



## Sunday Services

**July 6** – *“The Blessed Peacemakers”* by Zachary Moore. Since before the dawn of human history, we have drawn boundaries around ourselves, lines in the dirt to separate those who share our history, values, and traditions, away from those whose experiences and beliefs are strange and seemingly incompatible with our own. When these borders are transgressed, the natural inclination is to respond in anger and even violence, with the goal of either expelling the intruders, or returning our kith and kin to the protection of the familiar. And this cycle continues inevitably either to death or defeat, providing at best a temporary resolution. But what if instead of reinforcing and defending our boundaries, we simply erased them from the map? When the last stone has been thrown down from the last wall, we may finally be free enough to see each other not as antagonists, but as brothers and sisters seeking a common good. But before we can become this kind of radical peacemaker in the world around us, we must seek first to erase these divisions in our own minds.

**July 13** – *“Pearl Diving”* by Dick Trice. Thoughts and quotations from great thinkers whose work makes good reading in bed at night, “pearls of wisdom” perhaps, and a few thoughts of my own on the subjects of religion and freethinking.

**July 20** – *“A Matter of Public Trust”* by Reverend Marjorie Montgomery. There is an aura of fear abroad -- a vague uneasy fear that perhaps none of us are as safe as we thought we were. How can we maintain our hope that life is good and that people can be trusted? This sermon will include time for you to share your thoughts in a conversation.

**July 27** – *“Because We Love Each Other”* by Reverend Mark Walz. Where can people turn when their faith or their family has betrayed them? Or when they are broken by human tragedy? The stakes are high, and lives are at risk. Radical love requires that barriers be dismantled, walls torn down, boundaries crossed, and genuine warmth and compassion provided. Are we up to it? Can they turn to us?

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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"

In July the topic is "Embracing Interfaith Cooperation." The course is based on a 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 – July 27**

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. On July 27 John Barnes will share his life journey with us. Send suggestions for others to share their Odyssey to Morris Meador (meadormorris1@gmail.com) or see me at church.

### **Forum – 10 to 11 a.m.**

The mind is the effect, not  
the cause.

-Daniel C. Dennett

The best way to get Adult Forum topics is to email John Barnes, the Adult Forum moderator. The Adult Forum strives to be timely in its topics, and sometimes they change at the last moment to address some major event that has just occurred. Email John at [jbarnes107@gmail.com](mailto:jbarnes107@gmail.com) and ask to be put on the Forum roster.

Whenever anyone has  
offended me, I try to raise  
my soul so high that the  
offense cannot reach it.

-Rene Descartes

### **Children's Religious Education News Clips**

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.

The law, in its majestic  
equality, forbids the rich  
as well as the poor to  
sleep under bridges, to  
beg in the streets, and to  
steal bread.

-Anatole France

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.

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](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)

## **IN AND AROUND WESTSIDE**

### **Interim Minister's Monthly Message**

Greetings again from Rev. Alex and here's my latest update on transition. I plan to have information each week in the weekly email. I was able to rent the house that I particularly liked (and thanks to Bettina for her help and advice) on Borden Dr. in Fort Worth. I plan to load the truck and leave here on or about July 14 and arrive most likely on the morning of July 19 to unload. If anyone is willing to help unload a 24' truck that morning I will provide food and non-alcoholic drinks along with \$20 for what will be about an hour work all told.

Please feel free to contact me at [revalexholt@earthlink.net](mailto:revalexholt@earthlink.net) or voice/text at 864-508-6836 OR on Facebook if you would like more info or interested in helping. I will also plan a housewarming gathering when I get unpacked, cats are less neurotic, and I can get things organized. I will also be looking on Craigslist for a good used refrigerator as the house doesn't have that appliance. A special thanks to the anonymous person(s) who helped out with the house arrangements given my distance from Fort Worth.

There is an eloquence in true enthusiasm that is not to be doubted.

-Washington Irving

### **Congregational Conversations**

On June 13 we held the first of our three Congregational Conversations and there were 17 who attended and enjoyed the time spent together. It was interesting to hear everyone's "nutshell version" of their journey to Westside and we found we are a lot more alike than different. And then the conversation shifted to our hopes, visions, and desires for our Westside Community. There were so many ideas shared and bantered about including hopes for a more diverse membership, opportunities for greater visibility in the community, visions of more physical space to expand programming within our church, and ideas for enhanced communication! These varying thoughts can be implemented within the year or over the course of the next five or ten years. These ideas will be invaluable as the Long Range Planning Committee begins work next fall on the next long range plan.

There is no agony like bearing an untold story inside of you.

-Maya Angelou

It's not too late to get in on these conversations and allow yourself to "dream" a little. We have two more evenings scheduled for the summer: Saturday, July 12 and Friday, August 8. They begin at 7:00 pm and last about an hour and a half. Wine, cheese and vegan options will be served.

I do not feel obliged to believe that the same God who has endowed us with sense, reason, and intellect has intended us to forgo their use.

-Galileo Galilei

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Participation is limited to approximately 25 per evening to allow everyone ample opportunity to share. At this time, there are still plenty of spots available for the July and August dates. To save your spot, contact Linda Ice at landmice@gmail.com or call 817-926-4481. We look forward to seeing you at the next Congregational Conversation!

## What's New in the Library?

Meditation manuals—inspirational thoughts, quick reads, guilty pleasures and insightful notions. That's just a few of the words that might describe the twelve new books donated to the library by Annie Foerster.

Every year, Skinner House Books, a publishing wing of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA), puts out a new meditation manual. It might be collected poetry, original essays or a combination of both, with humor, love, mystery, awe and philosophy thrown in. Whether you're looking for a reading or new concept, a meditation manual might be just what you're seeking. Most of them can be found on the shelves under 242.34 or 811.5 and the first three letters of the author's name.

Titles include, "Morning Watch," Barbara Pescan; "A Small Heaven," Jane Rzepka; "In the Holy Quiet of This Hour," Richard Gilbert; "Seasons of the Self," Max Coats; "Instructions in Joy," Nancy Shaffer; "Prayers and Meditations from Around the World," John Midgley; "Tree and Jubilee," Greta Crosby; "Been in the Storm So Long" (289.13), Mark Morrison-Reed; "Evening Tide," Elizabeth Tarbox; "Into the Wilderness," Sara Moores Campbell; "In the Simple Morning Light," Barbara Rohde; and "Blessing the Bread," Lynn Ungar.

The best portion of a good man's life is his little, nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and of love.

-William Wordsworth

An honest man speaks the truth, though it may give offence; a vain man, in order that it may.

-William Hazlitt

As a well spent day brings happy sleep, so life well used brings happy death.

-Leonardo da Vinci

## 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.

May '14	Sickle Cell Anemia Assn. of Tarrant County.	<b>\$692.76</b>
April '14	South Central Alliance of Churches	<b>\$675.73</b>
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>

## 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.)

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 [tekniciur@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tekniciur@sbcglobal.net) for questions or to add your support. THANKS!

## Membership Matters

Susan Gore's  
Westside Story

**"I'm so glad we've had this time together..."** As most of you know, I am moving to Austin to become the Faith Organizer for the Texas Freedom Network (TFN). It is a big step for me in many ways. I have lived in the Ft. Worth-Dallas area since 1987. From 1991-2011 I had a consulting practice, The Mentor Group, that provided strategic planning, leadership development, and communications expertise to large corporate clients. In 2011 my relationship of 20 years came to an unexpected end, and with no idea what my future held, this lifelong learner went back to school – divinity school no less! May 10 brought completion of my Masters in Theological Studies, and on May 30 I was offered the Faith Organizer position with TFN...which was timely since Westside's budget shortfall led to elimination of the Membership and Volunteer Coordinator position I have held here since October. As it turns out, July 1, my final day at Westside, is also my first at TFN.

I have begun packing for my move. For the first time in 20+ years I am going through box upon box of the files that have accreted from each new workshop I did. In the process, I have discovered most of what I've held on to is irrelevant to what I am on my way to doing next. Not "irrelevant" in terms of the skills I've learned or the passions that keep me engaged, but the paper trail of scripts and approaches I've used in the past are unnecessary. In fact, I'm pretty sure the way I operated in corporate environments would be counter-productive in the nonprofit setting I am going to at TFN. My recycling bin has been the beneficiary as have I as I have lightened my load, literally and figuratively.

I believe Westside is in an analogous situation. Russell's departure – the end of a relationship – has been painful and disruptive to those who, consciously or not, expected it to be lifelong. Creation of the Membership and Volunteer Coordinator position was already in the works and, I hope, has provided a modicum of bridging as anxiety over an unknown future has played out in various ways at the individual and congregational levels. With interim minister, Alex Holt's arrival, Westside has an opportunity to go "back to school," to examine and redefine what this church is about. I use the word "church" intentionally, by the way. While some might prefer "congregation," Westside is more than a collection of more-or-less like-minded individuals.

Westside Unitarian Universalist Church represents institutions that existed before anyone in the current congregation was born; it will continue after the newest member is long gone. People come to Westside because they want to be part of a community that lives out the principles of UUism they read on the website and the affirmation they hear repeated every Sunday.

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If only I could so live and  
so serve the world that  
after me there should  
never again be birds in  
cages.

-Isak Dinesen

To my mind to kill in war  
is not a whit better than to  
commit ordinary murder.

-Albert Einstein

In nothing does man,  
with his grand notions  
of heaven and charity,  
show forth his innate,  
low-bred, wild animalism  
more clearly than in  
his treatment of his  
brother beasts. From  
the shepherd with his  
lambs to the red-handed  
hunter, it is the same;  
no recognition of rights  
-- only murder in one form  
or another.

-John Muir

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Westside is known for its warm welcome to visitors. To limit who is welcome only to those who share a particular theology or worldview contradicts the UU principles we profess to hold. Likewise, limiting Westside's vision of itself only to building internal community shortchanges those who want, need – and offer – more. Every voice must be part of the dialogue about what Westside wants to be as a church and a congregation and the changes that will define its future.

Aphorisms about change abound: “Change is the only constant.” “You’ve got to break a few eggs to make an omelet.” “The past is prologue.” My favorite, however, comes from the Chinese. In Mandarin the word “crisis” is formed by combining two unique characters. Those characters are “danger” and “opportunity.” Change is risky. Changing old habits and ways of doing things is hard. The only thing that is harder is to grow without changing. Change is both the danger and the opportunity Westside has been offered. My time at Westside tells me you will make the most of this opportunity. It has been a pleasure and privilege to be part of the process.

## **Join a Circle Supper, July 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 at [atgailkilman@mac.com](mailto: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](mailto:ellekaye@juno.com) or 817-846-8012.

Myth: we have to save the earth. Frankly, the earth doesn't need to be saved. Nature doesn't give a hoot if human beings are here or not. The planet has survived cataclysmic and catastrophic changes for millions upon millions of years. Over that time, it is widely believed, 99 percent of all species have come and gone while the planet has remained. Saving the environment is really about saving our environment -- making it safe for ourselves, our children, and the world as we know it. If more people saw the issue as one of saving themselves, we would probably see increased motivation and commitment to actually do so.

-Robert M. Lilienfeld  
and William L. Rathje

## **Summary of the May 21 Board Meeting**

The Board conducted the following business. Full minutes and reports are available in the minute book in the church office:

Approved minutes of April 16, 2014, and Special Board Meeting, May 20, 2014.

Approved Committee Reports from Stewardship and Library.

Ratified email vote for building use by Civil Liberties Group.

Mark submitted an accounting of his time at Westside, and the contract for the Interim Minister was amended to start August 1 rather than September 1.

Tricia Bowes reported that the search committee is interviewing two prospects who would be available August 1.

Anita Snyder presented a proposal from the Library Committee to hold a UUA Book Fair in September.

Lane Smutz presented the Financial Statements and noted that the insurance premium has increased and the new budget reflects it.

Linda Ice announced that Rev. Alex Holt has signed a contract to serve as our Interim Minister for two years. He and his partner will visit us from June 3 to 6.

Reed Bilz reported that John Barnes and members of Adult Forum are also interested in forming a Social Action committee and she will meet with Forum to discuss logistics.

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Approved the proposed 2014-15 Budget.

Mary Noer and Bill Terry will be delegates to General Assembly June 25-30, Providence, RI, and Carina will be a youth delegate. Others will be offsite delegates.

The Board will investigate scholarships for DBLE August 3-8, Denton.

Approved making the Loose Plate Offering June 1 be for Annie, our pianist, who is returning to China.

Reviewed and discussed requests from Bob Vann and Morris Meador regarding start time for Adult Forum.

Authorized Linda and Lane to respond to Bob Vann's request for an accounting of money we would save by returning to one service on Sunday.

Reed conveyed her thanks to Cindy Fountain and Janice Sims for working with Eric to make the Westside Story more computer friendly.

The Board extended its thanks to Andrea for her service as our LDRE and bid her a fond farewell.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, July 16, at 7 p.m. All members are welcome to attend.

*-Reed K. Bilz, Secretary*

## **OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN AND SERVE**

### **Seventh Principle Notes from your Green Sanctuary Committee**

**From the Green Sanctuary Manual, 4th Edition:** The Green Sanctuary Program is a collective effort, not just a personal project for a few of the most committed environmentalists in a congregation. It is about all of us, [each member, each friend, each committee, our governing bodies--all of us] according to our talents and capacities, coming together to create the Earth Community we have envisioned. The program encourages individual actions to reduce our impact on this planet, but primarily it is a program of congregational action. It is about working together to strengthen our ability to create change.

Action is eloquence.

-William Shakespeare

It is about our Seventh Principle, but it encompasses every one of our Seven Principles. It is who we are as UUs.

I hold that gentleman  
to be the best-dressed  
whose dress no one  
observes.

-Anthony Trollope

**Food Alerts:** Most conventionally raised apples in the United States are drenched with diphenylamine (DPA)? That same chemical was banned in Europe in 2012 because new scientific data shows that DPA might break down to cancer-causing compounds. So, keep buying only organic apples until DPA is banned.

**I've got a new one for you... "honey laundering."** This is honey that's been tainted, or run through another country before being imported into the U.S.

I don't mind that you think  
slowly but I do mind that  
you are publishing faster  
than you think.

-Wolfgang Pauli

Half of all honey in the U.S. is imported, and there have been increasing cases of fraud. One type of fraud disguises where honey is coming from. Recently China got in trouble for sending unfairly cheap honey to the U.S. market, and now a lot of honey from China is being "trans-shipped" through other countries to evade restrictions on how much honey China can send to

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the U.S. In addition, according to Food and Water Watch there have also been safety and quality problems with imported honey — blends that mix in cheaper sweeteners like corn syrup or sugar, and discoveries of honey tainted with lead and unapproved antibiotics like chloramphenicol. So buy local honey.

**Green Movie Night** is Saturday, July 26, when we will be showing “A Fierce Green Fire, The Battle for a Living Planet.” Spanning 50 years of grassroots and global activism, this exhilarating documentary brings to light the vital stories of the environmental movement, where people fought - and succeeded - against enormous odds. As always, the film will be shown at 6:30 p.m. in the Westside Fellowship Hall, immediately after the Vegan Potluck. It is free and open to the public. See you there.

**UU Ministry for Earth:** 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.

**August Committee Meeting:** We will meet again August 10 in the Glass Classroom. All are welcome.

## Humanists of Fort Worth

There is a rumor going around that I have found God. I think this is unlikely because I have enough difficulty finding my keys, and there is empirical evidence that they exist.

-Terry Pratchett

I learn that ten percent of all the world's species are parasitic insects. It is hard to believe. What if you were an inventor, and you made ten percent of your inventions in such a way that they could only work by harnessing, disfiguring, or totally destroying the other ninety percent?

-Annie Dillard

Three grand essentials to happiness in this life are something to do, something to love, and something to hope for.

-Joseph Addison

The HoFW will meet at its regular time at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, July 9 . All Freethinkers are welcome to attend. Please check the HoFW Meetup site for further information. <http://www.meetup.com/Humanists-of-Fort-Worth/>

## Contemporary Book Group

Contemporary Book Group book for July 27 is any book by Maeve Binchy. Many of her books have overlapping characters, and her writing style is uniform. Join us after the second service. Contact: Reed Bilz – [reed.bilz@gmail.com](mailto:reed.bilz@gmail.com).

## U-Cubed

Look for the summer session of U-Cubed in July and August. Several classes will be offered on Saturdays for learning and enjoyment. Watch for sign up sheets inside the front door of the church and at the ARE Committee table on June 29th. Classes choices will include the Humanist Book Club which is already meeting, classes in meditation, Journal Writing, Yoga, Windows 8, sewing, and Spanish. There may be others. A class will be organized when enough people are signed up for it so be sure to sign up for the one in which you are interested. For more information, contact Morris Meador or Annie Foerster.

## Humanist Book Club

Fourth Saturday  
3:00 - 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. We will look at chapters 9 - 12 on July 26th. At the July meeting also we will be deciding on our next book. All are welcome. Facilitated by Morris Meador, [meadormorris1@gmail.com](mailto:meadormorris1@gmail.com)

## Vegan Potluck Saturday, July 26!

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

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

COME BE WITH US!!

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

## Quilting/Handiwork Group

Westside quilting and handiwork will meet on July 13 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).

## 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.

Westside is mourning the loss of friends Dorothea (May 3) and John McVey (June 5). The family is planning a memorial service in early July.

Susan Gore is moving to Austin on July 1 for a new position with the Texas Freedom Network as their Faith Organizer!

Lois and Ken Robison are grieving the loss of a granddaughter.

All the time a person is a child he is both a child and learning to be a parent. After he becomes a parent he becomes predominantly a parent reliving childhood.

-Benjamin Spock

Once you label me you negate me.

-Soren Kierkegaard

Just as a cautious businessman avoids tying up all his capital in one concern, so, perhaps, worldly wisdom will advise us not to look for the whole of our satisfaction from a single aspiration.

-Sigmund Freud

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Ying “Annie” Cai shared that she is happy to go back home, but going to miss Westside – please let her know if you visit China – she would like to be your tour guide.

Carla & Joe Hardy sold their house!

Jeff Bullock is recuperating from an angioplasty for a clogged artery to his stomach.

Amie and Aaron Hegeman are expecting a boy!

Cathy McConnell is recuperating after suffering a concussion.

Ray Pfeiffer has been promoted to Associate Dean of the M.J. Neeley School of Business at TCU!

There are many anniversaries to celebrate: Janice Sims & Bill Russell (28 years), Brenda & Gene McKeon (35 years), and Debby & Bob Rake (46 years)!

Brenda McKeon celebrated a birthday!

Stan Yoder has been certified as a life coach and his daughter, Katya, graduated from high school!

Aminda Cheney-Irgens was accepted to the National Student Leadership Conference at American University this summer!

Sylvia Cheney-Irgens won first place in the Fifth grade Music Memory Contest!

Don Ruhs is recuperating after foot surgery.

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.

By plucking her petals,  
you do not gather the  
beauty of the flower.

-Rabindranath Tagore

If they can get you asking  
the wrong questions, they  
don't have to worry about  
the answers.

-Thomas Pynchon

Inside my empty bottle  
I was constructing a  
lighthouse while all the  
others were making ships.

-Charles Simic

## **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.

### **Ending the New Jim Crow**

Keynote Speaker: Bob Ray Sanders

North Texas UU Congregations (NTUUC) will conduct this workshop at First Jefferson UU Church, Saturday, July 19, from 9:30 am - 4:30 pm. The registration fee of \$15 (deadline, July 15) includes lunch. After July 15, the registration fee will be \$18.

“In this workshop, we will look at how we can have fair and just law enforcement in our communities. How can we shut down the “pipeline to prison”? How can we create a more just society?”

Scheduled Presenters include: Dallas Communities Organizing for Change, Mothers Against Teen Violence, Innocence Project of Texas, Mothers & Students Against Police Brutality and Representatives of Law Enforcement & of the Dallas District Attorney's Office.

**The Westside Story  
July 2014**

**To register and for more information go to:**

<http://www.ntuuc.org/ntuuc-ending-jim-crow.shtml#sthash.e53W4af0.dpuf>

You can also contact Cindy Fountain, [vanessa4907@sbcglobal.net](mailto:vanessa4907@sbcglobal.net)

## Bring Toiletries for SCAC in August

Each year we are given two months in which to help South Central Alliance of Churches to replenish their supplies of food and toiletries. August is our month for toiletries. Please get full-size items (not the travel size - these are for families) and bring them to the church during the month of August. Put them in the big red cart which will be by the entrance door.

Here is the list and what makes up a "hygiene kit":

**SHAMPOO**  
**TISSUE (2 ROLLS)**  
**SOAP (2BARS)**  
**DEODORANT**  
**RAZORS (2)**  
**SHAVING CREAM**  
**TOOTHPASTE**

Pads, tampons, lotions and toothbrushes are extra items kept on hand when requested. If you would like to donate an entire toiletry pack, it would be appreciated, however individual donations of items is also appreciated. Watch the sales, clip coupons and help out by replenishing the shelves at SCAC. Our efforts are really appreciated by the clients and Opel Smith, the Director of SCAC.

I want people to talk to one another no matter what their difference of opinion might be.

-Studs Terkel

**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.**

I never lose sight of the fact that just being is fun.

-Katharine Hepburn

One day work is hard, and another day it is easy; but if I had waited for inspiration I am afraid I should have done nothing. The miner does not sit at the top of the shaft waiting for the coal to come bubbling up to the surface. One must go deep down, and work out every vein carefully.

-Arthur Sullivan

## Our Board

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## May 2014 Attendance

	<b>10AM Adults</b>	<b>11:30 Adults</b>	<b>10AM Kids</b>	<b>11:30 Kids</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>May 4</b>	51	51	11	15	128
<b>May 11</b>	40	36	17	19	112
<b>May 18</b>	51	83	5	34	173
<b>May 25</b>	64	81	9	17	171
<b>Averages</b>	51.5	62.75	10.5	21.25	146



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](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.