



## Sunday Services

**FEBRUARY 3** - *Theodore Parker, Best Hated Man in America* with Rev. Annie Foerster. The Adult RE class on Sunday morning is currently studying the history of Unitarianism and Universalism and the merger of the two in 1961. Many familiar names come up in the telling--Ralph Waldo Emerson, Henry David Thoreau, Margaret Sanger. But, for some reason, the Rev. Theodore Parker (1810-1860) took the brunt of their detractors' criticism, especially around the controversial subject of Transcendentalism. Yet, Parker left a lasting legacy for us today. Annie will explore his tumultuous ministry with a little help from someone who knew him well.

**FEBRUARY 10** - *Religion Today* with Dr. Russell Elleven. On this Sunday morning Russell will attempt to offer ideas of the state of religion in the United States today. Using a variety of resources,

he will try to create a picture of what religion looks like now and what it may look like in the future.

**FEBRUARY 17** - *Saying What We Mean* with Dr. Russell Elleven. The ability to persuade others to our point of view can be quite challenging. The words we use and the way we use them are important. Russell will attempt to relate these ideas to Unitarian Universalism this Sunday morning.

**FEBRUARY 24** - *A Reflection* with Ed McGuire. Those who attended the Westside New Year's Eve celebration got to hear longtime member Ed McGuire sing his own compositions. This Sunday we will again enjoy hearing from him as he offers the reflection. Ed is always thoughtful and thought-provoking, and we look forward to hearing what he has to say to us.

### February 2013

#### 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.

## SUNDAY MORNING OPTIONS

opportunity to become so much more knowledgeable about this fundamental document of principle and law, thanks to Prof. Jackson.

### Forum

The first two Sundays in February, Professor Don Jackson will present a two-part program on "Our Constitution in History." He will explain how we have had at least four interpretive Constitutions since the beginning in 1789, and how we are struggling to devise a 5th even today. Don notes that, "apart from the Constitution, we also are struggling for a new understanding of Liberalism. The Liberalism of FDR mostly has gone away (it was an Iron Triangle composed of labor unions, large corporations and the federal regulatory bureaucracy)." Fans of Forum will be mailed a more detailed description each week prior to the meetings. Dr. Jackson is Prof. Emeritus at TCU, currently teaching Constitutional Law and coaching TCU's Intercollegiate Moot Court Team, which has won the South Texas Regional Moot Court competition in December and will compete in the National Competition in Virginia in mid-January. Forum fans have this singular

### Adult Religious Education

**FAITH LIKE A RIVER** meets during the second service (11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.) in the glass classroom. Sessions in the first half of February focus on the merge of Unitarianism and Universalism in 1961 and how, of all things, the youth movement and the religious educators smoothed the process. Next, we will explore our cherished value of freedom within the context of our faith. We will probably find out we haven't always been very good at freedom!

**FAITH LIKE A RIVER** sessions combine history lessons with lively conversation, and strive to discover that ancient history isn't so very distant from our lives today. All adults are welcome to all sessions!

### 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.

December '12	Cancer Care Services	\$974.93
December '12	UUA Sandy Storm Relief	\$375.75
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

Permanent good can never be the outcome of untruth and violence.

-Mahatma Gandhi

Everybody, soon or late, sits down to a banquet of consequences.

-Robert Louis Stevenson

# Children's Religious Education News Clips

## CONNECT WITH CRE

CRE classes are 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 at church or at [dre@westsideuu.org](mailto:dre@westsideuu.org)

## OUR WHOLE LIVES SEXUALITY EDUCATION

4--6th grade OWL classes began on January 13, with seven students. Thanks to the families who chose to participate in this unique program.

## CONGRUITY MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCIAL JUSTICE CONFERENCE!

This overnight conference will be held on February 22-23, at Community UU Church in Plano, TX. Students will arrive at Community on Friday evening between 6 and 7pm and stay until 5pm on Saturday. This year the topic of the conference is Immigration Issues. The goal is to learn about problems faced by immigrants both documented and undocumented. All fees for this conference will be paid from the Westside Youth Fund. Carpooling can be arranged. A minimum of two adults from Westside (Andrea being one of them) will accompany the children for the weekend. I attended this conference last year and can highly recommend it. Plan on sending your 6-9th grader to this excellent conference. See Andrea Petty for more information and registration forms.

## WESTSIDE CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CRE) COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU! FEBRUARY 7- 6:30PM AT THE CHURCH

For many months now we have been trying to encourage people to join the CRE Committee. The CRE Committee is an integral part of making Westside the thriving community that it is.

## MEMBERS OF THIS COMMITTEE:

Help plan and direct the Children's Religious Education program at Westside.

Work directly with the DRE to help plan the themes and choose curriculum for the program and are her eyes and ears to the wants and needs of the congregation.

Are responsible for planning social activities, parties, community projects and fundraising for the kids.

Work directly with the DRE to plan the CRE budget every year.

The committee meets bi-monthly or monthly for 2 hours.

The CRE program belongs to all of you - even those of you who do not have children or have adult children. The most basic function of our CRE program is to transmit the mission and vision and shared knowledge and values of our congregation to the next generation. There are currently 71 children registered in our CRE program. If we create a meaningful and enjoyable program for those children, not only will their parents be active members of our congregation, but we then have 71 potential new members on their way up. That is 71 children who will bring the best that Unitarian Universalism has to offer to their communities and to the world! The best way to have a voice in the planning and direction of the program is to be on this committee. We need you!

For more information on the structure of the committee and how to join, contact Tricia Bowes, chair of the Religious Education Committee, [tricia@bowesfamily.com](mailto:tricia@bowesfamily.com)

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

February 1--- Youth Group 6:30pm  
February 3 --4th-6th OWL  
February 7--Children's Religious Education Committee 6:30pm at the church  
February 10--4th-6th OWL  
February 15 -- Youth Group 6:30pm  
February 22-23--CongrUUity middle school conference  
February 24 --4th-6th OWL

**MORE INFO:** Join the conversation and get important CRE information at our Google group by going to [groups.google.com/group/westsidere](https://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](mailto:dre@westsideuu.org).

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When money speaks, the truth keeps silent.

-Russian proverb

Nothing ruins a face so fast as double-dealing. Your face telling one story to the world. Your heart yanking your face to pieces, trying to let the truth be known.

Jessamyn West

## New Faces

### MEET JANELL BROYLES

Janell grew up in Arlington. As a child, she moved frequently and lived overseas in Saudi Arabia for a few years where her father worked as an electrician. She is married to Matthew, and they have a son, Nathan, who is seven. Janell has a BA in English and attended Southwestern University in Georgetown.

Janell is currently a Senior Marketing Coordinator for Freese and Nichols, an architectural firm. Most recently she helped her husband, a musician, to promote his music by creating You Tube videos. In the future she hopes to take some classes in basic filmography and documentary film making.

Janell was a member of Community UU in Plano. When her job brought her to Ft. Worth, she knew she would need a new church home. Janell and Nathan visited Westside and liked it immediately.

## IN & AROUND WESTSIDE

### 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](mailto:marycret@yahoo.com), or [www.marycret.com](http://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 have a Family Circle Supper that you can sign up for as well. Contact Paul Sears at [searsp@sbcglobal.net](mailto:searsp@sbcglobal.net).

## By the Book: News from the Westside Library

You will most likely find the door to the library closed when you come to church this month. But if you were to peek in, this is what you might see—Books in boxes or in piles, emptying shelves, walls being painted or having been painted (three coats to cover the red, we're thinking). Further along in the month, you might begin to see books being re-arranged on the shelves, new books being stamped, catalogued and readied for checking out, shelf labels and new signage. What you would see is the Library Committee at work.

We hope to hold a grand opening of the new facility some Sunday in March—perhaps a ribbon cutting and/or a ministerial blessing between services. Here's what you'll see then—sparkling white walls with a hint of mint, a display of new books (and other media), an arranging of all media by carefully labeled categories, an easy check out section for you to borrow books from the library, and a friendly librarian to answer your questions. In addition, you can look forward to a monthly book review, recommended reading for upcoming Adult RE sessions or Sunday Reflections, and a suggestion box for your input.

Speaking of input, you could start now. Do you have any recommendations for books to put on our wish list? Our library policy has a list of book topics we will carry, including materials related to: Unitarian Universalism, history and practice of religion throughout the world,

Mankind's true moral test, its fundamental test (which lies deeply buried from view), consists of its attitude towards those who are at its mercy: animals. And in this respect mankind has suffered a fundamental debacle, a debacle so fundamental that all others stem from it.

-Milan Kundera

It is error only, and not truth, that shrinks from inquiry.

-Thomas Paine

spiritual practices not addressed by established faiths, guides for worship, meditation and personal spirituality, contemporary social concerns and readings for chalice lightings, weddings, memorial services and other ceremonies.

Members of the committee would be happy to answer any questions you have. They include, Meg Wagner (chair), Reed Bilz, Anita Snyder, Annie Foerster, John Taber, Morris Meador and Sharon Salih.

## Inclement Weather Policy

During the work week, the church will follow the policy of the Fort Worth ISD. Any day the schools are closed due to bad weather, all church meetings and activities will be canceled.

During the weekend, the decision about whether to cancel church activities or Sunday services will be made by the Board President. The Board President shall make this decision after consulting with the Sunday speaker, the worship leader, DRE (or designated replacement for the day), and chair/organizer of an activity scheduled that day.

Once the decision has been made to cancel services and/or activities, the Board President shall send an email to the membership mailing list announcing the closure and have an announcement posted on the church's web site. The Board President shall also have the church's voicemail message updated. The Board President may delegate other capable individuals to carry out these tasks.

In the event that the Board President is out of town or otherwise unavailable, the Vice President shall assume these responsibilities. In the event that the Vice President is unavailable, the Board Secretary shall assume these responsibilities.

If there is no cancellation announcement on the web site, sent via email or on the church voice mail, members may conclude that the activities or services will be held.

Members should keep in mind that this

policy cannot cover every possible scenario. Therefore, members are welcome to use their own judgment as to whether it is safe to be on the roads.

The Chaplain Corps will ensure that a poster will be displayed during the winter season by the welcome desk stating our policy. Likewise, the Chaplain Corps will ensure that reminder notices of this policy will be published during the winter season in the OOS announcements, Weekly Web, and newsletter – with language similar to that of the poster.

## Highlights from the December 19 Board Meeting

The Board approved Plate Offerings (Jan - Don't Forget to Feed Me, Feb - Day Resource Center).

Sally Patton workshop will be held January 26, 2013.

Russell will be given an award for "Excellence in Ministry" at a luncheon January 12 at Oakcliff church.

The Board approved the Adult Forum sound equipment request (\$51.80).

The Board approved the Library Refurbishment Request (\$550). Members of the Library Committee will paint the room, and hire an electrician to install a light fixture. Russell donated the remainder of his gift fund (\$317.05) to the library.

The Board approved construction of a railing for the left side of the stage in the sanctuary at a cost of up to \$500.

The Board approved the third door request from AMS (additional \$550, ½ total cost) This door will be between two classrooms.

The Board agreed by consensus that Adult Forum will be a separate committee with its own line-item budget.

The Board agreed by consensus to establish a YouTube Channel for posting reflections after

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Writing is like driving a car at night. You can only see as far as the headlights, but you make the whole trip that way.

-E.L. Doctorow

That sorrow which is the harbinger of joy is preferable to the joy which is followed by sorrow.

-Saadi

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obtaining permission from the speaker.

The Board approved inclusion of the UUA Immigration Statement of Conscience on the GA agenda.

The Board agreed to remove those members/friends who had not responded to our letter with three exceptions. Total number removed is 16.

The Board decided to seek 6 or more pairs of volunteers who will be trained and will prepare and serve refreshments Sunday mornings on a rotating basis.

The Board meets Wednesday, February 20, 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

- Reed K. Bilz, Secretary

## Where's Russell in February?

February is our shortest month, and within it some of us will celebrate the idea of love on the 14th. I hope this month is a good one for you and that the doctrine of this church (love) provides a meaningful starting point for reflection and meditation. To be thankful for the love you have and hopeful for the love that comes from being in a community of other seekers.

I will be at church the first three Sundays of the month facilitating Joys and Concerns. I'll offer reflections on the second and third Sundays. The final full week of the month I will be attending a learning institute and will be unavailable.

So, February appointment times look like this:

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH, 9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.**  
**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH, 9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.**  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH, 9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.**  
**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH, 9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.**  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH, UNAVAILABLE**  
**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST, UNAVAILABLE**  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH, 9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.**  
**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH, 9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.**

During appointment times I meet with

Westiders 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](mailto: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*

## OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN & SERVE

## Training Opportunity

Looking for a way to learn more and help Westside achieve our goals? Come join us March 2, 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](mailto:mary.noer@att.net) or 817-821-9691 if you can join us.

## 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](mailto: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.

For a man to achieve all that is demanded of him he must regard himself as greater than he is.

-Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

One ought, every day at least, to hear a little song, read a good poem, see a fine picture and, if it were possible, speak a few reasonable words.

-Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

# Sound System Helpers Wanted

Bill Terry is looking for additional people to help out with managing our sound system during both Sunday services.

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)

## Squaring the Circles

Covenant Circles, a new concept of interaction and support at Westside, is gliding toward the close of its first year. But watch for the fireworks at the end.

Four Circles were formed this year, discussion groups of no more than ten people, who study, through their own interactions, a curriculum designed for this purpose. Participants get to know one another better through their discussions and become a support group for one another. This year's topic, Our Affirmation, Ourselves, looked at the Affirmation we repeat each Sunday and how it relates to and affects us as individuals. Discussions will continue through March and then comes the BIG BANG!

On March 24, the Sunday service will be presented by two of the four Circles, based on individual experiences of being part of a Covenant Circle. On that date, enrollment in one of next year's Covenant Circles will be opened. Those who sign up before the end of March will be eligible to attend the Circle Banquet on Saturday, April 6, in the Fellowship Hall. This annual event will be a celebration of

the yearlong program and the kick-off to next year's. There will be entertainment, good food and a dinner ritual based on the concept of The Agape Restaurant.

Next year's curriculum, The Uses of Religion, was suggested by Alain de Botton's book, Religion for Atheists: A Non-Believer's Guide to the Uses of Religion. It isn't necessary to read the book to participate, but a copy will be available in the new Westside Library.

If you are interested in participating in a Covenant Circle, want more information, or would like to be trained as a Circle Facilitator, please contact Annie Foerster, redseamripper@gmail.com, or 513-301-4646.

## Kiva Update

### WESTSIDE'S WORK ON WORLD POVERTY CONTINUES TO EXPAND.

Our microbank is working well! Members of the Social Justice Committee, led by Kristin Pitt, met early in January to re-loan approximately \$3,000. These funds were repaid over and over from various borrowers throughout the third world. Entrepreneurs, mostly women and groups, earn money through such efforts as sewing, running a small store, growing livestock, or digging a well for water.

Since 2007 Westside has made 258 loans to individuals totaling about \$43,000 from the initial gifts of about \$6,000. The fund was established in memory of Gino Kennedy, one of Westside's founding members.

*-Ann Sutherland*

## Humanists of Fort Worth

At our February meeting on Wednesday the 13th, Professor Dave Aftandilian, of the Anthropology Department at TCU, will speak to us on the topic of the role of animals in religion. One of Professor Aftandilian's areas of study is Native American religions. Hope to see you there. Contact: Sam Baker, laidback935@

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If we could read the secret history of our enemies, we should find in each man's life sorrow and suffering enough to disarm all hostility.

*-Henry Wadsworth  
Longfellow*

A man too busy to take care of his health is like a mechanic too busy to take care of his tools.

*-Spanish proverb*

## Quilting/Handiwork Group

Westside quilting and handiwork will meet on Feb. 17, 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](mailto:dsrake@gmail.com)

## Contemporary Books

We will meet in the glass classroom after the second service on Sunday, February 23, to discuss *The Gathering* by Anne Enright. This book won the Man Booker prize in 2007. We discuss a lighter read on March 24, *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* by Helen Solomon. Please join us and help us select future books for discussion.

## Seventh Principal Notes--Green Sanctuary

If you resolved, like me, to use less water in 2013 than in 2012, praying for rain to reduce your lawn sprinkling likely won't be sufficient. But the friendly folks at the Fort Worth Water Department will offer programs designed to help you save water.

On March 9, 2012, the City of Fort Worth Water Department will host its biannual Yard Smart Seminar at the Botanic Garden on University. The doors open at 8:00 a.m. The program runs from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm. and is free and open to the public.

March 18-24, 2013, is Fix a Leak Week. The City of Fort Worth, in partnership with Home Depot, will be holding free workshops teaching how to fix plumbing leaks around the home. Sites include the Home Depot store on Hulen and I-20 in Fort Worth and the stores in White Settlement and Lake Worth. The first 25 attendees will receive home repair kits. All attendees will be eligible for a prize drawing of Home Depot gift cards.

The City of Fort Worth will also be hosting evening sessions on yard issues beginning this spring.

For more information on these events, and for more water saving tips, check out the Fort Worth Water Department web site at [www.savefortworthwater.org](http://www.savefortworthwater.org).

And remember, saving water also saves energy, because it takes a lot of energy to get water into our homes.

## Green Movie/Social Justice Movie Night

The February Movie Night will be February 23, 2013, at 7:00 p.m., after Vegan Pot Luck. Thanks to Reed Bilz, we will be screening *The Invisible War*, a documentary that probes the depths of trauma caused by sexual assaults in the U.S. armed forces. This documentary won the Audience Award at Sundance. Come and bring your friends for free entertainment and a new perspective on this vital issue. Given the subject matter, this film is probably not appropriate for children.

## Vegan Potluck Saturday, Feb. 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

Anger as soon as fed is dead, 'Tis starving makes it fat.

-Emily Dickinson

Live a balanced life. Learn some and think some, and draw and paint and sing and dance and play and work every day some.

-Robert Fulghum

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/](http://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](mailto: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.

Anita Synder and Van Pineda celebrated their 11th wedding anniversary!

Paul McClellan is recuperating from a recent hospitalization.

Craig Bowes is now a college graduate!

Karen Moore is nursing her dog back to health after surgery.

Tara Mitchell finished chemotherapy!

Ruth Horn shared her concern for her brother in Tennessee who just had a heart attack and has pneumonia.

Cameron Mitchell turned 8 years old!

Sean Wildman stopped smoking!

Ruth and Dub Horn celebrated 61 years of marriage!

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

## OUR WIDER COMMUNITY

### Bring Food For SCAC in March

March is Westside's month to help replenish the food pantry at South Central Alliance of Churches (SCAC). The suggested list of goods needed are as follows: Oatmeal, Grits, Rice, Beans (dry or canned), Corn, Green Beans, Mixed Vegetables, Soup, Noodles, Pancake Mix (add water), Pop Tarts, Milk (powdered or shelf life carton), Tuna and Tuna Helper, Spaghetti and Sauce (canned/ pkgs - not glass), Jello, Canned Fruit, Kool-Aid

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When old words die  
out on the tongue, new  
melodies break forth from  
the heart; and where the  
old tracks are lost, new  
country is revealed with  
its wonders.

-Rabindranath Tagore

Walking is man's best  
medicine.

-Hippocrates

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(sweetened), Peanut Butter & Jelly, Macaroni, Crystal Light, Crackers and Canned Meat (Chili, Vienna Sausages, Stew, Chicken, Fish).

Please check the sell by dates, and be sure the food is in the unopened original package. The pantry cannot accept any diet foods. You may put your contributions in the red cart which will be by the door as you enter each Sunday. Watch the sales, and pick up food to help the hungry in our neighborhood. If you prefer to make a cash donation, you may put your check in the offering basket on Sunday with SCAC in the memo line at the bottom of your check. SCAC meets the third Monday of each month at 1:30, at Southside Church of Christ, located a few blocks north of Westside, 2101 Hemphill.

Anyone who has an interest is always welcome to attend. Questions? Contact Beverly Archibald, or Jay and Suzie Lotven.

## Texas UU Justice Ministry

Around a year ago I was asked to go to Austin to meet with some people from other congregations to explore a UU legislative (or justice) ministry. We met, formed a steering committee (of which I am a part) and started the legwork of getting it off the ground.

Our UU values give us a valuable perspective for considering local and state policies. In the current political environment of Texas, it is especially important that socially progressive and thoughtful denominations unite in their efforts and organize to speak out and act on state and local issues.

We are so vain that we even care for the opinion of those we don't care for.

-Marie Ebner von Eschenbach

Tact is the ability to describe others as they see themselves.

-Abraham Lincoln

The Texas Unitarian Universalist Justice Ministry will be a strictly non-partisan effort. Our ministry will work to bend Texas towards justice through responsible social action. We need our UU voices and the creative energy of our faith to be part of the social and political debate that will define the future of our state and local communities. We need your participation! If you are interested in this effort please visit: <http://www.txuujm.com> or [www.facebook.com/TXUJMJ](http://www.facebook.com/TXUJMJ) Also, please feel free to speak with me for more information.

- James Finn

# SWUUC Spring Conference and Annual Meeting

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FIRST UU CHURCH OF SAN ANTONIO**

### “JOURNEY TO JUSTICE”

Come share the exciting program, featuring Keynote address by Rev. Dr. William (Bill) F. Schulz, President and CEO of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC). Friday night: Supper, cash bar, music by The Tim & Bob Show, opportunity to meet SWUUC Board, and worship in our Sanctuary Saturday: Worship, Breakout sessions, Keynote Address, and SWUUC Annual Meeting Saturday night: FIESTA! and An Evening with Peter Mayer, composer of “Blue Boat Home” (ticketed event)

Sunday: Adult Religious Education and Worship Payment: Please make your check payable to FUUCSA and send it to First UU Church of San Antonio, 7150 W Interstate 10, San Antonio, Texas 78213-3465.

Note: Registration will increase to \$125 on January 16 and to \$150 on March 1. On-site registration will be available for \$175. Register here: <http://fd8.formdesk.com/swuuc1/spring2013>.

## SWUUW Conference

**FEB. 22-24, 2013  
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](http://swuuw.org). And, you can contact convener Debbie Cannatella at [conference@swuuw.org](mailto:conference@swuuw.org).

## Self Management and 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](http://www.rke.cc/smart).

## Save the Date - AIDS Walk Mar. 30

Benefiting the AIDS Outreach Center  
This year we will don our walking/running shoes early on Saturday morning, and meet at the Trinity Pavilion on 7th St., at 8:00 am. Last year Westside sponsored Carina and Mary Noer as runners/walkers. But, just as always, Westsiders joined in the fun to encourage, exercise and show our support for this worthy

organization. Would you like to be sponsored this year? Sponsoring one person or one group keeps the entry cost down and allows more of our dollars to actually go to the organization. As little as one dollar can be donated and is welcomed. In the coming weeks we will have more news on how you can easily sponsor a Westsider, and how you too can join in - the more the merrier!

- *your Social Justice Committee*

## The 2013 North Texas Secular Convention

### UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS ON FEBRUARY 8-10

On Friday and Saturday, there will be speakers, entertainment, a live podcast show, and a panel discussion. On Sunday, there will be workshops to improve both on and off campus organizations. You can find all of this information and more at [www.ntxsecularcon.com](http://www.ntxsecularcon.com). A few highlights:

**SPEAKERS:** <http://ntxsecularcon.com/speakers.html>

**TICKETS:** <http://ntxsecularcon.com/tickets.html>

**VOLUNTEER FORM:** <http://ntxsecularcon.com/volunteer.html>

**DONATE!:** <http://ntxsecularcon.com/sponsor.html>

The Doubletree Hilton on 75 and Campbell will provide rooms for some speakers and guests at a great rate. Find all the information about how to get a room at the group rate at <http://www.ntxsecularcon.com/lodging.html>.

### The Westside Story February 2013

#### Your Westside Story Staff:

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My own experience and development deepen every day my conviction that our moral progress may be measured by the degree in which we sympathize with individual suffering and individual joy.

-George Eliot (Mary Ann Evans)

If you must play, decide on three things at the start: the rules of the game, the stakes, and the quitting time.

-Chinese proverb

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

## 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

## December 2012 Attendance

	<b>10AM Adults</b>	<b>11:30 Adults</b>	<b>10AM Kids</b>	<b>11:30 Kids</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Dec 2</b>	59	81	11	11	162
<b>Dec 9</b>	64	90	10	22	186
<b>Dec 16</b>	47	92	11	21	171
<b>Dec 23</b>	56	67	4	4	131
<b>Dec 30</b>	42	98	6	10	156
<b>Averages</b>	53.6	85.6	8.4	13.6	161.2



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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Fort Worth, TX 76110

### 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](mailto: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.**