



## Leaving Westside

My Dear Westsiders and Friends,

If you have not already heard, I will be leaving Westside in the not too distant future. My spouse, Gayle, has been offered, and accepted, a wonderful employment opportunity in the Chicago area. This was a difficult decision for us. We are very excited and very sad at the same time.

Westside is a wonderful church full of wonderful people. Gayle and I are thankful for the love we have received and been able to give. If you heard my reflection on July 21st, you know that we were not looking to leave Fort Worth. This all happened very quickly and suddenly.

My final day in the Westside pulpit will be October 27th. In the meantime I will continue doing the work of the church, attending a conference, taking my last bit of vacation, and hoping to find a new place to live.

Though there may be some sadness, I truly believe this change can bring Westside a minister who will help this church become all she can be. While it will be from afar, I will be watching and wishing nothing but the best for this congregation.

*Fondly,*

*Russell*

**August 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.

### **THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF WESTSIDE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH**

901 Page Avenue  
Fort Worth, TX  
10:00 & 11:30 AM Sundays  
WestsideUU.org

## Sunday Services

**AUGUST 4** – *It Is All Within You* with Russell Elleven. People often go looking for others to show them the way. Unitarian Universalists are not typically interested in that. At the same time, we UUs don't often give ourselves enough credit for the ability to see a little more clearly than we do. Russell will try to explain more this Sunday morning.

**AUGUST 11** -*Unsportsmanlike Conduct?* with Jeff Rodriguez. Jeff gamely tackles one of America's most revered traditions. What he has to share won't be nearly as interesting on this particular Sunday as it might be a month later.

**AUGUST 18** – *The Seven Principles: A Folk Revival!* featuring Westside's talented musicians. Readings, poetry, and maybe even a sing-a-long or two will reaffirm our commitment to walk in the Seven Principles of our UU faith tradition. Come join our talented musicians this Sunday for what has become our yearly summer jamboree!

**AUGUST 25** - *Who Is In Charge Here?* with Russell Elleven. It has been said that Unitarian Universalists struggle with authority. Russell will attempt to look at this dynamic within the congregational setting. What he says may surprise you.

## SUNDAY MORNING OPTIONS

### Adult Religious Education

**CULTURAL LITERACY FOR RELIGION IS GOING STRONG!** Topics for August 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.

## 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.

June '13	Texas Re-Entry Services	\$982.42
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

The cure for anything is  
salt water -- sweat, tears,  
or the sea.

-Isak Dinesen (pen name  
of Karen Blixen)

Convictions are more  
dangerous enemies of  
truth than lies.

-Friedrich Wilhelm  
Nietzsche

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 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 emailed on Monday to all fans whose email 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).

## Children's Religious Education News Clips Connect with CRE

### GET READY FOR FALL CRE!

This fall we will be inviting our RE students and their parents to a tea where they can meet their teaching team and hear about the curriculum. Keep an eye out in the weekly email, the OOS, and the CRE Google group email list for details and the dates and times for each class.

### COMING OF AGE IS COMING TO WESTSIDE!

COA will be offered at Westside this year. Coming of Age or COA is a year-long program traditionally offered in UU churches for Youth in 8th-10th grade (ages 14+). The goal of a COA program is to help youth better appreciate Unitarian Universalism, their own beliefs and values, and how these intersect.

It will enable them to grasp what it means to belong to a congregation so that they may become informed members. It will help participants recognize that as they grow and change, there is still a place for them in their faith home: a new place, full of fresh opportunities and responsibilities.

COA programs often culminate in a UU heritage tour of Boston, MA and the surrounding area. It is our desire for the Westside COA participants to take this trip!

We are forming a COA committee now and soon you will be seeing information about the committee and how to participate as well as information about informational sessions and parent orientations.

### YOUTH GROUP AND ROOM IN THE INN

This summer our Youth trained for and are participating in a program called Room in the Inn. Anita Snyder has organized the Youth to help on Friday nights at Ridglea Christian Church. Way to go Youth!

Room in the Inn provides shelter in churches to individuals who are homeless during the three coldest months (December, January and February) and the two hottest months (July and August) every year.

Room in the Inn is primarily run with the help of volunteers. Volunteers set up the facility, prepare the beds, make the meals, stay overnight, and transport guests to and from the Day Resource Center in Fort Worth, Texas. Training is required of all Room in the Inn volunteers.

### FALL TEACHING TEAMS ARE FORMING

Are you looking for a way to get to know fellow congregants better? Do you like the idea of mentoring children and youth as they grow into Unitarian Universalists and explore the world around them? Would you like to know more about Unitarian Universalism?

Fall teaching teams are forming now. This year each class will have a teaching team leader and a team of 4 to 6 teachers. Teams will meet regularly to get to know one another, plan lessons, share strategies and experiences in the classroom, and help each other learn more about Unitarian

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The greatest obstacle to discovering the shape of the earth, the continents, and the oceans was not ignorance but the illusion of knowledge.

-Daniel J. Boorstin

Show me a sane man and I will cure him for you.

-Carl Jung

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Universalism. Teams will also meet regularly with the DRE and RE committee chair.

If you are interested in joining a teaching team or would like more information, please contact our DRE, Andrea Petty.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP COMING SOON!

A middle school Youth group is forming and will be having meetings soon. Our YUUMS (Youth-UU middle schoolers) group information will be coming soon—be on the lookout if you have a child entering 6th or 7th grade.

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)

## IN AND AROUND WESTSIDE

### Westside Library Update

The Westside Library is a work in progress and we are now entering Phase 2. The library committee has been working very hard adding new book labels and reorganizing shelving arrangements using the Dewey Decimal system. This is all in an effort to make the library more efficient and user-friendly. The online catalog at [www.westsideuu.org](http://www.westsideuu.org) provides the Dewey number for each book. When this project is complete, it should be easy to note a book in the catalog and find it on the shelf in the library. In the meantime, browse the shelves for the book that speaks to you.

The Westside Library collection is non-fiction only. There are currently 704 books in the library. Many of the books are classics; some are unusual or out-of-print. Approximately 30 new books have been added. Our goal is to move toward a balanced collection with more current works.

The library is open when the church is open. Check out is DIY. Books may be kept for four weeks.

Some stories are true that never happened.

-Elie Wiesel

A hungry man is not a free man.

-Adlai Stevenson

Please contact [megwgnr@yahoo.com](mailto:megwgnr@yahoo.com) if you have suggestions or would like information about donations.

## “New Voices” Sundays

### WESTSIDE UU GUEST SPEAKER SUBMISSION

Your Worship Team welcomes your suggestions for guest speakers for those Sundays when Dr. Elleven is not scheduled to be in the pulpit. We would appreciate and expect that you make suggestions of only those speakers that you have **personally** heard and feel that they would be able to offer a meaningful and valuable Reflection to the members and friends of Westside. There are forms available for your submission on the website. Please fill out this form as completely as possible and the Worship Team will then review and consider your suggestion. Upon completion, place this form in the Worship Team box in the Church Office, or you may give it to any member of the Worship Team. You will be contacted following their review.

Thank you for your participation and for your suggestions!

## Highlights from the June 19 Board Meeting

We reviewed our current financial status and Mark turned over the books to Lane.

Linda will arrange with ABUC to amend the Mission Statement displayed in the sanctuary.

Bylaws amendments are now on our website.

The Board approved adoption of a Special Committee for Long Range Planning following the guidelines in the UUA description.

Caroline suggested using a tote board at the church auction showing ongoing funding and suggested projects listed by priority. After the \$9,000 goal for operations is reached, subsequent funding would be used for the projects in order.

The Board adopted the Property Use policy and contract as presented. They are now available on our website.

Caroline will contact Jane Hardwick and her sister to discuss possible use of the Community Foundation Grant.

The \$100 donation from Dancing with the Sun authors will be added to the Social Justice budget for use on LGBT issues.

**APPOINTMENTS APPROVED:**

Reed Bilz to serve as Board Liaison to the Audit Committee.

Kim Lucas to serve as Social Justice Committee Chair.

Amie Hegeman and Joy Counts to serve as Co-Chairs of the Long Range Planning Committee.

Potential members to serve on the Membership & Volunteer Coordinator Search Committee.

Potential replacement for Michael Oglesby's unexpired term on the Endowment Committee.

Several Board members are planning to attend the NTUUC Governance Training Attendance, July 13 in Plano.

The Board approved the list of Action Items in the Strategic Action Plan with a few changes and additions.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 21 at 7 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*

## Join a Circle Supper, August 17

For those who 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 [gaikilman@mac.com](mailto:gaikilman@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](mailto:ellekaye@juno.com) or 817-846-8012.

## Where's Russell in August?

I will only be at Westside two Sundays in August - the first Sunday (8/4) and last Sunday (8/25). On both occasions I will offer reflections and facilitate joys and concerns. I will be out of town from the 11th of August through the 19th. Most of that time I will be attending training at the Midwest Academy. The Midwest Academy is a leading national training institute for the progressive movement and social change. I've wanted to take this training for years and only this year was able to align dates.

So, August appointment times look like this:

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.**  
**TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.**  
**THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.**  
**TUESDAY, AUGUST 13 UNAVAILABLE**  
**THURSDAY, AUGUST 15 UNAVAILABLE**  
**TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.**  
**THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.**  
**TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.**  
**THURSDAY, AUGUST 29, 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

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Congratulation: The civility of envy.

-Ambrose Bierce

The big thieves hang the little ones.

-Czech proverb

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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*

## Are You a New Member?

In order to keep the pictorial directory fairly current, we schedule picture appointments on an ongoing 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 <http://www.marycret.com/>

## OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN & SERVE

### Humanists of Fort Worth

At the August meeting of the Humanists of Fort Worth, our speaker will discuss the religion of Islam and his experiences growing up in a moderate Muslim family in the Middle East. He has a fascinating personal story to tell. The HoFW will meet at the church on Wednesday, August 14, at 7:00 p.m. All Freethinkers are welcome to attend. 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 August 18, 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](mailto:dsrake@gmail.com)

## August 17 - It's a

## Hullabaloo!!

Come share your ideas, big, small, and in-between, as we begin another successful year of stewardship at Westside. Munchies and coffee at 9:00, then we'll let the ideas flow from 9:30 to 11:30. See you there!

## Seventh Principal Notes - Green Sanctuary

Save the Date: Westside will be participating in the 22nd Annual Trinity River Trash Bash on Saturday, September 21, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Fun for adults and accompanied children. Volunteer packets contain Trash Bash T-shirts for participants who register by September 8, and trash bags and gloves for all registered participants. All volunteers are invited to the after party at the Panther Island Pavilion (located behind the TCC/RadioShack campus) from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., with free food, door prizes, and entertainment by Radio Disney AM 620. A lot of fun for a little work, what could be better? And the cause, of course, is cleaning up the banks of our Trinity River. For more information, contact John Barnes or Linda Hanratty ([green@westsideuu.org](mailto:green@westsideuu.org))

I.M. Terrell Elementary School Garden: With the new school year just around the corner, now is the time to volunteer to help with the I.M. Terrell Elementary School Garden. It just takes a time commitment of one-hour per week, and the reward is in watching the kids' involvement as they learn from the many facets of preparing, planting and growing their garden. Gardening experience not needed. For more information, contact Bob Vann or Linda Hanratty ([green@westsideuu.org](mailto:green@westsideuu.org)).

Green Movie Night: When: 7:00 p.m., August 24 (after Vegan Pot Luck). Where: Westside

Since my house burned down

I now own a better view

of the rising moon.

-Mizuta Masahide

Fellowship Hall. The Movie: The Big Uneasy (2010) follows three remarkable people--the leaders of two scientific investigation teams, and one whistleblower--as they reveal the true story of why New Orleans flooded.

If you enjoy Green Movie Night and would like to see more movies, consider volunteering to help. Contact Torah Bontrager, Linda Hanratty, or Bob Vann for more information at [green@westsideuu.org](mailto:green@westsideuu.org)

## Contemporary Book Group

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."

On September 22, we will discuss *Henry and Clara* by Thomas Mallon. This is a historical novel about the engaged couple who were in the Lincolns' box at Fort Theater the night President Lincoln was assassinated.

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](mailto:reed.bilz@gmail.com).

## Vegan Potluck is Saturday, August 24!

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 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](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.

We are joyful that Andrea Petty and James, Chloe, and Colin Finn represented Westside at General Assembly and had a safe and happy trip doing so!

Veronica Munoz turned 7 years old!

Tom Woods celebrated a birthday and has a new car!

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When I feed the hungry,  
they call me a saint.  
When I ask why people  
are hungry, they call me a  
communist.

-Helder Camara

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Lois Roskoski was recently recognized for her teaching excellence at American InterContinental University!

Lauren and Ken Leising celebrated their 10th anniversary!

Keith Miller and Morris Meador celebrated 34 years together!

Karen and Kerry Moore celebrated their 29th anniversary on a Mexican beach!

Henry Hegeman is recuperating from ear surgery.

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 email us with any concerns you may have.

## **OUR WIDER COMMUNITY**

### Gay Pride Parade/Picnic

The 2013 Pride Parade is Saturday, October 5, in downtown Ft. Worth. The picnic is Sunday, October 6, at Trinity Park. Westside will have a table at the picnic and will also be in the parade. Both events start at noon.

Mary Noer will be braiding hair at the Westside picnic table. Kim Lucas will be there, too. Plans are afoot to possibly make this a fundraiser for a worthy organization. Anyone is welcome to join and share a talent, such as face painting, or "people" the table to represent Westside.

We also have some creative and hard working Westsiders designing and building a "Chalice" that we can use every year in the parade and 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!

Please contact Cindy Fountain at 817-526-1375 or [vanessa4907@sbcglobal.net](mailto:vanessa4907@sbcglobal.net) if you

would like to be part of this stewardship to our community, or come by the Social Justice Committee Table, September 1, for more information.

### Run For Life

### Suicide Awareness

### 5k/1k Fun Run

Come join Mental Health America on Saturday, September 7, for the second annual Run for Life! The 1K race will begin at 8:00 a.m. and the 5K at 8:30 a.m. at the Trinity Park Arts Pavilion (2401 University Dr. 76107). Whether registering to volunteer or registering to run, it's a guaranteed good time while raising suicide awareness!

Come put the fun in our run!

For more information contact us at:  
Mental Health America of Greater Tarrant County 817-335-5405 [mhatc.org](http://mhatc.org)

### 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

The heart has its reasons  
that reason knows  
nothing of.

-Blaise Pascal

The man who dies rich  
dies disgraced.

-Andrew Carnegie

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.

## 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)

## 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 [topayments@swuuc.org](mailto:topayments@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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What is to give light must  
endure burning.

-Viktor Frankl

*Email submissions to our Editor  
Janice Sims at [janicesims@tx.rr.com](mailto:janicesims@tx.rr.com).  
Deadline for submissions is the  
15th of the month.*

Every human being's  
essential nature is perfect  
and faultless, but after  
years of immersion in the  
world we easily forget  
our roots and take on a  
counterfeit nature.

-Lao-Tzu

## 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**

## June 2013 Attendance

	<b>10AM Adults</b>	<b>11:30 Adults</b>	<b>10AM Kids</b>	<b>11:30 Kids</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>June 2</b>	72	84	10	32	198
<b>June 9</b>	58	93	20	26	197
<b>June 16</b>	52	59	10	25	146
<b>June 23</b>	60	71	13	18	162
<b>June 30</b>	55	94	18	37	204
<b>Averages</b>	59.4	80.2	14.2	27.6	181.4



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

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!!!**

Be sure you have marked your calendars for Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>!!! This is the evening of our semi-annual fund-raising event! We are moving to a new event venue to accommodate larger numbers so that we won't have to limit the number of tickets sold! We will be at The Cendera Center this year...an exciting new conference center on the Weatherford traffic circle. Tickets will be going on sale later this fall, but there are many ways for you to become involved right now:

- 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 and receive some special “perks” for the evening!
- 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!

This promises to be the “social event of the season”! Not only will this be an awesome dinner and evening of entertainment shared with 200 of your closest friends, but it will also be a vitally important way for you to show your support of our Westside community through the monies that we are able to raise! Take a little time now to decide how much you will be able to “donate” to Westside and start saving that money now! Then, we will provide ample opportunities for you to spend your “donation” through amazing raffle items, four silent auction tables filled with service items, jewelry, gift baskets, arts and antiques, and lots more! We will top the evening off with what promises to be a very exciting live auction! You won't want to miss it! Feel free to contact auction chairs, Myron and Linda Ice, for more information ([landmice@gmail.com](mailto:landmice@gmail.com)).