



Sunday Services

June 1 – *“The Precious Lives and Unjust Deaths of LGBTQ People, and Why They Matter”* by Reverend Dr. Stephen Sprinkle. This Sunday, join in fellowship with Reverend Dr. Steven V. Sprinkle, author of *Unfinished Lives*, and director of Field Education and Supervised Ministry at Brite Divinity School. Dr. Sprinkle is an ordained Baptist minister, the first openly gay scholar in the history of Brite, as well as the first LGBTQ person to be tenured there.

June 8 – *“Embracing Chaos, Dancing with Uncertainty”* by Stan Yoder. If only we could know things for sure. If only we could eliminate uncertainty. If only we didn’t have to deal with chaos. But we do. So how do we do it gracefully? By not fighting it; by dancing with the uncertainty.

June 15 – *“The Great Charter: Liberty Under Law After Almost 800 Years”* by Dr. Don Jackson. We are nearing the 800th Anniversary of the Magna Carta of the year 1215. While we must struggle in each generation to preserve our liberties, we have much to be proud of for the preservation that we have managed as a people so far. This reflection will present a few vivid examples of some successful struggles.

June 22 – *“Warriors, Prophets, Mystics, and Lovers”* by Reverend Mark Walz. It can be difficult to know our true human potential. Is there still a place for Prophets and Warriors, Mystics, or Lovers? Are these roles suitable for both men and women? The world isn’t perfect and neither are we, yet making it better is still up to us. Which could you become? Warrior, Mystic, Prophet, Lover...or all of the above?

June 29 – *“More Than Dinner At My Place”* by Charmé Robarts. The practice of hospitality often gets laid to the side maybe because we’ve narrowed the definition to having people over for food, or providing a tidy guest room for over night visitors. Sometimes those things don’t fit into our lives. And yet living hospitably is a way of life that makes room for the other in wonderfully fun and powerfully healing ways. Living hospitably is easy and hard, it is orienting and disorienting, simple and sometimes quite messy. Let’s talk about it!

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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.

SUNDAY MORNING OPTIONS

Adult Religious Education Class

11:30 in the "Glass Classroom"

Our 10-month course on Ethics has ended. In June and July the topic is "Embracing Interfaith Cooperation." The course is based on short video each week and time for discussion. Speaker, author, and founder of the Interfaith Youth Core, Eboo Patel invites us to join him on a journey toward interfaith cooperation, where religion is no longer a barrier to cooperation, but a bridge. Eboo is inspired to build this bridge by his faith as a Muslim, his Indian heritage, and his American citizenship. He invites us to examine our own faith heritage as a starting point for joining those of other religions to transform the world. All are welcome and child care is provided. For more information, contact Morris Meador meadormorris1@gmail.com.

Religious Odysseys – June 22

Once a month, from 11:30 – 12:30, instead of the regular Adult Religious Education class we will share 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 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. Welton Martin was scheduled but may not be able to make it. If not, we will find another interesting person to share. Send suggestions for others to share their Odyssey to Morris Meador (meadormorris1@gmail.com) or see me at church.

Forum

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

Children's Religious Education News Clips

There are many ways to be free. One of them is to transcend reality by imagination, as I try to do.

-Anais Nin

Connect with CRE

The Children's Religious Education committee is working hard in absence of a full time DLRE this summer. Please add your support by offering to teach a Sunday morning RE class. We still have spots available in all age groups. You can keep this vibrant program growing this summer.

RE-Evaluating the Environment is our Summer of Science program this year. We will look at our natural resources, climate changes, and energy sources. The younger grades will have hands on activities while 6th grade and up will have lively discussions and will follow a No-impact Man curricula.

There are some who only employ words for the purpose of disguising their thoughts.

-Voltaire

The DLRE task force has been talking with some very qualified candidates for our open position. We thank them for all their hard work and can't wait to meet our new Director of Lifespan Religious Education in the fall.

Our High School Youth Group YRUU and Middle School Youth Group YUUMS will be taking a break this summer from regular meetings. Stay tuned to the google group for information on summer service activities.

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September will be here before we know it and the CRE committee is forming teaching teams for the regular school year. Each class has 5-8 teachers sharing the teaching and one team lead. You will usually teach twice a month but we can accommodate most schedules. By teaching, we also learn. Please talk to Tricia Bowes or one of our committee members for more information.

There are many ways you can volunteer. If religious education speaks to you as a way to serve, please let us know. We will find the right fit for you!

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 Tricia Bowes at re@westsideuu.org

Transitions...

A Message From Your President, Linda Ice

With this article, “transitions” takes on a whole new twist! While some aspects of our Westside Transitions are taking shape (see the announcement regarding our Interim Minister, Reverend Alex Holt elsewhere in the newsletter), your leadership transitions are just beginning as we enter the next fiscal year.

It has truly been my privilege to serve as your President. I would have been honored at any time to serve my Westside Community in this way, but to be able to be a stable force during this particular time has been an exceptional privilege. And yes, a greater challenge! I will always treasure this time of leadership and appreciate the countless “votes of confidence” in my abilities to “guide the ship” during this time. I feel good about where we are headed and feel a sense of accomplishment that we have managed as well as we have during this last year.

While not continuing for a second year as President as I had once thought I could, I’m not going anywhere either. Myron and I both plan to continue to work, play, sing and celebrate with our Westside Family for many years!

Your new Board of Directors is strong and will carry on with the mission and vision of Westside. Cindy Fountain is a “worker bee” to the nth degree! She is like the Energizer Bunny and will be a wonderful President. I would like to thank the other officers that have served with me as well – Reed Bilz, Secretary Extraordinaire; Lane Smutz – a most efficient and devoted Treasurer; and Caroline Nixon – not only serving as Past President, but also as mentor, confidante and friend. I could not have done this without you! Thanks also to the following Directors for your service these last two years – Karen Moore, Mary Noer and Charles Lord. I hope that you will also take a moment to thank these folks for their time, energy and service to our congregation. I also hope that you will consider serving in a leadership role at some point as well. What better way to understand just what it takes to keep this community alive than to immerse yourself into its life? Something to consider...

It is the final proof of God's omnipotence that he need not exist in order to save us.

Please plan to attend our Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, June 8th. At this meeting we will present the new slate of officers, the proposed budget for 2014-2015, a bylaws amendment (detailed in the published agenda), and presenting one of our teens with a Service Award. We will begin at 1:15 after giving everyone a chance to grab a bite to eat! The youth will be taking orders for sandwiches from Which Wich through Sunday, June 1st (if you read this in time!). It's also a Potluck Sunday, so if you prefer, bring something to share and eat a little earlier! Either way – you shouldn't go hungry!

-Peter De Vries

I thank you again for supporting me this year and I look forward to our continued relationship as we work together to build a community of love both within our walls and in the greater world.

He who opens a school door, closes a prison.

-Victor Hugo

IN AND AROUND WESTSIDE

Welcome, Reverend Alex Holt

It is my great privilege, on behalf of the Interim Task Force, to announce that after many months of preparation and two very intense weeks of interviews, emails, phone calls, and meetings, we have offered Reverend Alex Holt a contract to serve as our Interim Minister and he has accepted! Reverend Holt will begin his two years of ministry with us on August 1st.

Reverend Holt is an accredited UUA Interim and is finishing his third interim assignment at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Central Oregon. He was ordained at First Parish Church of Saugus, Massachusetts in 1993. There is a lot more to know about him and we are pleased that he will be making a trip to Fort Worth early in June to take a look around at his “new home” and to participate in the Town Hall Meeting! YES! He will be joining us on Wednesday, June 4th for our Town Hall Meeting and has agreed to take questions from you. We will plan on approximately an hour of Q & A beginning at 7:00 pm, followed by some time for fellowship and conversation.

I know that each of you will wish to thank the members of the Interim Task Force for their diligence since last October to secure an Interim that we feel will best serve Westside as we move forward during this time of transition. The Task Force was led by Mark McMurry. He was joined by Walter McConathy, Cathy McConnell, Sara Munoz, Robert Slane and me.

*Linda Ice
President*

Every man has his secret sorrows, which the world knows not; and oftentimes we call a man cold when he is only sad.

-Henry Wadsworth
Longfellow

The things we admire in men, kindness and generosity, openness, honesty, understanding and feeling are the concomitants of failure in our system. And those traits we detest, sharpness, greed, acquisitiveness, meanness, egotism and self-interest are the traits of success. And while men admire the quality of the first they love the produce of the second.

-John Steinbeck

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.

April '14	South Central Alliance of Churches	\$675.73
March '14	InReach Fund	\$934.38
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	\$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 Pantry	\$930.61
December '12	Cancer Care Services	\$974.93
December '12	UUA Sandy Storm Relief	\$375.75

Town Hall Meeting

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Your Board of Directors invites you to attend the next Town Hall Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 4th at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. The Interim Task Force will have the privilege of introducing Reverend Alex Holt, who will be serving Westside for the next two years, beginning August 1st. Reverend Holt has offered to answer your questions as time allows and then spend some time in conversation following. Hope you will make plans to attend this very important evening in the life of our Westside community!

Congregational Conversations

The Long Range Planning Committee will be hosting three summer evenings of “congregational conversation.” As we prepare to write Westside’s next chapter, we wish to listen and share in Unitarian Universalist love what the needs and desires are of our members and friends. To appropriately do this, we will lead a small group (approximately 25) in discussion that will allow you to look inwardly about your personal mission in the church and the greater community as well as your visions for Westside. We have set three dates and ask that you make a reservation to attend as you are willing and able. The “prompts” will be the same at all three evenings. We encourage you to pick one of the three evenings and make plans now to attend. We will limit participation to approximately 25 so that everyone will have adequate opportunity to “share.” These Congregational Conversations have been set for Friday, June 13 – Saturday, July 12 – Friday, August 8. They will begin at 7:00 pm and will be held in the Sanctuary. Wine, Cheese, and Crackers will be served! You may make your reservation by sending an email to Linda Ice at landmice@gmail.com or calling Linda at 817-926-4481. Feel free to make your reservation now for any of the three evenings. You will be sent a reminder as the date approaches! Looking forward to sharing with you and getting to know each other at a deeper level as we continue to build the “greatest community on earth”!

Annual Congregational Meeting

Please make plans to attend the Annual Congregational Meeting scheduled for Sunday, June 8 at 1:15 pm. The meeting will include such agenda items as:

- 1. Adoption of Budget**
- 2. Election of Officers and Board Members**
- 3. Bylaws Revision Request**
- 4. Congregational Survey Results Preview**
- 5. Officer and Committee Reports**
- 6. Awards Presentation**

The Youth will once again offer lunches as a fundraiser. They will take prepaid sandwich orders on Sundays through June 1st from Which Wich Sub Sandwiches and will sell chips and drinks before the meeting.

Join the Peas Corp!

The Peace Corp is a wonderful organization that has done good things the world over. Westside has several members that have been a part of this endeavor.

Westside has its own Peas Corp, and one doesn’t have to travel far from home to participate. Westside’s Peas Corp consists of teams of 2 to 3 people who take care of the kitchen duties each Sunday. Depending on the number of teams, the work would be monthly or less. Arrival time is 8:30 - 9:00. Duties include getting beverages ready and replenishing them as the day goes on. Clean up after the last service is generally over by 1:00 - 1:30. (The committee table people and potluck people take care of getting snacks and food out.)

Man needs to go outside
himself in order to find
repose and reveal himself.

-José Martí

If you wish to make
an apple pie truly from
scratch, you must first
invent the universe.

-Carl Sagan

Would you like to be a part of Westside's Peas Corp endeavor? You can gather your own team, or let Sue Spell know if you are interested in becoming part of a team. Contact Sue at teknicu1r@sbcglobal.net for questions or to add your support. THANKS!

Membership Matters

June is Gay Pride Month across the U.S. Instead of profiling one of Westside's well-integrated lesbian, gay or bisexual members, I thought I'd focus on an organization that is probably unfamiliar to many, Interweave: UUs for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Concerns.

In 1971, even the most progressive religious traditions did not feel like a safe place for most lesbians and gay men. (Bisexuality and transgender identity were not even on the radar.) Blending in (aka passing) was the order of the day, even within Unitarian Universalist congregations. Interweave began that year when a small group of men at the UUA General Assembly discovered they were not "the only" gay UUs. It was a refuge, a way to connect at least once a year, long before the internet or organizations such as HRC* and GLSEN** existed. Many of Interweave's early members had been married and were parents. Some were out to their children; some were not.

A decade later, Interweave became a critical resource during the AIDS epidemic. While other denominations shunned or actively vilified AIDS victims as "abominations," Interweave provided a strong voice of support for the UUA's courageous public advocacy for expanded medical research, factual sex education and compassionate care as 425,357 Americans died of AIDS between 1981 and 1999. Reverend Mark DeWolfe, the first openly gay minister called to a UU congregation, was among those victims. His inspirational ministry is honored with Interweave's Mark DeWolfe Award, given each year to a UU who has contributed significantly to improving the lives of LGBT people in a UU setting or in the wider community. Reverend Jonalu Johnstone will receive this year's DeWolfe Award at GA. Jonalu is a graduate of Harvard Divinity School and the senior minister of First Unitarian Church, Oklahoma City.

Interweave also was actively involved in the development of the UUA Welcoming Congregation program which debuted in 1990, designed in part to counter fears and ignorance exposed by the AIDS epidemic.

Interweave remains at the forefront of congregational support, releasing an educational curriculum on bisexual identity in 2012. This spring, Interweave launched Transfiguring Congregations, a 4-session curriculum designed to help Welcoming Congregations understand the experiences of transgender people. Interweave also has raised enough money from members and friends to send two transgender-identified youth to Camp Aranu'tiq summer camp, where families know their transgender-identified children will not only be safe but celebrated. (If the idea of transgender-identified youth boggles your mind, check out www.camparanutiq.org.)

A monthly online newsletter, Interweave Connect, chronicles these and many other activities that support LGBT UUs and allies individually, in our congregations, and across the larger society. Westside has shown it affirms the inherent worth and dignity of all by becoming a Welcoming Congregation. Interweave enables UUs to connect with others and leverage their impact through education and service nationwide. It can be a powerful combination. And that is your June Gay Pride Month datum in Unitarian Universalist history.

*HRC – Human Rights Campaign, www.hrc.org

**GLSEN – Gay Lesbian and Straight Education Network, www.glsen.org
Susan Gore is a past-president and the current secretary of Interweave Continental.

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.

Habit with him was all the
test of truth, / It must be
right: I've done it from my
youth.

-George Crabbe

Jokes of the proper
kind, properly told, can
do more to enlighten
questions of politics,
philosophy, and literature
than any number of dull
arguments.

-Isaac Asimov

Join a Circle Supper, June 21!

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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 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.

Summary of the April 16 Board Meeting

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

Committee Reports

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| a. Membership | f. Adult RE |
| b. Social Justice | g. LRPC |
| c. Children's RE | h. Green Sanctuary |
| d. Worship Team | i. ABUC |
| e. DLRE Task Force | j. Interim Task Force |

AMS Utilities Letter regarding utilities owed under lease contract.

Membership Volunteer Coordinator Report - Susan has canceled the photo project for lack of participation.

Lane has moved \$3,300 to a restricted fund for the classroom doors.

Amie Hegeman is setting up an account at TD Ameritrade for the endowment funds.

Annual Congregational Meeting Date will be June 8. Lunch will again be provided by the youth with sandwiches from Which Wich. The Agenda will be distributed before the meeting.

Caroline is working with John Huffman to purchase or lease a copier for the office.

Caroline will install a new battery and pads for the AED and contact AMS about adding pediatric pads.

The Board approved North Texas Civil Rights Project request to use our building for a kick-off event June 19 or 20.

General Assembly will be held June 25-29 in Providence RI.

The Board approved the following Loose Plate Offerings: Planned Parenthood in May, and James L. West Center in June.

The Board is considering forming a Social Action Committee as a subcommittee of the Social Justice Committee.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 18, at 7 p.m. All members are welcome to attend.

Reed K. Bilz
Secretary

Humans think they are smarter than dolphins because we build cars and buildings and start wars, etc., and all that dolphins do is swim in the water, eat fish, and play around. Dolphins believe that they are smarter for exactly the same reasons.

-Douglas Adams

In order that people may be happy in their work, these three things are needed: they must be fit for it; they must not do too much of it; and they must have a sense of success in it.

-John Ruskin

Westside Library

"I'm Proud of You: My Friendship with Fred Rogers"
– Book Review

Tim Madigan, an award-winning newspaper journalist, was a writer for the Star-Telegram when he met Fred Rogers while on a writing assignment. The two men quickly developed a deep friendship which had a profound effect on Tim's life. This is not only an account of their friendship and events in their lives but includes parts of their long correspondence and exchange of ideas. "I'm Proud of You" is both Tim Madigan's journey and a window into the personal life of "Mr. Rogers," who touched so many lives through his long running television show for children on PBS.

*Sharon Salih,
for the Library Committee*

Library Gets Donation of Meditation Manuals Every year Skinner House, one of the UUA's publishing houses, puts out a Meditation Manual, a booklet of inspirational stories, poems and essays. Each year sees a different author and a different style of writing. They're wonderful reading all on their own or a source of quotes for every occasion. Look for these dozen on the shelves now:

One and Universal, John Midgley
A Small Heave, Jane Rzepka
Tree and Jubilee, Greta Crosby
Been in the Storm So Long, Mark Morrison-Reed
In the Holy Quiet of This House, Richard Gilbert
Evening Tide, Elizabeth Tarbox
Seasons of the Self, Max Coots
Blessing the Bread, Lynn Ungar
Into the Wilderness, Sarah Moores-Campbell
Introduction to Joy, Nancy Shaffer
In the Simple Morning Light, Barbara Rohde
Morning Watch, Barbara Pescan

*Annie Foerster,
for the Library Committee*

OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN AND SERVE

Contemporary Book Group

Few people are capable of expressing with equanimity opinions which differ from that of their social environment.
-Albert Einstein

We will discuss "The Living" by Annie Dillard on June 22 after the second service. From Goodreads: This New York Times bestselling novel by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Annie Dillard is a mesmerizing evocation of life in the Pacific Northwest during the last decades of the 19th century.

Please join us. Contact: Reed Bilz – reed.bilz@gmail.com.

In this world, you must be a bit too kind to be kind enough.

-Pierre Carlet de Chamblain de Marivaux

U-Cubed to Have Summer Semester

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The Unitarian Universalist University—or U-Cubed—will have a summer semester beginning in July. We don't yet know how many classes will be presented, so don't give away your Saturday afternoons until we put out our schedule next month. Here are some of the possible classes:--

Introduction to Windows 8.1
The chemistry of Everyday Life—What is Your World Made Of?
Journal Writing for a More Aware Living
Introduction to Self-Care Sewing
Gentle Yoga continues every Saturday morning at 10

Humanist Book Club

Fourth Saturday, 3:00 to 4:30

The Humanist Book Club meets at Westside UU Church on the fourth Saturday of the month, 3:00 – 4:30 pm. Books are chosen by the group and the next month it will be discussed together. The current book selection is *Freethinkers: A History of American Secularism* by Susan Jacoby. The first 3 chapters were looked at in May. We will look at chapters 4 – 8 on June 28th. All are welcome. Facilitated by Morris Meador, meadormorris1@gmail.com

Seventh Principle Notes from your Green Sanctuary Committee

Green Movie Night is Saturday, June 28, 2014, we will be showing “Bidder 70,” the story of how Tim DeChristopher’s protest bid at federal auction made him a hero of the environmental movement and cost him two years of his life in federal prison. Winner of 20 awards including Best American Film at Michael Moore’s Traverse City Film Festival. As always, the film will be shown at 6:30 p.m. It is free and open to the public. Hope to see you there.

June Committee Meeting Since the Congregational Meeting will be held on June 8th, the Green Sanctuary Committee will be meeting the following Sunday, June 15, after the second service, in the Glass Classroom. All are welcome as we start our new program year.

EcoScape Landscape Contest Those of you who live in Fort Worth and have a front yard of at least a thousand square feet, be sure to check out the 2014 EcoScape Residential Summer Landscape Contest.

It's best to give while your hand is still warm.

Great March for Climate Action March 1, hundreds of marchers set out from Los Angeles, California, enroute to Washington, DC, as part of The Great March for Climate Action. A number of UUs and UU churches are involved. The marchers expect to reach Washington, D.C., before November 1.

-Philip Roth

Mission: The goal of the Great March for Climate Action is to change the heart and mind of the American people, our elected leaders and people across the world to act now to address the climate crisis.

You've got to do your own growing, no matter how tall your grandfather was.

Vision: On March 1, 2014, hundreds of climate patriots will set out from Los Angeles, CA, walking 3,000 miles across America to Washington, DC, inspiring action to resolve the climate crisis. This will be one of the largest coast-to-coast marches in American history.

-Irish Proverb

Unfortunately, their route takes them north of Texas, but Westside can certainly be supportive of their mission. To learn more, go to <http://climatemarch.org>.

Art is like baby shoes.
When you coat them with gold, they can no longer be worn.

UU Ministry for Earth And, for a lot more information on how Unitarian Universalism is living its Seventh Principle, go to <http://uuministryforearth.org>. Be sure to peruse their newsletter, available from their home page.

-John Updike

Humanists of Fort Worth

The HoFW will meet at its regular time at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, June 11. 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

Westside quilting and handiwork will meet on June 15 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, June 28!

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

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

If you have any questions about the Monthly Vegan Potluck, contact Rachel Reed at rachelreenered@yahoo.com or James Finn at finncrowd@hotmail.com.

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.

If you cannot attend church and want one of your Joys or Concerns mentioned during that portion of the Sunday morning service, let us know, and we will try to get it included.

Myrtle McMahan was named Volunteer of the Year at John Peter Smith Hospital!

Amie & Aaron Hegeman are expecting their second child in the fall!

Life cannot be classified in terms of a simple neurological ladder, with human beings at the top; it is more accurate to talk of different forms of intelligence, each with its strengths and weaknesses. This point was well demonstrated in the minutes before last December's tsunami, when tourists grabbed their digital cameras and ran after the ebbing surf, and all the 'dumb' animals made for the hills.

-B.R. Myers

An ounce of mother is worth a pound of clergy.

-Spanish proverb

Greg Kauffman turned 60 years old!

Susan Gore graduated from Brite Divinity School!

Nathan Day is concerned about his stepfather's health.

Carina Terry and Douglas Zinn were inducted into the Arlington Heights High School chapter of the National Honor Society!

Sharon Salih and Gary Randall celebrated 22 years together by getting married!

Don Jackson was surprised by his former students when they presented him with the honor of an endowed Political Science Scholarship at TCU in his name!

Jeff Bullock's stepfather had a stroke and is in rehab.

David Burlingame was awarded Nurse of the Year at the Dallas Veterans Administration Hospital!

Natalie McKeon was voted Teacher of the Year at Como Montessori School!

Rowan Zinn and Joshua Bowes went to Destination Imagination in Austin where they placed 15th out of 45 teams!

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

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.

A pedestal is as much a prison as any small space.

-Gloria Steinem

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

The more sand that has escaped from the hourglass of our life, the clearer we should see through it.

-Jean-Paul Sartre

Mistakes are part of the dues that one pays for a full life.

-Sophia Loren

Our Board

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April 2014 Attendance

	10AM Adults	11:30 Adults	10AM Kids	11:30 Kids	Total
April 6	56	48	22	21	147
Apr 13	52	24	8	8	92
Apr 20	77	86	18	20	201
Apr 27	74	52	22	4	152
Averages	64.75	52.5	17.5	13.25	148



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

Westside UU Church

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How are we doing?

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

Committee on Ministry

Sean Wildman, Chair. 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.