



Sunday Services

JANUARY 6 - *We Are the Choices We Make* with Ric Hansen. We have so many choices. Some stay with us for our entire lives. Some seem to be no choice at all. What will your choices be this year?

JANUARY 13 - *Spiritually Unaffiliated: Commitment Phobic or Developing Something New?* with Amy Martin, Moonlady. What are the beliefs or philosophies of the spiritual-not-religious? Will they ever conform to Sunday services? What do they do instead? Is it a shallow "cafeteria religion" or are they finding deep core shared conceptions? Amy Martin looks at this rising demographic and how it promises to shape the religious landscape, drawing from her experience

leading Earth Rhythms which, for twenty years, produced spiritual festivals and concerts, including the acclaimed SolstiCelebrations.

JANUARY 20 - *Taking Chances* with Dr. Russell Elleven. As the new year begins, we may have the opportunity to do something different, to take chances. Russell will offer some thoughts about some thing this Sunday morning.

JANUARY 27 - *Why Would an Atheist Come to Church?* with Dr. Russell Elleven. You may hear this question from time to time in the world outside of Unitarian Universalism. If you come to church this Sunday, Russell will tell you how he responds when asked.

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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.

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.

November, '12	Lighthouse for the Blind	\$931.54
October '12	UUSC & UUA Sunday	\$825.22
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
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
October '10	UUA Pakistan Relief	\$528.29
September '10	Samaritan House Dinners meat budget	\$1,229.22
August '10	Planned Parenthood of North Texas	\$1,526.07
June '10	Presbyterian Night Shelter	\$1,006.35
July '10	InReach Fund	\$1,171.60
May '10	South Central Alliance of Churches	\$1687.29
April '10	Trinity Habitat for Humanity	\$900.10
April '10	UU Women's Federation	\$276.05
March '10	Americans for the Separation of Church & State	\$1291.94
February '10	Safe Haven of Tarrant County	\$1092.63
January, '10	UUSC Haitian Relief Fund	\$1751.35
January, '10	Tarrant Area Food Bank Pet Food Division	\$763.61
December, '09	South Central Alliance of Churches (SCAC)	\$852.53
November, '09	Westside InReach	\$1305.01
October, '09	UUA Now is the Time Campaign	\$766.05
September, '09	Samaritan House Food Account	\$876.77

Death destroys the body, as the scaffolding is destroyed after the building is up and finished. And he whose building is up rejoices at the destruction of the scaffolding and of the body.

-Leo Tolstoy

You know what getting married is? It's agreeing to taking this person who right now is at the top of his form, full of hopes and ideas, feeling good, looking good, wildly interested in you because you're the same way, and sticking by him while he slowly disintegrates. And he does the same for you. You're his responsibility now and he's yours. If no one else will take care of him, you will. If everyone else rejects you, he won't. What do you think love is? Going to bed all the time?

-Jane Smiley

SUNDAY MORNING OPTIONS

Forum

The topic for all four Sundays in January will be Current Events. We'll be discussing the direction our country and world are taking, the prominence and danger of our military and the awesome power of money in our country. Come, learn, contribute to a greater understanding of what's going on in our crazy world.

Adult Religious Education

BEFORE THEY BECAME ONE - OUR TWO RELIGIOUS STREAMS

This month Faith Like A River explores both Unitarianism and Universalism. Jan. 6 and 13, delves into the character, contributions, history and people of Unitarianism. Jan. 20 and 26, moves into Universalism, its history and influence in the wider society.

Faith Like A River meets at 11:30 a.m. in the glass classroom. All are welcome and committed participation enhances the experience for everyone. For more information contact Amy Youngblood at ybwest@sbcglobal.net.

Children's Religious Education News Clips

CONNECT WITH CRE

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 - Our K-1 OWL class did not have enough interest

to make this time. We will offer this class again in the future. 4th--6th grade OWL classes will begin Jan. 13. The mandatory parent/child orientation will be held on January 9 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm.

NATUURES TEACHER APPRECIATION DINNER - You are invited to the annual teacher appreciation dinner sponsored by North Area Texas UU Religious educators (NATUURES). Every year NATUURES sponsors this event to show our appreciation for all the religious education teachers in our cluster. Here are the details:

WHO: ALL TEACHERS AND A GUEST, CHILDCARE PROVIDED
WHEN: JAN. 19, AT 6:30PM
WHERE: TEMPLE SHALOM, 6930 ALPHA ROAD, DALLAS, TEXAS 75240

SPECIAL MUSICAL GUESTS:
EMMA'S REVOLUTION

RSVP TO THIS LINK: <http://www.northtexasuu.org/appreciationdinner> This is a wonderful evening. I highly recommend it.

INVOLVE TRAINING WITH SALLY PATTON - Everyone is invited to attend! Radical Hospitality: Creating Beloved Community for All Children - to be held Jan. 26, 2013 from 8:30am-12:30pm at Westside. This workshop is free for Members and Friends of Westside, \$20 for all others. For more information and to register, visit: <http://www.ntauus.org/SallyPatton> Westside members and friends, use the complimentary registration code, Westside, when registering.

The purpose of this Involve workshop is to train religious educators, ministers, teachers, and lay leaders to minister to children with different ways of learning, being and knowing and ensure their successful inclusion into the life of our UU congregations. The Involve workshop is 4 hours long. This one day workshop will incorporate as much material as possible from the longer training which includes: attitude and sensitivity training, assessment methods, teaching strategies, hands-on training activities, and discussions concerning pastoral and congregational care.

SAVE THE DATE for the CongUUity middle school social justice conference! - This overnight conference will be held February 22-23 at Community UU Church in Plano, TX.

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The sick do not ask if the hand that smooths their pillow is pure, nor the dying care if the lips that touch their brow have known the kiss of sin.

-Oscar Wilde

You can't do anything with anybody's body to make it dirty to me. Six people, eight people, one person -- you can do only one thing to make it dirty: kill it. Hiroshima was dirty.

-Lenny Bruce

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Stay tuned for more details! If you have any questions contact Andrea Petty.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

JANUARY 9 - 4th/6th grade OWL orientation
6:30pm

JANUARY 13 - 4th/6th grade OWL begins

JANUARY 26 - Involve Workshop 8:30am

FEBRUARY 22-23 - CongrUUity middle school
conference

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

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 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.

Be humble for you are
made of Earth. Be noble
for you are made of stars.

-Serbian proverb

Truth never damages a
cause that is just.

-Mohandas Karamchand
Gandhi

Where's Russell in January?

January will find Russell at the church on the Sundays of January 13, 20, and 27. He will facilitate Joys and Concerns each of those holy days and deliver reflections on the third and fourth Sundays. Please try to attend as often as you possibly can!

January appointment times look like this:

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8TH, 9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.
THURSDAY, JANUARY 10TH, 9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.
TUESDAY, JANUARY 15TH, 9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.
THURSDAY, JANUARY 17TH, 9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.
TUESDAY, JANUARY 22ND, 9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.
THURSDAY, JANUARY 24TH, 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

Circle Suppers Return!

For those whom have not attended a Circle Supper, it is the opportunity for getting to know members/friends of the church over good food and conversation. These are dinners in small groups of six to eight people, generally, and held at the home of a member/friend of the church. The dinners are held on

the third Saturday of every month. The host will organize the meal and will ask the guests to bring something like a side dish, bread, wine or whatever they need. If you have special needs in diet or need a ride to the host house, it can be arranged. Everyone is encouraged and welcomed to attend. If you have children, we also have a Family Circle Supper that you can sign up for as well. Contact Paul Sears at searsp@sbcglobal.net

OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN & SERVE

Contemporary Books

The Contemporary Book Group will meet January 27, to discuss *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* (nonfiction) by Rebecca Skloot. On February 24, we will read and discuss *The Gathering* by Anne Enright. This book won the Man Booker Prize in 2007. On March 24, we will discuss *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* by Helen Solomon, a light read for us to enjoy. Please join us in the glass classroom after the second service even if you haven't read the book. And join some of us for a late lunch afterward.

Contact: ReedBilz - rbilz@charter.net

Training Opportunity

Looking for a way to learn more and help Westside achieve our goals? Come join us March 2nd, 2013 from 10:30 am – 2:30 pm in Denton for a NTAUUS Stewardship training! There are 10 of us who are going already, and we plan to carpool. This is a great opportunity for learning, fun, and getting to know each other better, as well as meet other UU's in our area. The cost is \$15/person, but we do have funds to help one or two people who might need it. We want everyone who is interested

to be able to attend. Please contact Mary Noer at mary.noer@att.net or 817-821-9691 if you can join us.

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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

The Humanists of Fort Worth will meet at their regular time, the second Wednesday of the month, Jan. 9, at 7 pm at the church. Please check the Meetup site for further details, or get on the email list by sending a request to the Newsletter Editor, Don Ruhs, at laidback935@sbcglobal.net, <http://www.meetup.com/Humanists-of-Fort-Worth/>

When two opposite points of view are expressed with equal intensity, the truth does not necessarily lie exactly halfway between them. It is possible for one side to be simply wrong.

-Richard Dawkins

Usher/Greeters Needed

We are seriously short of Usher/Greeter volunteers. To volunteer, please contact Suzie

The trees that are slow to grow bear the best fruit.

-Moliere

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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.

Quilting/Handiwork Group

Westside quilting and handiwork will meet on Jan. 20, 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

Seventh Principal Notes - Green Sanctuary

Happy 2013! On the environmental action front, 350.org, with help from a number of other environmental organizations including the Sierra Club, is planning a Presidents' Day weekend demonstration on February 17, at the White House to tell President Obama to shut down the climate-killing Keystone XL pipeline once and for all. For more information go to act.350.org/signup/presidentsday/. Since the Keystone XL pipeline runs through East Texas to Gulf refineries, we Texans will suffer some of the most damaging environmental impacts.

On a more positive note, the Green Sanctuary Committee looks forward to working with I.M. Terrell Elementary students this spring on their garden. If you are interested in helping with the garden, or just want more information, please contact Linda Hanratty or Bob Vann at green@westsideuu.org.

ENVIRONMENTAL TIP FROM "THE GREEN LIFE"
Have you gone paint shopping recently?

You've probably seen paint labeled "Low-VOC." Sort of makes you wonder, then, what a VOC is, and if they're dangerous, why are they allowed in paint at all?

Volatile Organic Compounds are chemicals that easily evaporate at room temperature (volatile) and are carbon-based. (Organic, in this case, refers to the type of chemistry, not the farmer's ethic.) VOCs are a major cause of ground-level pollution like ozone, which causes and exacerbates asthma. They're just plain unhealthy to be around – headache-inducing and linked with risk of cancer and other serious diseases. Paint, adhesives, and some plastics give off VOCs in your home. So when you're buying paint, it's a good idea to look for paint with low VOC content, or VOC-free.

And, thanks to government testing and enforcement, you can actually trust these labels. In fact, the gunslingers at the FTC recently caught two paint companies red-handed, so to speak, misleading consumers about VOC levels. Sherwin-Williams and PPG were advertising paints as "zero-VOC," when most of them were nothing of the sort, once you actually add the color to the paint. (It's unclear why anyone would use paint without tint... but sometimes marketers can be creative, we suppose.)

Vegan Potluck Saturday, January 26!

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

It is impossible to enjoy idling thoroughly unless one has plenty of work to do. There is no fun in doing nothing when you have nothing to do. Wasting time is merely an occupation then, and a most exhausting one. Idleness, like kisses, to be sweet must be stolen.

-Jerome K. Jerome

Language is the archives of history.

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

sign up on our meetup.com website located 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

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 Vegan Potluck!

Chaplains Report on a Caring Community

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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.

Craig Bowes graduated from college!

Ellen Davis is recuperating from major abdominal surgery, but doing well.

Mignon Vogel is back at home and recuperating from brain surgery.

Amie and Aaron Hegemen welcomed family and friends for Henry's dedication last month, and Amie became a Certified Financial Planner!

Jaeden Enlow is recovering from mono while mom, Stefani, is recovering from surgery.

Bettina Pfeifferberger completed her first 5K!

Barbara Standlee celebrated her 75th birthday!

Don Jackson's Moot Court team won the Texas Regional Tournament and now heads to the national competition!

Lisa Crabill started a new job with Sabre.

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

Westside Angel Update

THANKS to all the Westside Angels who gave to an Angel! And, many thanks to the volunteers who made it happen! The gifts for thirty-five children were delivered to the Alliance for Children Monday morning, Dec. 17. Here is what Courtney Garrison of the Alliance had to say, "Thank you so much for helping out. We really appreciate it, and I know the children will be so excited!"

Chalice Lighter Call

First Unitarian Universalist Church of Houston has been awarded the most recent call from SWUUC. They have requested a grant to: Create a Multi-site Church, joining First UU Houston, Northwest Community UU Church

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To learn who rules over you, simply find out who you are not allowed to criticize.

-Voltaire

In our world of big names, curiously, our true heroes tend to be anonymous. In this life of illusion and quasi-illusion, the person of solid virtues who can be admired for something more substantial than his well-knownness often proves to be the unsung hero: the teacher, the nurse, the mother, the honest cop, the hard worker at lonely, underpaid, unglamorous, unpublicized jobs.

-Daniel J Boorstin

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and Thoreau UU Congregation into one church, three campuses.

Westside has also been a recipient of the Chalice Lighter Program and hopes to be in the future. So, please give as generously as you can to this program. All of your contributions (100%) go to the Chalice Lighter recipient.

Fliers will be available at the Welcome Table or at the table just outside the Sanctuary. Or, you can go to www.swuuc.org/pages/stewardship/support.php to donate.

NTAUUS Awards Luncheon

NORTH TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETIES

The luncheon will be held Saturday, January 12, 2013, with a social hour at 12:30 and buffet lunch at 1:00. We will present grants to the congregations, and the fourth annual Recognition Awards to some loyal and dedicated individuals. Rev. Tamara Lebak of All Souls Church in Tulsa will deliver the talk, What's Our Net Worth? We will gather at the UU Church of Oak Cliff, 3839 W. Kiest Blvd., Dallas 75233, (214) 337-2429

Tickets are \$16 and may be purchased online safely via PayPal (<http://www.ntauus.org/news-special-awards-luncheon.shtml>) or by check mailed to the NTAUUS office c/o First Unitarian Church of Dallas, 4012 St. Andrews, Dallas, TX 75205. Tickets may also be purchased from your congregation's NTAUUS representative (Charles Palmer). COME: Support Russell as he is awarded the Rev. Robert Raible Award for Ministers!

Dietary options will include vegan and non-vegan; there will be fish and chicken options, with plenty of veggies.

Childcare will be available if we receive three requests before January 8.

Volunteers are welcome to help with setup/take down of tables & chairs and flower arranging.

No man, for any considerable period, can wear one face to himself and another to the multitude, without finally getting bewildered as to which may be true.

-Nathaniel Hawthorne

I would rather be able to appreciate things I can not have than to have things I am not able to appreciate.

-Elbert Hubbard

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

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@ntauus.org.

SWUUV Conference Feb. 22-24

SOUTHWEST WOMENS UU CONFERENCE

Making Waves on a Sea of Change - Women and Maidens, 13 and older - please join us at the Omni Bayfront Hotel in Corpus Christi, Texas for lovely views of the "sparkling city by the sea" in the Coastal Bend of Texas. The Omni overlooks our beautiful marina and is located near the South Texas Museum of Art. Spend two days prior and two days after the conference, at the conference rate, to take advantage of the long weekend to relax, enjoy excursions and visit the

beaches on North Padre Island. The Omni offers free transportation from the airport to the conference, and free parking for hotel registrants.

But don't forget, there will be workshops, too. Our keynote speaker will be Kimberly Dark with entertainment led by musician Kit Holmes. Early registration postmarked or online by Jan. 12, \$165. Regular registration is \$185. Final deadline to register is Feb. 16. Online registration is now open and more information is available at swuuw.org. And, you can contact convener Debbie Cannatella at conference@swuuw.org

Attention Graduating High School Seniors

Edward C. "Ned" Fritz (1916-2008) is considered by many to be the father of Texas Conservation. He was a deeply involved activist and fought many battles for Texas wildlife in the courtroom and through the legislative process, locally and statewide as well as nationally. During the later years of his life Ned Fritz was a member of the First Unitarian Church of Dallas. In 2009, a group of his friends from First Unitarian honored his life by establishing the Ned Fritz Memorial Endowment Fund.

The income from the endowment is to be used for environmental purposes. This year a college scholarship has been created from the fund for a student who plans to pursue a degree in environmental studies or a related field. One scholarship of \$1,000.00 will be awarded annually to a graduating high school senior who has been actively participating in a Unitarian Universalist congregation in North Texas. Scholarship application forms will be available for download on January 1, 2013, at the NTAUUS website, NorthTexasUUs.org

WhaleCoast Alaska 2013

Have you always dreamed of visiting Alaska? If so, WhaleCoast Alaska 2013 is for you! Four Alaskan UU fellowships invite you to experience our eco-cultural and spiritual program this summer! See Alaska through the eyes of local UUs in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau, and Sitka with friendly homestays and unique tour activities. See wildlife, including moose, bear, whales, bald eagles, seals, and caribou. Visit Denali National Park. Experience Native Alaskan culture. Enjoy all that our beautiful state has to offer. Programs led by Dave Frey, a member of the Fairbanks, Alaska UU congregation, an expert in Alaska travel. To find out more about your Alaskan trip of a lifetime, visit www.WhaleCoastAK.org, email dfrey@whalecoastak.org, or call 907-322-4966. We would love to share our Alaska with you!

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His mother had often said, When you choose an action, you choose the consequences of that action. She had emphasized the corollary of this axiom even more vehemently: when you desired a consequence you had damned well better take the action that would create it.

-Lois McMaster Bujold

This above all: to thine own self be true. And it must follow, as the night the day, thou canst not then be false to any man.

-William Shakespeare

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Deadline for submissions is
the 15th of the month.

Our Board

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November 2012 Attendance

	10AM Adults	11:30 Adults	10AM Kids	11:30 Kids	Total
November 4	78	97	18	20	213
November 11	66	61	17	17	161
November 18	56	93	23	23	195
November 25	55	67	15	14	151
Averages	63.75	79.5	18.25	18.5	180



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

901 Page Avenue
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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

Joy Counts - Chair, Lonnie Goins, Scott Paulson,
Sue Spell, Sean Wildman

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