



*November 2015*



**The Westside Story**

**Westside Unitarian  
Universalist Church**

901 Page Avenue  
Fort Worth, Texas  
76110

10:00 & 11:30 AM  
Sundays

[www.WestsideUU.org](http://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

**November 1:** *"Mystery Beyond Mystery"* by Reverend Alex Holt. "Día de Muertos" or "Day of the Dead" is celebrated in Mexico and in many parts of the Southwest. I do not lead such a ritual as I am not from that tradition. However, we can explore the question of death and its fascination regardless of our cultural or religious heritage. Why November 1 and why the day after Halloween?

**November 8:** *"Two Gifts: Spirituality and Creativity"* by Reverend Annie Foerster. Spirituality and Creativity. They're not remotely the same, but they are distantly related, like the cousins of your cousins. They are gifts that are available to us all and gifts we can give ourselves when we choose to use them. People will tell you about them, but you have to discover their instructions on your own. Where do they reside? How can we find them? I don't know all the answers, but I understand some of the important questions.

**November 15:** *"The Three Great Virtues: Love"* by Reverend Alex Holt. This service will be the last in the series about the Three Great Virtues. Someone will have picked a popular song to be played that represents the essence of Love. Why is Love as important as a virtue and how can we embrace its universal meaning?

**November 22:** *"Grace for a New Millennium"* by Reverend Alex Holt. Thanksgiving suggests lots of food, family conversation, possibly sports, and even grace spoken as a prayer of thanksgiving at the table. How are we to understand grace as a prayer in our living tradition of Unitarian Universalism today?

**November 29:** *"Generosity and Gratitude"* We hope you will join us as Worship Leader, Sally Johnson, leads us in a service where the ideals of generosity and gratitude will be explored, renewed, and celebrated.

### **SUNDAY MORNING OPTIONS**

## Adult Religious Education Class

11:30-12:30 in the "Glass Classroom"

In November we will continue to explore and discuss the Transcendentalist movement and how it played a role in the cultural, religious, and philosophical history of our nation and Unitarianism. On the first Sundays of November and December, because our congregation is in the process of searching for a settled minister, we will embark on a study of our possible personal and/or congregational biases when it comes to choosing a new pastor. We will use UUA's "Beyond Categorical Thinking" Case Studies to examine varied issues that have occurred in other UU congregations when deciding on a minister. We will discuss fears and concerns related to age, gender, disability, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, marital status, and other subjects that may affect our decision making. Come join us in purposeful and enlightening dialogue as we explore these topics once a month and continue our lessons on Transcendentalism. For more information, contact Karen Moore at [moorekandk@sbcglobal.net](mailto:moorekandk@sbcglobal.net).

## Religious Odysseys

November 22, 11:30—12:30 in the "Glass Classroom"

On the fourth Sunday of each month, a Westside member graciously shares his/her Religious Odyssey. There is a 20-30 minute period allowed for the church member to tell his/her life story focusing on how his/her beliefs and life views developed. After this there is time for discussion and questions. The emphasis is on 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! Greg Kauffman shared his odyssey in August; Jane Hardwick shared her story in September; and Theresa Kauffman shared her journey in October. If you have not attended Adult RE to hear

I feel fairly certain that  
my hatred harms me  
more than the people  
whom I hate.

-Max Frisch

these amazing and inspirational odysseys, you are missing out on one of the BEST things happening at Westside! Luckily, Gary Randall records each odyssey on a CD so that they are available for check out from our church library. Thank you, Gary! So check one out and listen at home at your convenience---or better yet, come to Adult RE every 4th Sunday and hear a Religious Odyssey LIVE and in person! To volunteer to share your Odyssey, or for more information, contact Karen Moore at moorekandk@sbcglobal.net.

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## Forum: 10 - 11 a.m.

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.

## Children's Religious Education Updates

Westside is in need of able, passionate volunteers to help guide and grow our RE program. Interested in serving on the CRE Committee? Contact Rae Reed at rachelreereed@yahoo.com.

### Upcoming Events:

**11/6-11/8: Heart of Texas High School Youth Rally** in San Antonio. Please contact Cameron Young (dlre@westsideuu.org) if your youth is interested in attending.

**Reminder:** There will be NO CRE Classes November 29 in light of the Thanksgiving holiday.

**Westside CRE's third annual YUULE Ball** will be held on a date to be announced in December. Please contact CRE Committee Chair Rae Reed at rachelreereed@yahoo.com if you're interested in helping.

For more information, email Cameron Young at DLRE@westsideuu.org

## **IN AND AROUND WESTSIDE**

### The Traveling Minister's Road Show

"Christmas Eve: Jesus as Avatar"

December 24 – Christmas Eve – will be on a Thursday this year. What are we to do on that special evening? The vast majority of our congregations have some type of Christmas Eve service. They range from very high church celebrations with huge choirs, children's pageants and stirring sermons all the way to...nothing whatsoever. Westside happens to be one of the latter.

That's not to say Westside ignores the holiday season. The annual 'hanging of the greens' service in early December has been a highlight of the solstice and Christmas seasons in the past. This year it will happen on Sunday, December 6 and promises to be another wonderful celebration. We will also have the annual Atonement service using flash paper on Sunday, December 27.

I appreciate the traditions that have evolved at Westside UU in its brief history. I am of the opinion that ignoring Christmas Eve is fraught with peril in the long run. Why? For one thing not having Christmas Eve suggests that we tiptoe around the whole question of Jesus and his official birthday the next day. That would in turn imply that we ignore the teachings of Jesus as a radical subversive Jewish sage while understandably disagreeing with the Christian tradition of Jesus Christ as messiah.

I found one day in school a boy of medium size ill-treating a smaller boy. I expostulated, but he replied: 'The bigs hit me, so I hit the babies; that's fair.' In these words he epitomized the history of the human race.

-Bertrand Russell

The fact of the matter is that there likely would be no Unitarian Universalist church today if it weren't for Jesus' teachings of wisdom and compassion.

This year we will have a "Christmas Eve-lite" service in the sanctuary. The theme will be "Jesus as Avatar" and I hope we can have some simple music that can be sung without accompaniment (though musical instruments would be wonderful) and I will invite us to ponder what character of Jesus we would create as avatar.

"Avatar" can mean the earthly manifestation of a divine being. That definition would make sense if one believes in Jesus-as-son-of-God.

However, it can also mean the character we create in computer games and other media. I play various games from the Elder Scroll series (Oblivion, Skyrim, etc.) and also Fallout 3 series. In each game I am invited (required, actually) to create a character to live and fight in that world. I could choose human or non-human characters depending on the game. I could have male, female, younger, older, dark skinned, light skinned, and many more options. Generally I play it reasonably safe. I want someone who can be ethical and who will treat others kindly.

I expect many of us create a Jesus avatar that fits our ideal Jesus-as-person. We know, for example, that most renditions of Jesus are distinctly European white male in appearance. The more likely appearance of Jesus was Middle Eastern – darker skin, curly black hair, brown eyes, and at least 5' in height.

What would your character or avatar of Jesus be like? Let's share. We will sit in a Quaker style manner and everyone will be invited to speak of "their" Jesus.

I hope you'll attend the Christmas Eve service where we can have a dialogue about our avatars of this great wise person who changed the world through his teachings.

- Alex

## **Ministerial Search Committee (MSC) Report**

This past month the Ministerial Search Committee has been hard at work collecting and compiling all the survey responses received from 129 members and friends of Westside.

We wanted to share with you some of the responses to a few of the questions in order to better help you feel the pulse of the Westside congregation.



1. Which of the following qualities do you think are the most important consideration for a minister? Here are the top 4: Empathy 52%, Professional Competence 50%, Sense of Humor 36%, Character (strong moral consistency, stability, reliable) 33%.

2. Select all the responses that are the most important reason you attend church. Here are the top 4: Community 86%, Intellectual stimulation 81%, Fellowship 79%, and UU Beliefs 55%.

3. Which of the following Westside activities have you participated in during the last year? Congregational Meeting 62%, Committee or Task Force 56%, Social Activity 59%, Sunday Service as a participant 46%.

**When women love us, they forgive us everything, even our crimes; when they do not love us, they give us credit for nothing, not even our virtues.**

**-Honore de Balzac**

4. How strongly do you believe Westside should be involved in social justice/action activities in our community? Westsiders, you are very interested in seeing the church involved in Social Justice and Social Action activities. Almost 80% said a strong commitment should be given to these endeavors.

The committee has a timeline of activities to assist in keeping us on schedule. Between now and December, we will be involved in the following: Set up neutral pulpits, analyze results of the congregational survey and other information-gathering, prepare an information packet for the potential candidates, complete an online application for minister, and complete the congregational record.

Keep up with the MSC by clicking on the button, Ministerial Search Update, on the church website, [www.westsideuu.org](http://www.westsideuu.org). Follow the timeline by going to the Settlement Handbook here: [http://www.uua.org/sites/live-new.uua.org/files/documents/mpl/transitions/settlement\\_handbook.pdf](http://www.uua.org/sites/live-new.uua.org/files/documents/mpl/transitions/settlement_handbook.pdf)

- Carol Cappa, MSC Secretary

## Young Adults Group

Magnolia Meanderings: The Young Adults group will continue their brunch on the third Sunday of the month, November 15 at Chimera Brewing Company after the second service.

So What is a UU Anyway? Listen to a guest panel of long time UU's discuss what their faith means to them and how they formed their UU identity. For more information, email Cameron Young at [DLRE@westsideuu.org](mailto:DLRE@westsideuu.org)

## 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.

September '15	South Central Alliance of Churches	<b>\$1,022.60</b>
August '15	Meals on Wheels of Tarrant County	<b>\$1,135.52</b>
July '15	ACH Child & Family Services	<b>\$722.87</b>
June '15	School Based Health Centers	<b>\$745.36</b>
May '15	Planned Parenthood of North Texas	<b>\$990.23</b>
May '15	First Unitarian Church of Southhold, New York	<b>\$296.75</b>
April '15	South Central Alliance of Churches	<b>\$1,218.46</b>
March '15	Westside's InReach Fund	<b>\$997.83</b>
February '15	Texas Unitarian Universalist Justice Ministry	<b>\$801.00</b>
January '15	Texas ReEntry Service	<b>\$833.20</b>
December '14	Meals on Wheels of Tarrant County	<b>\$805.00</b>
November '14	Catholic Charities of Fort Worth	<b>\$923.86</b>
October '14	Unitarian Universalist Service Committee	<b>\$454.00</b>
October '14	Friends of the UUA.	<b>\$140.00</b>
September '14	South Central Alliance of Churches	<b>\$876.59</b>
August '14	Day Resource Center, Fort Worth	<b>\$941.96</b>
August '14	The Unaccompanied Children from Central America	<b>\$827.28</b>
July '14	James L. West Special Care Center	<b>\$854.16</b>
June '14	Planned Parenthood of Tarrant County	<b>\$619.00</b>

In words as fashions  
the same rule will hold,  
Alike fantastic  
if too new or old;  
Be not the first by  
whom the new are tried,  
Nor yet the last  
to lay the old aside.

-Alexander Pope



## Evenings at Westside

**Stories in the Dark Fundraiser a Success!** Our October fundraiser, Stories in the Dark, was a great success, raising over \$500 for EaW's 2016 season. Combined with coffee sales money, this will let us continue the great programming we've had in 2015. New performances will start in March; watch this space and our website for more information.

**Final 2015 Performance of "Lilies":** A staged reading of this award-winning play by Michel Marc Bouchard will close out our 2015 season on November 14. In a Quebec prison in 1952, the local bishop is brought to the prison to hear the confession of Simon Doucet, a dying inmate. But Doucet in fact has a very different revelation for Bilodeau: he has enlisted his fellow inmates to stage a play set in 1912, when Bilodeau and Doucet were childhood friends. Featuring local actors and directed by Theresa Furphy, stage manager for the Bass Hall and Casa Manana.

- Janell Broyles



## Join a Circle Supper – November 21!

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](mailto: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](mailto:ellekaye@juno.com) or 817-846-8012.

## Summary of the August 19 Board Meeting

### Consent Agenda (reports and minutes in the minutes book)

A. Board Meeting Minutes August 19, 2015 (attached)

B. Committee and Task Force Reports (attached)

a. Building & Grounds

b. Finance

c. Membership

d. Ministerial Search

e. Adult Forum

f. Endowment

g. Safe Congregation

C. Sale of Printers

D. Approval of 1st Sunday in November as the offering for the UN High Commission for Refugees.

It is a capital mistake to theorize before one has data. Insensibly one begins to twist facts to suit theories, instead of theories to suit facts.

-Arthur Conan Doyle

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

**DLRE Report** - (full report in the minutes book)

**Financial Statements** - (full report in the minutes book)

**Playground Issues** - Damage to equipment in the playground was brought to the Board's attention and we implemented ways to notify CRE and members of the congregation.

**Memorials/Naming Rights Procedure** - The Task Force will prepare a written policy for gifts.

**Safe Congregation** - After conversations with members, the Board decided that a “Firearms Free” Designation was not desirable at this time.

**UUA Fall Conference Scholarship Requests** - The Board approved four tuition grants of \$225 each.

**Council of Committees Report** - We will proceed without a Social Committee chair and will hold Tamale Sunday on December 13.

**Safe Congregation** - The Board approved the appointment of Tara Mitchell to the Committee.

**Endowment Committee** - The Board approved all undesignated bequests made to Westside to be deposited in the Endowment Fund. The Board also approved the implementation of E-Donate on the church web site using the Vanco processing system at a cost of no more than \$25 per month. The Board also approved a Donation Process Policy which is available on the church website.

**Chaplain Corp** - The Board approved a budget of \$200 to cover expenses of the Chaplain Corp.

The next meeting will be November 18, at 7:00. 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

## **OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN AND SERVE**

### **Thanksgiving Day Potluck**

All are invited to our 2nd annual Thanksgiving Day Potluck. This year it will be held at Westside between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Please join us in celebrating the Harvest and the Thanksgiving. If you have questions or would like additional information please contact Trudy Senna (esena6236@yahoo.com).

### **Buddhist Meditation Group**

Rev. Alex and a group of dedicated meditators meet every Thursday at 7 p.m. usually in the sanctuary of the church. We sit together for 25 minutes followed by tea and conversation about Buddhist teachings. All are welcome no matter what your experience level (or none!) with meditation. Please check with Alex if you're interested or have questions.

## **TIME – TALENT – TREASURE...**

### **Looking for a way to help out a little?**

If your answer is “yes,” then we have an invitation for you! We are hosting an organizational meeting on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14 at 9:30 a.m. to launch our stewardship efforts for the coming spring. We invite you to come and be a part of this important work at Westside Unitarian Universalist Church. We had a very successful campaign this last spring – exceeding all of our expectations. We are hopeful and anticipate this level of giving and commitment will continue into the next fiscal year. So, come see how you can help make that happen!

**The finest words in  
the world are only vain  
sounds if you cannot  
understand them.**

-Anatole France

Attendance at the organizational meeting does not commit you to the entire process. We will welcome assistance at any level! We invite you to come learn more at this initial meeting and then you can decide how you will be able to proceed. Coffee and light breakfast items will be served. If you have any questions or comments, please direct them to Linda Ice at [Landmice@gmail.com](mailto:Landmice@gmail.com).

## **Women of Westside Group – November 21!**

Women of Westside meets at the church on the third Saturday of the month for a brown bag lunch, conversation and a short program. On September 19 Caroline Nixon presented a program on the inspiring lyrics of Indigo Girls music, accompanied by recordings. At the October 17 meeting Annie Foerster presented suggestions and led a discussion on how to respond to those awkward social moments where we feel we should say something but don't know how to respond. Examples: when a casual racial or other type of slur occurs in the course of a conversation or other remarks are voiced that challenge us to state our beliefs.

If you would like to receive an email reminder of the meetings, contact Sue Anderson at [Sander60tx@yahoo.com](mailto:Sander60tx@yahoo.com).

On November 21, Jerrie Koppa will present a program on Fashion Through the Ages. Debbie Rake's planned program for September on Quilting in History and Women's Work will be presented at a future meeting.

– *Sharon Salih*

## **Quilting/Handiwork Group – November 15**

We will be meeting on the third Sunday after Church every month except December. So, we hope to see many quilters, quilters to-be, and folks who would just like to help on Sunday, November 15 in the Sanctuary. We will be making small quilts to be donated to the children of Samaritan House. We will also be looking at some new projects and we have lots of gorgeous new fabric. Everyone is welcome, the more the merrier. For information call Debby Rake 817-473-2414 or email [dsrake@gmail.com](mailto:dsrake@gmail.com).

## **Contemporary Book Group**

A change from our usual date for the holidays, we will meet December 6 to discuss "The Bishop's Man" by Linden MacIntyre. Known to fellow priests as the "Exorcist" because of his special role as clean-up man for the Bishop of Antigonish, Duncan has a talent for coolly reassigning deviant priests while ensuring minimal fuss from victims and their families. All this changes when lawyers and a policeman snoop too close for the bishop's comfort. Duncan is assigned a parish in the remote Cape Breton community of Creignish and told to wait it out.

Back to our regular date, the fourth Sunday in January, we will discuss "Sex Wars" by a UU poet, Marge Piercy. The title is misleading. Set in Post-Civil War New York City, this is the story of Freydeh, a spirited young Jewish immigrant, and some of the epoch's most notorious figures: Elizabeth Cady Stanton; Susan B. Anthony; sexual freedom activist Victoria Woodhull, the first woman to run for president; and Anthony Comstock, founder of the Society for the Suppression of Vice, whose censorship laws are still on the books.

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. We are also open to suggestions for books to read. Contact: Reed Bilz – [reed.bilz@gmail.com](mailto:reed.bilz@gmail.com).

**Compassion is not  
weakness and concern  
for the unfortunate is  
not socialism.**

**-Hubert Humphrey**



# **BUUTS & BLING!**

**Westside Unitarian Universalist Church  
Progressive Dinner & Auction**

**Friday, November 6...Stampede Room Stockyards Station  
6:30 - 10:30 \$30 per person**

**Silent Auction - Live Auction - Raffle  
Appetizers - Open Bar - Buffet Dinner - Dessert**



**...and a helluva good time**

**Child Care Available by Reservation**

For questions or additional information, please contact Chairpersons:  
[Landmice@gmail.com](mailto:Landmice@gmail.com) OR Linda Ice (817-681-5423) Myron Ice (817-681-6423)

## Humanist Book Club

Due to the holidays, there will be no Humanist Book Club meeting in November and we will not be meeting on our regular date in December. Instead, our last meeting of the year will be on December 12 (same time and place). At this meeting we will discuss "Regaining Balance: The Evolution of the UUA" by Michael Werner. All are welcome. Facilitated by Morris Meador, meadormorris1@gmail.com.

## Humanists of Fort Worth

The HoFW will meet at its regular time at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, November 11, 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/>

## Can You Believe It?

I've already seen Christmas displays in several stores. But they reminded me to give an early shout out that I'll be having my annual Christmas Day Open House again this year. More details in the December newsletter. – Annie Foerster

### **OUR WIDER COMMUNITY**

## Thanksgiving Baskets for our Neighbors

Westside UU Church will again be participating, through South Central Alliance of Churches (SCAC), in providing Thanksgiving dinners to needy people in our neighborhood.

SCAC will purchase the turkeys, for which the clients will pay \$5.00 if they are able to do so. We have a poster with items on it that people will select and fill, and then bring back to the church. Remember, the items must be the sizes requested, and must be well before the "sell by" date - SCAC cannot distribute food past that date by law. Please let Jay, Suzie, or Kim Lucas know if you would like to donate bags for the groceries, paper or cloth. Each bag will contain the following items:

- 1 -15-16 oz can cranberry sauce**
- 1 -15-16 oz can chicken broth**
- 1 -15 oz can corn**
- 1 -14 oz bag stuffing mix (or 2,4 oz boxes) Pepperidge Farm, Stove Top or equivalent**
- 1 -15 oz can green beans**
- 1 -15 oz can yams**
- 1 -small box tea bags or drink mix like Crystal Light**
- 1 -15 oz can fruit**
- 1 -box cake mix for 13" x 9" cake**
- 1 -can icing for cake (ready to use)**
- 1 - 3 oz or 6 oz pkg jello**

Necessity is the plea for every infringement of human freedom. It is the argument of tyrants; it is the creed of slaves.

If you would rather make a financial contribution, place a check in the offering basket with memo marked "Thanksgiving Baskets". Volunteers from Social Justice will be happy to shop for you.

## Fall Conference 2015: Into the FUUTURE!

**Where:** Glen Lakes Camp and Conference Center

**When:** November 13-15

Our congregation has been charged with an important task: to boldly go where no UU community has gone before! Join us at "Fall Conference 2015: Into the FUUTURE!" to gain tools and resources for charging ahead into the next year, ten years, or ten decades. Each track is designed to help leaders effect real cultural change toward growing a vital, healthy, effective UU community that helps its members achieve our vision of a world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all.

There are workshops for all ages along with opportunities to meet people for our region which stretches from Texas to Florida to Virginia.

Every fall the Southern Region of the UUA offers excellent leadership and training workshops in a fabulous setting at the Glen Lakes campgrounds in Glen Rose, Texas. Just a little over an hour drive west of here, you will have the opportunity to relax and learn with other UUs who come to our region as far as Florida and Virginia.

Last year Carol Cappa attended a Stewardship track that was offered and had a wonderful time meeting people from Virginia, Florida, Georgia and Tennessee! Look over the tracks for this year and be sure to register by October 26. A limited number of scholarships are available. See Westside President, Dianne Nixon.

**Are We There Yet?** Planning As Spiritual Practice with Rev. Susan M. Smith

**Compassionate Communication:** An Introduction with Rev. Carlton Elliott Smith and Carrie Stewart

**Facilitating Cultural Change** with Kathy McGowan and Lewis Morris

**Youth Ministry** for the 21st Century

**Covenant, Conflict, Community** with Connie Goodbread

**Young Adult Convocation** with Montana Steele

**Registration:** <http://fd8.formdesk.com/UUASR/FC2015>

**Ages 14-adult: \$225** until 26 October, \$275 for late registration.

**The registration link has info about lodging.**

## 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 [Jeff@vireomarketing.com](mailto:Jeff@vireomarketing.com) or [Ericasmartrecovery@gmail.com](mailto:Ericasmartrecovery@gmail.com).

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

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War will exist until that  
distant day when the  
conscientious objector  
enjoys the same  
reputation and prestige  
that the warrior does  
today.

-John F. Kennedy

## Our Board

**President: Dianne Nixon**

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Debby Rake, Don Jackson, Ken Leising,  
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## September 2015 Attendance

	10AM Adults	11:30 Adults	10AM Kids	11:30 Kids	Total
Sept. 6	38	57	6	18	119
Sept. 13	65	51	10	25	151
Sept. 20	41	74	8	28	151
Sept. 27	30	60	8	17	115
Averages	43.5	60.5	8	22	134



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

## 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.

## The Six Sources

- Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces which create and uphold life;
- Words and deeds of prophetic women and men which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love;
- Wisdom from the world's religions which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life;
- Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves;
- Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit;
- Spiritual teachings of earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature.

## 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 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](mailto:TransitionTeam@westsideuu.org).

### Transition Team

Tanner Trask, Chair. Myrtle McMahan, Suzie Lotven,  
Robert Slane, Anita Snyder

### Ministerial Search Committee

Cindy Fountain, Chair. Carol Cappa, Sara Munoz, Jane Hardwick, Morris Meador, Jeff Rodriguez, Tom Woods

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**When you have finished reading your Westside Story, please share it with a potential UU.**