



April 2015



The Westside Story

**Westside Unitarian
Universalist Church**

901 Page Avenue
Fort Worth, Texas
76110

10:00 & 11:30 AM
Sundays

www.WestsideUU.org

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 & intellectual 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 Services

April 5 – *“Who Rolls The Stone Aside?”* by Reverend Alex Holt. This morning we will explore the archetypal story of Easter in this intergenerational service. Most of us know the traditional story from the Christian Testament where Jesus dies and then is resurrected three days later. How are we to explore this story as a modern metaphor for 21st century liberal religion? How can we celebrate it without the theological baggage?

April 12 – *“What If We Were #1”* by Reverend Alex Holt. Nearly 1,700 years ago the First Council of Nicea affirmed a Trinitarian view of God rather than a Unified/Unitarian choice proposed by Bishop Arius. What if his side had won the debate? What if Unitarianism had become the primary religious faith in the Western world? Would we like it or not? Please join us in this ‘what-if’ story this morning.

April 19 – *“Celebration Sunday”*. We hope you will make plans to join us as we celebrate the 20th Anniversary of Westside Unitarian Universalist Church. This will also be our target date to receive your financial commitments for the 2015-2016 fiscal year as we begin to plan for the next 20! Please note that there will only be ONE service at 10:00 that day – no Religious Education classes for any ages. There will be Childcare for children under 5 years of age. A CATERED LUNCHEON will follow the service and all are invited to attend!

April 26 – *“Religion: Do You Take it With or Without?”* by Annie Foerster. Unitarian Universalists are good at discarding the religious language that creates problems with their beloved Reason and Logic. Out goes the language and out goes the accompanying concept. Yet the rest of the world is still talking about these things, leaving us nothing to say in response—or at best, protesting with a defensive response. Could we use our R and L to chip away the misunderstandings between us? Let’s try. Let’s be brave and jump right into the biggest kerfuffle. Let’s talk about God.

SUNDAY MORNING OPTIONS

Adult Religious Education Class

11:30 in the “Glass Classroom”

April begins new course material for the spring and summer months. Look forward to a new and exciting ARE Class beginning April 5! For more information, contact Morris Meador (meadormorris1@gmail.com).

Religious Odysseys – April 26

Once a month from 11:30 to 12:30 (usually the fourth Sunday) 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 there will be discussion. 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. Contact Morris Meador (meadormorris1@gmail.com).

Forum – 10 to 11 am

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 (jbarnes107@gmail.com) and ask to be put on the Forum roster.

The easiest kind of relationship for me is with ten thousand people. The hardest is with one.

-Joan Baez



Children's Religious Education Announcements

First Jefferson UU will be offering OWL training in April! Adult and K-1 will be training April 12-14 and 4-6 and 7-12 on April 24-26. Please contact DLRE Cameron Young dre@westsideuu.org if you're interested in receiving training.

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There will be NO CRE classes on Easter Sunday (April 5) or for Westside's 20 anniversary celebration (April 19). Both events are intergenerational.

CRE's "Spring Fling in the Park" has been moved to May 24.

For additional information, please contact DLRE Cameron Young re@westsideuu.org.

IN AND AROUND WESTSIDE

The Traveling Minister's Road Show

Odds and Ends at the Ides of March

The deadline for the monthly newsletter is March 15 which happens to be the Ides of March in Roman history. That date is commonly accepted as the day of Julius Caesar's assassination that then irrevocably changed the course of Roman history and the move from the Republic to the Empire.

We of Westside fortunately do not need such dramatic events to create change in church culture. The transitional time between ministries is an ideal opportunity to explore and experiment with new ways of doing church. I thought I'd share a few of the ones currently in the works or at least being discussed at various levels.

You already know that a review of the church's mission and vision statements is underway. The transitions team is working on that project and I'd add that new member Erin Morgan was tremendously helpful in giving good guidance based on her own work at UTA. The review and updates to the mission and vision statements will take place over this calendar year and involve many of you.

We have started a new protocol for use of the church building on Tuesday nights. Heretofore the SMART recovery group had exclusive use of the building on Tuesdays for anonymity purposes. They and I came up with an alternative plan that we are now using for meetings as well as my classes on Tuesdays. The area of the fellowship hall can be used by any group on Tuesday evenings as long as the doors between the fellowship hall and the sanctuary/hallway are closed. SMART will have exclusive use of the sanctuary area and their folks will be able to arrive and leave by the main doors. Meetings and classes in the fellowship hall will use the doors adjacent to the parking area by the Anglican Church.

If you want to reserve a space for use on Tuesday evenings (or any other evening or weekend day) please contact Cherri at the church office. She is at the office Monday and Thursday mornings. It is very important for the church calendar to reflect all uses and availability of the building. As you continue to discern your future with the building those calendar schedules will become ever more important. The lease with the school gives Westside access to the building after 6 pm on weekdays and entirely on weekends (the building has to be set up for the school on Sunday afternoons so we have to be mindful of those tasks).

The transition team and I are working to update and revise your In-Reach fund. This is a fund you of Westside created to help members and friends of Westside who were going through financial hardship. The problem becomes one of confidentiality when committees and others are involved. It also requires that the treasurer write the check. I have recommended at a Minister's Discretionary Fund be established rather than to continue this somewhat cumbersome process of supporting

People's memories are
maybe the fuel they burn
to stay alive.

-Haruki Murakami

those who need help. Such a MDF would have its own checking account and checkbook; it would be audited annually by at least one person (usually COM or a finance person); the first priority for its use would still be members and friends BUT the minister would have ultimate discretion over its use. No funds could be used for the minister's personal needs nor would they be used to pay staff salaries. I fully expect your next minister will want such a fund and its use will be far timelier for those who need it.

Those are just some of the changes as we move into the next 20 years of Westside's great adventure. If you have questions or concerns about these or any other changes in the works please feel most welcome to share with me and the transition team. We are always happy to get feedback and new ideas.

Forward to spring!
- Alex

A Word From Your President

\$16,980. What is this? It is one of the projected expenditures on the line item budget for the upcoming 2015-2016 Fiscal Year at Westside. Does that seem like a lot of money? Well, for the investment given and also returned, it really isn't. This budget item is the projected amount that Westside will send to the UUA Annual Program Fund, also known as GIFT.

GIFT stands for Generously Investing for Tomorrow. From Rev. Ken Hurto, the UUA Southern Region Congregational Life Lead, "GIFT is designed to build our covenantal relations with one another and the larger shared ministry of our UUA. It seeks to provide a more equitable and efficient financial base for funding our Regions and the Association, as a single ask is based on a percentage of operating expenses rather than a per capita membership number."

How is this a return on our investment? The UUA and Southern Region provide support to all of the congregations with search and settlement assistance, religious education curricula, social justice resources, conflict management, and worship materials. I have mentioned some of these in other messages, but it bears repeating. We do not pay for the consultations we have received from Rev. Susan Smith or Rev. Jennifer Innis. Their expenses are provided through GIFT. Westside has also received several scholarships for trainings, GA, etc, some through NTUUC, but most through GIFT. These are just a few examples of consultation and monetary returns from our contribution. I think it is easy to see that GIFT is a mutual benefit to Westside, the UUA and its member congregations.

Could we give less? We could; \$16,980 represents 7% of Westside's projected operating expenditures. This is what is considered Fair Share Giving. Westside has been a Fair Share Congregation for a number of years, and it affords the possibility for the UUA to fully fund its programs and compensate its staff fairly, which as mentioned, mutually benefits us all. Please pat yourself on the back and the Westsider next to you for being a part of this Fair Share Contribution to a movement that challenges all of us to be our best selves and to be that best self in the world.

(Correction from Mar: The Joe Tyson Memorial Fund went to the Building Reserve Fund to help pay for gutter repair, not to help with the new church sign. Mea Culpa)

In UU Faith & Love,
- Cindy

It is not what we do,
but also what we do not
do, for which we are
accountable.

-Moliere

Rev. Alex Time Away in April and May

I have several professional events in late April and May when I will be out of town and unavailable except for emergencies.

April 24-26: I will be in Oregon to attend the UUFCO building dedication and a chapter retreat visit.

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April 27-May 1: I will be in New Braunfels, Texas for annual interim meeting as well as to receive my official certification as accredited interim minister.

May 5-14: I will be in Oregon and Washington State for a Buddhist retreat on addiction and recovery at Cloud Mountain Retreat Center. I'll also be visiting Debra briefly in Oregon before that retreat.

Westside UUC Service Project

Each month at Westside, our undesignated plate offerings are donated to a worthy recipient organization. The following table lists these organizations and our recent contributions to them.

February '15	Texas Unitarian Universalist Justice Ministry	\$801.00
January '15	Texas ReEntry Service	\$833.20
December '14	Meals on Wheels of Tarrant County.	\$805.00
November '14	Catholic Charities of Fort Worth	\$923.86
October '14	Unitarian Universalist Service Committee	\$454.00
October '14	Friends of the UUA.	\$140.00
September '14	South Central Alliance of Churches	\$876.59
August '14	Day Resource Center, Fort Worth	\$827.28
August '14	The Unaccompanied Children from Central America	\$941.96
July '14	James L. West Special Care Center	\$854.16
June '14	Planned Parenthood of Tarrant County	\$619.00
May '14	Sickle Cell Anemia Assn. of Tarrant County	\$692.76
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
November '12	Lighthouse for the Blind	\$931.54
October '12	UUSC & UUA Sunday	\$825.22
September '12	South Central Alliance of Churches	\$1,587.97
August '12	Women's Center of Tarrant County	\$937.52
July '12	Samaritan House Dinners Fund	\$808.66
July '12	Mountain District Wild Fire Relief	\$273.75
June '12	Alliance for Children	\$614.79
May '12	Water.org	\$617.75

On stage, I make love to
25,000 different people,
then I go home alone.

-Janis Joplin



20 Years and Growing Strong Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, April 19, 2015

10:00 am Multi-Generational Service

Celebrating Our Past...Rejoicing In Our Present...Imagining Our Future

11:30 am Catered Lunch provided

Childcare Available for Children 5 and Under

No other regular activities scheduled for April 19

20 Years and Growing Strong; A Stewardship Statement

By now you should have received a church-wide email (via Vertical Response) which included a full explanation and links to all documents concerning the 2015 – 2016 proposed budget and our desired pledge goal of \$225,000 to balance that budget. If you would like to look at these materials again or think you may have missed it the first time around, please visit the Stewardship link on our church website (<http://westsideuu.org/steward/steward.html>). This is a more succinct narrative with links to documents for you to consider as you make your plans to support Westside Unitarian Universalist Church financially in the coming year. With this pledge goal, if we could average a \$1,000 annual pledge from every adult member and friend we would exceed our goal!!! What an awesome accomplishment this would be. Of course, we know that some will not be able to make that commitment, and many others will be able to go beyond. We are grateful to all for contributing as you are able.

Wouldn't this be a marvelous statement declaring that we are ready to move forward with growth in our church community? We are committed to supporting the work of our committees; providing a full complement of programming for all ages; and providing full health and retirement benefits to our full time Interim Minister and Director of Lifespan Religious Education – a value and goal that we have long held. It would be clearly evident that as a congregation, we are committed to the future of Westside and becoming financially independent and fiscally healthy!

April 19 is our target date for all Pledge Forms to be returned. We have appreciated the opportunity to visit with you in your committees and interest groups, rehearsals, Adult Forum, and between services at church! Thank you for your enthusiastic participation in these presentations – lots of good thoughts and questions have come out of this time together. So, thank you for being a part of the process. We will now look forward to receiving your 2015 – 2016 pledge. **To print a copy, click [HERE](#).**

Welcome to Our Newest Members

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Cindy Herron & Thayer McCaffree: Thayer and Cindy moved to Fort Worth last August from Austin. Thayer is a Special Education teacher with Fort Worth ISD. Cindy works in IT as a Program analyst for a federal agency. Thayer grew up in Hawaii and Oklahoma. She is a Buddhist, plays the ukulele, and loves cycling, kayaking, and singing. Cindy was born in Indiana but grew up in Big Spring, TX. She likes cycling, reading, and playing video games, and is a “Star Trek: Voyager” fan. They live in the Fairmount neighborhood with their dog and three cats, and are excited about finding Westside UU.



Dale Husband: I was born in Fort Worth on May 8, 1969 and grew up in Haltom City. I was raised a Southern Baptist but became agnostic in college. It was not until a decade ago that I was able to reconcile the skeptical and spiritual sides of my nature thru Unitarian Universalism. I was a member of First Jefferson Church and still have ties there. I have an interest in science, history, politics and theology. My favorite hobby is playing World of Warcraft.



Morgan Landry: Morgan Landry is an eighth-generation Louisianan but has lived in Texas for over 20 years. She is a TCU graduate and has worked for about four years at the Walmart in Benbrook, where she currently works in the back office. Morgan enjoys reading, and she is currently working on a 24-part fantasy series. She also likes to write her own fiction and has participated in National Novel Writing Month for the past two years. She has one younger sister, Shannon, a kindergarten teacher. Morgan will be involved in the Young Adults group at Westside.



Gail Lockwood: I am a 3rd generation UU. My kids were also raised UU. I have a 22 year old son and a 17 year old daughter. I am a student majoring in social work at UTA. I am also an organic stylist that owns her own organic concept studio. I have just taken up the hobby of learning how to bead. I love my hairstyling but wanted to find other outlets for creativity and what I am capable of creating. I have recently taken up gentle yoga and walking. I am truly looking forward to connecting with Westsiders more than I already have connected. Thank you for welcoming me to Westside.



Sven Waddell: To sum it all up I am an artist, musician, an activist and a promoter of self sustainability.



Michael Wright: I grew up in Salt Lake City, but am not a Mormon. Currently unattached, have no children. I have lived in Texas about 25 years, all in Fort Worth. I'm a retired hospice nurse/social worker/counselor, and an avid seamstress, quilter, knitter and gardener. I work a lot with feral cats and enjoy helping to improve their lives.



Erin Morgan & James Payne: James Payne is the father of Fiona Payne and husband of Erin Morgan. Erin and James consider themselves to be the luckiest parents in the world. The longtime DFW residents have both provided nearly two decades of service to the UT Arlington IT department. The Morgan-Payne family is feeling especially thankful to have been so warmly welcomed into the Westside community and appreciate its inclusive, yet non-dogmatic, approach to spirituality.



Yuki Kumamoto: Yuki is our wonderful Westside pianist, and we are proud to have her as a member, too.

In those parts of the world where learning and science has prevailed, miracles have ceased; but in those parts of it as are barbarous and ignorant, miracles are still in vogue.

-Ethan Allen



Join a Circle Supper, April 18!

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 Trudy Sena at esena6236@yahoo.com. 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.

CRE Volunteer Spotlight

Randy Gregory has wonderfully filled numerous roles in CRE since joining Westside. He serves as a co-teacher in the Anthony class (3rd-5th) Sunday morning and also is the adult sponsor for Friday night YRUU. In addition, he's serving on the CRE committee and is heavily involved with planning for district events such as the North Texas high school rally. Thank you Randy!!!!

*-Cameron Young
Director of Lifespan Religious Education*

Summary of the February 18 Board Meeting

Consent Agenda (reports and minutes in the minutes book)

A. Board Meeting Minutes January 21, 2015 (attached)

B. Committee Reports (attached)

- a. DLRE
- b. Membership
- c. NTUUC
- d. Stewardship
- e. Worship

C. March and April Loose Plate Offerings, In-Reach Fund and SCAC.

D. Request from Social Justice Committee for use of auction money.

E. DLRE Report (attached) - Cameron

Minister's Report (full report in the minutes book)

Financial Statements (full report in the minutes book)

Other Reports:

A. Classroom Doors - We are still trying to obtain a second bid.

B. Sign Repairs - Using the bid from August plus \$30, the cost will be covered by the grant and additional funds allotted for this purpose.

C. Gutter Repairs - The Board voted to accept the bids from Albee Bros. for wood replacement and Texas Best Rain Gutter for gutter repairs.

D. Search Committee - Calls for nominee suggestions will begin March 1 and the deadline for completion is March 15. The Board voted to elect a search committee of seven members. The Board will prepare a slate of 10 nominees at the board meeting on March 18, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

E. Social Justice Charter (posted on website) - The Board adopted the Charter as amended.

Budget Meeting - A meeting to discuss the budget with the board and committee chairs was held at 7 p.m. February 25 at the church.

Those who will not
reason, are bigots, those
who cannot, are fools,
and those who dare not,
are slaves.

-Lord Byron

The next meeting will be April 15. All members are welcome to attend. Notebooks containing copies of the full minutes, reports, and financial statements are available in the church office.

- Reed K. Bilz, Secretary

Westside Library – Book Review

“The Gift of Faith: Tending the Spiritual Lives of Children” by Jeanne Harrison Nieuwejaar (2nd ed., 2003). If you’re raising children and looking for inspiration to begin (or continue) guiding your child through a spiritual life, this little book may help. Mrs. Nieuwejaar was co-minister with her husband at a small UU church of 150 families in New Hampshire and is very adept at turning a persuasive phrase. She reminds us that children are already spiritual beings who experience transformative events during childhood and are able to feel “mystical oneness with the stream of life.” However, she cautions that our children’s spiritual guidance should not be left only to what they encounter at church or temple, that parents have a unique and constant presence in their children’s lives, ever available to interject affirming faith through each stage of a child’s development. At the back of the book, the author has provided some helpful suggestions for further reading for both adults and children. Also included are examples of prayers, meditations, and rituals appropriate to all ages. This book can be found in Westside’s library shelved under the call number 268.4 Nie. Westsiders can search the online library catalog at www.librarything.com/catalog/Westsideuu or visit the library on Sunday morning.

*- Cathy Spitzenberger,
for the Library Committee*

Humanists of Fort Worth

The HoFW will meet at its regular time at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 8 at Westside. All Freethinkers are welcome to attend. Please check the HoFW Meetup site for further information at <http://www.meetup.com/Humanists-of-Fort-Worth/>

Contemporary Book Group

On April 26 we will discuss “The Shadow Queen” by Sandra Gulland. This book is a spellbinding novel inspired by the true story of a young woman who rises from poverty to become confidante to the most powerful, provocative and dangerous woman in the 17th century French court: the mistress of the charismatic Sun King.

On May 24 we will discuss a recent bestseller, “The Paying Guests” by Sarah Waters. Set in South London in 1922, in a genteel Camberwell villa, an impoverished widow Mrs. Wray and her spinster daughter, Frances, are obliged to take in lodgers. With the arrival of Lilian and Leonard Barber, a modern young couple of the “clerk class,” the routines of the house will be shaken up in unexpected ways. Little do the Wrays know just how profoundly their new tenants will alter the course of Frances’s life — or, as passions mount and frustration gathers, how far-reaching, and how devastating, the disturbances will be.

We meet in the Glass Classroom after the second service. Please join us even if you have not read the book. We may inspire you to do so. Contact: Reed Bilz – reed.bilz@gmail.com.

Humanist Book Club

The Humanist Book Club meets at Westside on the fourth Saturday of the month from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. A book is chosen by the group and the next month it will be discussed together.

In April the book is “The Great Agnostic” by Susan Jacoby. This book was scheduled for last month but the meeting was cancelled due to bad weather. In May we will discuss “A Singular Woman: The

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does not matter, anyway I
can love for both of us.

-Stendhal (Marie-Henri
Beyle)

Potluck Sunday

Our Potluck Sunday will be held on April 12 from 10:45 to 11:45. Please bring a dish to share with others and join us in the Fellowship Hall for fun, lively discussions, and delicious food. For additional information, contact Debra Slane (debraslane@hotmail.com).

Vegan Potluck Saturday – Special Notice

Vegan Potluck has been discontinued. Special thanks to the Finns for coordinating this event the past few years!

Seventh Principle Notes from your Green Sanctuary Committee

This April we are repeating some warnings posted in a 2012 Westside Story. Before buying cleaning products, please note the following:

Environmental Working Group (EWG) Cleaning Product Warnings: The state of California has banned nonylphenol ethoxylate in cleaning products manufactured after 2012. Products containing this chemical cannot be sold in the European Union. It breaks down to nonylphenol, which can disrupt the hormone system, is toxic to aquatic life, and persists in the environment. An example product is Spic and Span Multisurface and Floor Cleaner.

DEGME, also called methoxydiglycol, is in some cleaning products in the U.S. at up to 15 times the concentration allowed in cleaners sold in the European Union. The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe says DEGME is "suspected of damaging the unborn child." You'll find this in Mop & Glo, among others.

2-butoxyethanol is a solvent absorbed through the skin that damages red blood cells and irritates eyes. It is not yet banned in the EU, but is also to be avoided. This can be found in Simple Green Concentrated All Purpose Cleaner.

Read labels carefully and pay special attention to warnings. Try to avoid products labeled "poison," "danger" or "fatal if swallowed or inhaled." Further note, just because the product says it's environmentally friendly doesn't mean it is. Read the label to be sure.

Next Committee Meeting: Green Sanctuary Committee will meet April 12 at 12:45 pm in the Glass Classroom. All are welcome.

The Green Movie for April will be "Who Killed the Electric Car." It will show in the Fellowship Hall at 6:45 p.m. on the 25th. It is free and everyone is welcome. This movie runs 92 minutes and is rated PG.

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The winter semester went out like a lion just as March was coming in like one. It was an amazing semester producing new guitarists, fabulous cooks, first-time bridge players, proud producers of power point programs and lovers of discussion who are even smarter than when they began. Thank you to all the instructors who made the classes possible and to all the students who made them so interesting.

A new semester—the Spring Semester—will begin on April 18. It promises to be as good as (or possibly better than) the last. Some of the winter classes will be carried forward and continued

Sometimes you can't see yourself clearly until you see yourself through the eyes of others.

-Ellen DeGeneres

and new classes will join the lineup. Clear your Saturday calendars and watch for announcements of the spring schedule.

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What would you like to learn? What would you like to teach? Contact Annie Foerster at redseamripper@gmail.com.

OUR WIDER COMMUNITY

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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 (carolynyg@gmail.com).

NTUUC Announces Assistance for SWUUC and GA Registration

The LEAD Committee of NTUUC (Leadership Enrichment/Assistance/Development) is pleased to announce the availability of \$4,000 to support those who wish to attend the SWUUC Annual Assembly in New Orleans, and the UUA General Assembly in Portland, OR. Those wishing to apply should use the form on our site at www.ntuuc.org/LEAD. Preference will be given to applicants who are Youth or Young Adults, as well as people for whom this will be their first time attending such an event.

Requests for SWUUC Assembly assistance deadline was March 19 so later applications will be considered if funds are available. Applications for help with GA expenses should be in by April 13.

SWUUC meets April 17-19 in New Orleans (<http://www.uuasouthernregion.org/aa2015.html>). Early registration deadline is March 30, and the special hotel rate ends March 27. GA is June 24-28 in Portland, OR; early registration ends April 30 (<http://www.uua.org/ga>). Assistance is also available from the UUA; the deadline is March 31 and recipients will be notified by April 23 (www.uua.org/ga/registration/financialaid/15005.shtml). Youth may also want to attend the one-day Social Justice workshop on June 24 (www.uucsj.org/youth/activatega).

Funding will be available this summer and fall for the SWUUC Presidents Convocation, the SWUUC Fall Training, for our ministerial candidates who wish to attend clergy conferences, and various projects sponsored by the UU College of Social Justice (www.uucsj.org).



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



Now, here, you see, it takes all the running you can do, to keep in the same place. If you want to get somewhere else, you must run at least twice as fast as that!

-Lewis Carroll

Our Board

President: Cindy Fountain

Vice-President: Dianne Nixon

Secretary: Reed Bilz

Treasurer: Lane Smutz

Directors: Tricia Bowes, Ginger Courtney, Ric Hansen, Don Jackson, Ken Leising, Bill Russell

January 2015 Attendance

	10AM Adults	11:30 Adults	10AM Kids	11:30 Kids	Total
Feb. 1	47	60	6	16	129
Feb. 8	47	74	13	23	157
Feb. 15	41	92	7	24	164
Feb. 22	45	52	6	14	117
Averages	45	69.5	8	19.25	141.75



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

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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 Transition Team know. The Transition Team also wants to know if you have a criticism, concern, or question. Look for us after the service, call us, or email us at TransitionTeam@westsideuu.org.

Transition Team

Sara Munoz: Chair, Myrtle McMahan, Suzie Lotven,
Tanner Trask, Robert Slane

**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.