



Sunday Services

June 3 - *Credo 2012* with Rev. Dr. Don H. Fielding. In this 'Reflection' I list what I believe about God, the Bible, Jesus, what religion is, what spirituality is, and what maybe the future of religion will be. I have a very special reason for giving you my beliefs, which I will reveal to you at the end of this Reflection.

June 10 - *Justice and Mercy, Compassion...and the Brain* with Rabbi Ralph Mecklenburger. Ralph Mecklenburger is the Rabbi of Beth-El Congregation in Fort Worth. His book, *Our Religious Brains*, was recently published. He asserts that religion should be considered—and sometimes reconsidered—in light of the insights of modern science. He plans to begin with classic Jewish ideas about compassion, then to add a dose of modern neuroscience before turning to the biblical book of Jonah for illustration.

June 17 - *Religious Concepts Renewed: Grace* with Rev. Annie Foerster. Those of us who came to Unitarian Universalism from other churches are often plagued by words from our religious past that no longer ring true. We discard them. Those of us who became UUs out of no earlier religious understanding have little or no religious language. It always amazes me that we can communicate with one another about, much less support, one another's faiths. Let's agree to be 'green' about religious language—recycle, re-use and renew. This Sunday I'll address and re-dress Grace.

June 24 - *Things Worth Believing, and Why* with Carl Romano. Where do beliefs come from? Can we ever really tell the difference between belief and knowledge? What happens when treasured beliefs fade? Westside member, Carl Romano, will be in the pulpit, and he asserts that he

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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.

has no answers to any of these questions but will think aloud about them with you.

nurse until she retired. Linda and Walt married in 1966. They have one son who is a radiologist and research scientist in the field of nuclear medicine in St. Louis.

Linda enjoys reading and travel and hopes to make a trip to Italy and perhaps Germany in the coming year.

Linda and Walt joined a UU Church in 1977, in Oklahoma City. She enjoys the friendliness and supportive atmosphere at Westside.

New Faces

Meet Linda McConathy

Linda was born in an Army Air Corp hospital in Malden, Missouri, during WW II. She lived in Alabama most of her early childhood, then in Oklahoma until 1992, when she moved to Fort Worth. Four years ago Linda and her husband, Walt, moved to Midland and recently moved back to Fort Worth after his retirement from Texas Tech.

Linda's first career was teaching preschool to fifth grade until 1992. She then became an R.N. and was a hospice

Meet Walt McConathy

Walt is from Oklahoma and has lived in Texas for the last twenty years. He is a retired research scientist. He has been a Unitarian Universalist for 35 years.

Walt enjoys gardening, stamp collecting and politics. Walt has had a long-standing interest in Unitarian Universalism.

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.

April '12	South Central Alliance of Churches	\$863.81
March '12	In-Reach Fund	\$1225.38
February '12	Presbyterian Night Shelter	\$971.72
January '12	Multicultural Alliance	\$807.83
December '11	South Central Alliance of Churches	\$1,096.25
November '11	Unitarian Universalist Service Committee	\$730.07
October '11	Child Study Center	\$643.42
October '11	UUA Association Sunday	\$149.00
September '11	InReach Fund	\$1,071.26
August '11	Free the Slaves	\$1,030.91
July '11	Samaritan House Dinner Fund	\$1,082.64
June '11	Mental Health Mental Retardation Vision	\$819.52
May '11	South Central Alliance of Churches	\$1,010.67
May '11	Mobile Recreation Summer Day Camp	\$148.00
April '11	UUA/UUSC Japan Relief Fund	\$960.25
April '11	National Transplant Assistance Fund	\$634.41
March '11	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

What really flatters a man is that you think him worth flattering.

-George Bernard Shaw

A superior man is modest in his speech, but exceeds in his actions.

-Confucius

SUNDAY MORNING OPTIONS

Forum

Please see the Weekly Church Memo for each Sunday's Forum. If you would like to get the latest Forum news directly each week, please send your e-mail address to Dick Trice at trice933@att.net. Our meetings begin at 9:30 and end at 10:40. The room fills fairly quickly and the earlier attendance, the better the seats. Childcare is available; no need to RSVP.

CRE News Clips

Connect with CRE

The Youth Group had a very successful clothing drive last month. We delivered a van full of clothing, food and toiletries to South Central Alliance of Churches!

This summer Children's Religious Education classes will be exploring world religions. Each month the children will engage in a worship service in the style of the religion they are studying. They will also have three to four weeks of classroom activities about each religion. In June, they will explore Paganism; in July, they will explore Buddhism, and in August, they will explore Islam. We could still use a few more volunteers to round out our teaching teams. Consider volunteering one or more Sundays this summer.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks and gratitude to all who volunteered in Children's Religious Education for the regular session. You make a difference!

The CRE Committee needs you!! Please consider serving on this important committee. Contact Tricia Bowes at re@westsideuu.org

Upcoming Events:

June 1 - No Youth Group Meeting

June 3 - First day of Summer Sunday School

June 9 - CRE Council Meeting

June 15 - Youth Group Meeting

June 24-29 - Hogwarts's Academy of Fun at First Jefferson UU Church

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@westsideuu.org

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Childcare at Church Sponsored Events

We now have someone to coordinate childcare for any church sponsored event. All you need to do is contact the coordinator and follow a few guidelines presented below!

Our childcare coordinator is Amber Shattuck and can be reached at childcare@westsideuu.org.

All committees or individuals sponsoring an event are encouraged to provide childcare for their event, whether they pay for it from their own budget, from proceeds of their event, or by asking parents to contribute toward the cost. Event sponsors should contact the childcare coordinator at least two weeks before the event to obtain and discuss childcare policies and the list of qualified caregivers.

The Childcare Coordinator will schedule the appropriate number of childcare workers for your event and give the workers the information about your event. You will be given a list of names and contact information for the workers that are scheduled for your event. The workers will arrive at the appropriate time for your event. The sponsoring committee/individual is responsible for paying childcare workers at the end of the event.

The sponsoring committee/individual will have the responsibility of managing childcare providers at the event in accordance with this policy (see Guidelines below). Publicity for church events should include the notice that childcare is available. All event publicity should request that anyone seeking childcare for a special event RSVP at least three days prior to the event. Parents can RSVP to the event sponsor or to the Childcare Coordinator directly at childcare@westsideuu.org. Only by signing up before an event can the childcare coordinator know how many caregivers are needed to provide a safe environment and maintain the recommended caregiver/child ratio.

*There is a foolish corner
in the brain of the wisest
man.*

-Aristotle

*It has been said that a
pretty face is a passport.
But it's not, it's a visa,
and it runs out fast.*

-Julie Burchill

Guidelines for Childcare Event Management:

The sponsoring committee/individual will be responsible for the following tasks for their event unless otherwise arranged with the childcare coordinator (the childcare coordinator will not be present at your event):

- Reserve a room for the children to be in during your event
- Oversight of childcare workers
- Provide any snacks/food (no food or drinks allowed in classrooms)
- Pay the caregivers
- Ensure the room used is left in good order
- If using a classroom, cover all AMS Montessori's toys, book and shelves (these items are off-limits)--your childcare worker will be informed of this as well.
- If a child is signed up for childcare, that child must stay in the room with the childcare provider or else be the responsibility of the parent.

Payment for Childcare:

The payment for caregivers is currently \$10.00 per hour. Once engaged, caregivers will be paid for one hour even if no children show up and their services are not utilized.

Although men flatter themselves with their great actions, they are not so often the result of a great design as of chance.

-Francois, duc de La Rochefoucauld

We should be slower to think that the man at his worst is the real man, and certain that the better we are ourselves the less likely is he to be at his worst in our company. Every time he talks away his own character before us he is signifying contempt for ours.

-James M. Barrie

IN & AROUND WESTSIDE

Blood Drive Update & Thank You

A Big Thank You goes out to Gene Walker and Diane Jones for organizing Westside's recent blood drive. And, of course, we want to thank our blood donors and those who attempted but weren't able to give for various reasons. A total of 28 pints was donated, including 4 double red cell donations.

Carter Blood Care estimates that 64 patients

will be helped through our efforts. Yea, Bleeders! And, the event couldn't have taken place without the efforts of our donor recruiters: Lane and Erin Smutz, Paul McClellan, Mark McMurry, Cindy Fountain, Diane Jones, Debra McCawley-O'Brien, Scott Paulson, Kristin Pitt, Louanne Rice, Janice Sims, Shelley Stonecipher, Sean Wildman, and Gwen Gipson.

And Kudos to the following: At the event, Pam Rogers and Angi Brown sold their hand made jewelry and donated 25% of the proceeds to the In-Reach Fund. Also, Gwen Gipson supplied snacks and juice which were given to the donors by volunteers from our Youth Group - Aminda Cheney-Irgens, Joshua Bowes, and Maggie Anderson and chaperone, Tricia Bowes.

Gene and Kathleen Walker challenged those who couldn't give blood to give to the In-Reach Fund. Gene and Kathleen matched those donations with \$500 for In-Reach. Thanks so much, Gene and Kathleen!

Finally, remember that this blood drive allows Westside members and friends to receive credits if we ever need blood. For those who give blood regularly, please let them know that Westside is your sponsor, and it will continue to add to our "bank."

Potluck Saturday June 16

As has been announced, Westside is going to two services in September. Along with this, other changes are being made. One change is our monthly potluck which will now take place every third Saturday. We will begin with the first one June 16, 4:30 - 7:30. If there are any questions, please email Bill Russell at billruss@tx.rr.com

Where's Russell?

Westside's minister, the Rev. Dr. Russell Elleven, is currently on sabbatical. He will return on Sunday, September 2, 2012.

Highlights from the April 18 Board Meeting

- Approved additional funds for Stewardship campaign expenses for this year
- Discussed the idea of having a Personnel Committee to help manage employee-related concerns, such as benefits, raises, policies, etc. We will discuss more details at the May Board meeting.
- Discussed changes to the draft budget for next fiscal year. The June meeting will be dedicated to approving a budget for next fiscal year, after the Stewardship campaign pledge amount is known.
- Discussed modifications to the Building Use policy to make it more internally consistent

Approved minutes from the Board meeting, as well as the monthly financial statements are always available for review in the church office. Finally, members are always welcome to observe Board meetings, which are usually scheduled for the third Wednesday of every month. Please note that the May and June Board meetings had to be re-scheduled to May 17 and June 6, respectively.

-Gwen Gipson, President of Westside Board of Directors

5. Congregational Vote: Budget for Next Fiscal Year
6. Congregational Vote: Board, Nominating, and Endowment members
7. Congregational Vote: Ratifying Board-Appointed Audit Committee
8. Proposed By-Laws Amendments
9. Old Business
10. New Business

- The financial statements and proposed budget will be sent via email on the Thursday before the meeting.
- Light snacks and refreshments will be provided.
- Childcare will also be available; so that we can plan for an adequate number of childcare workers, please contact our childcare coordinator, Amber Shattuck, if you will need childcare. Her email address is childcare@westsideuu.org.
- If you have any questions you would like addressed at the meeting, please submit your questions to the Board president at president@westsideuu.org.

We hope to see you there!

Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, June 10 - 12:30-2:30

1. President's Report
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Financial Feasibility Study Group Report
4. Update on Church Facebook Page

News from the Worship Team

Westside continues to attract visitors and new members! It's wonderful that more and more people are hearing the good news about Westside as a place where everyone is welcome. But, robust growth can lead to growing pains. Your Worship Team, in concert with the Board, has decided that Westside needs to have an additional service in order to accommodate our continued growth. Under Russell's guidance, we spent a great deal of time researching the various options for having two services. We will begin in September, as soon as Russell returns from his sabbatical. They will be from 10:00 to 11:00, and from 11:30 to 12:30. The children are also included

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Flatter me, and I may not believe you. Criticize me, and I may not like you. Ignore me, and I may not forgive you. Encourage me, and I will not forget you.

-William Arthur Ward

Those who cannot forgive others break the bridge over which they themselves must pass.

-Confucius

in the new service; there will be two complete Children's Religious Education (CRE) programs. Forum will meet during the first service.

Annie, our pianist, will play for both services. Choir will perform during the first service, every other Sunday, as at present. Rehearsals will begin at 8:30, not 8:45 as previously noted. There may be special music during the second service from time to time.

Potluck has been moved to the third Saturday of the month, from 4:30 until 7:30. We will begin our Saturday potlucks on June 16.

We will be providing more information about our new services in upcoming newsletters. In the meantime, if you have questions, please address them to members of the worship committee. They are Gwen Gipson, Shelley Hattan, Linda Ice, Myron Ice, Edward McGuire, Debby Rake, Sean Wildman, and Amy Youngblood.

Are You a New Member?

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

*If words are to enter men's
minds and bear fruit,
they must be the right
words shaped cunningly
to pass men's defenses
and explode silently and
effectually within their
minds.*

-J.B. Phillips

*Everyone, in some small
sacred sanctuary of the
self, is nuts.*

-Leo Rosten

OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN AND SERVE

Humanists of Fort Worth

HOFW meets the second Wednesday of each month, so June 13, at 7 p.m, at the church. Come, bring a friend and enjoy the company and bonhomie of fellow freethinkers. The title of the program is "Time to Meet Fellow Freethinkers Darrow, Diderot Mill, Julian Huxley, Mencken and Voltaire." The speaker will be Dick Trice.

Grief and Loss

Everyone loses someone or something and grieves. Most people don't know how to make grief work toward healing. Our social mores don't support grief well—Big boys don't cry! Go to your room if you can't control your feelings. But, there are ways of grieving that are productive and helpful.

Whether you've lost someone recently, or many years ago, come join a group of people who are in a similar situation. Under the guidance of the Rev. Annie Foerster, who has led many grief groups over the past 30 years, you will discover how to recover from loss. We will meet June 16 and June 23 from 10 am until noon, at the church.

Call (513) 301-4646 or email redseamripper@gmail.com to reserve a place in class.

Contemporary Books

The Contemporary Book Group will meet Sunday, June 24. We will discuss *State of Wonder* by Ann Patchett, who also wrote *Bel Canto*. We selected *Charity Girl* by Hael Lowenthal for July. This book is about a little known quarantine of suspected "loose" women during WWI. Please join us for any or all of these discussions. We have several new members and welcome more. Questions? Contact Reed Bilz at rbilz@charter.net.

Three Covenant Circles Formed

About twenty people will start meeting in three covenant circles this month. The formation of three groups was our preliminary goal. The discussion topic for May is "Love is the doctrine . . ." from the Affirmation we repeat each Sunday. Love as a doctrine is very much a Universalist theology. They said they couldn't love a god who didn't love his creations enough to forgo sending them to hell. Discussion questions will include: How does love manifest itself in your life? What other guiding principles (personal doctrines) do you have? How did it/they develop in your life so that you hold them in such high esteem? How do you respond when you don't follow your owning guiding principles?

The Wednesday evening group is full, but there is still space on Tuesday evening and Saturday morning, plus interest in a daytime group that will include child care. Look for sign-up sheets on Sunday morning, or email Annie Foerster at red-seamripper@gmail.com for more information.

Quilting and Handiwork Group

Westside quilting and handiwork will meet on June 17, after church. Everyone is invited to join us. Bring whatever you would like to work on, or come to help with the quilts. We share our tools and our skills and great conversations. For more information or to be added to our email reminder list, call Debby Rake at 817-473-2414 or dsrake@gmail.com

Vegan Potluck Saturday, June 23!

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 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 pm. You can sign up on our meetup.com website located at: www.meetup.com/Vegan-Potluck-WUUC/

Here's how the potluck will work:

Please arrive early (4:30 p.m.) if possible so you can 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 chalice 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 Laurie Hagstrom or Andrea Petty if you have any questions about the Monthly Vegan Potluck!

Seventh Principal Notes - Green Sanctuary

About our Green Movies

Did you really want to attend one of the Green Movie Nights, but something came up? Well, now you can view any of our Green Movie selections in the comfort of your own home with Westside's movie lending library. Email green@westsideuu.org. The selections are as follows:

Home, the Movie is a beautifully photographed documentary film narrated by Glen Close, which outlines the damage done to the earth by humans, particularly since 1950. The last ten minutes of this movie show some good things people are doing to reverse current damage, but the overall tone is sobering. We don't have a copy of this one, but it is available online at www.youtube.com/watch?v=jqxENMKaeCU.

No Impact Man - A guilty New York liberal decides to practice what he preaches for one year. He turns off the electricity, stops making garbage, gives up TV, taxis and take-out, and becomes a walking, bicycling, composting, tree hugging, polar bear saving, local food-eating citizen, all while taking his baby daughter and caffeine-obsessed, television-addicted wife along with him.

King Corn manages to win us over in part because it does not announce its outrage through a bullhorn. Instead, this soft-spoken movie directed by newcomer Aaron Woolf gets its point across by settling in among its rural Iowa subjects and following the lead of its goofy everyman co-producers/stars, Ian Cheney and Curtis Ellis, as they attempt to farm a single acre of corn...

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In everyone's life, at some time, our inner fire goes out. It is then burst into flame by an encounter with another human being. We should all be thankful for those people who rekindle the inner spirit.

-Albert Schweitzer

What is the purpose of the giant sequoia tree? The purpose of the giant sequoia tree is to provide shade for the tiny titmouse.

-Edward Abbey

Where this documentary distinguishes itself, however, is in the unusual amount of warmth it lets into the mix. Cheney and Ellis are both funny and completely non-threatening, which does not mean toothless. Like his stars, Woolf treats both friend and foe (including farm-subsidies inventor Earl Butz) with respect, refraining from sarcasm, superiority, or ambush. "King Corn" insists that we recognize the Corn Belt's beauty and intelligence along with its somewhat self-induced plight...It's fair to say that a meaner documentary might have packed more punch. But it's hard to imagine Michael Moore turning out anything that feels as pleasantly nourishing. - *Editorial*

Waste Land is a film about people, art and garbage, filmed at Jardim Gramacho, the world's largest garbage dump, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. A noted, but unconventional, artist returns to Rio de Janeiro in his native Brazil to create portraits of the refuse pickers made from the trash with which they work. The process inexorably alters his life, those of the filmmakers, and of the workers themselves.

Split Estate is an eye-opening examination of the consequences and conflicts that can arise between surface land owners in the western United States, and those who own and extract the energy and mineral rights below. "This film is of value to anyone wrestling with rational, sustainable energy policy while preserving the priceless elements of cultural heritage, private enterprise above-ground, and the precious health not only of people but the land itself." Bill Richardson, Former Governor of New Mexico.

And speaking of Green Movies, if you have an idea for the next Green Movie Night, which will be in July, contact Linda Hanratty or Bob Vann. Again, our email is green@westsideuu.org.

Chaplains Report on a Caring Community

The Chaplains Corps 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 a chaplain know. You may contact us at 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.

Oliver Munoz turned three and started preschool!

Carol Cappa mourns the loss of her dear Aunt Anna. Pam Rogers received very hopeful news regarding her cancer condition and the effective treatments she is receiving. She thanks everyone for their continued support.

Tara Mitchell was accepted into the graduate school for Social Work at UTA.

We were pleased to see Jeff Bullock back in church so soon after recent surgery to repair a pseudo aneurysm of the aorta near his kidney.

Sandy Lord mourns the loss of her dear sister, Carolyn.

Howard and Myrtle McMahan share the joy of another great grandchild in their life, Jeffrey McMahan.

Al Olson is experiencing transportation challenges.

Serge Ashtear shared his unemployment concern but is looking forward to building his social life by finding new friends.

Alvin Migdal shares his concern for his brother who has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

Lela and Tom Woods are proud to announce the birth of their granddaughter, Grace Celeste Woods, on April 27.

Nikki Tessier graduated from her medical assistant program.

Hayley Spinks had surgery on April 25, and is staying with her mother for a little while. Hayley reports she is recovering nicely.

Isaac Garcia graduated from beginner band to concert band, playing trumpet.

And, members, Eric Stevens and Jill Jung have recently moved to Atlanta. Eric will stay on as the newsletter designer - thank you, Eric!

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.

Moral certainty is always a sign of cultural inferiority. The more uncivilized the man, the surer he is that he knows precisely what is right and what is wrong. All human progress, even in morals, has been the work of men who have doubted the current moral values, not of men who have whooped them up and tried to enforce them. The truly civilized man is always skeptical and tolerant, in this field as in all others. His culture is based on "I am not too sure."

-H.L. Mencken

I value my garden more for being full of blackbirds than of cherries, and very frankly give them fruit for their songs.

-Joseph Addison

SCAC News & Opportunities

The South Central Alliance of Churches will work in cooperation with the Tarrant Area Food Bank to offer a summer lunch program from June 11 – August 17, providing lunches for school age children who qualify for free or reduced school lunches. We will run this program Monday – Thursday from 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

We need VOLUNTEERS, age 18 or older, to help pass out the box lunches and assist in supervising activities including arts and crafts, reading stories, games, educational events and speakers and more. You need not come every day in order to volunteer, but a regular schedule is appreciated, such as one day a week, or three or four days in a row. All help is greatly appreciated. The location is: Southside Church of Christ at 2101 Hemphill Street, Fort Worth, TX 76110, just a few blocks north of Westside.

Please contact Tony Lorenzen for more information or to volunteer at 817-923-0486 or office@fwscac.org. The Westside contact is Beverly Archibald, bevanfw@charter.net

Donations to SCAC are possible through PayPal - You can view the PayPal donation button and the email newsletter sign up form on our website at fwscac.org

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 Paul Maginnis, cheers101@sbcglobal.net, or Carla Hardy, carla555@att.net

NTAAUS Updates -Save The Dates!

The NTAUUS Leadership Conference - June 9

Horizon UU Church, Carrollton

Registration opens in early April, \$25

Mid-May, \$35

Toward Effective Governance

The NTAUUS Training for Boards of Trustees - July 14

First Jefferson UU Church, Fort Worth

Registration opens in early May; \$15 includes lunch.

www.northtexasuu.org. North Texas Association of Unitarian Universalist Societies.

Frances M. Lappe at First Jefferson

On Sunday, June 24, 11:00 am, First Jefferson has the honor of having Frances Moore Lappé as our visiting speaker. Lappé, a native of Ft. Worth, is the author of 18 books, including *Diet for a Small Planet*, which has sold over 3 million copies worldwide. In it she criticized the food industry for its waste and promotion of unhealthy foods and proposed a vegetarian diet.

Her most recent book (2011) is *EcoMind: Changing the Way We Think To Create the World We Want*. (See article at greensourcedfw.org/articles/eco-mind-noted-author-frances-moore-lappe, or <http://smallplanet.org/>). In 2002, Lappé founded the Small Planet Institute with her daughter, a collaborative network for research and education to bring democracy to life. She has received 17 honorary doctorates. Lappe grew up in Fort Worth, and her parents, John and Ina Moore, founded the First Unitarian Church in Fort Worth.

Historian Howard Zinn wrote: "A small number of people in every generation are forerunners, in thought, action, spirit, who swerve past the barriers of greed and power to hold a torch high for the rest of us. Lappé is one of those." Please plan to join us and welcome Frances Moore Lappé to First Jefferson. Contact: Karl Thibodeaux, First Jefferson Unitarian Universalist Church, 682-465-0021.

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April 2012 Attendance

	Adults	Kids	Total
April 1	103	22	125
April 8	116	30	146
April 15	108	30	138
April 22	127	32	159
April 29	103	27	130
Average	111.4	28.2	139.6



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.

Committee on Ministry

Jeff Rodriguez - Chair, Linda Hanratty, Joy Counts, Lonnie Goins, Scott Paulson

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 & compassion in human relations;**
- **Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;**
- **A free & responsible search for truth & 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.**

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