



Sunday Services in October

OCTOBER 6 - "AND NOW FOR SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT" by Dr. Russell Elleven. Has there ever been a time when you wanted to ask Russell a question but something, for whatever reason, got in the way? Well, this Sunday Westsiders will have the opportunity to anonymously ask Russell anything. Specific forms will be provided. We will see how this goes!

OCTOBER 13 - "HOW DO WE COPE?" by Debby Rake and Amy Youngblood. So many of us consider Westside a bit of a haven from the outside world. But since we all have to live in that outside world, how do we cope when the stressors get too big? We've talked with many Westsiders about just this question, and hope the answers will surprise and relieve you.

OCTOBER 20 - "BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: A FURRY FAMILY SERVICE" Companion animals enrich our lives and soothe our souls. So how do we celebrate them, UU style? SEND IN YOUR PHOTOS to Sean Wildman (seanmwildman@gmail.com) or call (817) 226-0092. Don't forget to include a few short sentences about your beloved. These will be used in the service, created by you, the Westside congregation, to honor your furry, scaly, or feathered family members.

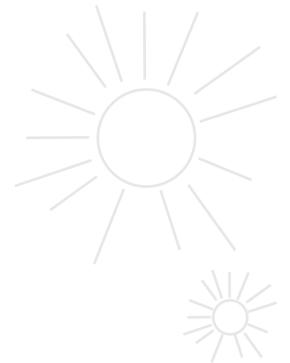
OCTOBER 27 - "THE WORST REFLECTION EVER!" by Dr. Russell Elleven. The final reflection of Russell's will undoubtedly be his worst. Hopefully, you will choose to attend anyway and say farewell as Russell drives off into his future and Westside prepares to move on.

SUNDAY MORNING OPTIONS

Adult Religious Education

UNCHANGING TRUTHS The October sessions of "What We Believe: Ethics for Unitarian Universalists" are devoted to the concept of the possibility of absolute, eternal, unchanging moral truth, known as deontological ethics. The philosopher Immanuel Kant believed that moral truth exists, and it applies to everyone. It sounds dry and academic, but as anyone who attends Adult RE sessions can attest, these classes will be anything but! Over the month we will start with the question: "If you steal one paper clip, is it okay for everyone else on the planet to also steal a paper clip?" and follow through UU perspectives on moral laws, Kantian perspectives, and our own outlooks. "What We Believe" meets in the glass classroom during the second service. All are welcome, and child care is provided. For more information, contact Amy Youngblood at atybwest@sbcglobal.net.

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



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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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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.

Children's Religious Education News Clips

SEXUALITY EDUCATION AT WESTSIDE

In January we will be offering the Kindergarten/First Grade component of Our Whole Lives. Our Whole Lives is a comprehensive sexuality education curriculum that crosses the entire lifespan from Kindergarten to Adulthood. Classes are offered at the K/1, 4th-6th grade, junior high, high school, young adult, and adult levels. More details will be coming soon about our January Kindergarten/1st grade class.

In addition to announcing the January class offering, I want to draw attention to the availability of three new books in the Westside Library:

"From Diapers to Dating: A Parent's Guide to Raising Sexually Healthy Children", "Beyond the Big Talk: Every Parent's Guide to Raising Sexually Healthy Teens--From Middle School to High School and Beyond" and "What Every 21st Century Parent Needs to Know: Facing Today's Challenges with Wisdom & Heart".

These three books are all by the author Debra Haffner. Reverend Debra W. Haffner is Co-founder and President of Religious Institute, Inc. A sexologist and ordained Unitarian Universalist minister, she is the endorsed community minister with the Unitarian Church in Westport, CT.

In 2001 Rev. Haffner co-founded the Religious Institute on Sexual Morality, Justice, and Healing with Rev. Dr. Larry Greenfield. The Religious Institute's

mission is to advocate for sexual health, education, and justice in faith communities and society.

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. If you are interested in participating on this committee or in other ways with COA, please contact Andrea Petty at dre@westsideuu.org.

NEIGHBORING FAITHS FOR EMERSON CLASS

This year our Youth Sunday school class will be studying different faith communities using the Neighboring Faiths curriculum. Each month participants will learn about a faith tradition and then take a field trip to visit a house of worship of that tradition.

In order for youth to participate in the field trips, permission forms must be filled out. IF you have not received a Neighboring Faiths packet, please see Andrea Petty or one of the Emerson class teachers and they will give you one. Please returned signed forms in the original envelope to Andrea or a teacher as soon as possible.

PLEASE WELCOME OUR FALL TEACHING TEAMS

We have an amazing group of teachers this year. Please welcome our new teams:

Fahs Preschool class: Team leader, Tricia Bowes. Teachers, Douglas Zinn, Mark McMurry, Kristin Pitt, Anne Frey, and Lauren Leising

Barton K-2nd grade class: Team leader, Sue Anderson. Teachers, Susan Farris, Debra Slane, Cindy Fountain, Brenda McKeon, and Layne Craig.

Poetry is when an emotion has found its thought and the thought has found words.

-Robert Frost

The fingers of your thoughts are molding your face ceaselessly.

-Charles Reznikoff

Anthony 3rd – 5th grade class: Team leader, Jess Zinn. Teachers, Lela Woods, Ben Lowe, Sara Blakely

Young 6th – 8th grade class: Team leader, Jess Zinn. Teachers, Janelle Broyles and Leann Maxwell.

Emerson 8th -12th grade class: Team leader, Kim Lowe. Teachers, Ben Janesko, Rachel Reed, and Amanda Oglesby.

Thanks everyone for making this a fantastic year!

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP UP AND RUNNING!

A middle school Youth group has formed and will be having meetings on most first and third Fridays of the month from 6:30p to 8:30p at the church. Our YUUMS (Youth-UU middles schoolers) group is led by Jess Zinn and Niki Tessier. If you have a 6th to 8th grade contact Andrea Petty, our DLRE, at dre@westsideuu.org for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

OCTOBER 4TH & 18TH – Youth Group & YUUMS (Middle school group) 6:30pm at the church.

OCTOBER 11TH – Middle school RumpUUs district event.

OCTOBER 26TH - Children's Halloween Party

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

New Faces

Westside welcomes one of our newest members, Bodhi Jameson McMurry, born July 26, 2013, at Eden Hospital in New Delhi, India. Bodhi is the son of Mark McMurry, a longstanding member of Westside.

Many members may recall that Mark was a licensed foster/adoption parent through Child Protective Services and then through the Giocosa Foundation for five years. However, Bodhi is Mark's biological, not adoptive, son.

Dr. Shivani Sachdev Gour of SCI Healthcare used advanced IVF procedures to create the embryo that was to become Bodhi using Mark's DNA and that of an anonymous Indian donor. She then implanted the embryo into another woman, the gestational surrogate. The timing was fortunate since, as of December 2012, travel to India for surrogacy services is limited to heterosexual couples who have been married at least two years. Since the surrogate was already pregnant by that time, Mark and Bodhi's case was "grandfathered in."

Bodhi was born in New Delhi on the same day that his dad, Mark, was preparing to fly to New Delhi for the birth. Several days later, they were joined by Mark's sister, Malinda McMurry, of Morehead, Kentucky. From August 9 to 19, Mark's other sister, Melanie McMurry, of Rochepoint, Missouri, joined them as well. Malinda, Mark and Melanie did a lot of sightseeing together in Agra, Jaipur and New Delhi, India, including the Taj Mahal, the Amber Fort, and the Baha'i Lotus Temple. Unfortunately, little Bodhi had to stay home due to the heat, dust, and the general mayhem that prevails on Indian roads. He enjoyed the companionship of a number of Indian nurses who came to ably care for him during those periods, however.

In order to return to the United States, Mark had to arrange for the issuance of Bodhi's birth certificate by the City of Delhi, a passport from the U.S. Department of State, and an exit visa from the Foreigner's Regional Registration Office of the Indian government. Due to a clerical error, this last step resulted in a three-day delay in father and son's return.

Since Aunt Malinda had to return to work as scheduled, Mark and Bodhi were on their own for the approximately 24 hour trip back to Dallas, including an 8 hour layover in Dubai. Emirates Airlines went above and beyond the call of duty in caring for our weary travelers, and Myron and Linda Ice were at DFW Airport to welcome them and whisk them home for a warm bath and a delicious lunch.

If you see Mark and Bodhi at Westside, say "hi"! Mark is happy to talk about his trip to India and the surrogacy process. Bodhi is a little more reserved, not having learned yet to talk. However, he is always happy to be held and to give some sugar to anyone who has washed their hands first.

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**As I grow to understand
life less and less, I learn
to live it more and more.**

-Jules Renard

**We must not be
frightened nor cajoled
into accepting evil as
deliverance from evil. We
must go on struggling
to be human, though
monsters of abstractions
police and threaten us.**

-Robert Hayden

Transitions...

A Message From Board President, Linda Ice

Well, I can't believe it is October already! I appreciate the opportunity to bring you up to date on the ministerial transitions taking place at Westside. But first, I would like to say how pleased the entire board was with the turnout at both the first Town Hall Meeting and then at the Special Congregation meeting in September. This makes it clearly evident that you are very interested and have a voice to share!

I want to make sure that everyone knows about the business that transpired at the congregational meeting held on September 8th. Following an eloquent motion placed by longtime member, Dick Trice, the attendees unanimously voted to bestow the designation of Minister Emeritus on Dr. Russell Elleven! A church wide reception and brief Emeritus ceremony was held on September 22nd in Russell's honor. We would like to thank all of those able to attend. Russell will be spending two more Sundays with us in October – October 6th and October 27th – before he departs, with Gayle, for Chicago.

The first Town Hall meeting was held on September 4th and approximately 60 people were in attendance! I presented all of the information that we currently had regarding three topics: interim ministry, Minister Emeritus, and contract ministry. A printed copy of that presentation can be found on the church website under Church Business/ Ministerial Transition. I encourage you to take a look at that document to see all of the details, but "in a nutshell" – your board has decided to pursue the UUA interim ministry process, allowing for modification pursuant to Westside's specific needs and desires; the board recommended bestowing the status of Minister Emeritus on Dr. Elleven defining a specific scope of characteristics; and, offered information about the possibility of pursuing a contract minister – but at the time, had not made a final decision regarding this matter.

Most institutions demand unqualified faith; but the institution of science makes skepticism a virtue.

-Robert King Merton

There is a loftier ambition than merely to stand high in the world. It is to stoop down and lift mankind a little higher.

-Henry van Dyke

Russell then shared his thoughts on the same topics and endorsed the idea of following the prescribed interim ministry process. Following Russell, we opened the floor to questions and comments from those attending. There is not a printed version of this Q & A, but notes were taken for the board's review and future reference.

While the future of Westside may "look different," we are also looking forward, focused on the vision and mission of our church and community. Just take a look around at all of the committee activity! We are a community that is alive and vibrant! Your board invites you to attend the next Town Hall meeting on Wednesday, October 2nd at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary. We will give you our next set of updates and once again open the floor to questions.

IN AND AROUND WESTSIDE

Join a Circle Supper October 19

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 atgailkilman@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.

“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!

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 email 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!

Highlights from the August 21 Board Meeting

COMMITTEE REPORTS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE CHURCH WEBSITE Russell was asked to prepare a training DVD for the Exploring Membership Class for use after he leaves.

Lane noted that we have paid a one time fee of \$400 to set up a tax free health account for our sexton. He also reported that we need to replace two lights in the sanctuary.

The following changes were made to the Financial Policy: Adding the following to Section 5.1.D. of the Financial Policy: Church expenditures processed through the use of the church debit card (by Sexton, President or Vice President) shall be recorded with necessary journal entries in the church accounting software. These expenditures do not require signatures from the relevant committee chair, but the treasurer must inform the committee chair of the expenditure for record keeping. The treasurer's signature must be utilized on the relevant expense form. Amending Section 5.1.C. to read: Every new budget (fiscal) year a reserve fund of not less than 3 months of the newest/ forthcoming budget year's income shall be maintained in a savings account. Only the President, Treasurer or Vice President shall be allowed to move money from the reserve fund into the church's general fund (accounting terminology which differentiates the actual savings account from the accounting fund in the software). (the savings account is presently at USB) All attempts will be made to meet the 3 month reserve requirement at the beginning of any budget (fiscal) year. If at any point during the budget year the reserve fund falls below the funds necessary for 1 month of operations the finance committee and board will be notified.

The Ad Hoc Committee on the Nursery Door Project will decide whether or not to hire a professional to draw plans for the job. The Council of Committees will handle the Snacks! process. We will advise committee/ small group chairs that there is no money in the budget for snacks.

Amy Youngblood has stepped down as Adult RE Chair. Andrea will be coordinating with the Nominating Committee to find a new chair for the committee.

The annual audit will include an inventory of church assets.

We will apply to be a qualified organization for the Communities Foundation of North Texas Giving Day in September and participate in the fund raising effort.

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You can tell whether a man is clever by his answers. You can tell whether a man is wise by his questions.

-Naguib Mahfouz

It's good to have money and the things that money can buy, but it's good, too, to check up once in a while and make sure that you haven't lost the things that money can't buy.

-George H. Lorimer

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The October Board meeting will be held on October 23 rather than our usual date.

A Small Ministries Workshop will be held September 28 at First Jefferson at a cost of \$15.

Westside will host a NTUUC Cluster Training February 8, 2014.

A Job Description for Membership Volunteer Coordinator will be published.

All members are welcome to attend the next meeting on Wednesday, October 23, at 7 pm.

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

-Reed K. Bilz, Secretary

Church Directory Photo Shoot October 26!

There will be a Church Directory Photo Shoot at Westside on Saturday, October 26, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m, by appointment. Photos are taken by Mary Cretsinger, a professional photographer and Westside member, at no charge to you. Please contact Mary at 817-292-7766 or marycret@yahoo.com to schedule your time.

Where's Russell in October?

I will be in Fort Worth for half of this final month of my ministry at Westside and in Chicago for the other half. I will be in Fort Worth until the end of church services on Sunday, October 6th. That afternoon I will fly out to Chicago and return to Fort Worth on Monday, October 21st. The following Sunday, October 27th, will be my last.

I will not have any posted office hours this month. In working with the movers and the real estate people there is no consistency

in what I can offer to Westsiders this month. However, if you need/want to see me, I will make every effort I can to meet with you at a time that works for both of us.

Something really cool that will take place on October 6th, is a child dedication ceremony between services. I sincerely hope you will attend.

I cannot begin to thank Westside enough for all you have given me. I am a different, and better, human being because of Unitarian Universalism in general, and specifically through this congregation. I will certainly miss you and look forward to witnessing your successes from afar.

Peace! Russell

Westside UU Special Congregational Meeting Minutes September 8

1. The meeting was called to order by President, Linda Ice, at the church.
2. A quorum was present.
3. Dick Trice moved to confer the status of Minister Emeritus on Russell. The motion was seconded.

Linda explained the parameters for this designation from the UU Minister's Association Guidelines:

- a. Official recognition of Emeritus status with the UUA
- b. Delegate credential for all future UUA General Assembly conferences
- c. Permanent inclusion on church letterhead, stationery, etc.
- d. Ceremonial presence at major

They defend their errors
as if they were defending
their inheritance.

-Edmund Burke

A person may cause
evil to others not only
by his actions but by
his inaction, and in
either case he is justly
accountable to them for
the injury.

-John Stuart Mill

institutional events such as anniversaries, building dedications, etc.

e. Occasional invitations to appear in the pulpit

A vote was taken on the motion and it CARRIED unanimously.

4. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

- Reed K. Bilz, Secretary

OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN & SERVE

Building the Greatest Community on Earth!

Got a Skit 'N Run you would like to write, direct, star in? The Stewardship Committee recognizes that many Westsiders want to contribute to "Building the Greatest

Community on Earth." With that in mind, we invite you, you and your committee, you and your family, you and anybody to come up with your own Skit 'N Run. What's that you say? A Skit 'N Run is a VERY short skit that would be performed between services in the fellowship hall. Your troupe would quickly enter the hall, perform your skit and "run," but really just exit quickly, please. What's the topic of the skit? Anything related to building community, all the things we do as stewards of this church, or our community, and our world. Putting a little circus spin on it would be great but not necessary. Questions, ideas, your skit - please contact Mary Noer at Mary.noer@att.net.

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Humanists of Fort Worth

The Humanists of Fort Worth will meet at the church on Wednesday, October 9, at 7:00 p.m. Ann Sutherland, Ph.D, Trustee, FWISD District 6, will discuss issues related to Fort Worth schools and the school board. All Freethinkers are welcome to attend. Please check the HoFW Meetup site for further information. <http://www.meetup.com/Humanists-of-Fort-Worth/>

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.

August '13	Mental Health & Mental Retardation of Tarrant Co,	\$842.58
July '13	Samaritan House Dinner Fund	\$1,100.41
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

To read without reflecting is like eating without digesting.

-Edmund Burke

The greatest compliment that was ever paid me was when one asked me what I thought, and attended to my answer.

-Henry David Thoreau

Quilting/ Handiwork Group

Westside quilting and handiwork will meet on October 20, 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

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.

Keith Miller is recovering from back surgery.

Maria Schmidt and Carl Romano will move to New York City where Carl starts a new job on Oct 7 - Westside will miss you!

The Slane family mourns the lost of their cat.

Jessie Newton turned 4 years old!

Theresa Kauffman successfully defended her dissertation!

Ginger and Max Courtney celebrated their 49th wedding anniversary!

Insanity in individuals is something rare -- but in groups, parties, nations, and epochs, it is the rule.

-Friedrich Nietzsche

The bitterest tears shed over graves are for words left unsaid and deeds left undone.

-Harriet Beecher Stowe

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.

Seventh Principal Notes--Green Sanctuary

KERMIT WAS WRONG It can be easy being GREEN, and fun, too. October 15-30, Northwest Earth Institute is sponsoring EcoChallenge 2013. You start from where you are right now, choose one or more environmentally beneficial things or a sustainability issue you'd like to make part of your life, then do it for the two weeks. You'll find all the how-tos and wherefores at www.ecochallenge.org. They also provide categorized lists of possible projects. Be realistic and select something that will fit into your busy schedule and be sure to email green@westsideuu.org to let us know your project.

KITCHEN GREENERY (no, it's not lettuce). Here are some tips, from Reliant Energy and your Green Sanctuary Committee, for cutting your kitchen electrical usage:

1. Size correctly. When using an electric stove top, make sure to cook food in the correct pot size and on the correct burner. This will save you cooking time and keep you from wasting electricity to heat up more space.
2. Let food cool. Don't put hot food in the fridge where it will emit heat and make your fridge work extra hard to keep itself cool. Instead, let the food cool on the counter before putting it in the fridge.
3. Air dry dishes. When you use the dishwasher, let your dishes air dry as opposed to using the dishwasher's drying setting. Also, don't run a half empty dishwasher (but don't overfill it!) and avoid using the prewash setting, which usually isn't necessary.

4. Check your seals. Regularly check the seals of your oven, freezer and refrigerator to ensure they don't have cracks and are not letting out heat or cool air.

5. Keep your fridge clean. Clean and vacuum your refrigerator coils frequently, which will help your fridge run more efficiently.

6. Check the temperature. Don't keep your fridge or freezer too cold. Safe temperatures are 37°-40°F in the fridge area and 5°F for the freezer. Use a thermometer to double check the temperature.

7. Replace old appliances. If you have appliances more than 15 years old – especially if they include an old fridge – it may be time to replace them with ENERGY STAR® appliances, which can be 30% more efficient than non-ENERGY STAR appliances. You can buy ENERGY STAR refrigerators, dishwashers, and clothes washers at almost any store that sells appliances.

Green Movie Night will be on Saturday, October 26, at 7:00 p.m. after Vegan Pot Luck. Your host will again be John Huffman. Check the weekly web and order of service for details. If there are environmental topics or environmental movies that you would like to see, contact the Green Sanctuary Committee at www.green@westsideuu.org and we will try to find a movie on the subject or the movie itself.

2013 “Progressive Dinner” and Auction

Make sure your calendars are marked for our church wide fund-raiser on Friday, November 1st – 6:30 pm at The Cendera Center in Fort Worth! If you miss this one, you'll have to wait another two years to have this much fun again!!!

We will start the evening with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and an amazing silent auction with over 200 items on which to bid! A

plated dinner including dessert and more cocktails will follow and then the evening will conclude with our exciting live auction and drawings for raffle prizes! We are acquiring items for all likes and interests in the areas of Arts & Antiques, Housewares & Décor, Services, Gift Baskets, Jewelry & Accessories, Decorative Arts, Restaurants, and some Novelty Items!

Donations of items to be auctioned will be accepted through October 13th – contact Kim Lucas (devinewoman@msn.com) or Linda McDonnell (flamingogoddess@gmail.com) for more information. Dinner reservations are being coordinated by Gail Kilman (gailkilman@mac.com). Your all inclusive evening is only \$30.00! Reservations will be accepted through October 20th on Sunday mornings or you can mail in your reservation form with payment to Gail.

We are not limited this year on space so we encourage you to invite non-Westside friends and supporters of progressive causes to join you for the evening. Reed Bilz (reed.bilz@gmail.com) is chairing our Auction Outreach Committee and can give you lovely, printed invitations to send to these friends!

There is an auction link on the church website which also provides copies of these forms for your use! There are also some of the auction items pictured to whet your appetite!!! Can't wait to see you all there!!! Let's get bidding and let's raise some money for Westside!

Contemporary Book Group

On October 27 we will meet after the second service in the glass classroom to discuss “Carly Speaks” by Arthur Fleischmann. This book was suggested by Gail Killman. Goodreads describes it as “co-authored by a father and his autistic daughter--this non-fiction narrative offers a window into the lives of autistic children and their families. Alternating chapters by father and daughter detail the daily trials (and less frequent triumphs) of living with autism. Carly, now in college, has appeared on

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An idea is not responsible for the people who believe in it.

-Don Marquis

New opinions are always suspected, and usually opposed, without any other reason but because they are not already common.

-John Locke

several television programs since she found a way to communicate.

The book has received excellent reviews and is available in paperback, digital, and audio formats as well as from public libraries." Please join us to discuss the book and help us select future books for our consideration.

Vegan Potluck Saturday, October 26!

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: 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.

A timid question will
always receive a
confident answer.

-Henry Lytton Bulwer

A quiet conscience sleeps
in thunder.

-English proverb

COME BE WITH US!!
Contact Andrea Petty if you have any questions about the Monthly Vegan Potluck at dre@westsideuu.org

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 make this a fundraiser for a youth LGBT organization.

Anyone is welcome to join and share a talent, such as face painting, or "people" the table to represent Westside. ARE YOU A TALENTED HAIR BRAIDER? We would love to have you come for an hour or two.

The creative efforts and hard work of Jay Dodds, Dick Dodds, and John Gilbert can be seen in Westside's new Chalice that can be used on a float or at other events. If you want to be one of the first to see it, come to the parade!

Please contact Cindy Fountain at 817-526-1375 or vanessa4907@sbcglobal.net if you would like to be part of this stewardship to our community.

Fall Leadership Training in Glen Rose

EvoUUtion - Growth and change in congregational life is inevitable. It is possible to celebrate this part of life, rejoicing in the future and looking forward to what may come! Come learn about the evolution that takes place in congregations, how we can foster all kinds of growth, and deepen our spiritual lives in the process.

Training takes place Nov. 8-10 at the Glen Lake Camp & Retreat Center. The cost is \$225 before Oct. 10, \$100 for ages 5 to 14.

Housing is available but a separate cost. For information on all of the sessions and registration, please go to www.ntuuc.org, click on events, put the calendar on November, and scroll to EvoluUtion. Clicking on EvoluUtion will take you to the Southern Region with a flyer and registration form.

Thanksgiving Baskets for our Neighbors

Westside UU Church will again be participating, through South Central Alliance of Churches (SCAC), in providing Thanksgiving dinners to needy people in our neighborhood. SCAC will purchase the turkeys, for which the clients will pay \$5.00 if they are able to do so. In 2012, SCAC provided food to over 400 families at Thanksgiving.

We will have a poster with items on it starting October 20, that people will select and fill, and then bring back to the church by November 17. Remember, the items must be the sizes requested, and must be well before the "sell by" date - SCAC cannot distribute food past that date by law. Sunday, November 23, we will fill the bags with each item required. On Monday, Jay and Suzie Lotven will deliver them to SCAC. In 2012, Westside provided 54 bags. This year, we have committed to that same number. And, Joe and Linda Tyson will once again, generously provide the reusable

bags for the groceries. Each bag will contain the following items:

- 1 15-16 oz can cranberry sauce
- 1 15-16 oz can chicken broth
- 1 15 oz can corn
- 1 14 oz bag stuffing mix (or 2,4 oz boxes) Pepperidge Farm, StoveTop or equivalent
- 1 15 oz can green beans
- 1 15 oz can yams
- 1 small box tea bags or drink mix
- 1 15 oz can fruit
- 1 box cake mix (for 13" x 9" cake)
- 1 pkg icing for cake (ready to spread)
- 1 6 oz pkg jello

If you would rather make a financial contribution, place a check in the offering basket with memo marked "Thanksgiving Baskets". Volunteers from Social Justice will be happy to shop for you.

Self Management & Recovery Training (SMART)

These confidential meetings are held each week at Westside on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. 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

**The Westside Story
October 2013**

*Email submissions to our Editor
Janice Sims at janicesims@tx.rr.com.
Deadline for submissions is the
15th of the month.*

It's impossible to be loyal to your family, your friends, your country, and your principles, all at the same time.

-Mignon McLaughlin

Questions show the mind's range, and answers its subtlety.

-Joseph Joubert

Our Board

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August 2013 Attendance

	10AM Adults	11:30 Adults	10AM Kids	11:30 Kids	Total
August 4	73	103	17	30	223
August 11	46	62	10	21	139
August 18	75	145	0	0	220
August 25	58	107	12	33	210
Averages	63	104.25	9.75	21	198



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.

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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 Chair, Myron Ice, Linda McConathy, Shirley Miller

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