



## Sunday Services in January

**JANUARY 5** - *"Who's in Charge?"* by Reverend Tony Lorenzen.

Reverend Tony Lorenzen examines the complexities of religious authority in Unitarian Universalism. He will reflect on the recent Commission on Appraisal report on ministerial authority, the role of individual and the role of the community, and the interrelated concepts of power, leadership, authority and authoritarianism at the individual, congregational, and denominational levels.

**JANUARY 12** - *"Reclaiming the Subversive Church"* by Reverend Mark Walz.

There was a time when going to church brought intentional discomfort. There was a time when going to church, or synagogue, or temple, was a dangerous act. It was an act of defiance. In many parts of the world it still is. And the purpose of these gatherings was to plan the overthrow of the status quo; to change the social, cultural, economic, and political direction of our species.

**JANUARY 19** - *"A Mystery Reflection"* by Tom Woods.

Tom spoke to us earlier about why we believe what we believe and improving our abilities to analyze those belief systems. What will he talk about this Sunday? Come find out as he delivers another thought-provoking reflection from the Westside pulpit.

**JANUARY 26** - *"The Possible Futures of Westside and the UUA"* presented by Dick Trice.

Many of our members have recently read and discussed the book, **REGAINING BALANCE**, by Michael Werner, an ardent UU and past President of the American Humanist Association. This reflection is on the same subject plus an examination of our own Westside by a past President of the Unitarian Church of Fort Worth and of the Jefferson Unitarian Church (before it became First Jefferson UU), and a past member of the Board of the UUA Southwest District.

### January 2014

#### 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.

## SUNDAY MORNING OPTIONS

# Adult Religious Education

### WHAT WE CHOOSE: ETHICS FOR UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS

Meets in the glass classroom at 11:30 a.m. In January: Natural, Legal and Human Rights. This workshop asks: What are human rights? From where does our understanding of human rights come? Do human beings have certain rights which are inherent, and if so what makes them inherent? Can we base ethical decisions on upholding these inherent human rights? Participants reflect on what they consider the source of authority for these rights: secular philosophical ideas, religious and spiritual teachings, the democratic process, international agreements, or another source.

All are welcome and childcare is provided. For more information, contact Morris Meador meadormorris1@gmail.com.

## Forum

Journalist Ed Murrow:  
"Who owns the patent on this vaccine?"

Jonas Salk: "Well, the people, I would say. There is no patent. Could you patent the sun?"

-Jonas Salk

This country has come to feel the same when Congress is in session as when the baby gets hold of a hammer.

-Will Rogers

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

**KINDERGARTEN OWL CLASSES BEGIN JANUARY**  
K-1 OWL classes will be held on eight Sunday afternoons after church from January 12 to March 9. Classes will run from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. If you are interested in enrolling your Kindergarten or First Grade child in Our Whole Lives sexuality education classes, you are required to attend the Parent Orientation on January 5 at 1:30 p.m. at Westside. (If this date absolutely will not work for you to attend the orientation, please contact Andrea at dre@westsideuu.org.) Please contact Andrea Petty in person or via email at dre@westsideuu.org for more information.

### THANK YOU OWL TEACHERS!!

Niki Tessier, one of our middle school youth group leaders, will be attending OWL training in Houston this month. This is an intensive weekend-long training. We are grateful to Niki and all of our OWL teachers who dedicate their time to make this program possible at Westside!

### ALL RE TEACHERS ARE INVITED TO THE ANNUAL NATUURES TEACHER APPRECIATION DINNER ON FEBRUARY 1!

In appreciation of your ministry of teaching, you and a guest are invited to the annual NatUUres/NTUUC teacher appreciation dinner at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, February 1, 2014. The event will take place at Temple Shalom, 6930 Alpha Road, Dallas, Texas 75240.

Soft drinks, beer, and wine will be served at 6:30 followed by a Delicious Tex-Mex Feast from Cantina Laredo!

Your RSVP by January 12 IS A MUST!  
Contact Andrea Petty at dre@westsuu.org for information.

### REFLECT, REFOCUS, RENEW: HOW TO NOURISH

**YOUR SPIRIT WHILE PUTTING YOUR EGO ON A RESTRICTIVE DIET!**

SWUUC LREDA Midwinter Conference is February 7-9, 2014. We invite you to join us for A Weekend of FUN, FELLOWSHIP, LEARNING & PERSONAL GROWTH For Religious Education Professionals and those with a passion for Religious Education Ministry.

Key note speaker and workshops presented by our very own Annie Foerster!

Hosted by the SW LREDA Chapter at Briarwood Retreat Center, 670 Copper Canyon Road, Argyle, TX 76226.

To register contact Andrea Petty at dre@westsideuu.org or in person.

**CONGRUITY MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCIAL JUSTICE CONFERENCE FEBRUARY 21 -22 AT HORIZON UU CHURCH IN CARROLLTON.**

Mark your calendars for this awesome annual event! Middle-schoolers will attend an overnight conference with a focus on Social Justice. Westside middle-schoolers have attended this conference for the past three years and have loved it. If you have a child in 6th -8th grade, please plan on sending them to CongrUUity!

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

January 3 and 17 —Youth Group at church from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

**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.

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

Your Westside Community continues to remain strong and active during this time of transition! Thank you for your commitment and dedication to the life of our church!

The Interim Task Force has been meeting regularly now for the last three months. There was one change in membership as Alvin Migdal found it necessary to resign from the committee. Sara Munoz has graciously agreed to serve in his place. So the Task Force is made up by the following individuals: Mark McMurry (Chair), Andrea Petty (Secretary), Walt McConathy, Sara Munoz, and Robert Slane.

The ITF has developed a job description and salary package for a part time/short term contract minister. They will be prepared to present this information at the January 26 Mid-Year Congregational meeting. Additionally, they will be gathering information for the application packet and developing a salary package for submission to the UUA Transitions Office for an accredited interim minister to be in place by September 2014.

The Long Range Planning Committee has the congregational survey ready to “roll out” for completion by Westside members and friends. The committee is very excited about this product of their labors! There was input from all quarters of the church and feel this will provide valuable information to serve as a foundation for a demographic profile, preferences and vision for Westside’s future! It is their sincere desire that each and every person (adults and youth) will take time to share the information and opinions requested in this survey. The survey will be conducted online via “Survey Monkey.” Be watching for information regarding the implementation and process. If you require assistance, please do not hesitate to ask for help! Joy Counts is Chair of the Long Range Planning Committee and other members include Reed Bilz, Gail Kilman, Andrea Petty, and Tom Woods.

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It came to me that reform should begin at home, and since that day I have not had time to remake the world.

-Will Durant

Patience is also a form of action.

-Auguste Rodin

## 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.

November '13	Meals on Wheels	\$1,269.18
October '13	Unitarian Universalist Service Committee	\$587.68
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
April '12	South Central Alliance of Churches	\$863.81
March '12	In-Reach Fund	\$1225.38
February '12	Presbyterian Night Shelter	\$971.72
January '12	Multicultural Alliance	\$807.83
December '11	South Central Alliance of Churches	\$1,096.25
November '11	Unitarian Universalist Service Committee	\$730.07
October '11	Child Study Center	\$643.42
October '11	UUA Association Sunday	\$149.00
September '11	InReach Fund	\$1,071.26
August '11	Free the Slaves	\$1,030.91
July '11	Samaritan House Dinner Fund	\$1,082.64
June '11	Mental Health Mental Retardation Vision	\$819.52
May '11	South Central Alliance of Churches	\$1,010.67
May '11	Mobile Recreation Summer Day Camp	\$148.00
April '11	UUA/UUSC Japan Relief Fund	\$960.25
April '11	National Transplant Assistance Fund	\$634.41
March '11	PFLAG	\$754.69
February '11	Aids Outreach	\$1213.74
January '11	Southern Poverty Law Center	\$759.29
January '11	Fund for Nelwyn Schnell	\$768.58
December '10	Tarrant County Foster Parents Assn.	\$1437.45
November '10	South Central Alliance of Churches	\$1228.86
October '10	UUA Association Sunday	\$847.23
October '10	UUA Pakistan Relief	\$528.29
September '10	Samaritan House Dinners meat budget	\$1,229.22
August '10	Planned Parenthood of North Texas	\$1,526.07

Until you've lost your reputation, you never realize what a burden it was or what freedom really is.

-Margaret Mitchell

Who is more to be pitied, a writer bound and gagged by policemen or one living in perfect freedom who has nothing more to say?

-Kurt Vonnegut, Jr.

We will hold our next Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday, February 5, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. We will share pertinent updates available at that time regarding the search for a contract minister and be there to answer your questions regarding any aspect of the transitions process. Childcare will be available.

**AGENDA TO INCLUDE:**

1. President's Report
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Ministerial Transitions Report
4. Committee Reports
5. Proposed Bylaw Amendments
6. Old Business
7. New Business

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An updated agenda and appropriate documents will be emailed to members at least two weeks prior to the meeting.

**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!

**HAVE ANY QUESTIONS FOR THE BOARD?** If you have any questions you would like addressed at the meeting, please submit your question to the Board at [president@westsideuu.org](mailto:president@westsideuu.org) by Tuesday, January 21. We look forward to seeing you there!

# Garden of Gratitude

Is there someone or something that you are grateful for? Is it your incredible care giver; how about the smile that greets you from your little one, your dog, the woman in the grocery store? Is it something or someone at Westside?

The cruelest lies are often told in silence.

-Robert Louis Stevenson

The Stewardship Committee, along with our other committees, is giving you the opportunity to express your gratefulness in the Garden of Gratitude. From time to time, you will see this at the Committee Table in the Fellowship Hall.

Everyone discusses my art and pretends to understand, as if it were necessary to understand, when it is simply necessary to love.

-Claude Monet

There will be post-it notes and pens available for you to express your gratitude. With your help, Westside will cultivate a Culture of Generosity!

Poetry is the art of creating imaginary gardens with real toads.

-Marianne Moore

# Mid-Year Congregational Meeting

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 1:00 – 2:30**

The Westside UU Board of Directors has scheduled the mid-year congregational meeting to be held 30 minutes after the second service. Our youth will once again be offering sandwiches from Which Wich for lunch as well as chips and soft drinks. Childcare will also be available.

# Summary of the November 20 Board Meeting

The Board approved Reports from the following committees which are available in the minutes book in the church office:

- i. Membership
- ii. Social Justice
- iii. Stewardship
- iv. Long Range Planning
- v. Social
- vi. CRE
- vii. ABUC

LDRE's Report - Andrea reported she has met with the new Adult RE chair, Morris Meador, and several programs are in the works.

Financial Statements are available in the minutes book in the church office.

Sue Spell has resigned from the COM, Sally Johnson has resigned as a Board Director, and Alvin Migdal has resigned from the Interim Task Force. The Board and Nominations Committee are working on replacements.

We agreed to suspend contributions to the Samaritan House Dinner Fund and will ask the Social Justice Committee to substitute Samaritan House instead.

The Board agreed to change the Bylaws to stipulate a minimum of one year service as chair of a committee by adding a sentence to Art. 9, first paragraph to this effect.

We submitted a Grant Application to NTUUC for Interim Minister search funding and a continuation of the Membership Volunteer Coordinator's salary. The NTUUC Luncheon at which grants and awards will be announced will be held January 25 at Oakcliff UUC.

Linda Ice reported that we have realized almost \$33,000 from the auction and more will come in from the auction items sales. Lane Smutz noted that \$9,500 has been designated for operating funds and the balance will be decided at a later date.

The Board approved granting an extra week's loose plate offering to Meals on Wheels.

The Mid-Year Congregational Meeting will be January 26, 2014. Lunch will be provided by the youth from Which Witch. The Endowment Investment and Distribution Policy will be on the agenda. We will also present the Dick Smith Award.

Board Members were asked to consider amending the bylaws to reflect whether or not the Vice President is in fact the President-Elect. We will discuss the pros and cons at the December meeting.

In order to respond to requests for assistance, we will prepare a list of referrals/resources to augment the cards for SCAC that are in the foyer. We will also research creating a Safe Congregation Policy.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 15, 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

## Inclement Weather Policy

1. During the work week, the church will follow the policy of the Fort Worth ISD. Any day the schools are closed due to bad weather, all church meetings and activities will be canceled.

2. During the weekend, the decision about whether to cancel church activities or Sunday services will be made by the Board President. The Board President shall make this decision after consulting with the Sunday speaker, the worship leader, DRE (or designated replacement for the day), and chair/organizer of an activity scheduled that day.

3. Once the decision has been made to cancel services and/or activities, the Board President shall send an email to the membership mailing

Little girls are cute and  
small only to adults. To  
one another they are not  
cute. They are life-sized.

-Margaret Atwood

Am I not destroying my  
enemies when I make  
friends of them?

-Abraham Lincoln

list announcing the closure and have an announcement posted on the church's web site. The Board President shall also have the church's voice mail message updated. The Board President may delegate other capable individuals to carry out these tasks.

4. In the event that the Board President is out of town or otherwise unavailable, the Vice President shall assume these responsibilities. In the event that the Vice President is unavailable, the Board Secretary shall assume these responsibilities.

5. If there is no cancellation announcement on the web site, sent via email, or on the church voice mail, members may conclude that the activities or services will be held.

6. Members should keep in mind that this policy cannot cover every possible scenario. Therefore, members are welcome to use their own judgment as to whether it is safe to be on the roads.

7. The Chaplain Corps will ensure that a poster will be displayed during the winter season by the welcome desk stating our policy. Likewise, the Chaplain Corps will ensure that reminder notices of this policy will be published during the winter season in the OOS announcements, Weekly Web, and newsletter – with language similar to that of the poster.

## Join a Circle Supper, January 18!

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.

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## Westside's Internet

Westside recently had AT&T's Uverse Gateway installed as a free speed upgrade. Initially that new system had a different SSID and password. That has now been changed back to the former SSID "linksys817" and the old password. This change also allows the repeaters for the Fellowship Hall and the glass classroom to work. Anyone who had previously logged in with that password should find login is again automatic.

Your assumptions are  
your windows on the  
world. Scrub them off  
every once in a while, or  
the light won't come in.

-Alan Alda

He is a hard man who is  
only just, and a sad one  
who is only wise.

-Voltaire

## Seventh Principle Notes from your Green Sanctuary Committee

### ENERGY SAVING TIPS IN THE KITCHEN

#### THANKS TO RELIANT ENERGY.

Cook multiple dishes together in the oven to maximize energy usage and reduce additional heat generated in your home.

Warm your vegetables, gravies, and soups with the microwave oven. It uses about 75 percent less electricity than a conventional electric oven.

Use slow cookers instead of an oven whenever possible. Slow cookers, on average, cook an entire meal for about 17 cents worth of electricity.

Check on your food through the oven window. Each time you open the oven door, the oven temperature can decrease by 25 degrees, increasing cooking time and energy usage. Take a peek through the window instead, and remember to turn the oven light off after.

Turn your oven temperature down 25 degrees when using glass or ceramic pans. Food will cook just as quickly.

Load the dishwasher completely before starting it. Using a dishwasher consumes less energy than washing dishes under running water. However, filling up your sink basin with water and using that for your dishes beats the dishwasher.

Keep pots covered when boiling water or cooking on the stove. This cooks food more efficiently and keeps your kitchen cooler. Turn off your oven a few minutes before the cook time actually ends. The oven will maintain enough heat to continue cooking

your food for several minutes, and the food can be kept warm inside after the cooking is complete.

Let food cool outside the refrigerator before storing.

Minimize the number of times you open your refrigerator. Each time you open it, it loses cold air, and the refrigerator has to expend considerable energy to re-cool.

Cover the vent on your stove top with an oven mitt or something like it when the stove is not in use. Cold air streams in my vent when it is not covered.

## Contemporary Book Group

We will discuss "Rules of Engagement" by Anita Brookner on January 26.

Goodreads: "Elizabeth and Betsy had been school friends in 1950s London. Elizabeth, prudent and introspective, values social propriety. Betsy, raised by a spinster aunt, is open, trusting, and desperate for affection. After growing up and going their separate ways, the two women reconnect later in life. Elizabeth has married kind but tedious Digby, while Betsy is still searching for love and belonging. In this deeply perceptive story, Anita Brookner brilliantly charts the resilience of a friendship tested by alienation and by jealousy over a man who seems to offer the promise of escape."

Please join us in the glass classroom after the second service.

Too often we enjoy  
the comfort of opinion  
without the discomfort of  
thought.

-John F. Kennedy

There is not such a cradle  
of democracy upon the  
earth as the Free Public  
Library, this republic of  
letters, where neither  
rank, office, nor wealth  
receives the slightest  
consideration.

-Andrew Carnegie

# Vegan Potluck Saturday January 25!

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: [meetup.com/Vegan-Potluck-WUUC/](http://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).

# Humanists of Fort Worth

The Humanists of Fort Worth will meet at the church on Wednesday, January 8, at 7:00 p.m. Former Chair Dick Trice will lead a discussion on topics of interest.

# Green Movie Night is Back!

The Green Sanctuary Committee plans to show "In Organic We Trust" on Saturday, January 25, 2014, weather permitting. "In Organic We Trust" is an eye-opening documentary that reveals the true meaning of organic. When corporations went into the business and organic became a brand, the philosophy and the label grew apart. But there's hope for organic and for us!

# Quilting/ Handiwork Group

Westside quilting and handiwork will meet on January 19 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)

# 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. The Congregation mourns with Linda Tyson

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Life is like a ten-speed bike. Most of us have gears we never use.

-Charles Schulz

I have learnt silence from the talkative, toleration from the intolerant, and kindness from the unkind; yet strange, I am ungrateful to these teachers.

-Kahlil Gibran

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for the loss of her husband and Westside member, Joe Tyson.

The Slane Family celebrates the marriage of older son Rowson to Breelyn!

Tricia Bowes finished her Bachelor degree coursework!

Sue Spell passed the Medical Coding Certification Exam!

Glenda Hood's daughter got married!

Anita Synder and Van Pineda had to say goodbye to their beloved pet.

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**

## **Attention Graduating High School Seniors!**

If you are pursuing a degree related to environmental work, the NED FRITZ SCHOLARSHIP can help grow some money for you!

\$2,000 in scholarships will be awarded annually to one or more graduating high school seniors who have been actively participating in Unitarian Universalist congregations in North Texas.

Applications will be accepted between January 1 and April 1, 2014, for the 2014/15 academic year. - The Application form and additional information is available at: <http://www.ntuuc.org/scholarships.shtml>.

No bird soars too high  
if he soars with his own  
wings.

-William Blake

The great thing about  
getting older is that you  
don't lose all the other  
ages you've been.

-Madeleine L'Engle

## **Calling All NTUUC Activists!**

NTUUC - North Texas Unitarian Universalist Congregations is sponsoring a meeting to learn about the social justice and community service work that the North Texas UU congregations are doing, and what we want to accomplish. The meeting is scheduled for January 11, 2014, from 9 - 3:30 at the Community UU Church in Plano. Members of Westside are planning to carpool from the church. If you are interested in attending please contact Kim Lucas at [devinewoman@msn.com](mailto:devinewoman@msn.com) for more information.

If you are interested in joining Westside Social Justice Committee or just want to see what we are up to, please plan to attend our next meeting scheduled for January 12 after the second service. We meet in the glass classroom. For further input or information please send questions or comments to [justice@westsideuu.org](mailto:justice@westsideuu.org).

## **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](mailto:carolynyg@gmail.com).

# Put Your Tom Thumb Reward Card to Work for NTUUC

Would you like to promote UUism while buying groceries? If so, check out Tom Thumb's Good Neighbor Program FAQ page for details at: <http://www.tomthumb.com/ShopStores/Good-Neighbor.page>

To add NTUUC as a beneficiary of your Reward card, please use number 2776.

## Church Ladies with Typewriters

These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services:

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

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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.

A dreamer is one who  
can only find his way  
by moonlight, and his  
punishment is that he  
sees the dawn before the  
rest of the world.

-Oscar Wilde

By three methods we  
may learn wisdom: First,  
by reflection, which is  
noblest; Second, by  
imitation, which is easiest;  
and third by experience,  
which is the bitterest.

-Confucius

## 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**

## November 2013 Attendance

	<b>10AM Adults</b>	<b>11:30 Adults</b>	<b>10AM Kids</b>	<b>11:30 Kids</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Nov. 3</b>	67	69	12	13	161
<b>Nov. 10</b>	49	65	9	20	143
<b>Nov. 17</b>	50	56	8	13	127
<b>Nov. 24</b>	52	61	8	17	138
<b>Averages</b>	54.5	62.75	9.25	15.75	142.25

\* 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.

## 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](mailto:COM@westsideuu.org).

### Committee on Ministry

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

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