



Sunday Services

April 6 – “*What’s It All About?*” by Reverend Don Fielding. This “Reflection” has been inspired by the movie “Alfie,” and examines the question “What’s it all about?” Don reviews scientific, religious, and philosophical answers to that question, and draws some conclusions that you may find meaningful.

April 13 – “*A Garden Of Generosity*” by Westside’s Stewardship Committee. Our Stewardship Committee has worked hard to cultivate a culture of generosity over the last few years. It is that time of year when you are asked to make your annual financial commitment to Westside and we hope to remind you of the many ways Westside feeds you and this community that we all, so deeply love.

April 20 – “*Roving, Rebirth, and Resilience*” by Reverend Beth Dana. On this Passover and Easter Sunday, Beth will explore these holidays as celebrations of resilience in times of change. What can we learn about resilience for our own lives and communities?

April 27 – “*To Live a Perfectly Human Life*” by Reverend Mark Walz. On the Unitarian-Universalist path our journeys are not dictated by creeds or dogma. We are the architects of our faith, we

are the architects of our future. But to create a personal mission and collective covenant for a new century in the Unitarian Universalist tradition, we must know the religious DNA that we build upon.

SUNDAY MORNING OPTIONS

Adult Religious Education Class

What We Choose: Ethics for Unitarian Universalists.

The Adult Religious Education (ARE) class meets in the glass classroom at 11:30 am. In April we will discuss An Ethic of Risk. Ethics viewed from the perspective of people on the margins considers the options and choices that are narrowed by oppression, and people who may choose to respond to situations and circumstances with actions that are vibrant, life-filled, and affirming of individual and collective agency and humanity. An Ethic of Risk will introduce Sharon Welch’s ethics which includes a redefinition of responsible action, grounding in community, and strategic

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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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risk-taking. All are welcome and child care is provided. For more information, contact Morris Meador meadormorris1@gmail.com.

Religious Odysseys – April 27. 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 his/her life story focused on how that individual's 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 April 27 Susan Gore 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) or see me at church.

Children's Religious Education News Clips

Connect with CRE

Summer RE at Westside - RE-evaluating the Environment. Children and Youth in our RE programs will be studying environmental issues from a UU perspective this summer. Please look for our summer RE table in the Fellowship Hall starting in April. We will have curriculum to preview and teacher sign-ups. Join us!!

Spring Fling! Our annual children's Spring Fling will be held on April 20th this year. Mark your calendars! We will have fun and fellowship at the park across the street from the church.

Student Opera Nights. There are a few tickets left for both operas. See below for opera titles. Contact Andrea at dre@westsideuu.org for more information and if you are interested in having your child attend.

Thursday, April 24 @ 6:45 pm. *Così fan tutte* by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. For Ferrando and Guglielmo, their fiancées Dorabella and Fiordiligi are the best women in the world—none more loving, beautiful, faithful, or kind. So, when persuaded to wager on their lovers' constancy, the men assume an easy win. However, Mozart's layered comedy reminds us that love can be a dangerous game. Spurred on by the old philosopher Don Alfonso and the thorny maid Despina, Ferrando and Guglielmo embark on an elaborate scheme of love and seduction, complete with absurd disguises, faked suicides, feigned hallucinations, and one really big magnet. As the girls' fidelity is tested, the men are shocked by an outcome they could never have expected. In true Mozart fashion, all ends happy and well, but not without a few lessons learned along the way.

**Set in The Roaring 20s.
Language: Italian
Supertitles: English & Spanish**

Thursday, May 1 @ 6:45 pm *Silent Night* music by Kevin Puts, libretto by Mark Campbell. In one stunning moment during World War I, all was quiet on the Western front and a spontaneous moment of peace transformed foes into friends. Based on the 2005 French film *Joyeux Noël*, this Pulitzer Prize-winning opera recounts the historic impromptu cease-fire between Scottish, German, and French soldiers on Christmas Eve 1914, when each man laid down his arms and joined together to bury the dead and honor the holiday. Brought to life by a mix of characters—Nikolaus Sprink, a German opera singer; William and Jonathan Dale, Scottish brothers filled with patriotic fervor; Lieutenant Audebert, a French officer; Lieutenant Gordon, a questioning Scottish soldier; and Lieutenant Horstmayer, a German officer torn between duty and his conscience—their personal stories intermingle, highlight the global character of conflict, and add a remarkable depth to this glimmering moment of humanity in the face of war. However, when the sun rises on Christmas morning, how will each man react to resuming the bloody fight? Set on the front lines in Belgium, WWI.

**Language: English, French, German, Italian, and Latin
Supertitles: English**

Never confuse motion with action.

-Benjamin Franklin

The art of progress is to preserve order amid change, and to preserve change amid order.

-Alfred North Whitehead

Upcoming events:

April 4th—Youth Group (YRUU)/Middle School Youth Group (YUUMS) at church 6:30 to 8:30 pm
April 18th— 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 and click the link to apply for group membership. If you have any questions you can contact Andrea Petty at dre@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.

Transitions...

A Message From Your
President, Linda Ice

Happy April! Hopefully, we will begin to feel like spring is really upon us and the winter is past. One of the things I love most about Westside is, regardless of the weather, we are a committed community – rain, shine, warm or cold! That makes me very, very proud. I wish to thank the many of you who stand firm in your willingness to continue supporting Westside through your presence and participation.

We are delighted to welcome Reverend Mark Walz as our quarter time minister to carry us through the arrival of an accredited Interim Minister. Mark has asked me to share that he

is available for conversation with members and friends in the congregation. He plans to be in Fort Worth every third Wednesday between the hours of 11:00 am and 5:00 pm and will also be available by appointment at other times as needed. He looks forward to getting to know us over these next several months. Mark can be reached at waltzact2@aol.com or by phone at 214-755-4315.

It is my belief that one of the best things we can do for ourselves over the next few months is to open our hearts and minds to the infinite possibilities of what the future holds for Westside as a church community and for us as individuals. We need to “think outside the box” and be creative in our dreams and desires. Be watching for some activities that will provide a venue for these conversations over the next several months.

I truly hope that as we participate in the many stewardship campaign activities you will consider just exactly what Westside means to you and plan to do all you are able, to ensure your financial commitment matches what you receive from Westside. We would like you to think about this “garden of generosity” for which we are all a part and consider the many ways you can contribute to Westside's continued presence in Fort Worth and in your lives.

The Interim Task Force, led by Chair, Mark McMurry, will be submitting our application for an accredited Interim Minister this month and the interview and hiring process will follow beginning late April/early May. We feel that Westside is an attractive position with what we have been told is a sound salary package 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!

Until next time, I look forward to seeing you in and around Westside!

Ministerial Musings: Beyond Belief - Rev. Mark Walz

Virtually every religion and every human community since time began has discerned its core value to be ‘love your neighbor as yourself.’ And every major prophet from the Buddha to Jesus has taught a version of it that often included ‘love of enemy.’ They taught it not because it felt

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For every language that
becomes extinct, an
image of man disappears.

-Octavio Paz

Sin is geographical.

-Bertrand Russell

nice or sounded good, but because it was the only road to peace and survival.

Which makes it all the more astounding that we find ourselves well into the 21st century still failing to live up to this stated value. We often find rancor and division among races, nations, communities, and even families. These divisions spring from our inability to set aside economic, political, social, and religious preferences and the opinions that follow. We apparently love to discover the ways in which we differ from each other rather than to find the vast ways we are sympathetic to, and need each other. Then we use these differences to separate us from each other bitterly.

The ways in which the human family is one family is unassailable. With few exceptions, which we can manage, each of us wants the very same thing for ourselves and our families. Whether we would describe our journeys as Christian, Jewish, Agnostic, Buddhist, Pagan, or Humanist, etc.; whether our political camps are republican, democratic, independent, or other; and whatever our economic theories; we all want employment that fulfills and satisfies,

education that lifts up us and our children, consistent access to food, and a safe place to lay our heads at night. And when we seek religious community we do so that we might find a source of healing and a message that encourages the creation of a loving society. It was Louis Nizer who said, "True religion is the life we lead, not the creed we profess."

To honor these journeys, we must work to strengthen our families, our collective futures, and the lives of all we touch—with love, respect, and service. One of my favorite quotes comes from R. Buckminster Fuller when he said, "Everyone has the perfect gift to give the world- and if each of us is freed up to give the gift that is uniquely ours to give, the world will be in perfect harmony."

We are called by a genuine hope for lives of integrity, conscience, compassion, and kindness. Wouldn't it be wonderful to live in a world where what we believe is less important than how our beliefs guide and inform our participation in the world? To build a community that values the inherent worth and dignity of every human being? And their contributions? It is not too late to begin again. With love.

My own experience and development deepen every day my conviction that our moral progress may be measured by the degree in which we sympathize with individual suffering and individual joy.

-George Eliot (Mary Ann Evans)

I dreamt that my hair was kempt. Then I dreamt that my true love unkempt it.

-Ogden Nash

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.

February '14	Long Way Home	\$504.00
January '14	Gill Children's Services	\$777.82
December '13	Downwinders at Risk	\$583.82
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, Samaritan House Dinner Fund	\$842.58
July '13	Co, 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	\$930.61
December '12	Pantry	\$974.93
December '12	Cancer Care Services	\$375.75

Membership Matters

On March 16 I had the pleasure of offering a reflection entitled "Connecting the Dots" at Westside. An outstanding example of connecting our UU values to action is Beverly Archibald's Letter to the Editor, printed on the Opinion page in the March 7 Ft. Worth Star-Telegram, reprinted below. Kudos – and thank you – Beverly!

Scouts vs. Trail Life

I was, and am, appalled by the article about the youth organization based entirely on the fact that the Boy Scouts of America are accepting gay youth (See: "No longer loyal to Scouts, boys join Trail Life").

At a time when gay marriage is becoming accepted in more states, to form this organization institutionalizing discrimination and bigotry is unbelievable.

To see these innocent 5- and 6-year-olds fed this hatred is incomprehensible. What if one of these children turns out to be gay? Imagine the guilt and humiliation the child would feel having been taught that he will rot in hell.

Sometimes it seems that we have progressed in terms of acceptance of each other. Organizations such as Trail Life make a mockery of this progress.

- Beverly Archibald, Fort Worth

Mystery Westsider

Last month's mystery Westsider was Rae Reed.

(This column is 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!

Join a Circle Supper, April 19!

For those who have not attended a Circle Supper, it is the opportunity for getting to know members/friends of the church over good food and conversation. These are dinners in small groups of six to eight people, generally, and held at the home of a member/friend of the church. If you would like to host but have limited space, you may partner with someone who has the room but would prefer not to host alone. The dinners are held on the third Saturday of every month. The host will organize the meal and will ask the guests to bring something like a side dish, bread, wine, or whatever is needed. Please contact Gail Kilman atgailkilman@mac.com or 817-294-8938.

Our Family Circle Supper works just the same way, but it is not required that you have children to attend. For the Family Circle Supper, please contact Lauren Leising at ellekaye@juno.com or 817-846-8012.

Which Fridge is Westside's Fridge?

Glad you asked. Here is the answer. It is in the pantry along with a full size freezer. But, where is the pantry? Well, that is a very good question. The pantry is between the stage and the playground entrance in the southeast corner of the fellowship hall.

Why is this important to know? When useable food gets put in another refrigerator, and no one knows who put it there, we have to make the assumption that it belongs to Montessori. Almost full containers of hummus, etc. have been thrown out after no one takes possession.

It is a truism that almost any sect, cult, or religion will legislate its creed into law if it acquires the political power to do so.

-Robert A. Heinlein

To be capable of embarrassment is the beginning of moral consciousness. Honor grows from qualms.

-John Leonard

Using the kitchen refrigerator and stainless one are fine for the few hours needed of a morning, or during certain events. But, please, put anything to be saved for later use in Westside's fridge - the one in the pantry. Thanks for reading! -- *Cindy Fountain*

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) to get one – or more – now!

Summary of the February 19 Board Meeting

We approved the following committee reports, available in the minute book in the church office:

- a. Membership**
- b. Social Justice**
- c. Children's RE**
- d. Stewardship**
- e. Adult RE**
- f. LRPC**
- g. Safe Congregation**
- h. Covenant Circles**
- i. Financial Statements and Report**
- j. Endowment Committee**

And the fox said to the little prince: men have forgotten this truth, but you must not forget it. You become responsible, forever, for what you have tamed.

-Antoine de Saint-Exupery

Several excuses are always less convincing than one.

-Aldous Huxley

LDRE Andrea Petty reported that the CRE committee will have a retreat March 9. She is working on the summer curriculum. Jessica Zinn is stepping down as co-chair of CRE.

Membership Volunteer Coordinator Susan Gore announced the lanyards are due to arrive this week. There has been a limited response to the photo packages and she asked that we promote this endeavor.

Lane Smutz explained that UUA dues are now based on budget rather than membership and our per member amount will be \$67.80 next year.

The Board agreed to send a letter in support of Texas UU Justice Ministry's application for

501(c)(3) status explaining that donations have been limited due to not having this exemption.

Amie Hegeman explained that the Endowment Fund will be separated into perpetual, flexible and building funds. We will also have a Socially Responsible Investing Policy which will be distributed to the congregation via a link on our website.

George Seidel has resigned from the Endowment committee. Linda McConathy has resigned from the COM. Berry Bock has resigned from ABUC. We are seeking replacements for these positions as well as a NTUUC Representative replacement.

Tricia Bowes will chair a committee to hire a new Child Care Coordinator.

The Board voted to hire Mark Walz for quarter time minister at a salary of \$1,416 per month. He will be in the pulpit the 4th Sunday of every month and will be available for pastoral and administrative services.

The Board voted to accept Joyner Plumbing's bid for two new water heaters for a total cost of \$2,761.93.

The \$37 belonging to the KIVA fund will be returned to that fund from the Endowment Fund at the congregational meeting in June.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 16, 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*

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"Religion for Atheists" Book Review.

Seeing the recent proliferation of churches for atheists, you may want a better understanding of this phenomenon. Alain de Botton explores the issue of how churches have historically satisfied the needs of people and how the secular world might manage to fulfill these needs, in "*Religion for Atheists.*"

- *Trudy Sena, for the Library Committee.*

Contemporary Book Group

After the second service on April 27 the Contemporary Book Group will meet to discuss *Dear Life; Stories* by Alice Munro.

Goodreads says, "Alice Munro illumines the moment a life is shaped -- the moment a dream, or sex, or perhaps a simple twist of fate turns a person out of his or her accustomed path and into another way of being. Suffused with Munro's clarity of vision and her unparalleled gift for storytelling, these stories (set in the world Munro has made her own: the countryside and towns around Lake Huron) about departures and beginnings, accidents, dangers, and homecomings both virtual and real, paint a vivid and lasting portrait of how strange, dangerous, and extraordinary the ordinary life can be."

Please join us for discussion and to help us choose future books. Contact: Reed Bilz – reed.bilz@gmail.com.

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 1/2 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@peakfranchisecapital.com for more details and to RSVP.

We can't do just one story about the Circuus Spectacuular because there is so much exciting news to share.

That's right! The most fabuulous stewardship campaign is here, and we need your help in building the greatest community on earth! You don't want to miss the fuun! Come join the Circuus Spectacuular on April 12 from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m. at Westside.

You don't need to leave the kiddos at home, as childcare is available by contacting Cindy Fountain at 817-526-1375 or email vanessa4907@sbcglobal.net

Fantastic music and the best entertainment ever will be under the Big Top in the sanctuary, and you can have a conversation with a talking horse, The rev. Mr. Ed. A talking horse you say? Yes, he will be there!!

Stewardship committee chair Mary Noer and a cast of dozens, will bring you an UUnforgettable evening of entertainment!! Our own Myron and Linda Ice, once again, will be producing wonderful musical acts you won't want to miss! Bettina Pfeiffenberger and her fantastic dog Smudge will perform an incredible animal act. This is just some of the entertainment that awaits you!!

The Hall of Wonders will showcase lots of artistic talent of Westsiders. And the midway in fellowship hall is the place to be for games like a ring toss, a hugging booth and balloon art. There will be food and drink galore!

During the entertainment, you will be hearing about the proposed budget for Westside, and we want to encourage you to make your financial commitment during the evening. Information about the budget will be available before April 12. Please be generous in helping us build the greatest community on earth!

For more information about the Circuus Spectacuular, please contact Mary Noer at mary.noer@att.net. Don't miss this show-stopping event!!!

- submitted by Elizabeth Campbell.

Never, never be afraid to do what's right, especially if the well-being of a person or animal is at stake. Society's punishments are small compared to the wounds we inflict on our soul when we look the other way.

-Martin Luther King Jr.

Compassion, in which all ethics must take root, can only attain its full breadth and depth if it embraces all living creatures and does not limit itself to mankind.

-Albert Schweitzer

Covenant Circles Will Continue in the Fall

For the past two years, our 'year' for Covenant Circles has started in May and ended in April. That means this season's "Religion for Atheists" circles will have their last meeting this month. It's been an interesting series of discussions based on Alain deBotton's book by the same name.

I'm going to try something different this year, giving you the summer off to think about joining a Covenant Circle. The next semester of circles will start in September, a more normal cycle for church calendaring. I'll keep you informed of new circles forming, new curriculum unfolding and new facilitators being trained as we approach the fall start-up.

Covenant Circles meet monthly with a trained facilitator, discussing a variety of topics. But CCs are more than a discussion group. They are a support group, a cheering section, and a place to safely be both your best or worst self, depending on what life hands you at that moment.

Let me know if you have any ideas for discussion content, if you want to be a facilitator or if you are interested in joining a circle and have questions. --Annie Foerster, redseamripper@gmail.com

U3 Continues on 2nd and 4th Saturdays

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

Unitarian Universalist University, or U3 for short, opened in March. U3 offers classes by UUs, for UUs, on Saturday afternoons throughout the year. Our first such offering began March 22. The next session will be April 13 at 3:00 pm.

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 second of a six-part series. Remember, when you're having a conversation with yourself, you are always in good company.

Humanist Book Club had its first meeting on March 29th.. Our next meeting is April 26th at 4:00 pm. New members are always welcome. Contact Morris Meador for more information: meadormorris1@gmail.com. Meetings will be monthly and as a group we will decide on books to read. Sign up sheets will also be available in the lobby near the Welcome Table.

Seventh Principle Notes from your Green Sanctuary Committee

Westside Camping and Prairie Fest will be taking place on the usual Green Movie Night in April (Saturday, April 26th). Rather than compete with these worthy events, we suggest that you avail yourself of one of them - the spaciousness of East Texas or our own little piece of the prairie in Tandy Hills Natural Hills, Fort Worth. For more information on Prairie Fest, check out their website at <http://tandyhills.org/fest>.

Camping, hiking or just listening to good music, you will be honoring Earth Day and seeing wildflowers and all kinds of critters, maybe even mother alligator and her babies at Arc Ridge. The Fort Worth Nature Center will also be celebrating its anniversary that weekend and has numerous fun events planned. Their web site is <http://www.fwnaturecenter.org/>. Before the polar vortex surrenders to the equatorial Armageddon, get out and enjoy Texas as we would like it to be year round, and be sure to reflect on our irreplaceable earth on its special day, April 22.

Facing the third driest beginning to a year in area history, now is the time to check any outside faucets and sprinkler systems for leaks, misdirection, or mistiming, and correct any problems you find. Conservation appears to be the 500 pound gorilla when it comes to water shortage.

And do be sure to visit the Justice Jail at the CircUUs SpecactUUla on April 12, co-sponsored by the Green Sanctuary and Social Justice Committees.

I cannot conceive otherwise than that He, the Infinite Father, expects or requires no worship or praise from us, but that He is even infinitely above it.

-Benjamin Franklin

Memoir is not an act of history but an act of memory, which is innately corrupt.

-Mary Karr

Humanists of Fort Worth

The program for HOFW's April meeting (the 9th) will be a presentation by Dick Trice on the subject "The Mystery of Religion." How much do we know about its beginning and myriad differences? Were we born with an instinctual need for it? How has it become so prevalent and so powerful? Considering its sanguinary history what is its value to humankind? Come join the discussion following and share the joie de vivre of like-minded friends. The fun begins at 7:00 p.m. and ends at 8:30 p.m. Please check the HoFW Meetup site for further information at <http://www.meetup.com/Humanists-of-Fort-Worth>

Quilting/Handiwork Group

Westside quilting and handiwork will meet on April 20 after the second service at church until 4:00. Everyone is invited to join us. Bring whatever you would like to work on, or come to help with the quilts. We share our tools and our skills and great conversations. For more information or to be added to our email reminder list, call Debby Rake at 817-473-2414 or dsrake@gmail.com.

Vegan Potluck Saturday, April 26!

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

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

Here's how the potluck will work:

Please arrive early (4:30 p.m.) if possible so you can help set up tables and chairs
Bring a VEGAN dish
Bring the recipe for your VEGAN dish (or be prepared to email it to others)
In place of a prayer, we will light a chalice and join in a Responsive Reading before the meal
Eat and enjoy
Talk with other potluckers
Look for dishes you like
Help clean up.
COME BE WITH US!!

Contact Andrea Petty if you have any questions about the Monthly Vegan Potluck at: dre@westsideuu.org.

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.

Karen & Kerry Moore are mourning the loss of Kerry's father, Robert.
Tara & Jim Mitchell celebrated their 20th anniversary!

Sue Shamshoian-Sakamoto's father is now in hospice care.

Stefani Enlow is glad her mother is home from the hospital and rehab, but is still caring for her.

Beatriz Leung & Lila Baker both turned 4 years old!

Rowan Zinn & Joshua Bowes came in 2nd at Destination Imagination contest!

Sally Johnson was in an auto accident and while the car didn't survive, she did and is enjoying her new hybrid!

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Remorse is a violent dyspepsia of the mind.
-Ogden Nash

Humor is emotional chaos remembered in tranquility.

-James Thurber

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Myrtle McMahan's apartment flooded for the second time due to a burst fire sprinkler and is awaiting repairs.

Heidi Irgens & Stuart Cheney celebrate the birth of their grand-niece, Katya Staryak!

John Nagely is concerned for a friend diagnosed with bladder cancer.

Lela & Tom Woods joyful for son, Phillip, who will move into a new home the end of April!

Sue Spell's 15 year old cat survived an altercation with a car while she crossed the street and is convalescing and healing at home.

Sean Wildman is working on advancing his career by taking a Sterile Compounding certification class and licensure test!

Don Jackson is the coach for TCU's Moot Supreme Court Team - they finished 3rd out of 18 schools at the SMU Law School competition!

John Nagely sold his Harley after 13 1/2 years (His wife, Lois, is joyful!)

Tara Mitchell & Brenda McKeon got to meet Dr. Jill Biden!

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.

Most people think that shadows follow, precede, or surround beings or objects. The truth is that they also surround words, ideas, desires, deeds, impulses and memories.

-Elie Wiesel

There is something beautiful about all scars of whatever nature. A scar means the hurt is over, the wound is closed and healed, done with.

-Harry Crews

Westside's Kennedy Fund approaches \$50,000 in Loans to Third World workers

Westside's Social Justice Committee allocates small amounts of money to borrowers in third world countries to help them become more self-sufficient through Kiva.org. Borrowers repay the loans according over time, after which we lend the funds again. The repayment rate is 99%.

After 7 years we have made 300 loans to people in 49 different countries. These funds were donated expressly for the Kennedy Fund by Westside members. We are a proud part of 774 UU congregations and members

who participate with over one million others in this effort, loaning over \$500 million since Kiva's founding in 2005.

We will be making more loans at the Social Justice meeting on May 11. If you have questions or would like additional information, contact Ann Sutherland at: ann.sutherland@sbcglobal.net.

OUR WIDER COMMUNITY

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.

NTUUC Tulsa Field Trip – April 4-6

This is a chance to check out the work of Ron Robinson's missional (that's different from attractional) church, to learn from folks at Hope Unitarian how they came to a place of calm after ending last year in discord, and to see what All Souls is doing to grow, and manage that growth. They have nearly 2000 members and a sanctuary that seats 400!

Thanks to a subsidy from North Texas Unitarian Universalist Congregations (NTUUC), \$85 covers food, transportation, and double-occupancy at the hotel. If you can't make it, you might consider sponsoring someone else - perhaps a young adult? Space is limited so please contact Daniel Polk ASAP at executive@ntuuc.org to sign up. For additional details, check out NTUUC's website at: www.ntuuc.org/special-events.

SWUUC Annual Conference April 25-27

Our theme this year is "Love Reaches Out," which is also the theme of the UUA's General Assembly 2014 being held in Providence, Rhode Island, in June. We are proud to announce that our conference will feature the renowned singer and songwriter Holly Near, who will speak on Friday night and perform in concert on Saturday night. We will also have several workshops, a multisite chalice lighting and keynote speech from UUA Moderator Jim Key, and site visits to some of the most interesting social action activities in North Texas. For more information and to register, visit ntuuc.org/swuuc2014.

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) 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)

**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 (so
restaurant can staff appropriately)**

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

The Westside Story
April 2014

A fellow of mediocre talent will remain a mediocrity, whether he travels or not; but one of superior talent (which without impiety I cannot deny that I possess) will go to seed if he always remains in the same place.

-Wolfgang Amadeus
Mozart

There are two kinds of light -- the glow that illuminates, and the glare that obscures.

-James Thurber

Our Board

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February 2014 Attendance

	10AM Adults	11:30 Adults	10AM Kids	11:30 Kids	Total
Feb. 2	39	59	10	121	129
Feb. 9	54	65	11	18	148
Feb. 16	58	62	19	17	156
Feb. 23	55	56	11	17	139
Averages	51.5	60.5	12.75	18.25	143



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

901 Page Avenue
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.

Committee on Ministry

Sean Wildman, Chair. Myron Ice, 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.