



## Sunday Services

**APRIL 7** - *Manifesting the Miracles of Mindfulness* with Brother Chi Sing Eng. Practical Buddhist spirituality for Unitarian Universalists and everyone else! We are fortunate to have Brother Chi Sing with us at Westside. If you would like more of a preview, visit his website at [www.AwakeningHeart.org](http://www.AwakeningHeart.org)

**APRIL 14** - *Tools of the Trade* with Dr. Russell Elleven. Today is a big day in the life of our congregation. In fact, it may be bigger than any of us actually realize. Please come to church, and be prepared to think about money.

**APRIL 21** - *Humanism Giveth and Humanism Taketh Away* with Reverend Chuck Freeman. There is no disputing that Humanism has transformed religion into a more ethical enterprise. For this we are grateful. What are the limits of Humanism? Are

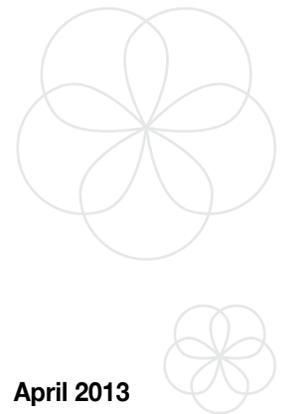
there any down sides to the leaven of Humanism? Do these questions matter at all?

**APRIL 28** - *Pollyanna!* with Dr. Russell Elleven Everything is going to be OK. It will probably even be better than before. Russell will talk about optimism this Sunday morning and will make everything alright.

## SUNDAY MORNING OPTIONS

### Forum

Our Westside UU Forum meets every Sunday at 10:00 and concludes at 11:00, allowing 30 minutes for coffee and conversation before the second service; childcare is available. Because topics for discussion vary with interest, with



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#### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Westside Unitarian Universalist Church makes a positive difference in the lives of our members, our families, and the world at large through supportive relationships, religious exploration, and social action.

#### OUR VISION STATEMENT

Westside Unitarian Universalist Church will grow and become a more influential liberal religious presence through active service to our community and the world at large.

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current developments and with availability of material or speakers, it is not always possible to know the subjects for four or five weeks in advance. Instead, each Sunday's Forum will be announced in the Weekly Memo on Monday mornings. The subject will also be e-mailed on Monday to all fans whose e-mail addresses are on my Forum list. If you have questions or comments, or if you wish to be added to the Forum online group, please contact me, John Barnes, at [jbarnes107@gmail.com](mailto:jbarnes107@gmail.com).

diversity. At other times, we have confronted and refuted the accepted ways—sometimes our own accepted ways—in order to embrace diversity and invite it to transform us. Then, we'll delve into the ever-controversial topic of evangelism in our faith. All adults are welcome and childcare is available.

Join us!

**Children's Religious  
Education News Clips**

**Adult Religious Education**

**FAITH LIKE A RIVER MEETS IN THE GLASS  
CLASSROOM DURING THE SECOND SERVICE AT 11:30.**

Faith Like A River wraps this month on Sunday, April 21. In the remaining weeks we'll be looking at multiculturalism and the evangelists (!) of our faith. At times in our history, we have followed societal norms in our willingness or reluctance to welcome

**STEWARDSHIP LESSONS**

During the month of March, the children in all Religious Education classes had lessons on stewardship. In the younger grades the children discussed the idea of stewardship as giving of time, talent and treasure. They learned about all the different ways to contribute the "3Ts" to our church community. In some classes the Stone Soup story was used to illustrate how a community

**Westside UUC Service Project**

Each month at Westside, our undesignated plate offerings are donated to a worthy recipient organization. The following table lists these organizations and our recent contributions to them.

February '13	Fort Worth Day Resource Center	\$1,091.86
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
October '11	Child Study Center	\$643.42
October '11	UUA Association Sunday	\$149.00

If a rabbit defined intelligence the way man does, then the most intelligent animal would be a rabbit, followed by the animal most willing to obey the commands of a rabbit.

-Robert Brault

Every advance in civilization has been denounced as unnatural while it was recent.

-Bertrand Russell

is better supported when everyone contributes something. The older grades created light-hearted animated movies about stewardship using an online animator.

#### **RECRUITING FOR SUMMER CRE!!**

Summer is a time where we take a break from the usual CRE curriculum and use lessons that are more “out of the box” in order to let our regular teachers have a break from lesson planning and to make room for new folks to try out teaching in a relaxed environment with little prep-work. If you have been interested in teaching Children’s Religious Education or would just like to get to know the kids a little better, or give a regular CRE teacher a break for the summer, let us know! Contact Andrea Petty at dre@westsideuu.org or Tricia Bowes and Jess Zinn at re@westsideuu.org.

#### **SPRING FLING IN THE PARK, APRIL 14**

Twice a year we take the students to the park across the street to have classes and a morning of fun. Spring fling is a celebration of spring. There will be fun and games for the children. Parents will receive more details soon. We always need volunteers to help set up and take down, to run games and activities and supervise the playground. If you would like to help let us know! Contact Andrea, Tricia or Jess.

#### **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, at re@westsideuu.org.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**APRIL 5** -Youth Group 6:30pm

**APRIL 18** - Student Opera Night

**APRIL 19** - 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 and click the link to apply for group membership. If you have any questions you can contact Andrea Petty at dre@westsideuu.org

## **IN AND AROUND WESTSIDE**

### Join a Circle Supper, April 20

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.

### Library Nearing Completion

The Westside UU Library renovations are nearly complete, and the Library Committee is planning a celebration for its re-opening. The library should be operational sometime in April.

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Love all, trust a few, do wrong to none.

-William Shakespeare

It is more often from pride than from ignorance that we are so obstinately opposed to current opinions; we find the first places taken, and we do not want to be the last.

-Francois De La Rochefoucauld

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The library had its start years ago when the Atheist Society of Fort Worth dissolved and asked Westside UU Church to house its extensive collection of theological and philosophical books. Last fall, a sub-committee of the Adult Religious Education Committee formed to look into bringing the library up to date and sprucing it up a bit.

Many outdated, duplicate and damaged books were weeded out and sold to Half Price Books. The dark maroon walls, claustrophobic in such a small space, were painted a soothing mint green. New books will be purchased before the opening ceremony, and the entire library will be inventoried online, eventually to be accessible to members from the church's website.

The first thing the Library Committee did was to create a Policies and Procedures statement. The full statement will be available for your perusal when the library is opened (or you may request a copy from redseamripper@gmail.com, putting 'library policies' in the subject line). The following categories will be stocked in the library: UU history, philosophy and trends; world religions and spiritual practices; readings for spiritual quests and ceremonies; social concerns; and biographies and multi-media products relating to the above.

We currently have a wish list of about 120 new books. If you have suggestions for adding to the library or wish to donate books from your own library that fall under the categories named, contact chair Meg Wagner, at megwgnr@yahoo.com.

To read fast is as bad as  
to eat in a hurry.

-Wilhelm Ekelund

As freely as the firmament  
embraces the world, /  
or the sun pours forth  
impartially his beams, / so  
mercy must encircle both  
friend and foe.

-Johann Christoph  
Friedrich von Schiller

## Highlights from the February 20 Board Meeting

The Board accepted Joe Tyson's resignation; it approved the appointment of Alex Blanton as Building Committee Chair.

The Board also approved the appointment of John Barnes as Adult Forum Chair to succeed outgoing Chair, Dick Trice.

The Board deferred the appointment of a search committee for a Membership & Volunteer Coordinator until next month.

The Board authorized the expenditure of up to \$1,700 for a rail on the side of the stage and at the outside front steps.

We have expressed our concerns regarding the dividers between classrooms to AMS, and they will work with the contractor on this issue.

The Board authorized setting up a Library Fund to include the \$112.50 from book sales and any future donations.

The treasurer reported that our insurance premium has increased to \$7,050 with additional coverage.

The Board approved the expenditure of \$3,200 for the stewardship campaign this year.

The Board meets Wednesday, April 17, 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

## April 13 - Space Oddities!

Our Stewardship Kickoff Event touches down with the Wonderfully Wacky Original Musical/Comedic Soon-To-Be Hit! (Directed by Myron and Linda Ice). Come enjoy some wine, cheese and other goodies at 6:30 and prepare for the show at 7pm sharp! Laugh the night away with our homegrown talent while you learn about our budget for our upcoming goals! Want to know more? Go to the very end of the newsletter. No, past the usual last page to see the flier. And, then join us as Westside moves Forward Together! RSVP: uusswestside@gmail.com

## Send Your Westside Moments

You've probably seen those commercials of digital photos that never leave the camera. You probably have them in your phone, too. Right?! Well, if any of those pics are related to Westside, how about letting them get displayed on our new slide show offered in the fellowship hall every Sunday, and in the

sanctuary before the service? And, if you are at a Westside related event taking pictures, please pass those on, too. Have some oldies, but goodies? We love getting to relive past moments at Westside.

You may send pictures in an email or an attachment to 4myuu@att.net. Please give a description or captions for the pictures. Thanks!

## 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*

## Give Blood at Westside

### May 11

Westside will be conducting our second annual blood drive with Carter BloodCare on Saturday, May 11. Our first drive in May 2012, was very successful, but we can do even better this year!

If you are a regular blood donor you can count any donation from now to May 11 as part of this drive by notifying Carter BloodCare at the time of your donation. If you plan to donate on May 11, you may donate no later than March 16, since you must wait 8 weeks between donations of whole blood.

There are specific restrictions on who may donate to ensure safety of the blood supply for recipients. Contact Carter BloodCare for further information at 1-800-366-2834.

Please do not get hurt. Save your blood for May 11!!

*Gene Walker,  
Chairman of the Drive*

## Please help record history for Westside!

Just send an email to: 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 and get started. Send photos too! Thank yo UU!

## Where's Russell in April?

April will be a busy month for me, both at Westside and beyond. I'll be at church on the second and fourth Sundays (the 14th and 28th) to deliver reflections and facilitate Joys and Concerns, but will be away on the first and third Sundays (the 7th and 21st). Additionally, on the 28th, there will be a little ceremony between the first and second services to celebrate the results of this year's stewardship campaign. While I will be away from church a couple of Sundays, appointment times will not be affected. So, for April, appointment times look like this:

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

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The best way to have a good idea is to have lots of ideas.

-Linus Pauling

Contempt is the weapon of the weak and a defense against one's own despised and unwanted feelings.

-Alice Miller

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response. Otherwise give me a call at home (817.370.2171) and I'll get back to you as soon as my schedule allows.

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

*Peace!*  
*-Russell*

## Are You a New Member?

In order to keep the pictorial directory fairly current, we schedule picture appointments on an on-going basis. Pictures for the directory are taken by Mary Cretsinger, a professional photographer and a member of Westside UU, at no charge to you. For more information and to set a time for your photo contact Mary at 817-292-7766, or marycret@yahoo.com, or www.marycret.com

## OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN & SERVE

### Kroger Gift Card = Money for Westside

We should not write so that it is possible for the reader to understand us, but so that it is impossible for him to misunderstand us.

-Quintilian

It is impossible to live pleasurably without living prudently, honorably, and justly; or to live prudently, honorably, and justly, without living pleasurably.

-Epicurus

Many thanks to Westside Members and Friends who continue to use their Kroger Cards to purchase groceries. For every time we reload our cards, Westside receives 5%. We recently received a check for \$269.75. To find out more on how this works, contact Howard McMahan. He can get a Kroger card for you.

### Church Clean-Up

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.

## Contemporary Books

The Contemporary Book Group will meet on Sunday, April 28, after church in the glass classroom. We will be discussing *The Alchemist* by Paul Coelho. On May 26, we will meet to discuss *Malice of Fortune* by Michael Ennis. Both these books were suggested by Linda Hanratty. By June, we should be ready to return to female authors. Come discuss with us (even if you hate the book) and bring your suggestions for books to read. Contact: Reed Bilz, reed.bilz@gmail.com

### 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, and he will add you to our list of potential players to form 2 or 3 tables of fun!

### Humanists of Fort Worth

At the April meeting of the HoFW, TCU student, Alexis Lohse, will speak to us about her experiences founding TCU's newly formed, already controversial, FIRST EVER atheist/agnostic/secular student group, the Freethinking Frogs. The meeting takes place Wednesday, April 10 at the church, 7:00 pm. Hope to see

you there. Contact: Sam Baker, laidback935@sbcglobal.net, <http://www.meetup.com/Humanists-of-Fort-Worth/>

## Quilting/Handiwork Group

Westside quilting and handiwork will meet on April 21, after the second service at church. Everyone is invited to join us. Bring whatever you would like to work on, or come to help with the quilts. We share our tools and our skills and great conversations. For more information or to be added to our email reminder list, call Debby Rake at 817-473-2414 or [dsrake@gmail.com](mailto:dsrake@gmail.com)

## Seventh Principal Notes - Green Sanctuary

**EARTH DAY** - The 43rd Earth Day will be celebrated internationally on April 22, 2013. It was started in the United States by Senator Gaylord Nelson to create awareness for the Earth's environment and to encourage conservation efforts. In 1990, Earth Day was taken international, and today, more than 500 million people in 175 countries observe Earth Day. Please keep the earth in your thoughts and your actions, not just on Earth Day, but every day. Our earth needs our care, now more than ever.

**(UUMFE) EARTH DAY** - UU Ministry for Earth's topic is working towards Sustainable Communities. The focus areas include:

**BUILDING SUSTAINABLE & RESILIENT COMMUNITIES**

**CLIMATE ACTION & CLIMATE ADAPTATION PLANS**

**ECOSYSTEMS & BIODIVERSITY**

**SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE & FOOD SYSTEMS**

For more information go to UU Ministry for Earth's web site, <http://uuministryforearth.org/>. And if you want to be part of the solution, come to the Green Sanctuary Committee meeting on Sunday, April 14, 2013, after the second

service to discuss what Westside UU can do as a congregation to create a more sustainable community. For more information on the meeting, contact [green@westsideuu.com](mailto:green@westsideuu.com).

**FORT WORTH PRAIRIE FEST** - In lieu of Green Movie Night, we urge you to attend Fort Worth Prairie Fest, Saturday, April 27, 11 am to 8 pm, at Tandy Hills Natural Area, 3400 View Street. The free, solar-powered festival offers unique outdoor adventures for children and families along with tasty food and live music. Plan your date with nature for the last Saturday in April. For more details, check out their web site, <http://tandyhills.org/fest>.

## Vegan Potluck is Saturday April 27!

Have you ever wanted to eat in a healthier way but didn't know where to start? Have you ever wanted to eliminate animals and animal products as a way of eating more compassionately? Have you ever wanted to eat lower on the food chain so as to be kinder and gentler to the Earth? Have you ever wanted to hang out with others who want these same things? If you answered "yes" to any of these, please consider joining the Monthly Vegan Potluck group. We will hang out together, eat good food and exchange recipes. Vegan Potlucks will take place on the fourth Saturday of each month at 5:00 p.m. You can sign up on our [meetup.com](http://www.meetup.com/Vegan-Potluck-WUUC/) website located at: <http://www.meetup.com/Vegan-Potluck-WUUC/>

Here's how the potluck will work:

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

**TABLES AND CHAIRS**

**BRING A VEGAN DISH**

**BRING THE RECIPE FOR YOUR VEGAN DISH (OR BE PREPARED TO EMAIL IT TO OTHERS)**

**IN PLACE OF A PRAYER, WE WILL LIGHT A CHALICE AND JOIN IN A RESPONSIVE READING BEFORE THE MEAL**

**EAT AND ENJOY**

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The only fence against the world is a thorough knowledge of it.

-John Locke

It is not so much our friends' help that helps us as the confident knowledge that they will help us.

-Epicurus

**TALK WITH OTHER POTLUCKERS**

**LOOK FOR DISHES YOU LIKE  
HELP CLEAN UP...**

**COME BE WITH US!!**

Contact Andrea Petty if you have any questions about the Monthly Vegan Potluck at [dre@westsideuu.org](mailto:dre@westsideuu.org).

## 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.

Ann Sutherland and David Burlingame celebrated 6 years of marriage.

Tara Mitchell's last radiation treatment was last month.

Tara and Jim Mitchell celebrated 19 years of marriage.

Debra Slane is doing well after surgery and thanks all for the emails and phone calls.

Nikki Tessier has a new job at Carter BloodCare in the HEB area.

Glenda Hood successfully faced her fear of the open seas by completing a cruise.

Veronica Munoz earned a trophy in the Odyssey of the Mind competition.

John Barnes received the Greatest Impact Award from Dispute Resolution Services.

Jaeden Enlow turned 13 years old.

Mary Noer completed her first half-marathon.

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

### 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)

### SWUUC Spring Conference & Annual Meeting

**APRIL 19 - 21, 2013 - 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

Errors like straws upon  
the surface flow:  
Who would search for  
pearls must dive below.

-John Dryden

Laugh, and the world  
laughs with you; / Weep,  
and you weep alone. / For  
this brave old earth must  
borrow its mirth, / But has  
trouble enough of its own.

-Ella Wheeler Wilcox

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](http://fd8.formdesk.com/swuuc1/spring2013)

## 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, <http://www.ntauus.org/scholarships.shtml>, or forward this to a young person in your life who is committed to justice. We are accepting applications 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.

## Western Unitarian Universalist Life Festival

How would you like to go on a memorable vacation in a spectacular natural setting where you can spend a week living and celebrating your UU values? Sound intriguing? You can do it this summer at the Western UU Life Festival, or WUULF. This inter-generational summer camp takes place in June at Ghost Ranch, near Abiquiu, New Mexico. From its humble beginnings as a small family camp more than 30 years ago, to its existence today as a vibrant community of more than 100 UU's and like minded friends, WUULF has helped created lifelong memories for generations of participants.

The theme speaker at this year's camp is UU singer-songwriter Carole Eagleheart, who will lead a series of workshops centered around celebrating the earth through song and dance.

Other optional special programs include two full day river rafting trips, a textile weaving workshop, a tour of Georgia O'Keeffe's home and numerous indoor and outdoor creative and recreational activities.

The dates for this year's camp are June 17-23, 2013. If you have more questions, or if you would like registration or additional information, go to the WUULF website ([www.wuulf.org](http://www.wuulf.org)) . Hope to see you at camp!

## **The Westside Story April 2013**

### **WESTSIDE STORY STAFF:**

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Email submissions to our Editor  
Cindy Fountain at [vanessa4907@sbcglobal.net](mailto:vanessa4907@sbcglobal.net).

Deadline for submissions is the  
15th of the month.

A sound mind in a sound  
body, is a short but full  
description of a happy  
state in this world.

-John Locke

Hate is a dead thing. Who  
of you would be a tomb?

-Kahlil Gibran

## 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, Alvin Migdal

## February 2013 Attendance

	10AM Adults	11:30 Adults	10AM Kids	11:30 Kids	Total
February 3	60	63	15	18	156
February 10	59	82	17	25	183
February 17	55	80	10	25	170
February 24	56	72	10	25	163
Averages	57.5	74.25	13	23.25	168



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!***