



Sunday Services in November

NOVEMBER 3 - *"Looking Back and Moving Forward"* by Linda Ice. We have all been touched by those special people in our lives who impart "pearls of wisdom." As the next chapter begins for Westside, Linda will take a look at some of those life lessons that may help us individually, and as a congregation, move forward.

NOVEMBER 10 - *"In a Word"* by Ric Hansen. The words we use every day can become habits. When was the last time you really thought about the words you speak?

NOVEMBER 17 - *"Up With Optimism"* by Reverend Marjorie Montgomery. I believe the quality of life that we experience is largely determined by whether or not we choose to walk in hope or in despair. This sermon makes a hard case for hope. I will be sharing wisdom from a Chinese farmer, my friend Eleanor the tree-planter and a Unitarian theologian, James Luther Adams. You won't want to miss this sermon, said she optimistically.

NOVEMBER 24 - *"Fun and Frolic in the Face of Life"* by Amy "Moonlady" Martin. What does it mean to be mortal on this earth, to be living and dying at the same time? What can we take with us when we go? Moments, moments of connection, emotion and experience, are all that have a chance. At your deathbed, what will you wish you'd done more? We'll do a few of those things as we laugh in mortality's face – literally.

SUNDAY MORNING OPTIONS

Adult Religious Education

WHAT WE CHOOSE: ETHICS FOR UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS

Meets in the glass classroom at 11:30 a.m.

November: The Collective Good.

For John Stuart Mill, an influential 19th-century British philosopher, whether or not moral rules are followed is not the important issue. What is important is the result or outcome of an ethical decision. Mills was a proponent of the school of ethical thought often referred to as utilitarianism or teleological ethics. This ethical system asks: What is the utility (the usefulness) of any particular decision we might make? What will be the outcome if we take (or do not take) a particular action?

All are welcome and child care is provided. For more information, contact Amy Youngblood atybwest@sbcglobal.net.



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

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.

Children's Religious Education News Clips

CONNECT WITH CRE

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR OUR WINTER YUULE BALL! On December 21st from 6:00-9:00pm Westside will become a winter wonderland of music, dancing, and fun! Stay tuned for more details soon!

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

What Every 21st Century Parent Needs to Know: Facing Today's Challenges with Wisdom and 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

You can out-distance
that which is running
after you, but not what is
running inside you.

-Rwandan proverb

I am, indeed, a king,
because I know how to
rule myself.

- Pietro Aretino

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 return signed forms in the original envelope to Andrea or a teacher as soon as possible.

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 grader, contact Andrea Petty, our DLRE, at dre@westsideuu.org for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 1st—NO YOUTH GROUP
(Progressive Auction)

November 10th—Fall RE in the Park

November 15th—Middle school Youth Group
and Youth Group Movie night 6:30-9:30pm

MORE INFO

Join the conversation and get important CRE information at our Google group by going to groups.google.com/group/westsidere and click the link to apply for group membership. If you have any questions, you can contact Andrea Petty at dre@westsideuu.org

Transitions... A Message From Your President, Linda Ice

At the time I am writing this, we are just a couple of short weeks away from saying our final goodbye to Russell and Gayle. We send

them to Chicago with our loving best wishes. Russell, if you are reading this – we promise to make you proud! You are leaving us a stronger, smarter community and we will continue to move forward as a progressive voice in Fort Worth!

The Interim Task Force has been established now and they held their organizational meeting on October 16th. Members of the Task Force are Walt McConathy, Mark McMurry, Alvin Migdal, Andrea Petty and Robert Slane. I will be sitting in on the meetings as they need or would like. They will begin preparing our packet to submit for Interim Ministry and developing a job description for a contract minister. More news to follow on that front soon, I am sure!

Your board invites you to attend the next Town Hall meeting on Wednesday, November 6th at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary. We will give you our next set of updates and once again open the floor to questions and comments. We appreciate your input!

IN AND AROUND WESTSIDE

New Voices Sundays

Westside UU Guest Speaker Submission: Your Worship Team welcomes your suggestions for future guest speakers. 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!

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The ability to simplify means to eliminate the unnecessary so that the necessary may speak.

-Hans Hofmann

Knowledge comes, but wisdom lingers.

-Alfred, Lord Tennyson

Circle Suppers

Circle Suppers and Family Circle Suppers are going on holiday hiatus for November and December and will resume their normal third Saturday schedule in January.

Summary of the September 18 Board Meeting

1. COMMITTEE REPORTS are available in the Minutes Notebook in the Church Office.

- i. Membership
- ii. Stewardship
- iii. Safe Congregation
- iv. Long Range Planning
- v. Green Sanctuary
- vi. Audit Committee
- vii. ABUC
- viii. Worship Team

2. LDRE'S REPORT - Andrea announced that she has been selected as the President of the North Texas Area Religious Educators Association. The Job Description for her position has been modified to include Lifespan (Adult RE) responsibilities.

3. LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE (LRPC). Amie Hegeman has resigned as Co-Chair and member of this committee. Reed Bilz and Andrea Petty have been appointed new members. Linda Ice will be Liaison. The committee, which will be made a Standing Committee, has prepared a statement of procedures for conducting an all-church survey and preparing a Strategic Plan.

4. MEMBERSHIP VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR. The Search Committee recommended Susan Gore for the position and the Board accepted the recommendation.

5. POLICY CHANGES AND ADDITIONS. The board approved changes to the Committee Liaison Responsibilities Policy and adoption of a new Building Security and Closing Procedures.

6. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE. The board approved a list to receive a status letter regarding continued membership.

7. THE BOARD moved to seek a Contract Minister.

8. THE BOARD considered names for a five-member Interim Task Force.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 20, at 7 p.m. 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

OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN AND 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

Words are like money ...
it is the stamp of custom
alone that gives them
circulation or value.

-William Hazlitt

It is as easy to dream a
book as it is hard to write
one.

-Honore de Balzac

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.

Humanists of Fort Worth

The Humanists of Fort Worth announce a special meeting date for November and a special speaker. In order to accommodate our out-of-town speaker, the regular "second Wednesday of the month" meeting date in November will be cancelled and will be replaced by a special meeting on Thursday, November 14, at 7:00 p.m. at Westside.

We will be privileged to have Tom Flynn, Editor of "Free Inquiry" magazine and Executive Director of the Council for Secular Humanism, give a presentation entitled, "The Demography of Unbelief." His talk will include a lavishly-illustrated PowerPoint presentation tracing what pollsters know--and what they get wrong--about the record growth in the numbers of Americans claiming no religious affiliation from the 1980s to today. Tom is a very engaging and entertaining speaker, and we are excited that he can visit with us again. All are invited to attend! Mark your calendars.

Quilting/ Handiwork Group

Westside quilting and handiwork will meet on November 17, 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

We will discuss "Half-Broke Horses" by Jeannette Walls on December 8 (not our usual 4th Sunday).

From Goodreads: "Lily Casey Smith, this novel's feisty Texas protagonist, is a frontier teacher, a rancher, a rodeo rider, a poker player, and bootlegger. In Half Broke Horses, she survives droughts, tornados, floods, poverty, and whatever else fate can throw against her. Based on author Jeannette Walls's grandmother, Lily is a plausible character because she has a voice that synchronizes with her history."

Walls also wrote "The Glass Castle," a memoir about her dysfunctional family which we read previously.

Please join us in the glass classroom after the second service on December 8.

Seventh Principle Notes from your Green Sanctuary Committee

Have you noticed that smog hanging in the air so very many mornings; no matter where you look, it's still there: smog? But, hey! That's just the stuff we suck into our blackening and struggling lungs with each breath.

How 'bout them oceans, folks. The ice caps covering Greenland and Antarctica continue melting at an ever accelerating pace. An ocean rise of 4-6 feet by the end of the century is already locked in by current atmospheric CO2 levels. Many of our children--and certainly our grandchildren--could be here to witness the change. Should all of Greenland's ice melt, the oceans would rise twenty feet, eliminating the east coast and Florida. And should all of Antarctica's ice go

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Who has not for the sake of his reputation sacrificed himself?

-Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche

We all travel the milky way together, trees and men; but it never occurred to me until this storm-day, while swinging in the wind, that trees are travelers in the ordinary sense. They make many journeys, not extensive ones, it is true; but our own little journeys, away and back again, are only little more than tree-wavings -- many of them not so much.

-John Muir

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as well, we're talking a two hundred foot rise. Oceans are not only rising, they're becoming more and more acidic. Scientists are already observing massive die offs of some sensitive species. Shelled creatures and coral are particularly threatened. Many of these creatures are, of course, part of the food chain for larger animals--including humans.

Climate change and all kinds of other environmental degradation continue unabated, despite our baby steps at attempting to lower our environmental footprint. Yes, we need to do far more as individuals: cleaner cars, more solar panels on our roofs, judicious water use, clothes lines to dry clothes, etc. But we need government at all levels, along with corporations, doing their part as well.

We Texans watch our state government persist in denial. It is easy to just give up, but when we do that we have already lost. We must persevere in making our voices heard, telling those in Austin that we are fed up and we aren't going to let our beautiful earth continue to be devastated because of their lack of vision. Our lives, and the lives of future generations, depend upon it.

Join our environmental action email list and share information to enable judicious action: just email green@westsideuu.org to add your name. Share those emails received from environmental groups. Call your representatives at city, state, and federal levels; it's easy and individual calls have the greatest weight. Write to the media to express your concern. As individuals we don't wield a lot of clout, but as many we are powerful.

GREEN MOVIE NIGHT will be taking a rest in November and December, but should be back in January.

2013 "PROGRESSIVE DINNER" AND AUCTION

Well, depending on when you are able to read the November newsletter, you either have your party clothes out and ready to wear or are basking in the glow of a wonderfully successful evening! Myron and I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who made the evening memorable.

Our deepest appreciation to our Committee Chairs – Kim Lucas and Linda McDonnell

(Acquisitions), Reed Bilz (Outreach), Jeffrey Bullock (Auction Program), Debby Rake (Creative Basket Designs), Gail Kilman (Dinner Reservations), Cindy Fountain and Diane Jones (Set Up and Clean Up), and Mary Alice Cretsinger (Tabulations and Check Out). There were a minimum of another 50 people who supported each of these committees by their participation! While not named here, you know who you are and please know your assistance was deeply appreciated!

Of course, the event would not have even been possible had it not been for the very generous contributions of our 42 Auction Underwriter families. Oh my goodness – every single general expense for the evening was covered with their donations. This meant that attendees only paid for their dinner and drinks and were able to dig deeper and bid higher to win those special items to make a wonderful donation to the church!

Speaking of donations, we had an unbelievable response with the number of actual items and services donated – there were over 375 items on which those in attendance were able to bid and win! From dinners to dessert, arts and antiques, boots to pillows, housewares and decorative household décor, financial planning to gift wrapping, the list goes on and on! Many, many thanks to each of you who were able and willing to either donate or secure an item! We wouldn't have an auction without you!

Since I am writing this before the auction has taken place, I am unable to report on the financial results of the auction, but if the success is measured on levels of enthusiasm and energy – I can tell you now that the auction was wildly successful!!! We will have to give you those updates through a different communication!

With the "Progressive Dinner" and Auction behind us, we wish to say that we were once again honored to chair such an important event in the life of our church community! Thanks to each and every one of you for your support and encouragement along the way! Let's do it again in a couple of years!

- Linda and Myron Ice

It is a glorious thing to be indifferent to suffering, but only to one's own suffering.

-Robert Lynd

You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view.

-Harper Lee

Vegan Potluck Saturday, November 23!

Have you ever wanted to eat in a healthier way but didn't know where to start? Have you ever wanted to eliminate animals and animal products as a way of eating more compassionately? Have you ever wanted to eat lower on the food chain so as to be kinder and gentler to the earth? Have you ever wanted to hang out with others who want these same things? If you answered "yes" to any of these, please consider joining the Monthly Vegan Potluck group. We will hang out together, eat good food and exchange recipes. Vegan Potlucks will take place on the fourth Saturday of each month at 5:00 p.m.

You can sign up on our [meetup.com](http://www.meetup.com/Vegan-Potluck-WUUC/) website located at: www.meetup.com/Vegan-Potluck-WUUC/

Here's how the potluck will work:

- Please arrive early (4:30 p.m.) if possible so you can to help set up tables and chairs
- Bring a VEGAN dish
- Bring the recipe for your VEGAN dish (or be prepared to email it to others)
- In place of a prayer, we will light a chalice and join in a Responsive Reading before the meal
- Eat and enjoy
- 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

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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.

September '13	South Central Alliance of Churches	\$1,151.33
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
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

Force without wisdom
falls of its own weight.

-Horace

Always, Sir, set a high
value on spontaneous
kindness. He whose
inclination prompts him to
cultivate your friendship
of his own accord, will
love you more than one
whom you have been at
pains to attach to you.

-Samuel Johnson

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.

Myrtle & Howard McMahan are concerned for their son and his family as they did not receive visas and had to leave Zimbabwe - they are temporarily in Zambia.

Ginger and Max Courtney proudly welcome their first grandson, Aedan Michael Courtney, born to Patrick and Kara in Des Moines, Iowa.

Keith Miller is still recovering at home from back surgery.

Debby & Bob Rake's granddaughter, Sofia, celebrated her 6th birthday.

Lela Woods's mother fell and fractured her pelvis and is in a rehabilitation facility.

Michael Munoz has fractured his foot in multiple places after a fall at work and is awaiting treatment options.

Carol Cappa & Sue Spell both celebrated birthdays last month.

Jeff Bullock's friend's daughter lost her battle with leukemia.

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.

There is no doubt that I have lots of words inside me; but at moments, like rush-hour traffic at the mouth of a tunnel, they jam.

-John Updike

What progress we are making. In the Middle Ages they would have burned me. Now they are content with burning my books.

-Sigmund Freud

OUR WIDER COMMUNITY

Bring on the Season of Giving!!!!

The Social Justice committee is organizing Westside's participation in the South Central Alliance of Churches (SCAC) Thanksgiving Dinner Project 2013. We have a board located in the foyer near the welcome table for all who would like to donate items for the bags.

The process is easy; just take a card from the board, purchase those items and return them to the baskets to be organized and bagged by SJC volunteers. The deadline for donations is November 24.

If you would prefer one of our volunteers do your shopping, just give your cash donation to Cindy Fountain or Kim Lucas. It's "easy as pie!" (but without the calories).

Please note that SCAC still needs volunteers for Tuesday, November 26. You can contact the Alliance Program Director, Opel Smith at 817-923-0486 for more information.

Questions, comments, ideas? Email Social Justice Committee Chair Kim Lucas at devinewoman@msn.com

Angels at Westside

Westside will once again be participating in the Alliance for Children's Angel Tree program.

Alliance for Children is dedicated to the protection and healing of child abuse victims. "It is the only Tarrant County non-profit organization involved directly in the protection from child abuse through coordinated and teamed investigations with law enforcement, Child Protective Services, Cook Children's Medical Center, and the District Attorney's Office."

Westside will be providing gifts for 50 young people. Angel tags will be available for you to select every Sunday morning before and between services from Nov. 24 until Dec. 8. The Angel Tags will have information with each child's name, clothing sizes and "toy wishes". Westside also asks that a book be given to your child.

YOU ARE ASKED TO PURCHASE ONE OUTFIT AND SHOES (IF SIZE GIVEN) FOR YOUR CHILD, AS WELL AS A TOY FOR HIM OR HER AND AN AGE-APPROPRIATE BOOK.

IF ANY TOY YOU BUY NEEDS BATTERIES, PLEASE INCLUDE THEM.

WHEN YOU TAKE AN ANGEL FROM THE TREE, WE WILL RECORD THE CHILD'S NAME AND NUMBER, AS WELL AS YOUR NAME, EMAIL, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER.

WATCHING YOUR BUDGET CAREFULLY THIS YEAR, YET WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE? CONSIDER "SHARING" AN ANGEL WITH ANOTHER WUUC MEMBER OR FAMILY - YOU CAN SPLIT THE COST, AND STILL SHARE THE PLEASURE IN GIVING!

WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO CHOOSE WHAT FITS YOUR TIME/BUDGETARY ABILITIES; THE MORE MEMBERS WHO PARTICIPATE, THE MERRIER THE PROJECT GETS!

IT'S FUN TO "PARTNER UP" AND ENJOY THE ADVENTURE OF SHOPPING FOR "MAGICAL THINGS" FOR A CHILD!

Please bring your child's gifts, unwrapped in a separate bag with a handle, with the Angel Tree tag attached to the bag's handle (like a gift tag). Please deliver to Westside by December 15. If you would rather make a financial contribution, place a check in the offering basket with memo marked "Angels at Westside." Contact: Cindy Fountain, 817-526-1375, vanessa4907@sbcglobal.net

Help Turn Up the Light in Lawton, OK: Become a Chalice Lighter!

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.

The Summer 2013 Chalice Lighter Call for the Southwestern Unitarian Universalist Conference has been awarded to the Unitarian Universalist Church of Lawton, Oklahoma.

UU Lawton will use the Chalice Lighter grant for the purpose of completing the renovations and enhancements of a newly acquired, permanent church home with the aim of re-establishing, reviving, and growing their congregation.

Sean Forehand, UUC Lawton's church president, writes "This past year has been a significant one for us, because in that time, we found out that we would no longer be able to continue to rent our church home of almost 17 years, and we made the decision to purchase our own building and to renovate it to make it suitable as our new home..."

The best music is essentially there to provide you something to face the world with.

-Bruce Springsteen

Show me a hero and I will write you a tragedy.

-F. Scott Fitzgerald

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We now find ourselves in an odd situation, however, in that we have this wonderful new space which could accommodate many new activities, and yet all of our financial resources have been tied up in the renovation and maintenance of the building and in our existing commitments to our community...We are also acutely aware that we are one of the few voices (if not the only one) of the liberal religious faith in our area, and while that may on the one hand cause us to feel isolated, we also see this as an opportunity to reach out to others in our area who think, feel, and live as we do, and to let them know they are not alone."

UUC Lawton has created a web page that outlines their plans for the grant money, and they plan to post updates so that contributors can follow their progress: <http://uulawton.org/index.php/chalice-lighters-grant>.

Their specific goals are to:

1. complete the renovations of a new building;
2. install a media system of sound equipment, internet capability, projector and screen;
3. begin a media/advertising campaign for outreach;
4. improve their RE program;
5. improve music program; and
6. use funds for sending members to workshops, training programs, and conventions.

A wonderful opportunity is underway in Lawton for Unitarian Universalism, and we hope you will join us in our enthusiastic support of this Chalice Lighter Call.

HOW DO I BECOME A CHALICE LIGHTER?

Become a Chalice Lighter by completing the on-line or mailable pledge form.

In order to be a Chalice Lighter, each of us gives a minimum of \$10 in response to each Call. There are no more than three Chalice Lighter Calls each year.

Please make copies of this letter and distribute them to the members of your congregation. Talk to your friends at church about the Chalice Lighter Program. Most

importantly, tell them about this exciting opportunity in Lawton.

This call will end 11/15/13.

HOW DO I DONATE?

There are two ways to make your donation.

BY MAIL: Please send your check, payable to Southern Region UUA. Include the memo line SWUUC CL/Lawton/from Westside UU FtW. To insure that you receive news about upcoming calls, include a filled-out donation form. You can download one from <http://swuuc.org/pages/stewardship/chalice-lighters.php>.

You can also contact Janell Broyles at janell.broyles@gmail.com, 682-622-6916 or at church and she can get you a form if you need one. Mail your check to the new mailing address for all Southern Region districts' Chalice Lighter contributions/ correspondence:

SWUUC Chalice Lighters
9704 Mallard Creek Road
Charlotte, NC 28262

ONLINE: Donations may also be made via PayPal. Send payment to payments@swuuc.org and make sure you specify "Chalice Lighter Program".

To insure that you receive news about upcoming calls, submit a filled-out online donation form available at <http://swuuc.org/pages/stewardship/chalice-lighters.php>.

No battle is ever won he said. They are not even fought. The field only reveals to man his own folly and despair, and victory is an illusion of philosophers and fools.

-William Faulkner

Half of the harm that is done in this world is due to people who want to feel important. They don't mean to do harm but the harm does not interest them.

-T.S. Eliot

Express Lane to Creativity

Song writer David Roth's Song Writing Workshop will be held at Red River UU Church (515 N. Burnett Ave, Denison) December 8, 2013, from 2 – 4:30 PM. Cost \$30.00 People can register by emailing info@rruu.org. If you don't know about David, check out his web site: DavidRothMusic.com.

com. He's been singing and writing UU style music for years (and has a sister who is a UU minister). He's both terrific and wonderful. He will be presenting the morning worship service at Red River the same morning, should anyone wish to come, please do! You won't be disappointed.

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 EvoUUtion. Clicking on EvoUUtion will take you to the Southern Region with a flyer and registration form.

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, please contact Carolyn Glenn at carolynyg@gmail.com

The Westside Story
November 2013

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

Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness.

-Mark Twain

Ultimately, the only power to which man should aspire is that which he exercises over himself.

-Elie Wiesel

Our Board

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September 2013 Attendance

	10AM Adults	11:30 Adults	10AM Kids	11:30 Kids	Total
September 1	72	96	15	18	201
September 8	80	106	20	34	240
September 15	66	65	22	23	176
September 22	64	97	18	27	206
September 29	46 + 9*	59 + 9*	11 + 9*	14 + 8*	165
Averages	67	86	19	25	197

* Campers - 18 adults, 17 children/youth. Divided them up among the categories.



This congregation has taken part in the UUA Welcoming Congregation Program to become more inclusive towards bisexual, gay, lesbian, and/or transgender people.

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

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

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

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.