



## Sunday Services

**March 2** - *“The Gospel of Doubt”* by Zachary Moore. Doubt tells us that it is not possible to move mountains with a spoken command, that fig trees do not wither and die at the whims of hungry prophets, and that this verse must be interpreted to mean something other than what it plainly says in order to make any sense at all. But doubt has also led humanity to challenge the old beliefs that taught the forces of nature were manifestations of the gods and goddesses. Doubt has allowed us to discover that lightning is not a divine weapon, it is a natural force that can be harnessed to power the lifestyle that we now take for granted. Within this reflection, Zachary Moore will advance the thesis that doubt is a virtue that should be embraced by the American religious experience.

**March 9** - Reverend Mark Walz. We welcome Reverend Walz back to our pulpit and as our short term/part time contract minister! Reverend Walz always brings a wonderful message and words that inspire. Please plan to join us and welcome him into our Westside Circle!

**March 16** – *“Connecting the Dots”* by Susan Gore. UU’s influence throughout American history has been radically disproportionate to our numbers: 4 1/2 US presidents, social reformers like Susan B. Anthony, Clara Barton, Albert Schweitzer, Viola Liuzzo and Morris Dees, scientists such as Alexander Graham Bell and Laurel Clark,

Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, entertainers Paul and Joanne Newman, Rod Serling, Christopher Reeve, Ysaye Maria Barnwell and Keith Olbermann, writers E.E. Cummings, May Sarton and Kurt Vonnegut, authors of the Battle Hymn of the Republic, Julia Ward Howe, and of Jingle Bells (James Pierpont), clergy such as Stanford Dean for Religious Life Scotty McClennon (aka Rev. Scott Sloan in Doonesbury)...and the list goes on. Still, most “average” Americans either don’t know anything about UUism - or think we’re “that church where anything goes.” What is Westside doing to raise awareness of UUism in Ft. Worth? How do you connect the dots between your UU faith and your efforts to do good in the world?

**March 23** - *“Bridges in Progress”* by Reverend Jennifer Innis. There is a lot of conversation about the transitional nature of this year in the life of the church. I wonder about the nature of change and how “there is nothing new under the sun” yet so much remains full of possibility. What is under construction in your life, too?

**March 30** - *“What the Frack?”* by Westside’s Green Sanctuary Committee. The reflection, entitled “What the Frack?,” will explore the issues surrounding gas drilling in the Barnett Shale and what, if anything, members of Westside’s congregation should be doing about this potentially harmful industrial activity in our midst.

## March 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

### Forum

Our Westside UU Forum meets every Sunday at 10:00 and concludes at 11:00, allowing 30 minutes for coffee and conversation before the second service; childcare is available. Because topics for discussion vary with interest, with current developments, and with availability of material or speakers, it is not always possible to know the subjects for four or five weeks in advance. Instead, each Sunday's Forum will be announced in the Weekly Memo on Monday mornings. The subject will also be emailed on Monday to all fans whose email addresses are on my Forum list. If you have questions or comments, or if you wish to be added to the Forum online group, please contact me, John Barnes, at [jbarnes107@gmail.com](mailto:jbarnes107@gmail.com).

### Adult Religious Education Class

What We Choose: Ethics for Unitarian Universalists.  
The Adult RE Class meets in the glass classroom at 11:30 a.m.

**The March Topic is: Relational Ethics.** If we believe our ethical/moral code, and by extension our behavioral choices, derives solely from a conceptual framework that helps us determine right and wrong, we overlook a fundamental influence in our ethical decision making: our relationships with others. As we live our day-to-day lives, we don't always ground our decisions in neatly framed logic, but instead respond from the heart—with compassion, empathy, or a sense of shared humanity. This reality provides the foundation for relational ethics, a framework that speaks to our relationships with one another and how those relationships influence our decisions. All are welcome and child care is provided. For more information, contact Morris Meador [meadormorris1@gmail.com](mailto:meadormorris1@gmail.com).

**Religious Odysseys – March 23.** A new and exciting offering as part of our Adult Religious Education (ARE) program. Once a month from 11:30 – 12:30, instead of the regular ARE class we will present Religious Odysseys. There will be a 20 minute period for a church

member to tell of his/her life story focused on how their beliefs and life views developed. After this the remaining time will consist of a dialogue between the presenter and those in attendance. The emphasis is not on debating positions but sharing in a very intimate setting a person's life story. Come and get to know persons you may not know or know much better persons you think you have known for a long time. Our greatest learning happens when we share ourselves with each other. On March 23, Myrtle McMahan will present her Odyssey. We will be recruiting others after this. We would appreciate any suggestions – who's story interests you? Send suggestions to Morris Meador ([meadormorris1@gmail.com](mailto:meadormorris1@gmail.com)) or see me at church.

### Children's Religious Education News Clips

Connect with CRE

**CRE Committee Retreat.** Advocating for children's religious education in a time of transition. Our director of Religious Education and members of the Children's Religious Education committee will participate in a retreat on March 7-9 at the beautiful Arc Ridge Ranch. The theme of this retreat will be "Advocating for Children's Religious Education During a Time of Transition." With both the Minister and the DRE leaving Westside, big changes are happening and anxieties are high. How do we keep sight of our mission and vision for children's religious education during this time? How do we keep our children from being overlooked while the "grown-ups" are dealing with the serious issues of transition? How do we keep the lines of communication open between our committee and the rest of the church? These are the questions the committee will explore, along with the logistics of running a program in transition, during this retreat!

**Spring Fling!** Our annual children's Spring Fling will be held on April 20th, Easter Sunday, this year. Mark your calendars! We will return this year to a traditional Easter Egg hunt. This is a big undertaking and we will need lots of help. Keep an eye out for details, and information on how you can help.

**Changes in YRUU (youth group).** Starting in February, teens will take turns planning

It is error only, and not truth, that shrinks from inquiry.

-Thomas Paine

We are all sculptors and painters, and our material is our own flesh and bones.

-Henry David Thoreau

and leading their meetings. This is a big step toward the self-governance and leadership that is the goal for UU youth groups. We are so proud of our youth and all that they have accomplished individually and as a group! If you are NOT the parent of a youth in YRUU and have been interested in working with the Youth group, let us know!

#### **Upcoming events:**

**March 7th** - Youth Group (YRUU)/  
Middle School Youth Group (YUUMS)  
at church 6:30 to 8:30 pm

**March 7th - 9th** - CRE Committee Retreat

**March 21st** - Middle School Youth Group (YUUMS) at church 6:30 to 8:30 pm. No meeting for older Youth Group (YRUU)

#### **More Info:**

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

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

Time marches on, does it not? We are now four months into this time of transition and by all estimations, seem to be doing well! There continues to be an energy and enthusiasm surrounding Westside that will help to see us through this period of change.

**There is a lot happening as spring unfolds at Westside!** Mary Noer, Chair of the Stewardship Committee, and her steering committee have an exciting line up of events that will take us through a journey of individual reflection on what we can give back to Westside in the way of our Time, Talent, and Treasure. I encourage you to participate in the activities and spend some time thinking about ways you will continue and possibly new opportunities for you to give back to your church community. The Interim Task Force, led by Chair, Mark McMurry, is just about ready to submit the application packet for our Interim Minister. We feel that Westside is an attractive position

with what we have been told is a sound proposed salary and we remain confident that we will be able to secure a qualified accredited interim, trained in the process of moving a church community forward and to the next level! Who knows what the next chapter in Westside's history will bring?

The Interim Task Force has also secured a part time/short term contract minister to provide a visible ministerial presence in our community until our interim minister arrives in late August/early September. We are very pleased to announce the appointment of Reverend Mark Walz to this position! Reverend Walz has been a long-time friend of Westside and was a dear colleague of our Minister Emeritus, Russell Elleven! Reverend Walz is a very compassionate individual interested in promoting the UU faith tradition and lifting up fellow UU churches. He has spoken as a guest speaker at Westside several times through the years and his messages are thought-provoking and have been well received. Reverend Walz continues to serve the Unitarian Universalist Church of Oak Cliff in a 3/4 time capacity, so will be with us 1/4 time. His time with us, while limited, will be of great service to Westside over the next several months! You will see him in the pulpit on the fourth Sunday of every month beginning in April (he will deliver the Reflection on March 9th as well); he will be available for pastoral care (working in conjunction with our Chaplain Corps) and counseling by appointment; he will be able to perform rites of passage (child dedications, memorial services, marriages, etc); and he will be attending the monthly board meetings and other church events as his schedule allows. Please join me in welcoming Reverend Mark Walz to Westside!

## **In and Around Westside**

### **Membership Matters**

#### **Can You Guess the Identity of This New Westsider?**

She's a mother of three who loves reading and working out. A "peaceful anarchist" and former Meals on Wheels volunteer, she describes herself as a former Wiccan, now atheist/pagan/humanist-leaning vegetarian.

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If you want to make peace with your enemy, you have to work with your enemy. Then he becomes your partner.

-Nelson Mandela

Truth does not change according to our ability to stomach it.

-Flannery O'Connor

A sense of isolation in her beliefs and wanting her kids to know they were not alone led her to Westside a couple of years ago. In addition to children's RE, she likes the vegan potlucks and Westsiders' involvement in service programs, especially those sponsored by the Green Committee and Social Justice Committee. Above all, she appreciates Westside's feel that "everyone is welcome." Who is this mystery Westsider? Find out in April's newsletter.

This column is the first in a new series by Westside's Membership & Volunteer Coordinator (MVC), Susan Gore. In addition to profiling new members, Susan will cover various topics of interest to Westsiders.

### Calling All Smiling Faces!

Appointments are filling up for Mother's Day, Graduation and Father's Day photos by Mary Alice. A series of three (3) 5" x 7" or eight (8) 3" x 3" unframed photos is just \$60. The 3" x 3" series of 8 features one smiling face per photo but can be split 4 and 4 to include two

subjects. Add a black metal frame for just \$25. Digital images are available at \$60 for either series. Contact Mary Alice at marycret@yahoo.com to schedule your sitting today!

### Summary of the January 15 Board Meeting

Amie Hegeman reported that the Endowment Committee is in discussions on a fair and equitable way to structure the fund.

Mark McMurry reported on progress the Interim Task Force has made on hiring a contract minister and applying for an Interim Minister.

Sandy Olah, Social Committee Chair, discussed the logistics of the Sunday potluck. Approximately 60 to 75 attended between 10 and 11:30 a.m. This was considered a success and we will continue the potlucks and monitor them.

The Board accepted Alvin Migdal's resignation with regret.

### 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.

January '13	Gill Children's Services	<b>\$777.82</b>
December '13	Downwinders at Risk	<b>\$583.82</b>
November '13	Meals on Wheels	<b>\$1,269.18</b>
October '13	Unitarian Universalist Service Committee	<b>\$587.68</b>
September '13	South Central Alliance of Churches	<b>\$1,151.33</b>
August '13	Mental Health & Mental Retardation of Tarrant Co,	<b>\$842.58</b>
July '13	Samaritan House Dinner Fund	<b>\$1,100.41</b>
June '13	Texas Re-Entry Services	<b>\$982.42</b>
May '13	Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas	<b>\$1,033.22</b>
April '13	South Central Alliance of Churches	<b>\$801.70</b>
March '13	In-Reach Fund	<b>\$1,448.88</b>
February '13	Fort Worth Day Resource Center	<b>\$1,091.86</b>
January '13	Don't Forget to Feed Me, Tarrant Pet Food	<b>\$930.61</b>
December '12	Pantry	<b>\$974.93</b>
December '12	Cancer Care Services	<b>\$375.75</b>
November '12	UUA Sandy Storm Relief	<b>\$931.54</b>
October '12	Lighthouse for the Blind	<b>\$825.22</b>

Learning is weightless, a treasure you can always carry easily.

-Chinese proverb

A ship in port is safe; but that is not what ships are built for.

-Grace Hopper

The following were designated for Loose Plate Offerings.

**February 2014** – Long Way Home;

**March 2014** – Westside In Reach Fund;

**April 2014** – SCAC;

**May 2014** – Sickle Cell Anemia

Assoc. of Tarrant County.

The Board approved the Green Sanctuary letter to FW Museum of Science & History regarding the Energy exhibit.

The Board voted to modify the Financial Matters Policy by adding the following sentence to Section V.c.: In-Reach funds may be disbursed per the In-Reach Administration Policy and are not applicable as traditional expenditures.

Linda reported that our membership is too small to meet the church publication guidelines for television inclement weather reports.

We established logistics for the NTUUC Training Meeting at Westside on February 8, 2014.

The Board approved a schedule for providing a presence at the end of the service in addition to the day's speaker. Worship Team, Membership and the Board will rotate each Sunday.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 19, 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

## Westside Library Update

The Westside library occupies a cozy, little nook  
But find within it eight  
hundred and six books

All the books are organized by Dewey\*  
Although some of the categories are screwy

For instance, there is no tight  
group that are UUish  
(although we do have a shelf that are Jewish)

Just like Unitarian Universalism draws from 7 sources  
Our books range from wide  
topics and far courses.

If you have a question, seek out an  
orange button--wearing librarian  
We are your fellow congregants: humanitar-  
ian, vegetarian, or septuagenarian!\*\*

So, direct your browser to LibraryThing\*\*\*  
To search for books that make your heart sing

Then, write down your Dewey Decimal;  
Come into church for our Sunday spectacle;

Grab your book and sign your name on its card.  
Expand your mind and become a  
Westside Library die hard!

\* Not him personally, but at least his system

\*\* I am a librarian, not a poet!

\*\*\*([librarything.com/catalog/WestsideUU](http://librarything.com/catalog/WestsideUU))

You can now search for books online (at <http://www.librarything.com/catalog/WestsideUU>), write down the Dewey number, and find your book on the shelves! The Westside Library opens each Sunday at 9:15 am. Books can be checked out by signing the card from the front pocket and filing it in the black index box. Return books by placing them on the center shelf. The check-out period is 4 weeks.

## Lanyards for Nametags Have Arrived!

Don't want to clip your nametag to a leather jacket or silk blouse? Royal blue lanyards with Westside's name and website are now available for \$5 each. Contact MVC Susan Gore ([s.gore@tcu.edu](mailto:s.gore@tcu.edu)) to get one – or more – now!

## Library Donations Appreciated

A big thank you from the Library Committee to all who have donated books or said they would. Our collection is growing as we try to keep up with demands for historical information for our new members, current topics for Adult Religious Education and

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What a heavy oar the  
pen is, and what a strong  
current ideas are to row  
in!

-Gustave Flaubert

The luck of having talent  
is not enough; one must  
also have a talent for luck.

-Hector Berlioz

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Social Justice and Readings for Worship and other others. As books enter the system, they need to be recorded on LibraryThing.com so that you can see them, pocketed for checking out and labeled for shelf placement. There is one other test they must pass before you see them on the shelf. They have to meet the Library Committee's criteria as directed in their acquisition policy. This policy can be seen in abbreviated form on the blackboard in the library, listing the categories of books we will shelve. Books that don't pass that test (we don't have enough space for everything) will either be put in the lobby free-exchange or taken to Half Price Books to support the purchase of new books. New acquisitions will be displayed separately for several weeks. Again, thanks.

- Annie Foerster, Acting Co-Chair,  
Library Committee

**An Open Letter  
to Westside  
From the John E.  
Johnson Family**

We have no words to adequately thank all of you who helped with our Celebration of Papa's life. I'm afraid that we don't even know who all helped or even who all came and we don't want to leave anyone out, but we have to give special thanks to Julie Hevelone, in whom Papa would have been supremely proud and pleased and without whom the service would not have been so special. The same to Lin Wells, Spectrum, Dace Sultanov and Aileen Hummel, Natalia Tkachenko, and the First Jefferson Choir.

The attendance Sunday, at something around 300, made this the largest event that Trinity Terrace has ever hosted and Nancy Hynes, Julie Tribble, Thea Chambers, Linda and Myron Ice and Randy Gregory did a superhuman job in making everything flow smoothly. We are so grateful to each of you individually and to the community of you who supported and continue to support the whole family through this process of remembering and honoring this man we all loved.

- The John E. Johnson Family

One of the oldest human needs is having someone to wonder where you are when you don't come home at night.

-Margaret Mead

What is morally wrong can never be advantageous, even when it enables you to make some gain that you believe to be to your advantage. The mere act of believing that some wrongful course of action constitutes an advantage is pernicious.

-Marcus Tullius Cicero

**Join a Circle  
Supper,  
March 15!**

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.

Opportunities to  
Learn & Serve

**Circus  
Spectacular  
April 12**

Howdy folks!!! It's time to step right up for the most fabulous stewardship campaign ever! Yes, that's right, on April 12, help us in "Building the Greatest Community on Earth!" by coming to the Circus Spectacular from 6:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. at Westside. Fantastic music and the best entertainment ever will be under the Big Top in the sanctuary. Stewardship committee chair Mary Noer and a cast of dozens, even a talking horse, will bring you an Unforgettable evening of entertainment!! Our own Myron and Linda Ice, once again, will be producing wonderful musical acts you won't want to miss! Bettina Pfeifferberger and her fantastic dog Smudge will perform an incredible animal act. This is just some of the entertainment that awaits you!!

Don't forget to stroll through the Hall of Wonders where you can view the works of talented Westside artists. And, don't miss the fabUUlous midway in the fellowship hall with lots of games and food.

Please volunteer your time and talents by contacting Mary Noer at [Mary.noer@att.net](mailto:Mary.noer@att.net). Don't miss this show-stopping spectacular event!! Stay tuned for more details.  
Article by Elizabeth Campbell.

## Church Clean-Up – April 5

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, April 5, from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM for the bi-annual Spring church clean up ½ day. This does not require you to bring any tools, special cleaning equipment, or other hardware. Nor does it require you to have any “handyman” type skills; simply come in clothes that can get dirty and a hard-working attitude, and we'll provide the rest! Generally, this day consists of general clean up (dusting, baseboards, landscaping, etcetera), and some small maintenance projects such as painting, decorating, and minor fix-it projects. The building committee will compile a specific list of projects over the next month, but please mark your calendars today, and we look forward to seeing you there. Please feel free to contact Alex Blanton at 972-719-5692 or [alex.blanton@peakfranchise-capital.com](mailto:alex.blanton@peakfranchise-capital.com) for more details and to RSVP.

## U3 Campus Ready to Open

First Offerings: Journal-Writing: Conversations With Yourself; Humanist Book Club

Unitarian Universalist University, or U3 for short, is ready to open in March. U3 will offer classes by UUs, for UUs, on Saturday afternoons throughout the year. Our first such offering begins March 22 at 3:00pm. Social Hint: Stay for the vegan potluck that begins after the class ends.

Journal-Writing: Conversations With Yourself, facilitated by long-time journal-writer Annie Foerster, will offer a variety of journaling techniques, including Memory-Keeping,

Dream Interpretation, Problem Solving, Journeys into the Past, Roads Not Taken and Core Values. This will be the first of a three-part series. Remember, when you're having a conversation with yourself, you are always in good company.

Humanist Book Club, facilitated by Morris Meador, will have its first meeting on March 29th at 4:00 pm. Please email Morris if interested as a short paper will be sent out before the first meeting: [meadormorris1@gmail.com](mailto:meadormorris1@gmail.com). Meetings will be monthly and as a group we will decide on books to read.

Sign up sheets will be available in the lobby near the Welcome Table.

## Contemporary Book Group

The Contemporary Book Group will meet in the glass classroom on March 23 after the second service to discuss “The Blue Flower” by Penelope Fitzgerald, a Man Booker Award winning author. On April 27 we will discuss “Dear Life: Stories” by Alice Munroe.

Please join us in the glass classroom after the second service (even if you haven't read the book) and bring your suggestions for books to read. Contact: Reed Bilz: [reedbilz@gmail.com](mailto:reedbilz@gmail.com).

## Seventh Principle Notes from your Green Sanctuary Committee

Energy Tip from Reliant Energy & Masssave.com

Did you know that your home electronic devices continue to use electricity to power peripherals, such as remote controls or clock displays, even when they are turned off? This is known as “phantom” or “vampire” load, also called standby power loss. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, it is approximately 5 to 10 percent of your annual energy cost.

Replace your conventional power strips with advanced power strips (APS). Advanced Power Strips look just like ordinary power

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A person usually has two reasons for doing something: a good reason and the real reason.

-Thomas Carlyle

The high-minded man must care more for the truth than for what people think.

-Aristotle

strips, except that they have built-in features that are designed to reduce the amount of energy used by many consumer electronics. There are several different types of APSs on the market, but they all operate on the same basic principle of shutting off the power supply to devices that are not in use. By replacing your standard power strip with an APS, you can significantly cut the amount of electricity used by your home entertainment centers and home office areas.

There are a variety of different types of APS to fit different people's needs. For example, if you often fall asleep when watching TV at night, an activity monitor APS can turn everything off for you. Or, if you are always diligent about turning all your electronics off when you aren't using them, but are concerned about the lingering vampire power draw, a masterless APS can make sure that everything is completely off.

#### **How does each type of Advanced Power Strip work?**

**Primary Outlet:** The primary outlet acts as the "control" or "master" outlet because it turns off the power to secondary outlets when the device connected to it is turned off. The primary outlet is typically used for your TV or computer's central processing unit.

**Secondary Outlet:** The secondary outlet acts as the "controlled" outlet and is for peripheral devices, such as your DVD player, game console, or computer monitor. When the device connected to the primary outlet is turned off, the power will automatically be turned off to the device connected to the secondary outlet.

**Always On Outlet:** The always on outlet is not controlled by the primary outlet. Devices plugged into the always on outlet will receive constant power, which is necessary for devices such as cable boxes or modems.

## **Green Movie Night**

The March movie is: The documentary that "lifts the veil on our nation's food industry, exposing how our nation's food supply is now controlled by a handful of corporations that often put profit ahead of consumer health, the livelihood of the American farmer, the

safety of workers, and our own environment. "Food, Inc." reveals surprising - and often shocking truths - about what we eat, how it's produced and who we have become as a nation." The movie will be shown on March 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, right after the Vegan Potluck. Come and bring your friends to this free event.

## **Humanists of Fort Worth**

Our own Gail Kilman will be the speaker at the next meeting of Humanists of Fort Worth (HOFW) on Wednesday, March 12, at 7 p.m. in our sanctuary. She will be talking about one of the most significant humanitarian advancements in our country's history, "The Making of the Women's Movement," particularly the role played by Betty Friedan, the author of "The Feminine Mystique," which kicked off the second great step toward women's rights in our country in 1963.

If you're not as familiar as you would like to be with the great women who came together in the small New York town of Seneca Falls in the 1840's to take the very first steps toward equality, or with Friedan's sparking of the second wave of American feminism through the founding of the National Organization of Women (NOW), this is a great opportunity to do so. Please check the HoFW Meetup site for further information at <http://www.meetup.com/Humanists-of-Fort-Worth>.

## **Vegan Potluck Saturday, March 22!**

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.

All men are brothers, we like to say, half-wishing sometimes in secret it were not true. But perhaps it is true. And is the evolutionary line from protozoan to Spinoza any less certain? That also may be true. We are obliged, therefore, to spread the news, painful and bitter though it may be for some to hear, that all living things on earth are kindred.

-Edward Abbey

Love truth, but pardon error.

-Voltaire

You can sign up on our meetup.com website:  
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.

## Quilting/Handiwork Group

The Westside quilters have been donating  
small quilts to Samaritan House for some time  
now. In March, Samaritan House is having  
a fundraising auction, and they have asked  
us to contribute a quilt. We are honored by  
their request. We have several ready to go and  
will be taking them there late in February.

Westside quilting and handiwork will meet on  
March 16 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 conversa-  
tions. For more information or to be added  
to our email reminder list, call Debby Rake  
at 817-473-2414 or dsrake@gmail.com.

## Shake off the Winter Blues - Put on Your Tennis Shoes

AIDS Walk - March 22!

Join Westside as it participates in the  
annual AIDS Outreach Center Walk.  
You can run, walk, or show your support  
for the Westside Team and AOC (AIDS  
Outreach Center) with a donation. "Through

an approach of outreach, prevention  
and community information programs, AOC  
educates the public about HIV prevention  
while offering free and/or low-cost services  
to HIV+ individuals and their families."

As always, the AIDS Walk takes place  
at Trinity Park Pavilion, 2300 W. 7th  
Street, Fort Worth, TX 76107, 8 am to  
Noon (Actual race times later than 8 am.)  
Right now, registration for individuals  
is available at the AOC website, aoc.  
org. As of this writing, the tech team is  
working on setting up team registration.  
For more information, or to sign up or  
donate, contact John Huffman, 817-658-  
0011 or jphuffman@charter.net. John  
will also have a sign up sheet at church.  
Your participation is another way to share  
Westside's Mission and Vision. Thank You!

## 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.

Dick Dodds passed away from cancer – please  
keep Jay in your thoughts and prayers.

Morris Meader and Keith Miller got married  
in Las Cruces!

Robert Slane and family is in a state of  
transition after losing his job last month.

Claire and Seth Schleicher are expecting a baby!

Theresa Kauffman mourns the loss of TCU  
student Stewart Trese as he was a former  
student of hers.

Stefani Enlow's mother fell and required  
surgery for her injuries.

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The true test of a civiliza-  
tion is, not the census,  
nor the size of the cities,  
nor the crops -- no,  
but the kind of man the  
country turns out.

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

It is difficult to free fools  
from the chains they  
revere.

-Voltaire

The sleep of reason  
produces monsters.

-Francisco Goya

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John Gilbert is loving his new boxer, Zoe!

Howard McMahan has moved to the James L. West Alzheimer's Center.

Karen Moore's father-in-law is recuperating after a hospitalization for sepsis.

Amy Youngblood and Mike West will be moving soon to the Pacific Northwest – we will miss them greatly!

Lela Wood's mother has healed enough to return to her home!

John Fisher celebrated a birthday last month!

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!

Edward C. "Ned" Fritz (1916-2008) is considered by many to be the father of Texas conservation and a passionate proponent for wildlife and the environment. He was a deeply involved activist and fought many battles for Texas wildlife in the courtroom and through the legislature. He led the push for the National Environmental Policy Act in 1969, which declared a national policy to encourage harmony between man and his environment on a national scale.

During the later years of his life, Ned Fritz was a member of the First Unitarian Church of Dallas. In 2009, a group of his friends from First Unitarian honored his life by establishing the Edward C. "Ned" Fritz Memorial Endowment Fund.

The Scholarship is open to graduating seniors who have been actively participating in a Unitarian Universalist congregation in North Texas. One scholarship of \$2,000 will be awarded annually to a student who intends to study environmental subjects with an aim of

working toward an environmental career. Applications must be received by April 1, 2014, for the 2014/15 academic year. The Application form and additional information is available at: <http://www.ntuuc.org/scholarships>.

## Bring Food For SCAC in March

March is Westside's month to help replenish the food pantry at South Central Alliance of Churches (SCAC). The suggested list of goods needed are as follows: Oatmeal, Grits, Rice, Beans (dry or canned), Corn, Green Beans, Mixed Vegetables, Soup, Noodles, Pancake Mix (add water), Pop Tarts, Milk (powdered or shelf life carton), Tuna and Tuna Helper, Spaghetti and Sauce (canned/pkgs - not glass), Jello, Canned Fruit, Kool-Aid (sweetened), Peanut Butter & Jelly, Macaroni, Crystal Light, Crackers and Canned Meat (Chili, Vienna Sausages, Stew, Chicken, Fish).

Please check the sell by dates, and be sure the food is in the unopened original package. The pantry cannot accept any diet foods. You may put your contributions in the red cart which will be by the door as you enter each Sunday. Watch the sales, and pick up food to help the hungry in our neighborhood. If you prefer to make a cash donation, you may put your check in the offering basket on Sunday with SCAC in the memo line at the bottom of your check. SCAC meets the third Monday of each month at 1:30, at Southside Church of Christ, located a few blocks north of Westside, 2101 Hemphill. Anyone who has an interest is always welcome to attend. Questions? Contact Jay or Suzie Lotven.

## Sack Lunch Chuck Wagon is a Success!

Westside's Social Justice Committee, along with other fun helpers, just completed its first participation in the Sack Lunch Chuck Wagon program sponsored by the Tarrant Area Community of Churches. This is an annual program in which area churches/organizations are invited to prepare sack lunches for workers at the Fort Worth Stock Show. These are day laborers, many of whom are homeless. And, this year, workers who travel with the carnival were also included. "The traveling workers

There comes a time in a man's life when to get where he has to -- if there are no doors or windows -- he walks through a wall.

-Bernard Malamud

Don't be yourself. Be someone a little nicer.

-Mignon McLaughlin

are not paid until each stock show ends, so a no-cost lunch really helps them, too.”

Participants were asked to do one day of lunches for each day of the stock show. One day is 300 lunches. Not all groups can do 300 lunches, so groups could opt for 50 and up, and collaborate with another group. Since it was Westside’s first year, and we had received late notice, we did 100 lunches for Feb. 2. Wonderful Westsiders sacked, then boxed the lunches which were delivered to First Street Mission Methodist Church. First Street took them to the stock show and distributed them to the workers.

The Social Justice Committee felt this was a rousing success and will be ready for 300 lunches next year! This is another opportunity for Westside to be stewards in our wider community and accomplish our Mission and Vision.

## Death Over Dinner Event

Elva Roy (member of Pathways UU/Board member of nonprofit Funeral Consumers Alliance of North Texas “FCANT”) and Jim Bates (Board President of FCANT [www.fcant.org](http://www.fcant.org)) are hosting a “Death Over Dinner” event to encourage individuals and families to discuss death and what should happen when you or your loved one dies. The purpose of this event is to take the “taboo” out of the death discussion. Elva and Jim will conduct a fun and lively discussion about various options available to a family when someone dies, such as (1) Do It Yourself home funerals where

families take care of their own dead, with little or no involvement of a funeral home which is perfectly legal in Texas and is becoming more popular; (2) green burials (what it is, cemeteries with a green section, requirements, etc.); (3) least to most expensive arrangements with price estimates; (4) discussion of the federal FTC “Funeral Rule” and your consumer rights when dealing with funeral homes; Q&A. During the second hour, while eating, you will be encouraged to discuss your experiences and thoughts about death with your table mates. Bring your family. No charge, except you will pay for your own meal.

Death Over Dinner ([www.deathoverdinner.org](http://www.deathoverdinner.org))  
Sunday, May 23, 2014 from 4:00-6:00 pm  
Los Jimadores Restaurant and Tequila Factory (private room in the back)  
3314 Harwood Road  
Bedford, TX 76021  
RSVP to Elva Roy at (817) 557-5700  
or by email [elvaroy@tx.rr.com](mailto:elvaroy@tx.rr.com) (so restaurant can staff appropriately)

## Self Management and 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).

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Time is the coin of your life. It is the only coin you have, and only you can determine how it will be spent. Be careful lest you let other people spend it for you.

-Carl Sandburg

Nothing so soon the drooping spirits can raise / As praises from the men, whom all men praise.

-Abraham Cowley

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

## Our Board

**President: Linda Ice**

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## January 2014 Attendance

	10AM Adults	11:30 Adults	10AM Kids	11:30 Kids	Total
Jan. 5	41	64	15	19	139
Jan. 12	59	65	9	19	152
Jan. 19	42	100	12	36	190
Jan. 26	49	66	9	16	140
Averages	47.75	73.75	11.25	22.5	155.25

\* 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.

## Westside UU Church

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Fort Worth, TX 76110

### 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, Theresa Kauffman

**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.