



Sunday Services

JULY 7 - *What Are You Afraid Of?* with Dr. Russell Elleven. We have nothing to fear but fear itself...or do we? Russell will examine fear this Sunday morning and reflect on how fear hurts us and helps us.

JULY 14 - *Spiritual Window-Shopping* with Rev. Eric Posa. Our liberal religion values insights from multiple religious traditions. But engaging in healthy and respectful interfaith dialogue with people of other faiths, or no faith, presents unique challenges as well as opportunities.

We'll explore these challenges and opportunities with guidance from that classical master of interfaith dialogue, the Muslim mystic Rumi.

JULY 21 - *Growing Up and Growing Old* with Dr. Russell Elleven. We are all doing it. We are all growing older. What does this mean for us? How does this feel for us? Russell will reflect his thoughts this Sunday morning.

JULY 28 - *Why We Choose to Forgive* with Dr. Russell Elleven. We may know how to forgive, even though we don't always do it. But do we know why we forgive? Russell will attempt to answer that question this Sunday morning.

SUNDAY MORNING OPTIONS

Adult Religious Education

CULTURAL LITERACY FOR RELIGION IS GOING STRONG! Topics for July include Buddhism, Chinese religion and Confucianism. If you think this program is a dry video recital of facts followed by tough questions, abandon those thoughts! The videos are engaging and informative, and launch discussions like you'll find nowhere else. Cultural Literacy meets in the glass classroom during the second service. All adults are welcome! Childcare is available. In the fall we'll be starting another Tapestry of Faith program called "What We Choose: Ethics for Unitarian Universalists." This program invites participants to focus attention on the moral and ethical questions that arise in our lives, and explore the ethical frameworks that can help in sorting through a dilemma.

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

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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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topics for discussion vary with interest, with 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.

responsible search for truth", while our seventh principle urges us to "respect the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part." In addition, Unitarian Universalism draws from many sources including "Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit."

Studying science at church allows us to delve deep into discussions that may not arise at school. We can express our awe and wonder at the vastness of the universe and how small that can make us feel. We can ask ourselves "what is humanity's place in the universe?" While pondering the big questions in life, we can revel in the answers science has produced and contemplate the mysteries science has yet to unravel.

Children's Religious Education News Clips

CONNECT WITH CRE

EVOLVE WITH SUMMER CRE!! WHY EVOLUTION AND SCIENCE? - Our fourth principle encourages us to engage in "a free and

We want the children to see science not just as a subject at school, but as the ultimate expression of man's curiosity about the world around him. In the words

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.

May '13	Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas	\$1,033.22
April '13	South Central Alliance of Churches	\$801.70
March '13	In-Reach Fund	\$1,448.88
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

"Do you ever read any of the books you burn?"
"That's against the law!"
"Oh. Of course."

-Ray Bradbury

Seek not to follow in the footsteps of men of old; seek what they sought.

-Matsuo Basho

of Carl Sagan----“Somewhere, something incredible is waiting to be known.”

OUR SUMMER PROGRAM IS IN FULL SWING!

- Children across the grade ranges are engaging with topics such as the origins of the universe, the origins of life, natural selection and evolutionary theory. Toward the end of the summer, our teens will also explore the different schools of creationist thought so they can wade intelligently, confidently, and empathetically into the arguments for and against, including intelligent design in science classes.

We encourage all parents to talk with your kids about their Sunday school classes and what they are learning. It can lead to some exciting and rewarding discussions. Lesson plans and class information are always available—just ask! Join the discussion with other parents at our Westside RE Google group. You will find information about how to join below.

CONSIDER TEACHING THIS SUMMER - 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. Our theme for the summer will be evolution. 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.

YOUTH LOCK-IN WAS A SUCCESS!! - We all had a great time at the lock-in! The kids enjoyed fun and games, a movie and discussion and then spent the morning in training for Room in the Inn. A big THANK YOU to Lane Smutz and Anita Snyder, our Youth Group Advisors, as well as to all the other adults who helped make it happen!

UPCOMING EVENTS: JULY 5 AND 19 –Youth Group meets at 6:30pm at the church

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

Checking Out the Library

You could be overwhelmed walking into the new library. You could be gob-smacked by the light, bright atmosphere if you remember the dark cave it used to be, or you could just be understandably confused about where to look first and for what. Let’s deal with the latter (you’ll get used to the mint-colored walls on your own).

The books are divided into seven categories, starting at your left (labels are above the books for some reason): Unitarian Universalism (with sub-categories); World Religions and Spiritual Practices (which include atheism and agnosticism [where would you put them?]); Spiritual Quests (where you will find readings for all occasions as well as quest stories); Social Concerns (historical and modern); Biographies (of religious figures and those important to Unitarian Universalist thought); Multi-media (CDs and videotapes used in Adult RE and Forum); and References. There is an eighth, unofficial category, which you will find on your right as you enter—new books, recently purchased or donated. Let’s take a tour.

Under Unitarian Universalism, you will find the old historical standards A Chosen Faith, by former president of the UUA John Buehrans and Forrest Church, and Stream of Light, by Conrad Wright. You’ll also find some newer titles, hot off the press. Under World Religions, you will find enough titles to make yourself religiously literate about believers and non-believers of every stripe.

My current favorite book under Religious Quests is a collection of prayers made at the new millennium by Roberts and

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Our lives are like islands in the sea, or like trees in the forest. The maple and the pine may whisper to each other with their leaves ... But the trees also commingle their roots in the darkness underground, and the islands also hang together through the ocean’s bottom.

-William James

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Amidon called Prayers for a Thousand Years. It came from a member's bookshelf, so you will find it lightly notated. Social Concerns will introduce you to people you already know, like Jefferson, Thoreau and Buckminster Fuller. Former UUA president Bill Schulz wrote In Our Own Best Interest: Defining Human Rights, and you'll find it on our shelves (unless someone else beats you to it).

Among the new books you'll be pleased to find these crowd pleasers: Parenting Beyond Belief: How to Raise Children without Doctrine, by Dale McGowan; Reverence: a Forgotten Virtue, by Paul Woodruff; Reading the Bible Again for the First Time, by Marcus Borg; A History of God, by Karen Armstrong; and our own Annie Foerster's For Praying Out Loud: A Collection of Interfaith Prayers for All Occasions.

When you check a book out, consider writing a book report for next month's newsletter. There's too little time for all of us to read everything in the library.

Join a Circle Supper, July 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.

If you would like to host but have limited space, you may partner with someone who has the room but would prefer not to host alone. 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.

Without the freedom to criticize, there is no true praise.

-Pierre Beaumarchais

May my silences become more accurate.

-Theodore Roethke

Highlights from the May 15 Board Meeting

The Board approved our asking NTUUC to extend the mortgage on our building at the current rate for one year.

Stewardship Committee Report - We have received 142 pledges for a total of \$207,580. Fewer than 20 pledging units have not pledged. Mary Noer noted that we will make some changes next year such as a new pledge form to allow for a request for a waiver.

Building Committee Report - We received three bids for replacing gutters and downspouts on the west side of the building. The Board accepted the lowest bid from Aqua-Duck Seamless Gutters for \$350.00.

2011-12 Audit Committee Report - Tom Woods noted some areas of concern. 1) Not all requests for reimbursement have signed approval of the committee chair or supporting documents, and 2) The Treasurer's Reports do not agree with the bank statements. Mark reported that these concerns have been addressed and corrected in the current fiscal year. The board commended the audit committee for their conscientious work and Mary Alice Cretsinger for her helpful recordkeeping. The present committee members will continue on the committee for another year.

Finance Committee Report - We have received a verbal commitment from AMS for rent in the amount of \$3,400 per month for 5 years with a 6 month opt out clause in the last two years of the term.

Bill Terry suggests that future grant requests be for one-time items to avoid continuing Westside liability.

The Board approved the proposed budget as submitted, subject to minor changes or adjustments.

The Board approved the appointment of Bill Terry as Finance Chair and Sandy Olah as Social Chair.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, June

19, at 7:00 pm. 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

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

Westside Election Results

Audit Committee - Ann Sutherland, Tom Woods and David Burlingame

Endowment Committee - Linda Hanratty and Walt McConathy will be joining current members Mary Alice Cretsinger, Amie Hegeman and Janice Williams.

Nominating Committee - Stuart Cheney, James Finn, Cathy McConnell, Caroline Nixon and Sue Spell.

Where's Russell in July?

In July, I will be doing a bit of traveling, and we have the patriotic holiday of July 4. I will be in attendance three of the four Sundays in July and offering reflections each of those days. At this point, I will not be in church on the second Sunday (7/14) although this might possibly change. So, I will offer reflections and facilitate Joys and Concerns on the first (7/7), third (7/21), and fourth (7/28) Sundays. I will probably be out of pocket on the second Sunday (7/14). During part of the third week of July, I will be in Cincinnati at an Alban Institute training which examines the typical growing pains of churches our size.

So, July appointment times look like this:

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

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 you!

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If you write to impress it will always be bad, but if you write to express it will be good.

-Thornton Wilder

I have a trunk containing continents.

-Beryl Markham

Humanists of Fort Worth

Our program for the Humanist meeting on July 10, will involve introductory statements by Dick Trice for three separate open discussions on these topics: (1) Morality and Whistle Blowing (Bradley Manning and Edward Snowden, (2) Corporatocracy-the New Capitalism, and (3) The Future of Humanism. We promise not to run out of coffee and cookies and all free thinkers, doubters, and enthusiasts of good arguments are more than welcome.

Please check the HoFW Meetup site for further information. <http://www.meetup.com/Humanists-of-Fort-Worth/>

Quilting/Handiwork Group

Westside quilting and handiwork will meet on July 21, after the second service at church until 4:00. 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

Contemporary Book Group

On July 28, the Book Group will discuss *East of the Sun* by Julia Gregson; "Three potential Memsahibs with a myriad of reasons for leaving England, but the cargo of hopes and secrets they carry has done little to prepare them for what lies ahead. From the parties of the wealthy Bombay socialites to the poverty of the orphans on Tamarind Street, *East of the Sun* is everything a historical novel should be: alive with glorious detail, fascinating characters and masterful storytelling."

On August 25, we will review our first repeat author, Geraldine Brooks, with her new book, *Caleb's Crossing*; "Geraldine Brooks takes a remarkable shard of history and brings it to vivid life. In 1665, a young man from Martha's Vineyard became the first Native American to graduate from Harvard

College. Upon this slender factual scaffold, Brooks has created a luminous tale of love and faith, magic and adventure." We meet in the glass classroom after the second service on the 4th Sunday of each month. Please join us even if you have not read the book. We may inspire you to do so. Contact: Reed Bilz - reed.bilz@gmail.com.

Seventh Principal Notes-- Green Sanctuary

ENERGY BLAST UPDATE - Green Sanctuary members Linda Hanratty (Chair), Bob Vann and Linda Jenkins met with senior staff at the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History Monday, June 10 to discuss Westside's recommendations for improvements to its Energy Blast exhibit. Board President, Van Romans, CFO, Bill Bleibdrey, and VP for Interpretation, Kit Goolsby, generously spent 1 ½ hours with the committee. They were grateful for Westside's interest, critique and suggestions.

By coincidence, the museum had presented a new 5-year plan to its Board on March 21, 2013. After internal review of the plan, they expect to engage the public – including Westside's Green Sanctuary Committee – in responding to and perhaps helping to improve the plan. (Needless to say, we're cordially invited to contribute financially.) Mr. Romans explained that the new plan will involve re-invention of the galleries and programs as well as upgrades to the IMAX system. With today's technology, will come new ways of delivering information in the museum. As one of only 1200 accredited museums in the United States, the Fort Worth Science and History Museum looks forward to this re-invention.

Linda Hanratty expressed Westside's encouragement for the museum to be a repository for factual information about this region's energy resources, industries and practices.

If you would like to be involved in the future in responding to the museum's new plan, please contact Linda Hanratty and join the Green Sanctuary Committee.

I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I do know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve.

-Albert Schweitzer

I M TERRELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GARDEN

UPDATE - After a successful spring helping the students at I M Terrell Elementary School weed and harvest their vegetable garden, we are planning to help with garden bed preparations in early August and then begin working with the students in the garden once school starts. We hope to have more volunteers this fall. All it takes is the willingness to devote one hour per week to this rewarding project. To learn more, contact Linda Hanratty, Bob Vann, or John Barnes.

GREEN MOVIE NIGHT - We haven't selected the Green Movie for July 27, so look for the announcement in the Weekly Web and Order of Service. As usual, the movie will be shown after Vegan Potluck.

Keep your thermostats at 80 or above and have a wonderfully, warm summer.

Vegan Potluck is Saturday, July 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 website 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 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 Andrea Petty if you have any questions about the Monthly Vegan Potluck at 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.

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.

Paul McGinnis had successful hip replacement surgery last month.

Congratulations to Logan Pitt, who has graduated from Crowley High School and will make his way to UNT!

Congratulations to Glenda Hood as she enters retirement!

Brenda & Gene McKeon celebrated their 34th anniversary!

Debby & Bob Rake celebrated their 45th anniversary!

Brenda McKeon celebrated a birthday in May!

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.

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On the mountains of truth you can never climb in vain: either you will reach a point higher up today, or you will be training your powers so that you will be able to climb higher tomorrow.

-Friedrich Nietzsche

OUR WIDER COMMUNITY

Gay Pride Parade/Picnic

The 2013 Pride Parade is Saturday, Oct. 5, in downtown Ft. Worth. The picnic is Sunday, Oct. 6, at Trinity Park. If you are interested in heading up or participating in either of these events, please get with Cindy Fountain at church, or 817-526-1375 or vanessa4907@sbcglobal.net.

Here is another place where Westside is a steward of our larger community, meeting our Vision "through active service to our community."

This year we have some creative and hard working Westsiders designing and building a "Chalice" that we can use every year in the Parade and also at the Picnic. It can be decorated, or not, by the youth, the children or whoever so wishes. These creative hard workers are Jay Dodds, Dick Dodds and John Gilbert!

Standing on the Side of GLBTQ Justice

A 12-person delegation from Westboro Baptist Church arrived at Florida's Lakeland Center at 10 am on June 1 to protest the first of several graduation ceremonies planned for the venue that day. They were met by more than 50 counter-protesters, including members of UU Lakeland, other local churches and Polk County GLTBQ groups.

Ron Nickolas, who coordinated UU Lakeland's participation in the event, encouraged members to wear their distinctive yellow "Standing on the Side of Love" t-shirts. Westboro has gained notoriety for picketing military funerals and other events with signs blaming homosexuals for bringing God's wrath upon the U.S. "We wanted to make sure our message was one of love for all," he said. Other UU Lakeland members carried signs with such slogans as "No-Hate Zone" and "We Love ALL Grads."

The words a father speaks to his children in the privacy of the home are not overheard at the time, but, as in whispering galleries, they will be clearly heard at the end and by posterity.

-Jean Paul Richter

Although the connections are not always obvious, personal change is inseparable from social and political change.

-Harriet Lerner

UU Lakeland Board Member, Anna Clarke, and her partner spent the entire day outside the graduation venue, watching the crowd of counter-protesters grow with each successive graduation. "It was inspiring," she said. "So many people came out to show what our community values really are."

Bring Toiletries for SCAC in August

Each year we are given two months in which to help South Central Alliance of Churches to replenish their supplies of food and toiletries. August is our month for toiletries. Please get full-size items (not the travel size - these are for families) and bring them to the church during the month of August. Put them in the big red cart which will be by the entrance door.

Here is the list and what makes up a "hygiene kit":

SHAMPOO
TISSUE (2 ROLLS)
SOAP (2 BARS)
DEODORANT
RAZORS (2)
SHAVING CREAM
TOOTHPASTE

Pads, tampons, lotions and toothbrushes are extra items kept on hand when requested. If you would like to donate an entire toiletry pack, it would be appreciated, however individual donations of items is also appreciated. Watch the sales, clip coupons and help out by replenishing the shelves at SCAC. Our efforts are really appreciated by the clients and Opel Smith, the Director of SCAC.

Southwestern UU Summer Institute Family Camp

SWUUSI will once again be held at the amazing and beautiful Western Hills Guest Ranch, in Sequoyah State Park, Hulbert, OK, July 21-27. Gather with UU's from the Southwest for a week of worship, workshops, fun and fellowship. There will

also be activities for children. Registration forms and further information can be found at www.swuusi

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

Sharing our Light with our Fellow Congregations: The Chalice Lighter Program

In the early 1980s, UU minister Alan Egly had an idea; he wondered if members of UU congregations might be willing to contribute a small amount—such as \$10—a few times a year, specifically to help out fellow congregations. Egly's idea became known as the Chalice Lighters program, and has raised millions of dollars for congregations all over the U.S. In fact, Westside has received Chalice Lighter funds more than once, when we needed help finding space or making improvements.

Three times every year, a “call” goes out to every UU congregation, asking for a donation of \$10 or more to help a congregation in their district complete a special project linked to growth. These can range from help with calling a minister, constructing a building or addition, or establishing a new congregation or support ministry.

And now this year's call has come for spring.

The Spring 2013 Chalice Lighter Call for the Southwestern Unitarian Universalist Conference has been awarded to the Unitarian Universalist Church of Bartlesville, Oklahoma. The grant is for the purpose of renovating a building, purchased five years ago that is adjacent to their property.

There are several goals, but some of the most important are to retain the current minister and increase the church's presence in the community.

How Do I Donate? There are two ways to make your donation. By Mail: Send checks to: SWUUC, Attn: Chalice Lighters, PO Box 560246, Orlando, FL 32856, or Online: Donations may also be made via PayPal. Send payment to payments@swuuc.org and make sure you specify “Chalice Lighter Program”.

A donation form can also be downloaded at <http://swuuc.org/pages/stewardship/chalice-lighters.php>

- *Janell Broyles, Chalice Lighter Coordinator*

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*Email submissions to our Editor
Cindy Fountain at vanessa4907@sbcglobal.net.
Deadline for submissions is the
15th of the month.*

In the face of suffering,
one has no right to turn
away, not to see.

-Elie Wiesel

Every increased
possession loads us with
new weariness.

-John Ruskin

Our Board

President: Linda Ice

Vice President: Cindy Fountain

Treasurer: Lane Smutz

Secretary: Reed Bilz

Directors: Karen Moore, Mary Noer, Alvin Migdal,

Tricia Bowes, Ric Hansen, Sally Johnson

May 2013 Attendance

	10AM Adults	11:30 Adults	10AM Kids	11:30 Kids	Total
May 5 camping	56	69	10	15	198
May 12	67	47	14	18	146
May 19	62	71	19	17	169
May 26	67	85	15	25	192
Averages	63	68	14.5	18.75	176.25



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.

Committee on Ministry

Sue Spell, Sean Wildman, Myron Ice, Linda McConathy, Shirley Miller

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

“Progressive” Dinner and Auction

Friday, November 1st ... 6:30 pm
The Cendera Center

A “can’t miss” Westside Event!!!

Cocktails & Hors D’oeuvres – Silent Auction – Dinner – Live Auction - Raffle
(our 2011 auction raised over \$18,000!!!)

Things you can do now to help make this year’s auction another HUGE success:

- ❖ Mark your calendars now and plan to attend
- ❖ Start thinking about donations you can make to the auction
 - ✓ Re-gift a “tasteful” piece of art or an antique
 - ✓ Items you can create for the auction such as gift baskets, group dinners and/or parties, art or craft objects, dessert packages, etc
 - ✓ Services, skills, or talents that you would be willing to offer
 - ✓ While your family is eating at your favorite restaurant or party venue, ask the manager to donate a gift card or a party
 - ✓ Ask your favorite service professional (landscaping, beauty and health care, legal, pet care, accounting, home repair, etc) to donate a service
 - ✓ Tickets to Arts and Entertainment venues, museums, and sporting events
 - ✓ Airline Miles, Time Share Condos, Vacation Packages
- ❖ Consider being an underwriter to help defray auction expenses
- ❖ Make a list of friends, co-workers, and/or community leaders who support progressive and liberal causes, such as Westside, to invite to the auction
- ❖ Consider serving on an auction committee (acquisitions, publicity, ticket sales, decorations, set-up and clean-up) on which you would enjoy working!

Watch for more information in the newsletter and Order of Service insert.

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