



Sunday Services

OCTOBER 7 - *"We Are Just Like Everyone Else!!!"* with Elizabeth Campbell. October is National Disability Awareness and Meet the Blind month. Come learn about three blind people who have made a difference, including a physician, a business owner who helped rescue people from the World Trade Center, and a chef. All are blind and have made a difference in our society.

OCTOBER 14 - *"It's Difficult Being Right All the Time"* with Dr. Russell Elleven. Do you carry the burden of knowing it all or know someone who does? This Sunday Russell will reflect on the what we know and how we know it.

OCTOBER 21 - *"Tis The Season"* with Dr. Russell Elleven. The holiday season is approaching quickly. But even before that, we will witness the election of the United States president. Russell will offer some thoughts about politics this Sunday.

OCTOBER 28 - *"Was Mother Goose a UU?"* with Reed Bilz. Reed will share her research into this subject by using Nursery Rhymes that answer this question as they relate to the Seven Principles.



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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.

New Faces

MEET JOHN BARNES. John grew up in Fort Worth. He attended North Side High School. He has a BA from the University of Texas and an MS from Oklahoma State University. And, he received his law degree from University of Houston Law Center JD.

In 2010, after twenty years as a lawyer, he started Barnes Energy Resources for sales of commercial and residential electricity. BER focuses on fundraising for non-profits. John is divorced and has no children, but a

friend shares her two Great Danes with him. He enjoys fly tying, fly fishing, kayaking, bicycling and organic gardening.

John is one of ten lead organizers in Tarrant County for President Obama's reelection. He is also active in Paul Sadler's US Senate race and Wendy Davis' Texas Senate race. Until spring of 2011, he didn't realize he had been a Unitarian without a congregation from about the age of twelve.

After a few services at a UU congregation in Columbia, MD, he realized he belonged in a UU congregation.

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.

Some stories are true that never happened.

-Elie Wiesel

To be sure, the dog is loyal. But why, on that account, should we take him as an example? He is loyal to man, not to other dogs.

-Karl Kraus

The basis of all animal rights should be the Golden Rule: we should treat them as we would wish them to treat us, were any other species in our dominant position.

-Christine Stevens

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| August '12 | Women's Center of Tarrant County | \$937.52 |
| July '12 | Samaritan House Dinners Fund | \$808.66 |
| July '12 | Mountain District Wild Fire Relief | \$273.75 |
| June '12 | Alliance for Children | \$614.79 |
| May '12 | Water.org | \$617.75 |
| 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 |
| November '10 | South Central Alliance of Churches | \$1228.86 |
| October '10 | UUA Association Sunday | \$847.23 |

SUNDAY MORNING OPTIONS

Adult RE

FAITH LIKE A RIVER. Heresy. Freedom. Reason. All these words resonate mightily with Unitarian Universalists. These concepts will be explored fully in Faith Like a River in October. "Faith" involves us in the history of our religion through stories, on personal, local, national and global levels. Join us in the glass classroom during the second service at 11:30. Everyone is welcome, and committed participation enhances the experience for everyone. Note that childcare is available during the workshop! Adult RE is brought to you by Amy Youngblood, Chair; Jeff Bullock, John Fisher, Annie Foerster, Heather Goins, Andrea Petty and Paul Sears.

CRE News Clips

CONNECT WITH CRE. Fall CRE classes off to a great start - Fall classes have started and are going well. We could still use a few more volunteers to teach and assist. Contact Andrea Petty if you can help out.

OUR WHOLE LIVES SEXUALITY EDUCATION - We have 7 junior high students this year taking advantage of this unique opportunity. Please join me in thanking Brenda McKeon, Lane Smutz, Cindy Fountain and Jeff Rodriguez for volunteering to teach this life-saving class. We will be starting K-1 and 4th - 6th grade classes in January.

HALLOWEEN PARTY - Join us for fun and games of the Halloween variety on Sunday Oct. 28, at 1pm. If you would like to volunteer to help out with the party, please contact Tricia Bowes or Jessica Zinn.

RUMPUUS! - All 6th to 9th graders are invited to join with other DFW middle-school UUs from 11-5 on Oct. 13, at Group Dynamix, a GREAT indoor team-building experience in nearby Carrollton. Only \$18 for the day (fee

covered by our Westside UU Youth Fund) - you will play awesome games, explore an incredible indoor climbing facility, and meet up with your friends from other UU churches in the area. If you're new to middle school or haven't done this event before, you're in for some serious fun. If you've done it before, you KNOW how much fun it will be! Contact Lane Smutz or Andrea Petty for more information.

Sunday Morning Childcare Worker - We are currently looking to hire one Sunday morning nursery worker. This is a paid position. If you know someone who would like this type of employment, let us know. Please contact Andrea Petty at dre@westsideuu.org for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

OCTOBER 5 - 7th-9th grade OWL 7pm at the church

OCTOBER 12 - 7th-9th grade OWL 7pm at the church

OCTOBER 13 - RUMPUUS

OCTOBER 15-24 - Andrea out of town for LREDA conference

OCTOBER 19-21 - Westside Campout

OCTOBER 27 - 7th-9th grade OWL Retreat 9a-2p

OCTOBER 28 - Halloween party, 1pm at the 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

Forum

OCT. - 7 & 14 "*Freedom of Political Expression vs. Sedition*" What has been our history so far?

Presented by Forum member, Dr. Don Jackson, Prof. Emeritus, TCU, currently teaching "Constitutional Law: Civil Rights and Liberties" and coaching TCU's Intercollegiate Moot Court Team

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In the Soviet Union, capitalism triumphed over communism. In this country, capitalism triumphed over democracy.

-Fran Lebowitz

To die for an idea; it is unquestionably noble. But how much nobler it would be if men died for ideas that were true.

-H.L. Mencken

The big thieves hang the little ones.

-Czech proverb

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OCT. - 21 Current Events

OCT. - 28 “The U. S. Defense Department Budget: How is It Allocated and Spent?”

Presented by Forum member, Mr. Joe Hardy. Joe was a career U.S. Army Commissioned Officer serving 20 years as a helicopter pilot with assignments in Vietnam, Germany and U.S.A. His specialties were logistics and maintenance. In this capacity he was responsible for the operational deployment of Army aircraft and signals systems to units around the world.

Forum is welcome to all and childcare is available. Begins at 10:00 a.m. and ends at 11:00. Dr. Elleven’s service begins at 11:30, after a 30-minute break for coffee and conversation. If you have any questions, contact Dick Trice at 817-446-4696 or trice933@att.net.

IN & AROUND WESTSIDE

Plate Offering

Each month a charitable organization is picked to receive our “undesignated” plate offering. The Social Justice Committee reviews and recommends which organization will be the recipient. If you are giving cash and wish it to go to the church, either as your pledge or church support, money envelopes are available at the Welcome Table in the front hall of the church. If you are writing a check, please designate on it whether it is for the church, the monthly offering (charitable organization), or your pledge.

The arrow has to draw back to fly ahead.

-Proverb

Since my house burned down, I now own a better view of the rising moon.

-Mizuta Masahide

Love: a temporary insanity, curable by marriage.

-Ambrose Bierce

Parking at Daggett is Available

Having two services close together makes for some parking issues. Parking at Daggett Middle School is available for Westsiders.

Please park in the east parking lot, which is just north and west of the church and fronts Alston Ave. Those of us, who have been around for awhile, are encouraged to park at Daggett to make sure that enough parking is available for our visitors and newcomers. Thanks for parking at Daggett!

The Westside Fall Camp-out is Coming!!!

DATES - Friday, Oct. 19 - Sunday, Oct. 21

GROUNDS - **ARC RIDGE RANCH** Tent camping, hiking, canoeing, stargazing in East Texas

AMENITIES - Electricity available, a full bathroom, a shower room with hot water, port-a-potty, group pavilion

GROUP SHARED RESPONSIBILITIES - The fee covers meals from Friday evening through Sunday breakfast. Everyone will take turns on the chore and cooking chart. Chores may include cooking, cleaning and set up. If you have camped with us before, you may be asked to be a chore leader to help provide guidance.

PETS - We welcome pets if all guidelines are carefully followed, and a pet covenant is signed.

FEES - \$30 adults - 18+, \$20 teens - 13-17, \$10 kids - 4-12, FREE - kids 3 and under
Payments Cash or Checks payable to Tricia Bowes Fun for ALL!

Where’s Russell in October?

I look forward to seeing you all in October. I will be in the pulpit offering reflections on the 14th and 21st. I’ll be facilitating Joys and Concerns all Sundays this month. I hope to see you in church.

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 respective 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.

APPOINTMENT TIMES

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2ND, 9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4TH, 9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9TH, 9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11TH, 9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16TH, 9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18TH, 9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23RD, 9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25TH, 9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30TH, 9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.

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

Peace! - Russell

OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN & SERVE

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

Sound System Helpers Wanted (2nd Service)

Bill Terry is looking for additional people to help out with managing our sound system during the 11:30 am Sunday service. Qualifications for these helpers are:

WILLING TO RUN SOUND DURING ONE OF THE SERVICES.

WILLING TO SIT AT BACK OF SANCTUARY DURING SERVICE.

NOT AFRAID OF ELECTRONICS.

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)

Humanists of Fort Worth

John Harvey, Professor of Economics at TCU, will speak to us on Wed, Oct. 10, beginning at 7:00 p.m., ending at 8:30 p.m. at the church. The title of his talk is, "The Truth about the Debt and the Deficit." All are welcome. John is a very engaging and entertaining speaker so it should be a fun evening.

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When I feed the hungry,
they call me a saint.
When I ask why people
are hungry, they call me a
communist.

-Helder Camara

What is to give light must
endure burning.

-Viktor Frankl

Quilting/ Handiwork Group

Westside quilting and handiwork will meet on Oct. 21, after the second service at 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

There comes a time in
a man's life when to get
where he has to -- if there
are no doors or windows
-- he walks through a
wall.

-Bernard Malamud

Contemporary Books

The Contemporary Book Group will meet Oct. 28, to discuss Tolstoy and the Purple Chair by Nina Sankovitch, about the author's year spent reading a book a day. We will skip November and meet Dec. 1, to discuss *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel* by Deborah Moggach. This book was made into a movie starring Judi Dench and Maggie Smith. Back to our regular schedule Jan. 27, 2013 to discuss *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* (nonfiction) by Rebecca Skloot. 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.

Seventh Principal Notes - Green Sanctuary

Deep within the soul of
the lonely caged bird
Beats the rhythm of a
distant forest. Etched
upon its broken heart.
The faded memory
of flight.

-Ginni Bly

Spend the afternoon. You
can't take it with you.

-Annie Dillard

Let me never fall into
the vulgar mistake of
dreaming that I am
persecuted whenever I
am contradicted.

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT GLOBAL WARMING?

Tropical deforestation accounts for about 15 percent of the world's global warming emissions—that's more than every car, truck, plane, ship, and train on earth! According to The Union of Concerned Scientists, the major drivers of deforestation are large agricultural industries such as palm and soybean oil, beef, as well as forest products. These commodities are consumed worldwide and traded internationally in increasingly large amounts. Check food labeling and avoid, where possible, these products when they come from Brazil (or any nation in the Amazon Forest region), Indonesia, etc.

DRIVING HABITS. In real terms, "each 5 mph you drive over 50 mph is like paying an additional \$0.26 per gallon for gas," according to the data magicians at the Department of Energy. That's a compelling case, with gas still well over three dollars a gallon. Source: The Green Life Online But if we are to make an impact on the issues we care about — a polluted and changing climate, oil drilling catastrophes, tar sands

extraction — we'll need to do more than reform our speedometer habits. We need a transportation system that doesn't encourage long-distance trips, we need better electric-car options, and we need more public transit options. And we won't get there by smugly sitting in the right lane, griping about the planet-haters whizzing by. Source: The Green Life Online.

GREEN SANCTUARY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

HELP WITH IM TERRELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GARDEN

HELP WITH WESTSIDE'S RECYCLING PROGRAM

HELP WITH GREEN MOVIE NIGHT

ORGANIZE A PICK UP & PICNIC IN PARK EVENT THIS FALL OR NEXT SPRING

WORK WITH FIRST JEFFERSON ON A PICK UP THE RIVER AND PICNIC EVENT

VOLUNTEER TO CLEAN UP AFTER THE CHURCH SERVICES SO WE CAN RETURN TO USING REAL PLATES, CUPS, WASHABLE NAPKINS, ETC INSTEAD OF USING PAPER PRODUCTS.

PROVIDE IDEAS FOR NEW GREEN PROJECTS AND HELP IMPLEMENT SAID PROJECTS

HELP WITH A SPRING WORSHIP SERVICE

Contact the Green Sanctuary Committee at green@westsideuu.org.

Vegan Potluck Saturday, October 27!

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 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 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!

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.

Zane Goins turned 14 years old.

Audrey Weil is scheduled for hip surgery.

John Nagely shared his joy of attending his 50th high school reunion in Little, Colorado and then his wife’s in Salt Lake City.

Stefani Enlow shared her concern for her brother, Keri, who is being treated for severe PAD (Peripheral artery disease).

Lois and Stan Roskoski celebrated their 38th wedding anniversary last month.

The Kirkland family welcomes their exchange student from Spain, Ana.

Maddie, Shirley Miller’s granddaughter, turned 7 years old.

Tara Mitchell started chemotherapy the first week of September.

Beverly Archibald’s grandson, Audon, scored in the top 2% of Hispanics, nationally, on the SAT.

Hayley Spinks is recuperating from a retinal hemorrhage, and the treatment requires shots in her eye.

Carol Cappa and Sue Spell have returned from their travels to Charlotte, North Carolina.

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.

OUR WIDER COMMUNITY

SWUUC Chalice Lighters

Westsiders, please consider becoming a regular Chalice Lighter. Westside has been a recipient of this several times, most recently

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Elvira always lied first to herself before she lied to anybody else, since this gave her a conviction of moral honesty.

-Phyllis Bottome

The best people possess a feeling for beauty, the courage to take risks, the discipline to tell the truth, the capacity for sacrifice. Ironically, their virtues make them vulnerable; they are often wounded, sometimes destroyed.

-Ernest Hemingway

We are far more concerned about the desecration of the flag than we are about the desecration of our land.

-Wendell Berry

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in support of hiring a Childcare Coordinator for the church. This is a great way for all of the SWUUC churches to come together to help one another. The cost is little, but the reward is great. Forms will be available at the table outside of the sanctuary, or see Cindy Fountain for information.

The Summer 2012 Chalice Lighter Call for the Southwestern Unitarian Universalist Conference has been awarded to the San Marcos Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in San Marcos, Texas.

The San Marcos Fellowship is seeking Chalice Lighter support in the amount of \$25,000 to purchase additional land for the construction of their sanctuary. They have already purchased some land and want to buy adjoining land. This fall marks their 25th year as they were officially recognized by the UUA in October, 1987. This call represents a kind of "silver anniversary" gift for Unitarian Universalism in San Marcos. They have doubled their membership in the last three years, and have ordained a minister this past March. They currently rent space in an Episcopal church. They have 59 members, and 15 children. They are active in their community in social action events, and attend denominational events. For more information, go to www.smuuf.org.

In order to be a Chalice Lighter, each of us gives a minimum of \$10 in response to each Call. There are three Chalice Lighter Calls each year. Your contributions to this Call will help the San Marcos Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. All of your contributions (100%) go to the Chalice Lighter recipient. Please give as generously as you can. Make check payable to SWUUC Chalice Lighters, P O Box 560246, Orlando, FL 32856-0246.

You may also donate to "Chalice Lighters" by using SWUUC's website, where a Paypal feature is provided: <http://www.swuuc.org/pages/stewardship/support.php>
A wonderful opportunity is underway in San Marcos for Unitarian Universalism, and we hope you will join us in our enthusiastic support of this Chalice Lighter Call. Thank you for your generosity of spirit and resources.

- *The SWUUC Chalice Lighter Committee*

No man was ever more than about nine meals away from crime or suicide.

-Eric Sevareid

Among men, it seems, historically at any rate, that processes of coordination and disintegration follow each other with great regularity, and the index of the coordination is the measure of the disintegration which follows. There is no mob like a group of well-drilled soldiers when they have thrown off their discipline. And there is no lostness like that which comes to a man when a perfect and certain pattern has dissolved about him.

There is no hater like one who has greatly loved.

-John Steinbeck

Don't be yourself. Be someone a little nicer.

-Mignon McLaughlin

Thanksgiving Baskets for our Neighbors

Westside UU Church will again be participating, through South Central Alliance of Churches (SCAC), in providing Thanksgiving dinners to needy people in our neighborhood.

SCAC will purchase the turkeys, for which the clients will pay \$5.00 if they are able to do so. In 2011, SCAC provided food to over 400 families at Thanksgiving.

We will have a poster with items on it that people will select and fill, and then bring back to the church by November 11. Remember, the items must be the sizes requested, and must be well before the "sell by" date - SCAC cannot distribute food past that date by law. The Sunday before we take them to SCAC, we will fill the bags with each item required. This year the Covenant Circle facilitated by Berry Bock will fill the bags. Jay and Suzie Lotven will deliver the bags to SCAC.

In 2011, Westside provided 54 bags. This year, we have committed to that same number. And, Joe and Linda Tyson will once again, generously provide the reusable bags for the groceries. Each bag will contain the following items:

- 1 15-16 OZ CAN CRANBERRY SAUCE**
- 1 15-16 OZ CAN CHICKEN BROTH**
- 1 15 OZ CAN CORN**
- 1 14 OZ BAG STUFFING MIX (OR 2,4 OZ BOXES)
PEPPERIDGE FARM, STOVETOP OR EQUIVALENT**
- 1 15 OZ CAN GREEN BEANS**
- 1 15 OZ CAN YAMS**
- 1 SMALL BOX TEA BAGS OR DRINK MIX**
- 1 15 OZ CAN FRUIT**
- 1 BOX CAKE MIX (FOR 13" X 9" CAKE)**
- 1 PKG ICING FOR CAKE (READY TO SPREAD)**
- 1 3 OR 6 OZ PKG JELLO**

If you would rather make a financial contribution, place a check in the offering basket with memo marked "Thanksgiving Baskets". Volunteers from Social Justice will be happy to shop for you.

UU Humanist Symposium

The Fellows of the UU Humanist Symposium are proud to announce the formation of the UU Humanist Symposium, a think tank aimed at realizing the generations-old promise of Unitarian Universalist Humanism. Visit <http://uuhumanistsymposium.com/> to learn more.

Self Management & Recovery Training (SMART)

These confidential meetings are held each week at Westside on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm 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.

To learn more, see www.rke.cc/smart

LR Yorkers

In case any old LR Yorkers have not heard, we have gotten together several times in recent years in various venues around the district. We will be going back to one of the particularly nice ones on the weekend of June 8, 2013. It is Casa de Colores in Central Texas. If any old LR Yorkers are interested, there is a facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/groups/201729396513453/permalink/481386805214376/>. We'd love to have you join us! Susan Dycus, sjdycus@Yahoo.com

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**Deadline for submissions is the
15th of the month.**

Moderate giftedness has been made worthless by the printing press and radio and television and satellites and all that. A moderately gifted person who would have been a community treasure a thousand years ago has to give up, has to go into some other line of work, since modern communications put him or her into daily competition with nothing but world's champions.

-Kurt Vonnegut, Jr.

Our Board

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August 2012 Attendance

| | Adults | Kids | Total |
|-----------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|
| August 5 | 103 | 25 | 128 |
| August 12 | 112 | 20 | 132 |
| August 19 | 123 | 29 | 152 |
| August 26 | 135 | 28 | 163 |
| Averages | 118.25 | 25.5 | 143.75 |



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 & 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.

Westside UU Church

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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

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