date/ Sept. 10, 2011

Run for Life Suicide Prevention Coalition of Tarrant County

We would love for you or your organization to help make our 1st Annual Run for Life 5k/Fun Run a success.

Pre/Post Race Volunteer Opportunities or Join the Race

Stuff Race Bags at the Mental Health Association of Tarrant County
3136 West 4th St, Ft Worth

Race Bag/T-Shirt Pick Up at Luke's Locker
2600 West 7th St, Ft Worth

Race Day Opportunities
Trinity Park Arts Pavilion
2401 University Dr, Ft Worth

To register for the race: www.active.com/running/fort-worth-tx/run-for-life-2011.

Contacts: Scott Paulson: s.c.paulson@juno.com, or Mental Health Assoc. of Tarrant County: 817-335-5405

Dedication for JPS School-Based Health Center - Southside

Join us at 2 p.m. on Sunday, September 18, for the ribbon cutting and reception. The clinic is the product of several years of work by JPS, Southside Church of Christ, who did most of the remodeling of the building, and the cooperation of the South Central Alliance of Churches. Westside had a serious part in getting it started.

JPS will staff the clinic which will provide 6000-8000 medical visits per year to Fort Worth ISD children and their siblings at little or no charge. SCAC is responsible for the utilities, including janitorial services. Ceremonies will take place at Southside: 2101 Hemphill St, Fort Worth. Hope to see you there!

It is curious that physical courage should be so common in the world and moral courage so rare.

-Mark Twain

If you talk to God, you are praying. If God talks to you, you have schizophrenia.

-Thomas Szasz

If you have a weak candidate and a weak platform, wrap yourself up in the American flag and talk about the Constitution.

-Matthew Stanley Quay

Taxes are the price we pay for a civilized society.

-Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.

Tarrant County Gay Pride 2011

“Ride the Rainbow” Pride Parade.
Celebrating 30 years of pride.

**Parade - October 1, 2011 at 10
am, Downtown Fort Worth**

**Street Festival - October 1,
2011 from Noon to 6pm
General Worth Square, Fort Worth**

**Picnic - October 2, 2011 from Noon
to 6 pm Trinity Park, Fort Worth**

Westside has shown solid participation in the past; plan to participate this year. Contacts: Cindy Fountain, Pam Rogers, or Sara Munoz.

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 or go to www.rke.cc.

First Unitarian Church to host Multi-Faith Prayer Service

People from all faith backgrounds, as well as those without any religious affiliation, are invited to gather together on the tenth anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks at a 6 p.m. service of prayer and remembrance, intended to serve as a positive expression of our common hopes and aspirations on Sunday, September 11, at First Unitarian Church of Dallas. A reception will follow the service. We will ask how we as human beings and members of various faith communities can join

together as brothers and sisters in a wider community that recognizes peace as the answer, and lifts up the truth that our shared humanity transcends our divisions. We seek a meaningful way of being together that isn't mired in the suspicion and misinformation we often receive about each other. We will join in song, silence, and prayer, and hear thoughts from leaders of various congregations reflecting on the challenges we face and the possibilities for being better neighbors going forward.

In 1899, Temple Emanu-el opened its doors for Unitarians to begin worship services in Dallas and later, First Unitarian provided meeting space for the Islamic Association of North Texas. In light of our shared history and Unitarian Universalist values, First Church planned to host a multi-faith anniversary service on 9/11 and subsequently found considerable energy for coming together around the question “Who is My Neighbor” at a regular meeting of Dallas Area Interfaith clergy. Congregations involved or attending include (among others):

**First Unitarian Church of Dallas
Temple Emanu-el, Dallas
Islamic Association of North Texas
West Plano Presbyterian Church, Plano
Northaven United Methodist Church, Dallas
The Catholic Community of St.
Elizabeth Ann Seton, Plano**

First Unitarian Church of Dallas is located at 4015 Normandy Avenue, Dallas, Texas, 75205. For further information contact the church office at 214.528.3990

FJUUC Women's Alliance meetings

We meet the second Tuesday of the month. September 13, is welcome back for potluck. Contact: Diane Feldman (divfeld@aol.com).

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Westside Unitarian Universalist Church

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By The Numbers

	11am adults	11am kids	Total
July 3	134	29	163
July 10	115	20	135
July 17	115	23	138
July 24	122	19	141
July 31	102	14	116
Average	117.6	21	138.6



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.

Committee on Ministry

Linda Hanratty
Jeff Rodriguez
Joy Counts
Lonnie Goins
Scott Paulson

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