



## Sunday Services

**May 4** – “*We Shall Flourish!*” by Reverend Annie Foerster. Cloudy skies; visibility limited. That was the weather report last November at Westside. We looked and looked and couldn’t make out the future. There have been sunnier skies recently and really great leadership as we trek through unfamiliar territory. But how can I make such a rash prediction? I have a secret formula and powers beyond your imagination. I can even make the order of service bend to my will. (Children will be attending their RE classes for the entire service hour on this Sunday. Parents - please take them directly to their class.)

**May 11** – “*What We Think We Know*” by Bill Russell. We’ve all heard about lies, damned lies, and statistics. How much of what we know is actually true? Bill will explore this topic and very possibly challenge you to examine some things you think you know.

**May 18** – “*A Moment of Silence*” by Edward McGuire. That moment when we reflect upon our joys and concerns: it may be more important and profound than anything Edward has to say today. But out of beloved Quaker, Mormon, Magical, Humanist, and Buddhist traditions, a still, small voice has called him to speak to us about the life- and world-changing potential of silence.

**May 25** – “*Spiritually Fearless*” by Reverend Mark Walz. As citizens of the United States we say we value Freedom of Speech and Freedom of Religion.

However, the application of these Freedoms seems often problematic if not impossible. As Unitarian Universalists we are obliged to model them in practice, not just in principle. We advertise on our websites that we are shining examples of these values... How are we doing?

### 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. The topic for May is: Locus of Moral Authority Revisited. What is the locus of moral authority? In this, our final month of the ten month course on ethics we will invite participants to name the ethical frameworks and approaches that guide their moral and ethical decision making. We will ask has this program itself changed their approach or clarified ethical or moral choices they are currently facing. On May 11 Andrea Petty will share her Religious Odyssey. All are welcome and child care is provided. For more information, contact Morris Meador meadormorris1@gmail.com.

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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.

## Children's Religious Education News Clips

Dear Westside Family,  
It is with mixed emotions that I enter my last month of service to Westside as DRE. I am looking forward to being home with my family during a difficult period in our lives, but I am also going to miss my work here as a DRE. My last Sunday is May 25 and my last day on the job will be May 31.

I am honored to have served this community for over 3 years as Director of Religious Education. It's been a joy to watch our religious education programs thrive and grow. I look forward to seeing continued success under new leadership.

Unlike ministers, Directors of Religious Education are not required to sever all ties with the church community they have served. As a long-time member of Westside I look forward to re-integrating into the community, with a few caveats. My code of professional ethics requires that, for two years, I not serve in Religious Education or on any committee that affects policy. This would include the Board of Directors, the Committee on Ministry, the Finance Committee, or a personnel committee if one was formed.

This obviously also means I cannot teach, advise youth or serve on the Children's Religious Education committee or the Adult Religious Education committee. By my own choice, I will be taking a six month hiatus from all church activities in order to let the community adjust to my departure and also to allow you to settle in with the new Interim Minister and Director of Religious Education without the "old DRE" hanging around!

It is my sincere hope that you all will love and support James, Colin and Chloe in their continued involvement at Westside during my absence. They need you!

The way that my hiatus is timed, my first service back as a member will very likely be the Hanging of the Greens service in December. I have asked Myron and Linda to save a wreath for me in the procession!

This is a difficult transition year for Westside and I hate that my departure will make it even more difficult. But, I look forward to returning in the near future to participate in this transition in a new capacity as a member of the congregation. I am confident that we will look back and see that this was not just a transitional time, but a truly transformational time for Westside!

I want to thank each and every one of you for the love and support I have received as your DRE. I am grateful that you entrusted me with the care and education of your precious children. It's been an amazing time for me. You are truly a unique and wonderful community and I am grateful you allowed me to serve you.

*Sincerely,  
Andrea Petty*

## 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. We have curriculum to preview and teacher sign-ups. Join us!!

**New YG Advisor!** Please welcome Randy Gregory as our newest advisor for our older Youth Group. He will work with longtime advisor, Lane Smutz. Randy comes to us from First Jefferson and has a long background in religious education teaching, advising and is trained in OWL. We are excited to have him on board!

**Youth Groups will take a break for summer**  
Because of everyone's busy schedules in the summer, both youth groups will take a break in June, July, and August. They will start meeting again in late August. Everyone have fun this summer!

**Upcoming events:**  
**May 2nd and 16th —Youth Group (YRUU)/  
Middle School Youth Group (YUUMS)  
at church 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

**More Info:** Join the conversation and get important CRE information at our Google

A grain of poetry suffices  
to season a century.

-José Martí

It is not only the prisoners  
who grow coarse and  
hardened from corporal  
punishment, but those  
as well who perpetrate  
the act or are present to  
witness it.

-Anton Chekhov

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 Tricia Bowes at [re@westsideuu.org](mailto:re@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](mailto:jbarnes107@gmail.com).

## Transitions...

A Message From Your  
President, Linda Ice

I almost hesitate to use the word "transition" any longer as we seem to be more "in a groove" than we might have hoped. The calendar and the halls are abuzz with activities throughout the week, we continue to welcome new guests into our midst and with the exception of mostly weather-related challenges, Sunday morning attendance remains steady. I continue to be impressed with you and our community as we are working our way through these changes in ministerial leadership.

By the time you read this, we will be wrapping up what promises to be another successful Stewardship Campaign led by the incomparable, Mary Noer. The CircUU's SpectacUUlar was...well, spectacular! It is so much fun to see Westsiders come together to throw a great party and the time and talent that members and friends shared for this event is greatly appreciated.

The Interim Task Force has now submitted Westside's application for an interim minister. Interviews and a decision will be

made by mid-May. We all look forward to learning how this unfolds and on behalf of the Interim Task Force, we appreciate your positive thoughts and support as we approach this decision for our church community.

We will be holding our Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, June 8 following the second service. Please watch for details regarding lunch plans and exact start time as that date approaches.

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

## Religious Odysseys

May 11

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 that individual's beliefs and life views developed. After this the remaining time will consist of a dialogue between the one who has shared 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 May 11 Andrea Petty will share her Odyssey. In June Welton Martin will share and July, John Barnes. We would appreciate any suggestions – who's story interests you? Send suggestions to Morris Meador ([meador-morris1@gmail.com](mailto:meador-morris1@gmail.com)) or see me at church.

## IN AND AROUND WESTSIDE

### Congregational Conversations

Have you ever wished there was more time on a Sunday morning to have deeper conversation with our Westside members and friends? Your Long Range Planning Committee is

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I don't trust a man  
who uses the word evil  
eighteen times in ten  
minutes. If you're half evil,  
nothing soothes you more  
than to think the person  
you are opposed to is  
totally evil.

-Norman Mailer

Everybody knows if you  
are too careful you are so  
occupied in being careful  
that you are sure to  
stumble over something.

-Gertrude Stein

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planning to host this opportunity for you! Beginning in June, there will be three such evenings over the summer months to gather in a small group of no more than twenty-five, and participate in conversation with other Westsiders over wine and cheese.

After completing the congregational survey, we realized that these conversations could be a perfect springboard to the next step of creating our next long range plan. We will be utilizing some of the questions from the survey as “prompts” to generate an organized discussion in which everyone will have a chance to share in “Unitarian Universalist love”. We wish to learn more about your journey to Westside, what keeps you coming, and what your vision is for her future. We wish to also challenge each of you to examine your own mission in this church community and in the greater community as well.

You will be hearing more about how to sign up to participate. As mentioned earlier, we wish to keep the number at a manageable size so that each person attending will have an opportunity to let their voice be heard. So, check your calendar for the following dates and decide

now which one you will plan to attend! We will be meeting on the following summer evenings: Friday, June 13; Saturday, July 12; and Friday, August 8. Look forward to seeing you there!

**Membership Matters**

Meet Joanie Knight

Joanie Knight describes herself as “spiritual but not religious.” “I don’t believe in a higher God, or that I need to ask forgiveness of some higher power,” she says, “but I do believe we need to find and nurture our own spiritual growth and be accountable for this life’s journey.” Joining Westside earlier this year is one way Joanie hopes to do both.

Joanie admits the past year has been challenging. Her husband of 23 years passed away unexpectedly last year, and Joanie just recently spent eight days in the hospital when a blood clot had to be removed from the portal vein to her liver. “I didn’t feel well and knew something was wrong, so I drove myself to the

**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.

March ‘14	InReach Fund	<b>\$934.38</b>
February ‘14	Long Way Home	<b>\$504.00</b>
January ‘14	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	<b>\$842.58</b>
July ‘13	Co, 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 Pantry	<b>\$930.61</b>
December ‘12	Cancer Care Services	<b>\$974.93</b>
December ‘12	UUA Sandy Storm Relief	<b>\$375.75</b>

Life is like a landscape. You live in the midst of it, but can describe it only from the vantage point of distance.

-Charles A. Lindbergh

A free society is a place where it’s safe to be unpopular.

-Adlai Stevenson

ER.” I consider myself to be pretty determined when I set my mind to something,” she says.

Joanie is new to Westside but not to UUism. She sought out Horizon UU Church in Plano fifteen years ago for her daughter, who is now 21. Now Joanie is looking for a sense of community for herself. “I am still figuring out how I can contribute as a Westside UU. I want to be able to dedicate time to a purpose that I can have a real connection to,” she offers.

In her work life, Joanie is a computer programmer for a company owned by Berkshire Hathaway. She explains, “My father was in information systems, and I just took an interest in what he did.”

In addition to her daughter, Joanie has six brothers and sisters “spread out across the US.” Her 90-year old mother, a sister and several nieces and nephews live in San Diego, which Joanie still considers “home.” Joanie has just signed another year’s lease on her apartment in Ft. Worth, though, and she looks forward to deepening her involvement with Westside.

Please join me in warmly welcoming one of Westside’s newest members, Joanie Knight.

*This column is by Westside’s Membership & Volunteer Coordinator (MVC), Susan Gore. In addition to profiling new members, Susan will cover various topics of interest to Westsiders.*

## Join a Circle Supper, May 17!

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 at [gailkilman@mac.com](mailto:gailkilman@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](mailto:ellekaye@juno.com) or 817-846-8012.

## Summary of the March 19 Board Meeting

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

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>a. Membership</b>     | <b>e. Adult RE</b>        |
| <b>b. Social Justice</b> | <b>f. LRPC</b>            |
| <b>c. Children’s RE</b>  | <b>g. DLRE Task Force</b> |
| <b>d. Stewardship</b>    |                           |

**We approved a letter** to Texas UU Justice Ministry regarding their 501(c)(3) status.

**We welcomed Mark Walz** who reported that he will provide an accounting of his time with us at future board meetings.

**LDRE’s Report** - The Task Force is still seeking someone to fill this position and has received one application. Andrea asked that we have a formal installation when the new director is hired.

**Membership Volunteer Coordinator Report** - Susan reported that she has had a limited response to her request for committee descriptions. She is offering to meet with chairs to encourage and assist submissions.

**Financial Statements and Report** (available in the minute book) - Lane reported that he is monitoring instances of BillPay fraud on our bank account.

**The board approved** budget overages for Building & Grounds, and Worship.

**Jeff Rodriguez has been added** to the Endowment Committee. Spencer Maxwell has been added to the COM. Gwen Gipson will be our NTUUC Representative. We are seeking LRPC replacements. Annie has resigned as Pianist effective the end of the semester and the board approved hiring Annie’s recommendation, Yuki.

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Persons appear to us according to the light we throw upon them from our own minds.

-Laura Ingalls Wilder

The institution of royalty in any form is an insult to the human race.

-Mark Twain

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**The board is seeking bids** for the nursery door repairs and installation.

**The board voted** to allocate \$1,425 to ABUC; \$4,300 to Building & Grounds; \$1,000 to Green Sanctuary; and \$500 to Social Justice for committee suggested projects from the auction proceeds.

### Annual Congregational Meeting

Date will be June 8.

Mark has suggested congregational get-togethers to enable members to share and get to know each other better. The LRPC will be asked to coordinate this endeavor.

**NTUUC has asked Westside** to consider being a hub church for a satellite church. The Board and the Membership Committee will discuss this request further.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 21, 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

The Essential UU Reader

Our Westside Library was heavily endowed by the former Atheist Society in Fort Worth. It is still rich with interesting views from atheism to humanism. But the library committee has worked hard to bring Unitarian Universalist history, theology and social justice into the mix.

So whether you are new to Unitarian Universalism or just looking for something beyond today, these are the committee's recommendations for the month of May. Look for other reading lists in future issues.

**The UU Pocket Guide** - John Buehrens  
**The Larger Faith: History of American Universalism** - Charles Howe (289.17)  
**Stream of Light: History of American Unitarians** - Conrad Wright (97.3)  
**A Chosen Faith** - John Buehrens (230.91)  
**Three Prophets of Religious Liberalism: Channing,**

**Emerson, Parker** - Conrad Wright (289.13)  
**Belonging: the Meaning of Membership** - UU Commission on Appraisal (289.1)  
**Thank God for Evolution** - Michael Dowd (261.55)

Check one out today. Be an informed UU.

*- Annie Foerster,  
Library Committee*

## OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN AND SERVE

### A Spectacular Thank You!

The Circus Spectacular was certainly a show-stopping event, and we are going forward with Building the Greatest Community on Earth!!

If you missed the big event on April 12, then you missed an incredible opportunity to see Westside shine.

From the food, games and fun in the midway to the art on display in the narthex, there was a little something for everyone.

Mary Noer, the Stewardship Steering Committee and other volunteers put in numerous hours of arranging for costumes, rehearsing music, making phone calls, and getting raffle donations to make the event a success. Myron and Linda Ice also devoted many hours to bringing us lots of fantastic music.

Some of the spectacular highlights included our very own talking horse, The Rev. Mr. Ed, the notable Westside Dancing Seven, and hilarious Rainbow Comedians! Then, there was Bettina Pfeiffenberger and her fabulous dog, Smudge. And there was more.... How can we forget the Great Sandrola and her uncanny ability to see in to the future! Make sure to toss plenty of quarters her way!!

A big thank you also goes to James Finn for his hard work on creating the movie that was shown toward the end of our evening of fuun!

Many see Westside as a special place

My country is the world,  
and my religion is to do  
good.

-Thomas Paine

What is laid down,  
ordered, factual is never  
enough to embrace the  
whole truth: life always  
spills over the rim of every  
cup.

-Boris Pasternak

or they wouldn't devote the countless volunteer hours it takes to have such a wonderful church and congregation.

The Stewardship Committee appreciates all of you for your dedication and hard work, and we want to encourage you to make your financial commitment for the upcoming year as we have exciting challenges ahead of us. Thanks to those who have already made your commitments!

We will continue to grow with your help. If you believe that Westside makes a "positive difference" as stated in our Mission, then be a positive force for that Mission!

For more information on making your financial commitment to Westside, please contact Mary Noer at [mary.noer@att.net](mailto:mary.noer@att.net)

*– article by  
Elizabeth Campbell*

## Contemporary Book Group

We will be meeting May 25 to discuss "Twelve Mighty Orphans" by Jim Dent. This is the true story of a football team from the Masonic Home in Fort Worth in the 1930s.

Please join us after the second service. Contact: Reed Bilz – [reed.bilz@gmail.com](mailto:reed.bilz@gmail.com).

## Humanist Book Club

May 24, 3:00 to 4:30 pm

The Humanist Book Club meets at Westside UU Church on the fourth Saturday of the month, 3:00 – 4:30 pm. Books are chosen to read and the next month they will be discussed together. There are countless interesting and informative books from which to choose. The club will require that you obtain the particular book to read but it can often be found in a public or the church library. Many are paperbacks and increasingly they can be downloaded to your Kindle or similar device. This can be an extremely informative and stimulating time for those interesting in

exploring Humanism and in defining your own view on the subject. Facilitated by Morris Meador. Any questions, suggestions or to sign up, contact me at: [meadormorris1@gmail.com](mailto:meadormorris1@gmail.com)

## Seventh Principle Notes

From your Green Sanctuary Committee

Have you noticed a difference in the Sanctuary lighting? Those bright new floodlights and the cool white bulbs in the hanging fixtures are LED bulbs that use less than 20 percent of the energy of the bulbs they replaced. With a generous \$1,000 grant from the service auction, our church facility is now nearly 100% LED, keeping our church illuminated with 80 percent less energy. And the cooler burning LED bulbs will last longer, as well.

Paul Corbett spearheaded this project with the Board, obtained the grant from service auction proceeds, and did most of the work, demonstrating that one dedicated person can do amazing things. Thanks also to Bob Vann and John Huffman for their assistance, and the Church Board for their support. Next on our wish list are window coverings for the Sanctuary windows to keep in the heat in winter, keep in the cool in summer, and enable projections on the screen to be better viewed by all.

**Energy Tip from Reliant Energy** Wash your clothes in all-cold water. Try drying your clothes outside at least part of the time to conserve electricity (if your HOA permits it), or when using the dryer run multiple loads at a time: the heat will build up and not require as much electricity. Also, use the cool-down cycle to allow clothes to finish drying with the remaining heat in the dryer.

**Food Tip** Palm oil and its derivatives are almost as ubiquitous in foods now as corn sweeteners. 85% of palm oil comes from Indonesia and Malaysia, where its production comes at the cost of 300 football fields/hour of rainforest being cut and burned, over 50,000 Sumatran Orangutans slaughtered, and the orangutan, the Sumatran Tiger, and other species rapidly approaching extinction in the wild. The slash and burn technique used

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We must, however, acknowledge, as it seems to me, that man with all his noble qualities...still bears in his bodily frame the indelible stamp of his lowly origin.

-Charles Darwin

It will not do to investigate the subject of religion too closely, as it is apt to lead to infidelity.

-Abraham Lincoln

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makes this area the third largest contributor to climate change on the planet. Read the ingredients on food packaging, and please do your best to avoid those containing palm oil. And tell your neighbors, as well.

## **Humanists of Fort Worth**

The HoFW will meet at its regular time at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, May 14. All Freethinkers are welcome to attend. Please check the HoFW Meetup site for further information. <http://www.meetup.com/Humanists-of-Fort-Worth/>

## **Quilting/Handiwork Group**

The Westside quilters are in need of an ironing board. If anyone has one to donate, please email Debby Rake, [dsrake@gmail.com](mailto:dsrake@gmail.com). Thank you.

Westside quilting and handiwork will meet on May 18 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).

## **Vegan Potluck Saturday, May 24!**

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

Here's how the potluck will work:

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

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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).

## **Chaplain Corps Corner**

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.

Tanner & Melissa Trask got married on March 1, after nearly ten years of dating, at the historic YWCA by our friend Jeff Rodriguez!

Karen and Kerry Moore are mourning the loss of Kerry's father.

Greg Kauffman turned 60!

Alexia Hartzell is an official teenager now!

Do you love me because I'm beautiful, or am I beautiful because you love me?

-Oscar Hammerstein II

A word in earnest is as good as a speech.

-Charles Dickens

Sharon Salih & Gary Randall will miss their friend, Bob Hite.

Chad, Amanda, Lila, and Canyon Baker have moved back in their motor-home. The mountains and pine trees are calling so they are headed west!

Tara & Jim Mitchell celebrated their 20th anniversary!

Beatriz Leung and Lila Baker turned 4 years old!

Stuart Cheney & Heidi Irgens celebrated the birth of a grand-niece!

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.

## Green Movie Night

On Saturday, May 24, at 6:30 p.m., we'll feature "Greedy Lying Bastards". Climate change is no longer a prediction for the future, but a startling reality of today. "Greedy Lying Bastards" details the people and organizations casting doubt on climate science, as well as their claims that greenhouse gases are not affected by human behavior. From the Koch Brothers to ExxonMobil Oil, and

from industry front groups to prominent politicians, this provocative exposé unravels the layers of deceit threatening both democracy and the very ability of future generations to survive on planet earth.

## OUR WIDER COMMUNITY

### AIDS Walk Update

Those that ran or walked in the AIDS Outreach Center Walk in Trinity Park had a great time, good exercise, and helped AOC raise needed funds for the coming year. AOC is the largest Aids service organization in Tarrant County, and provides a significant array of services. Our sincere thanks to the generous donors of Westside UU Church.

### 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.

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They know enough who know how to learn.

-Henry Adams

Beauty is the purgation of superfluities.

-Michelangelo Buonarroti

Barricades of ideas are worth more than barricades of stones.

-José Martí

**Email submissions to our Editor  
Janice Sims at [janicesims1617@att.net](mailto:janicesims1617@att.net).  
The deadline for submissions is  
the 15th of each month.**

## Our Board

**President: Linda Ice**

**Vice President: Cindy Fountain**

**Treasurer: Lane Smutz**

**Secretary: Reed Bilz**

**Directors: Karen Moore, Mary Noer, Tricia Bowes,  
Ric Hansen, Jeff Bullock, Charlie Lord**

## March 2014 Attendance

	<b>10AM Adults</b>	<b>11:30 Adults</b>	<b>10AM Kids</b>	<b>11:30 Kids</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>March 2</b>	55	61	18	20	154
<b>March 9</b>	50	73	6	10	139
<b>March 16</b>	77	67	12	24	180
<b>March 23</b>	50	66	17	18	151
<b>March 30</b>	47	58	14	24	143
<b>Averages</b>	55.8	65	13.4	19.2	153.4



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

## Westside UU Church

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### How are we doing?

Do you feel that our church is doing something right?  
Should we be doing more or less of something?  
Should we be doing something different? If so, let the Committee on Ministry (COM) know. The committee also wants to know if you have a criticism, concern, or question. Look for us after the service, call us, or email us at [COM@westsideuu.org](mailto:COM@westsideuu.org).

### Committee on Ministry

Sean Wildman, Chair. Myron Ice, Shirley Miller, Theresa Kauffman, Spencer Maxwell

**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.