



Sunday Services

NOVEMBER 4 - *How the Book of Mormon Changed My Life!* with Dr. Russell Elleven. This event may have been one of the most profound in Russell's life. Russell will tell you of a curious incident that involved the Book of Mormon and a new outlook on life. This ought to be good!

NOVEMBER 11 - "HOPE" with Rev. Marjorie Montgomery. A true tale of an adventure that made a difference. If we are to have a better future, we will equip our children via adventures that open their eyes to what they might do, and what they can do. Let us dare to offer ourselves and our children struggle, joy, personal meaning and fulfillment.

NOVEMBER 18 - *Turning Inward* with Dr. Russell Elleven. Some of us turn inward for strength. Others of us are enlivened by the energy of others. It seems obvious about what extroverts can offer to others. What about introverts? Russell will offer his thoughts this Sunday morning.

NOVEMBER 25 - *Thanksgiving Communion at Westside* with Gwen Gipson. Come celebrate Thanksgiving with your Westside family. Plan to bring a bread representative of your ethnic heritage to share.

New Faces

MEET KEITH MILLER

Keith is from Nebraska and moved to Texas with his family in 1956. He spent his college years in Missouri Synod Lutheran preparatory schools for the ministry with a Bachelor's Degree from Concordia Senior College in Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

Keith spent a year in a Lutheran monastery and decided celibacy was not right for him. He married an ex-catholic nun in 1966 and, along with her, taught school in an inner-city Roman Catholic School for four years.



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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.

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Keith then decided to enter an Evangelical Lutheran Church in the American Seminary at Wittenberg University and was ordained in 1972. He served one church in Fort Worth and another in Kansas City, Mo. while he struggled with his sexuality. After coming out, he was asked to resign his ministry, and he and his wife divorced. Keith took custody of their two sons, and his ex-wife raised their daughter.

Keith and his partner, Morris, have been together since 1976. He retired from the Fort Worth Public Library in 2002, after 17 years.

not know it from what passes for debate during the ongoing presidential campaign, our biosphere is under siege. To ready yourself for informed discussion, Roy Hill suggests reading the essay by Joseph Nevins; you can find it at <http://www.commondreams.org/view/2012/10/15-3>.

Remaining Forums for the month will be announced in the Weekly Memo, Westside Forum and emails to the 90 names of Forum attendees. Childcare is available during all Forum meetings which begin at 10:00 and end at 11:00 am.

SUNDAY MORNING OPTIONS

Forum

Our first Sunday in November, will be an open discussion on "Our Ecological Crisis and the Need to Challenge It." Although you would

A Special Delight!

On November 25, during the period of time between the first and second services, there will be a child dedication ceremony for Henry Hegeman. Henry's parents, Amie and Aaron, request the honor of your presence to welcome their son into our midst with a brief service to observe his place within our community.

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.

September '12	South Central Alliance of Churches	\$1,587.97
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

I have learnt silence from the talkative, toleration from the intolerant, and kindness from the unkind; yet strange, I am ungrateful to these teachers.

-Kahlil Gibran

Ah, good taste, what a dreadful thing! Taste is the enemy of creative-ness.

-Pablo Picasso

Adult Religious Education

Join in Faith Like A River! This new Adult RE program is attracting the most interested and interesting participants!

NOVEMBER'S PROGRAMS FOCUS ON:

VERDANT SPRINGS - how religious reform movements fed into Unitarian Universalism and how our forebears somehow stayed true to their roots while sustaining a religion full of vitality.

MARTYRS AND SACRIFICE - We'll look at those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice and explore the strength of our own beliefs. Are they worth taking a stand on even when the cost is high?

RELIGIOUS TOLERANCE - Government and civic society's struggles have shaped our contemporary Unitarian Universalist faith. Learn about specific events, and challenge personal boundaries for tolerance and acceptance.

Classes are held in the glass classroom and start when the 11:30 am service starts. All are welcome, childcare is provided, and committed participation enhances the experience for everyone.

For more information visit our web site www.westsiduu.org/re/adult_home.html, or contact Amy Youngblood at ybwest@sbcglobal.net.

Children's Religious Education News Clips

CONNECT WITH CRE

FALL CRE CLASSES STILL SHORT A FEW TEACHERS

- We are still having trouble filling all the assistant positions in our Sunday morning classes. Even volunteering once a month is a great help! Contact Andrea Petty if you can help out.

OUR WHOLE LIVES SEXUALITY EDUCATION - We are midway through our junior high course and have covered topics such as Sexuality and Body Awareness, Gender and Diversity, Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity, and Relationships. As always, we are thankful for the dedicated individuals who make this program possible. Also, we are grateful for a congregation that understands the importance of comprehensive sexuality education and makes the resources available for this program!

RE IN THE PARK, NOVEMBER 18 - Children at both services will meet in the park one block to the east of the church on this day for Sunday morning classes.

YUULE PARTY - Join us for a celebration of the winter holidays at our first ever YUULE Celebration on December 16, from 6 to 8pm. There will be food, fellowship and fun and a holiday presentation by the children. Contact Tricia Bowes or Andrea Petty if you can help out or for more details.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

NOVEMBER 2 - 7th-9th grade OWL 7pm

NOVEMBER 9 - 7th-9th grade OWL 7pm

NOVEMBER 16 - 7th-9th grade OWL 7pm

NOVEMBER 30 - 7th-9th grade OWL 7pm

DECEMBER 8 - 7th-9th grade OWL Retreat 9am-2pm (last class)

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@westsiduu.org

IN & AROUND WESTSIDE

Save the date - New Year's Eve!

December 31, is New Year's Eve, and Westside is having a party! We will start the evening with a talent show and conclude the night with karaoke. Please bring a snack to share; beverages (including adult) will be

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The day the child realizes that all adults are imperfect, he becomes an adolescent; the day he forgives them, he becomes an adult; the day he forgives himself, he becomes wise.

-Alden Nowlan

Television knows no night. It is perpetual day. TV embodies our fear of the dark, of night, of the other side of things.

-Jean Baudrillard

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provided. Childcare is available, but please RSVP in advance. The party will begin at 7pm and run till January 1. Anyone wanting to show off their talent, need childcare or want to volunteer to set up or clean up, please contact Sandy Olah at bullhead555@gmail.com or call 817-988-4714.

3) A periodic "Your Day at Westside" during the service

4) Sunday digital announcements

We noted that there is a need for a designated laptop for church use.

Caroline appointed a Bylaws Revisions Committee. Note: The bylaws on the web have been updated with all recent revisions included.

The Saturday potluck has had low attendance. By consensus we agreed to suspend this activity for now.

Mark reported that he is working with Charles Palmer to make improvements and revisions in our bookkeeping.

A railing for the stairs will be attached to the wall to the left of the stage.

The ABUC committee is investigating ways to make the church library usable for members on Sunday mornings.

The Board approved an expenditure of up to \$1,300 to paint the Fellowship Hall.

Reed K. Bilz, Secretary - The Board meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7 pm at the church. All members are welcome to attend. Copies of the full minutes and the financial statements are available in notebooks in the church office.

Plate Offering

Each month a charitable organization is picked to receive our "undesigned" 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.

Highlights from the September 19 Board Meeting

The Board approved an Oct.12, Bowling Party @ Lucky Strikes.

Dr. Sally Patton has been invited to present a workshop based on her book, Welcoming Children with Special Needs.

Caroline appointed a task force to explore the possibility of a Personnel Committee and a policy for same.

The Board agreed to schedule the Service Auction for Fall 2013.

In order to market our committees and activities, we will institute the following:

1) Info Table Rotation - Starting in October, fourteen committees will rotate, before, between and after the services

2) A new Time & Talent survey

Our perception that we have "no time" is one of the distinctive marks of modern Western culture.

-Margaret Visser

The world is in greater peril from those who tolerate or encourage evil than from those who actually commit it.

-Albert Einstein

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!

Where's Russell in November?

Hello good people of Westside! With November comes cooler weather and warm hearts. I hope that you will make it to Westside every Sunday you can to give and receive enrichment.

I will be at Westside each of the four Sundays this month. I will facilitate Joys and Concerns each November Sunday. I will deliver reflections on the first and third Sundays. Additionally, on the third Sunday, I will assist the Membership Committee in welcoming our newest members.

Oh, and on the fourth Sunday, I will lead a child dedication ceremony to Henry Hegeman! He is the son of Amie and Aaron. This brief ceremony will be held in between the two services.

I will likely be out of town the day or two surrounding Thanksgiving but should be able to intermittently respond to email.

NOVEMBER APPOINTMENT TIMES LOOK LIKE THIS:

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST, 9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH, 9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH, 9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH, 9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH, 9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH, 9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND, NO OFFICE HOURS
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH, 9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH, 9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.

During appointment times I meet with Westsiders in my church office, in their homes, in coffee shops, at restaurants, 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.

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

Peace! - Russell

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

OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN & SERVE

Contemporary Books

The Contemporary Book Group will skip November and meet next on December 2, 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 January 27, 2013, to discuss *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* (nonfiction) by Rebecca Skloot. We are outgrowing the narthex and will be meeting in the glass classroom. Come join us.

ReedBilz - rbilz@charter.net

Usher/Greeters Needed

We are seriously short of Usher/Greeter volunteers. To volunteer, please contact Suzie Lotven at 817-927-7213 or lotven@sbcglobal.net. Each volunteer only works one service every few weeks. There are four Usher/Greeters at each service. It isn't hard, and it doesn't take much time or effort. And, it is an important activity! Please consider helping.

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In the cellars of the night,
when the mind starts
moving around old trunks
of bad times, the pain
of this and the shame
of that, the memory of a
small boldness is a hand
to hold.

-John Leonard

I long to accomplish a
great and noble task,
but it is my chief duty to
accomplish humble tasks
as though they were great
and noble. The world is
moved along, not only
by the mighty shoves of
its heroes, but also by
the aggregate of the tiny
pushes of each honest
worker.

-Helen Adams Keller

Laptop Needed

The Board and Worship Team are seeking a laptop donation to use for PowerPoint presentations on Sundays - if you have a laptop that might fit this need, please let Caroline know - thanks for your consideration! President@WestsideUU.org

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)

Seventh Principal Notes - Green Sanctuary

The October 12, 2012, Moyers & Company show entitled "Justice and Politics," from PBS, has an excellent piece on efforts to capture climate change in action; go to <http://billmoyers.com/series/moyers-and-company/> to view the video version. James Balog, the interviewee and a renowned nature photographer, will soon release his film Chasing Ice, and I believe it was also mentioned that he has authored a photographic book about the rapidly disappearing glaciers.

NOVEMBER 10, 2012, AMERICA RECYCLES DAY

Check your city's or county's website to see what your city/county is doing. The Fort Worth event is at La Grave Field from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Residents are asked to bring proof that they are a Fort Worth resident (driver's license or water bill) and unload some of the following recyclables:

PERSONAL DOCUMENTS - Shred up to five boxes (no more than 40 pounds per box) of personal documents securely.

TIRES - Recycle up to four passenger tires per household. Sponsored by Bridgestone Firestone.

LIGHT BULBS & BATTERIES - Bring batteries and residential light bulbs of all types for safe recycling and disposal. (of course, we continue recycling batteries at Westside in the box near the sanctuary entrance). Sponsored by the Fort Worth Environmental Collection Center.

ELECTRONICS, SMALL APPLIANCES, HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, FURNITURE & CLOTHING - Working or not, bring your computers, monitors, keyboards, televisions and more for reuse or recycling by Goodwill Industries. (Note: Recommend you remove and destroy hard drives or find a method that will overwrite everything on them; simply reformatting will not do it).

GREEN SANCTUARY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

I.M. TERRELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GARDEN - Volunteers who will actually be working with children must pass a background check. Forms are available via green@westsideuu.org.

PLANNING FOR PICNIC AND CLEAN-UP IN A PARK FOR THE SPRING OF 2013 - If you are interested in these projects or have other ideas, please contact Linda Hanratty or Bob Vann at green@westsideuu.org.

Humanists of Fort Worth

The Humanists group will meet Wednesday, Nov. 14, at the church, at 7:00 pm. Come, have a listen. Contact: Sam Baker at sambaker@hotmail.com.

The tragedy in the lives of most of us is that we go through life walking down a high-walled land with people of our own kind, the same economic situation, the same national background and education and religious outlook. And beyond those walls, all humanity lies, unknown and unseen, and untouched by our restricted and impoverished lives.

-Florence Luscomb

If, every day, I dare to remember that I am here on loan, that this house, this hillside, these minutes are all leased to me, not given, I will never despair. Despair is for those who expect to live forever. I no longer do.

-Erica Jong

Quilting/ Handiwork Group

Westside quilting and handiwork will meet on Nov. 18, 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

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.

Linda Hanratty and Bob Vann got married last month!

Noah Eugene Langdon was born to Nicole and Mark Langdon; he is the first grandchild for Brenda and Gene McKeon and fifth great-grandchild for Myrtle and Howard McMahan.

Beverly Archibald celebrated 83 years on this planet!

Lisa and C. J. Crabill celebrated their first year of marriage and 10 years of being together on Oct. 17.

Diane Jones' brother is recovering from a serious knee injury.

Kate Blanton was awarded the lead role in a small Casa Mañana class production of June B. Jones!

Shelly Hattan has lost 101 pounds since 2005!

LipoMedics, a company run by Walter McConathy and colleagues at the UNTHSC, was awarded an NIH contract to continue the development of a chemotherapeutic delivery system using high density lipoproteins.

Lela and Tom Woods are excited to announce the engagement of their son, Phillip, to Crystal; he proposed during his 22nd birthday party.

Theresa Kauffman shared her concern for her friend, Barbara, who is navigating melanoma.

Sean Wildman purchased a new vehicle, a 2001 Jeep Cherokee.

Ann Sutherland shared her concern for her friend, Betty Brink, who recently had a stroke.

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.

Vegan Potluck Saturday, November 24!

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 p.m.

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

PLEASE ARRIVE EARLY (4:30 P.M.) IF POSSIBLE SO YOU CAN TO HELP SET UP TABLES AND CHAIRS

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To blame the poor for subsisting on welfare has no justice unless we are also willing to judge every rich member of society by how productive he or she is. Taken individual by individual, it is likely that there's more idleness and abuse of government favors among the economically privileged than among the ranks of the disadvantaged.

-Norman Mailer

Not that I want to be a god or a hero. Just to change into a tree, grow for ages, not hurt anyone.

-Czeslaw Milosz

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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!

OUR WIDER COMMUNITY

NTAUUS Updates

SWUUC SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are available for the Nov. 9-11 Fall Leadership Training, NTAUUS still has two per congregation, \$100 each. Please contact Daniel Polk at executive@ntaus.org to apply. <http://swuuc.org/pages/services/conferences/fall-leadership-training.php>

AWARDS

It's that time again, to consider whom among us we will honor. Nominations for the fourth Annual NTAUUS Recognition Awards are due Monday, November 26, 2012. We hope to receive submissions from each North Texas UU congregation and to see you at the Awards Luncheon on Saturday, January 12 of next year; the speaker will be Rev. Tamara Lebak, Associate Minister at All Souls Church in Tulsa.

The Marty Robinson Award for Volunteers, the Ruth Clark Award for Staff Members and the Robert Raible Award for Ministers comprise the Recognition Awards. They are designed to recognize and honor those whose

contribution has a visible, positive impact on Unitarian Universalism and our congregations in North Texas.

Nominations may be made by individuals or by congregations, of outstanding youth and adults. Background and submission information is at www.ntaus.org/awards.shtml, and we even have an online option.

Angel Tree

SCAC (South Central Alliance of Churches) is in transition right now, so it will not be doing the Angel Tree project this year. However, the Social Justice Committee is working on a plan. Please stay tuned.

**Save the Date
February 2, 2013**

**REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE:
EXPANDING OUR SOCIAL CALLING**

A one-day workshop to learn more about the 2012-2016 Congregational Study/Action Item, and how to use the UUA resources
Information: <http://www.uua.org/reproductive/calling/index.shtml>

Event will take place at First Unitarian Church of Dallas. Stay tuned for details. If you'd like to help organize this event, please contact Daniel Polk at 469-682-8870 or executive@ntaus.org.

**Thanksgiving
Baskets for our
Neighbors**

The Thanksgiving basket project is in full swing for SCAC. Kristin Pitt and the Social Justice Committee have the tags for food items needed to fill the bags.

And, several Westsiders will be helping

Of all the preposterous assumptions of humanity over humanity, nothing exceeds most of the criticisms made on the habits of the poor by the well-housed, well-warmed, and well-fed.

-Herman Melville

Children have never been very good at listening to their elders, but they have never failed to imitate them.

-James Baldwin

with interviewing the clients in preparation for receiving their turkeys, as well as to determine the appropriate number of baskets for each family. 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.

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

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**Your Westside
Story Staff:**

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**Eric Stevens,
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**Sharon Salih,
Distribution**

Email submissions to our
Editor Cindy Fountain at
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**Deadline for submissions is the
15th of the month.**

As to conforming
outwardly and living your
own life inwardly, I do not
think much of that.

-Henry David Thoreau

Millions long for
immortality who do not
know what to do with
themselves on a rainy
Sunday afternoon.

-Susan Ertz

Our Board

President: Caroline Nixon

Vice President: Linda Ice

Treasurer: Mark McMurry

Secretary: Reed Bilz

Directors: Stuart Cheney, Jane Palmer, Jessica Zinn, Karen Moore, Mary Noer, Joe Tyson

September 2012 Attendance

	10AM Adults	11:30 Adults	10AM Kids	11:30 Kids	Total
September 2	102	94	15	21	232
September 9	79	63	17	14	173
September 16	70	83	17	22	192
September 23	51	83	12	29	175
September 30	47	60	8	21	136
Averages	69.8	76.6	13.8	21.4	181.6



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 & 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.