



# The Celebration Of Life

## FOR PAM ROGERS

As I write this, I am sitting in a Starbucks in New York City near the Empire State Building. I don't really like Starbucks. I think they could be better than they are. But they have free internet access. And many of you know how, let's say "frugal," I am.

I've come to love NYC about as much as I do the Hawaiian Islands. The places are vastly different, but each one fulfills something different in me. But right now, I'm thinking about Pam Rogers.

It has only been two days since we celebrated her life, and I find myself even more thankful for our community. I thought the service was beautiful. I received a lot of wonderful compliments for the words I shared about Pam that night.

I must admit to appreciating compliments. But, at the same time, I'm almost embarrassed by them. Because the only reason I was able to spend the little time I had to craft the words, I only had that time on account of Westsiders stepping up to make sure things got done in advance of that Sunday night. This congregation is truly amazing.

I'm not going to name names of those who helped. I would surely leave someone out who played a

major role. I just want to say "thank you" to all of you who did so much to make that evening so special.

That evening was special because Westside is special. I'm appreciative of your love and support for me and this place.

Peace to you all,  
*Russell*

## Sunday Services

**MARCH 3 - *High Times!*** with Dr. Russell Elleven. With the states of Colorado and Washington legalizing, actually legalizing, the recreational use of marijuana, Russell got to thinking about the repercussions this might bring. This Sunday he will offer his thoughts.

**MARCH 10 - *The Evil of Doubt?*** with Dr. Russell Elleven. Often Unitarian Universalists "Cherish Your Doubts." It is best that we do in most cases. But is there an evil side to doubt. We shall see what Russell thinks this Sunday morning.

**MARCH 17 - *Sustainability - What is it? And as a UU, Why Should I Care About It?*** with Green Sanctuary Committee. Many of you are already well-versed in this topic, but we'll try to present some new ideas and pointers that will complement your lifestyle.



## March 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.

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**MARCH 24 - Going Around in (Covenant) Circles** with Rev. Annie Foerster and Others. After a year of having Covenant Circles at Westside, a few participants will try to bring their experiences to the rest of us. Maybe you have to have been there. Or, maybe it will make you curious enough to join us. Sign-ups for next year's circles will be open after the service(s). An added bonus will be the choir performing as an orchestra.

**MARCH 31 - Easter at Westside** with Dr. Russell Elleven. Here it is again! Easter seems to come around this time of year. You have heard Russell talk about Easter from a variety of viewpoints. If you are curious what he might say this year, come to church on Easter Sunday.

first service from 10-11:00 am. Childcare is available.

**MAR. 3 - 30-Minute Lecture** "John Stuart Mill's Utilitarianism" by Prof. Robert Solomon, Univ of Texas - Theory of "the greatest good for the greatest number."

**MAR. 10 - 10-minute bios** in celebration of Women's History Month: Jay Dodds will present Elizabeth Cody Stanton, Liz Campbell, Lucretia Mott, Gail Kilman - Francis Perkins and Alexis Lohse will present Margaret Sanger.

**MAR. 17 - "Why Alternative Energy Is Hard"** by Dr. Ben Janesko, Prof. of Chemistry, TCU.

**MAR. 24 - "Your Dream"** - Everyone's opportunity for one minute (60 seconds) of fame to describe the law you would choose to have passed if you had the power. Think BIG, be READY, everyone participates.

**SUNDAY MORNING OPTIONS**

Forum

We meet in the glass classroom during the

**MAR. 31 - 30-Minute Lecture** "Kirkegaard and the Leap of Faith" by Prof. Phillip Cary, Eastern College, Pennsylvania. Philosophy of the Danish Christian who became the founding figure of existentialism, an intensely serious and an extraordinarily funny writer.

It is a truism that almost any sect, cult, or religion will legislate its creed into law if it acquires the political power to do so.

-Robert A. Heinlein

To be capable of embarrassment is the beginning of moral consciousness. Honor grows from qualms.

-John Leonard

**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.

January '13	Don't Forget to Feed Me, Tarrant Pet Food Pantry	\$930.61
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

# Adult Religious Education

Faith Like A River - March's programs move us into a more worldwide perspective of our Unitarian Universalist faith. The idealism of the 19th century - Transcendentalism, Utopianism and spiritualism - helped shape our faith then and, to some degree, still does today. Also, we will delve into how our UU faith interacts with other religious cultures around the world. All adults are welcome to these lively combinations of lessons and discussion which take place in the glass classroom starting at 11:30 Sunday mornings. Childcare is available.

# 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.

## RADICAL HOSPITALITY - CREATING BELOVED COMMUNITY FOR ALL CHILDREN

In January, 15 people from 5 different congregations participated in a workshop at Westside given by Sally Patton, author of Welcoming Children with Special Needs: A Guide for Faith Communities. Participants explored how our attitudes about children can shape how we minister, teach and interact with children in our congregations. We were challenged to see the world through the child's eyes in order to gain perspective on how it feels to be a child with special needs in a classroom or church. We practiced re-framing negative descriptions of children with special needs. Through discussion and exercises, we explored ways to make our RE programs more welcoming and inclusive. The workshop was a great success, and we hope to bring other excellent workshops to Westside in the future.

## EASTER SERVICE ON MARCH 31

The service on March 31, will be for all ages. Nursery care will be available for children, ages

infant to 4 years old. Please plan to join us as a family in the worship service on Easter Sunday.

## WESTSIDE CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CRE)

**COMMITTEE** Consider serving a term on 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 fund-raising 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.

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:

**MARCH 1** - Youth Group 6:30pm

**MARCH 3** - 4th-6th OWL

**MARCH 10** - 4th-6th OWL—Last class and celebration

**MARCH 15** - Youth Group 6:30pm

## 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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Humor is emotional chaos remembered in tranquility.

-James Thurber

And the fox said to the little prince: men have forgotten this truth, but you must not forget it. You become responsible, forever, for what you have tamed.

-Antoine de Saint-Exupery

# New Faces

## MEET LISA CRABILL

Lisa is a native of Fort Worth and graduated from Haltom High School. She has an A.A.S. in Horticulture from Tarrant County College and is a certified Horticulturist. Lisa is a Spiritualist

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Wiccan who seeks wisdom and spiritual growth from wherever she can uncover it. She is a solitary practitioner as a witch. She is married to Christopher (aka C.J.) Crabill. They have two dogs. Lisa enjoys crafts, landscaping and loves to sing. Lisa and C.J. were looking for a UU Church in the area to grow with. She feels Westside is a good fit that will help her family grow and flourish.

**MEET C.J. CRABILL**

C.J. is from Montgomery County, Maryland. He works for Sabre Hospitality Solution as a CRM Administrator. He graduated from UNT in 2006, with a BBA in Entrepreneurship.

C.J. served in the U.S. Navy from 1995 to 1998. He was raised a non-denominational Christian.

He loves music and plays the drums and sings. C.J. also enjoys art, especially drawing. He loves to learn and intends to go to law school one day.

He found Westside while searching for UU churches in Fort Worth. He and Lisa fell in love with Westside, and feel at home here.

**IN AND AROUND WESTSIDE**

**Circle Suppers are  
“a Happening”  
March 16**

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 is needed. Please contact Gail Kilman at gailkilman@mac.com or 817-294-8938. Our Family Circle Supper works just the same way, but it is not required that you have children to attend. For the Family Circle Supper, please contact Lauren Leising at ellekaye@juno.com or 817-846-8012.

There is something beautiful about all scars of whatever nature. A scar means the hurt is over, the wound is closed and healed, done with.

-Harry Crews

Remorse is a violent dyspepsia of the mind.

-Ogden Nash

**Love It or Leave It,  
Buy It or Build It**

A building education workshop will be presented by two professional consultants on March 9, at 10 am in our sanctuary for all who have interest in Westside's ability to grow and provide space for services, education, programs and activities.

Whether we decide to renovate and/or expand at our current site, or sell it to buy an existing building, or purchase property and build a new building, many of the things we need to know about property site planning, building construction types, heating and cooling systems, environmental consciousness and much more will be presented and discussed, including the advantages and disadvantages of each approach.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, March 9, 10 am-12:30 pm. If childcare is needed, make reservations by calling Dianne Nixon at 817-625-2130; please give at least 48 hours notice for childcare.

**Coming, 2013 -  
Space Oddities!**

Want to know more? Go to the very end of the newsletter. No, past the usual last page. And, then join us April 13, as Westside moves Forward Together!

**Dance with the  
Sun on March 23**

**A LIVE PERFORMANCE**

The Board of Westside UU is pleased to sponsor a preview reading-performance of Dance with the Sun, a new play about the experiences of a mother and son coming to terms with the son's sexuality. Written and performed by Stella Hlad and Scott Ramsey, this autobiographical piece provides an opportunity to peer into moments of reflection

as they face the inevitability of their individual truths.

Stella is a retired high school counselor as well as a founding teacher of an alternative high school in Tarrant County. She now works advising special needs students and their parents. Scott resides in New York City where he is the owner of the production company SkyLight Theatricals and the founder of the Big Horizon Project which raises scholarship money for fine arts public school students.

Whether it's revisiting trusted journal entries or re-counting past experiences, in their new play, these two individuals take the audience on a journey of self-discovery and hopefully end up all the wiser. Join the Westside Board on Saturday, March 23, at 7:30pm in the sanctuary as Stella and Scott present their very first preview reading-performance of Dance with the Sun.

This play may not be appropriate for children, so childcare can be available. Please make reservations for childcare at least 48 hours in advance by calling Dianne Nixon at 817-625-2130.

## Save the Date! May 3, Camp-Out

We are once again looking forward to a beautiful camping weekend at Arc Ridge Ranch. Save the Date for the first weekend in May! Friday May 3 - Sunday May 5. We always have a wonderful time. More information to come. Sign up starts in April.

Thanks, *Tricia Bowes*  
[tricia@bowesfamily.com](mailto:tricia@bowesfamily.com)

## Please help record history for Westside!

Just send an email to: [yourday@westsideuu.org](mailto:yourday@westsideuu.org) - Give dates and details about events you want to share with us. Susan Farris will then

put them in a data base for Russell to refer to and share once a month for "Your Day at Westside!" during the worship service. Make sure to include fun details for everyone to enjoy! You might share about the first day we had two services, or how toddler, Bea, helped on the church workday by polishing the stage. How about the time we went camping, and the alligators almost ate the camp dogs? Let's share our experiences! Email [yourday@westsideuu.org](mailto:yourday@westsideuu.org) and get started. Send photos too! Thank youUU!

## Highlights from the January 16 Board Meeting

The Board noted a safety issue: The door by the kitchen into the side yard is not an emergency exit since the gate to the yard is locked.

The Board approved sponsoring the showing of a one-act play called "Dance with the Sun" after vegan pot-luck on March 23. The play is about the authors' (mother and gay son) journey.

We are not able to fasten a handrail to the wall beside the steps to the stage in the sanctuary because it would violate City Code. We are seeking bids for one iron rail and for a rail on each side of the stage. We will also seek a bid for a rail on the front steps.

Bill and Janice held training for kitchen help on January 5. Twenty-two people have signed up to help and eight teams will rotate the duties. Caroline is purchasing aprons for corps members. We will also investigate providing aprons for the servers at Samaritan House.

Future planning items: 1) Nominating Committee to serve as Leadership Development Committee: We will budget \$650 for programming next year; 2) Creation of a Personnel Committee: Caroline will appoint a task force to investigate this issue; 3) Depending on our stewardship campaign we will work toward bringing staff reimbursement levels to meet UUA Fair Compensation guidelines.

The Board meets Wednesday, March 20, at 7 pm at the church. All members are welcome

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Life is a tragedy when seen in close-up, but a comedy in long-shot.

-Charlie Chaplin

There are two kinds of light -- the glow that illuminates, and the glare that obscures.

-James Thurber

to attend. Copies of the full minutes and the financial statements are available in notebooks in the church office.

*-Reed K. Bilz, Secretary*

## Westside Bridge Group Seeks Players

Please join our group of beginner, experienced and in-between players for a friendly game of Bridge on the first Sunday of each month. Send an e-mail to Harry Van Dam at [harryvandam@sbcglobal.net](mailto:harryvandam@sbcglobal.net), and he will add you to our list of potential players to form 2 or 3 tables of fun!

## Highlights from the Mid-Year Congregational Meeting

The following Award Presentations were made:

Past President Service Recognition to Gwen Gipson

Dick Smith Award to Jeff Bullock

NTAUUS Robert Raible Award for Excellence in Ministry to Russell Elleven

A motion to amend the Mission Statement by adding the words "and intellectual" after the word religious was tabled to the Annual Meeting.

President Caroline Nixon, Vice President Linda Ice, Treasurer Mark McMurry and Committee Chairs gave reports.

James Finn presented information about the Texas UU Justice Ministry.

*-Reed K. Bilz  
Secretary*

In order that people may be happy in their work, these three things are needed: they must be fit for it; they must not do too much of it; and they must have a sense of success in it.

*-John Ruskin*

Nobody has ever measured, not even poets, how much the human heart can hold.

*-Zelda Fitzgerald*

## 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)

## Where's Russell in March?

Beware the Ides of March! It will be interesting to see what our weather is like this month. It is time for Spring Break. It is possibly time for a little get away. It is time to make the push towards summer. I always loved March as a professor. By this time of year, I knew where students stood and, most likely, what grade each of them would earn by the end of the semester.

At Westside there is no passing or failing grade. Yet, let us not be stagnant either. Let us continue to push towards life, embracing all it has to offer and, at the same time, understand we create that meaning within ourselves...

March is one of those five Sunday months. I will be at church for four of them. I will offer reflections on the first (3rd), second (10th), and fifth (31st) Sundays. I will facilitate Joys and Concerns on the fourth Sunday (24th). But, I will be gone the entire week leading up to the third Sunday (11th - 18th).

So, March appointment times look like this:

**TUESDAY, MARCH 5TH, 9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 7TH, 9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 12TH, UNAVAILABLE**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 14TH, UNAVAILABLE**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 19TH, 9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 21ST, 9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 26TH, 9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 28TH, 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](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

## Building Community

Several Westsiders have signed up for Canvasser Training. Thank you! Westside would like to see even more. Come, learn and be a part of stewardship to our church, community and our world. Does this require you to be a canvasser? Certainly not, but in only two hours you can learn how canvassing works and how it helps build community besides helping our budget. Dessert and childcare will be provided. Saturday, March 30, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm. Please rsvp by March 25, and please indicate whether you will need childcare. Contact: Mary Noer at [mary.noer@att.net](mailto:mary.noer@att.net) or 817-821-9691.

## Time & Talents Survey

Keeping our church vibrant and growing takes everyone's time and talents. We need to know where you would like to contribute to keep us striving towards our mission and vision. Please, if you haven't already, fill out this survey to let us know your availability and willingness to make the programs that you value, happen. Then, we will do our best to connect you with the people responsible for organizing these

efforts. If you have any trouble taking the survey, you can call Mary Noer (817)821-9691 or Bill Terry (817)894-2884. Here is the survey link: <http://westsideuu.org/limesurvey//index.php?lang=en&sid=72795&token=pf9xw8vwzmpgzg>

## Humanists of Fort Worth

At our March meeting on Wednesday the 13th, Professor William Roche, of the Philosophy Department at TCU, will speak to us on the topic of Evidentialism. Here is some information for your perusal: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Evidentialism> and <http://www.iep.utm.edu/evidenti/> Hope to see you there. Contact: Sam Baker, [laidback935@sbcglobal.net](mailto:laidback935@sbcglobal.net), <http://www.meetup.com/Humanists-of-Fort-Worth/>

## Quilting/Handiwork Group

Westside quilting and handiwork will meet on March 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, March 24, to discuss Major Pettigrew's Last Stand by Helen Solomon, a light read for us to enjoy. On April 28, we will meet to discuss The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho. 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: Reed Bilz, [reed.bilz@gmail.com](mailto:reed.bilz@gmail.com)

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Mistakes are part of the dues that one pays for a full life.

-Sophia Loren

The more sand that has escaped from the hourglass of our life, the clearer we should see through it.

-Jean-Paul Sartre

# Church Clean-Up April 20

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, April 20, from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm for the bi-annual Spring church clean-up day. This does not require you to bring any tools, special cleaning equipment, or other hardware. Nor does it require you to have any “handyman” type skills; simply come in clothes that can get dirty and with a hard-working attitude; we’ll provide the rest! Generally, this day consists of clean up (dusting, baseboards, landscaping, etc.) and some small maintenance projects such as painting, decorating and minor fix-it projects. The building committee will be compiling a specific list of projects over the next month, but please mark your calendars today, and we look forward to seeing you there. Please feel free to contact Alex Blanton at 972-719-5692 or alex.blanton@peakfranchisecapital.com for more details and to RSVP.

# Seventh Principal Notes - Green Sanctuary

Q: When is “Organic” not organic? A: When it’s on a product that isn’t “agricultural.” The US Department of Agriculture is in charge of the word “organic.” That’s great for ensuring trustworthy standards on agricultural stuff - you know, popcorn, oatmeal, tea, vegetables, etc. But, that authority doesn’t extend to personal care products, like shampoo, lotion, soap and perfume. Cosmetics makers are permitted to seek and use USDA organic certification for the “agricultural” products in their cosmetics. But, these companies are also allowed to ignore USDA standards, and use the word “organic” without any legal consequence. The upshot: If soap or shampoo doesn’t have the USDA Organic seal, the word “organic” is meaningless. Source: Jeff Gang, The Green Life on Line.

## GREEN WORSHIP SERVICE

The Green Sanctuary Committee will be leading the March 17, worship service. The theme will be “Sustainability: What is it? And

as a UU Why Should I Care About It?” Many of you are already well-versed in this topic, but we’ll try to present some new ideas and pointers that will complement your lifestyle.

## GREEN ADVOCACY

The Texas State Legislature is now in session. To find out what bills have been filed dealing with your pressing issue(s) and/or to follow your favorite or least favorite bills, go to the Texas Legislature On-Line, the one-stop shop for information about your state legislators and what they are doing for, or, to you.

# Vegan Potluck Saturday March 23

Note: This month after the potluck, join the board in the sanctuary for a special live presentation, Dance with the Sun. Please see the announcement under, In and Around Westside. 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 located 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**

I shall live badly if I do  
not write, and I shall write  
badly if I do not live.

-Francoise Sagan

Cheerfulness and  
contentment are great  
beautifiers and are  
famous preservers of  
youthful looks.

-Charles Dickens

**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.

The entire Congregation mourns the loss of our beloved Pam Rogers, and we extend our condolences to her wife, Angi Brown.

Zachary Robinson and Kristen Davis are engaged!

Ginger Courtney's husband, Max, is recuperating from hip replacement surgery.

Shelly Hattan now has her Master of Science in Civil Engineering in Water Resources!

Debra Slane is doing well after recent surgery.

Sue Spell and Carol Cappa are celebrating 12 years together!

Lela Woods is recovering from a ruptured left eardrum.

Ben Janesko lost his Aunt Barbara to cancer.

Mark McMurry is going to become a daddy this summer!

Sean Wildman's New Year's resolution is to stop smoking, and he's had much success!

Douglas Zinn has been suffering from vertigo and unable to attend school.

Dakota Pitt made the varsity basketball team!

Cathy McConnell mourns the loss of her 17 year old cat.

Zane Goins was accepted into the Texas Academy of Biomedical Research High School!

Those on the Chaplains Corps are Beverly Archibald, Caroline Nixon, Diane Jones, Paul Maginnis, 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

### SCAC Board Meeting

The next SCAC (South Central Alliance of Churches) Board Meeting will meet March 18, at 6:00 pm at Southside Church of Christ, located a few blocks north of Westside, 2101 Hemphill. Anyone who has an interest is always welcome. Questions? Contact Beverly Archibald or Jay and Suzie Lotven.

### Join us! AIDS Walk, March 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. Fun Run starts at 9; 5K starts at 9:45. Last year Westside sponsored Carina and Mary Noer as runners/walkers. This year we have our very own team, Westside UU Church. There will be a sheet in

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Habit with him was all  
the test of truth,  
It must be right:  
I've done it from my  
youth.

-George Crabbe

Never cut what you can  
untie.

-Joseph Joubert

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the Narthex (near the Welcome Table) for you to donate and check off if you would also like to participate. By the way, your heart would like you to participate. As little as one dollar can be donated and is welcomed. Also, you can go here: <https://www.firstgiving.com/fundraiser/westside-uuchurch/21AIDSWalk/team> to donate to our team online. Questions - Contact Cindy Fountain, [vanessa4907@sbdglobal.net](mailto:vanessa4907@sbdglobal.net), 817-526-1375.

## 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 (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.

Nothing is so firmly  
believed as what is least  
known.

-Michel de Montaigne

Trying to determine what  
is going on in the world  
by reading newspapers is  
like trying to tell the time  
by watching the second  
hand of a clock.

-Ben Hecht

## SWUUC Spring Conference & Annual Meeting April 19 - 21

**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.

On-site registration will be available for \$175. Register here: <http://fd8.formdesk.com/swuuc1/spring2013>

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

## Attention High School Graduating 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

## Red River UUs Dedicate Their New Home

Congratulations RRUU! After 14 years (and over \$110,000. in rent) the congregation at Red River UU Church in Denison purchased their own home in September 2011 and have worked hard to make the place their home. They are inviting UUs in North Texas to their Building Dedication Service, Sunday afternoon, March 24, 2013 @ 3:00 p.m. The Rev. Peter Morales, President of the UUA, will deliver the dedication sermon via video (in keeping with the UUA's support of global ecology and sustainability.) The church is at 515 North Burnett Ave, Denison, TX. If you wish to attend they would appreciate knowing by sending a R.S.V.P. to

mailto:dedication@rruu.org. A lively reception will follow the service.

## The UU College of Social Justice

### ADVANCING OUR MISSION TO ENGAGE THE NEXT GENERATION OF UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS

This summer, we're offering our National Youth Justice Training (NYJT) program, building on the success of our summer 2012 youth training. NYJT is a transformative three-week experience for high-school-aged youth. It will be held in Boston, Mass., June 30–July 21, 2013. The program will include interactive social justice education and real-world internships, grounded in Unitarian Universalist values and practices.

Apply today through our online application or forward this e-mail to a young person in your life who is committed to justice. We are accepting applications now through April 15.

Youth will learn about systems of race, class, gender, and heterosexism; build the skills to do effective social justice work; and serve in an internship with one of many justice organizations here in Boston. Participants will connect their learning and action to Unitarian Universalist values, explore our robust history of UU social justice work, and be sustained by spiritual practices and vibrant worship.

NYJT is for young people who are newly inspired to take action against the injustices of our world as well as for seasoned social justice youth leaders.

## The Westside Story March 2013

Your Westside  
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I realize that patriotism is not enough. I must have no hatred or bitterness towards anyone.

-Edith Cavell

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

Every burned book or house enlightens the world; every suppressed or expunged word reverberates through the earth from side to side.

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

## 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

## January 2013 Attendance

	<b>10AM Adults</b>	<b>11:30 Adults</b>	<b>10AM Kids</b>	<b>11:30 Kids</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>January 6</b>	69	62	16	27	174
<b>January 13</b>	58	95	15	29	197
<b>January 20</b>	69	97	15	20	201
<b>January 27</b>	59	102	23	21	205
<b>Averages</b>	63.75	89	17.25	24.25	194.25



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](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.**

***Save the date...***

***April 13, 2013 @ 6:30 pm***

# **2013: space oddities**

## **Annual Church Wide Kickoff Event**

**for our 2013 – 2014 Stewardship Campaign and *you won't want to miss it !!!***

- **Drinks and Hors D'ouvres**
- **Mix and mingle with fellow Westsiders !**
- **Stewardship Chair, Mary Noer, and a cast of dozens will be sharing stewardship thoughts, feelings and making pledge requests for the 2013-2014 fiscal year**
- **BIG Musical/Comedy Review !!!**
  - \* ***Produced and Directed by Myron and Linda Ice***
  - \* ***Musical Numbers featuring All Star Performances***
  - \* ***Comedic Antics scripted by humorist, Dick Trice***
  - \* ***Encore Performance of Grumpy Old UU's by James Finn and Jeff Rodriguez***



***FORWARD TOGETHER ... as we work to achieve our vision!***