



February 2016



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

February 7 – “#blacklivesmatter” by Reverend Alex Holt. Many of us remember the first Civil Rights Movement in the mid-20th century. We have seen the rise of a new Civil Rights Movement in America in recent years. One expression of it is #blacklivesmatter and that has given rise to another expression #alllivesmatter. Which one is most important right now in America?

February 14 – “*Valentine’s Day and Love*” by Reverend Alex Holt. This morning we will have the special opportunity to hear several Westsiders share their favorite love songs and how those songs expressed and shaped their love for others. There will be two speakers and Alex at each service and we will hear snippets of the songs they chose.

February 21 – “*That Other U in UU: Universalism for a New Generation*” by Reverend Alex Holt. We seldom talk about our Universalist heritage. Universalism was – after all – a very liberal evangelical Christian movement not easily embraced in today’s UU world. Is there a way to welcome and embrace a neo-Universalism shorn of its old religious foundation but keeping true to Universal salvation in new forms?

February 28 – “*The Art of Forgiveness*” by Reverend Marjorie Montgomery. “Without forgiveness life is governed by... an endless cycle of resentment and retaliation.” So wrote a wise Italian therapist, Roberto Assagioli. “To err is human; to forgive, divine” said Alexander Pope. But you and I are only human, so how can we find our way to forgiveness? It is hard. It is possible. It is healthy. Come ponder with me.

SUNDAY MORNING OPTIONS

Adult Religious Education Class

11:30-12:30 in the “Glass Classroom”

In February 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. Come join us in purposeful and enlightening dialogue. All adults are welcome! For more information, contact Karen Moore at moorekandk@sbcglobal.net.

Courage is the price
that life exacts for
granting peace. The
soul that knows it not,
knows no release from
little things.

-Amelia Earhart

Language is like money,
without which specific
relative values may well
exist and be felt, but
cannot be reduced to a
common denominator.

-George Santayana

Religious Odysseys

February 28, 11:30-12:30 in the “Glass Classroom”

We will continue with this wonderful tradition on every fourth Sunday of the month in Adult R.E. throughout 2016. On February 28, Thayer McCaffree has agreed to present her personal spiritual journey. Religious Odysseys focus on how a person’s beliefs and life views developed. The person sharing his or her journey talks for 20-30 minutes and then the floor is open for discussion and questions. If you have not attended Adult RE to hear 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. To volunteer to share your Odyssey, or to nominate someone to share theirs, please contact Karen Moore at moorekandk@sbcglobal.net.

Forum: 10 - 11 a.m.

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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 Upcoming Events

Activities vary by age. Please see www.westsideuu.org/re/re_home.html to learn more.

IN AND AROUND WESTSIDE

The Traveling Minister's Road Show

"I Heart the 3 L's"

America and the world have entered a new year of likely joys and tragedies. The presidential election is 11 months away and counting. ISIS continues to plague the world with attacks on the innocent. At such time it might be tempting to do a ritual that many of us as children did – pull the blanket over our head and hope it all goes away.

In such times there's a wonderful remedy to our angst...the 3 "L's" and they're simple to remember: life long love.

"Life long love" doesn't necessarily mean the love we might have for the people who brought us up or other relatives. Nor does it mean the love we might find as adults.

The life long love that can keep us going even in election years is likely a love that has been with us since childhood. It's a type of love that gives us comfort during painful moments; it's a love that can refresh and renew us at the most unexpected of times.

My life long love is books. A few of you have seen my home here in Fort Worth. The owners converted the garage into a family room that now has two walls of bookcases filled with all sorts of books. Books on UU'ism, addiction, Buddhism, contemporary events, religion, spirituality, and much more are along the length of the north wall. Science fiction is my recreational "time out" reading and those books cover the east wall. At last count I had 62 boxes of books to pack and unpack every time I move.

I haven't been totally seduced by e-books but I have discovered what gifts e-books can be. Reading from my tablet or smartphone on a plane is far easier than carrying books. E-books are the computer so there's no extra room or weight to consider. Another gift of e-books is that I may be looking for a quote at 3 a.m. on a Sunday morning (aka sermon topic time) and can't google it successfully. I do know, however, what book it was in. I go and order a Kindle version of the book and very shortly I have a complete text and entire book to review again.

Books for me are emotional life rafts when I am depressed. Their messages anchor me when I am anxious about solutions to problems. Books can take me to new worlds of wonder and possibility while I sit and drink tea.

As we move into the month of Love in February what might your life long love be? Is it something

Euphemism is a euphemism for lying.

-Bobbie Gentry

I have forced myself to contradict myself in order to avoid conforming to my own taste.

-Marcel Duchamp

wholesome and helpful? Does it give you hope in dark times or wisdom when you most need it?

What is your life long love? I hope it nourishes you and also is a reminder of how it helped you through childhood and beyond.

-Alex

Young Adults Group

The Young Adults Group meets on the 4th Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Glass Classroom.

In the Event of Inclement Weather

During the work week, Westside will follow the policy of the Fort Worth ISD. Any day their schools are closed due to bad weather, all church meetings and activities will be canceled.

During the weekend, the decision about whether to cancel church activities or Sunday services will be made by the Board President. The Board President shall make this decision after consulting with the Sunday speaker, the worship leader, DLRE (or designated replacement for the day), and chair/organizer of an activity scheduled that day.

Once the decision has been made to cancel services and/or activities, the Board President shall send an email to the membership mailing list announcing the closure and have an announcement posted on the church's web site. The Board President shall also have the church's voice mail message updated. The Board President may delegate other capable individuals to carry out these tasks. In the event that the Board President is out of town or otherwise unavailable, the Vice President shall assume these responsibilities. In the event that the Vice President is unavailable, the Board Secretary shall assume these responsibilities.

If there is no cancellation announcement on the web site, sent via email, or on the church voice mail, members may conclude that the activities or services will be held. Keep in mind that this policy cannot cover every possible scenario. Therefore, members are encouraged to use their own judgment as to whether it is safe for them to be on the roads.

Ministerial Search Committee Timeline

What's happening now: The Ministerial Search Committee (MSC) has reviewed the ministerial records of our candidates and is doing preliminary interviews. Other dates to note:

November

- MSC website completed. The website is www.westsideuu.org/minister-search.
- Congregational Record completed. Digital copies available from the MSC.
- Compensation package completed by church negotiating team, approved by board.

December and January

- MSC conducts practice interviews.
- Interested candidates submit their ministerial record to MSC. (We have received ministerial records from interested candidates!)
- MSC reviews ministerial records to narrow the field.
- MSC interviews candidates via Skype or phone.

A business that makes nothing but money is a poor business.

-Henry Ford

A happy marriage is the union of two good forgivers.

-Robert Quillen

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.

December '15	Community Hospice of Texas	\$661.02
November '15	Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees	\$274.00
November '15	LGBTQ S.A.V.E.S	\$256.10
October '15	Unitarian Universalist Service Committee	\$638.07
September '15	South Central Alliance of Churches	\$1,022.60
August '15	Meals on Wheels of Tarrant County	\$1,135.52
July '15	ACH Child & Family Services	\$722.87
June '15	School Based Health Centers	\$745.36
May '15	Planned Parenthood of North Texas	\$990.23
May '15	First Unitarian Church of Southhold, New York	\$296.75
April '15	South Central Alliance of Churches	\$1,218.46
March '15	Westside's InReach Fund	\$997.83
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	\$941.96
August '14	The Unaccompanied Children from Central America	\$827.28
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 Co,	\$842.58
July '13	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	

Trust is the first step
to love.

-Munshi Premchand

The strength of a
language does not lie in
rejecting what is foreign
but in assimilating it.

-Johann Wolfgang
von Goethe

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February and March

- MSC invites candidates to Fort Worth for “pre-candidate” weekends. Only one candidate will come per weekend. Members of the congregation are not allowed to know anything about the candidates.
- MSC travels to hear candidates give a reflection at a “neutral pulpit.”

April and May

- MSC selects a finalist (if possible).
- Negotiating Team works with the finalist on terms of the contract.
- Finalist decides whether to accept the call.

April 24-May 1: Candidate Week. The finalist and his or her family will visit Westside to give reflections on two Sundays, explore the area and socialize with the congregation.

- After the second Sunday service, the congregation votes on whether to call the minister.
- If the vote is not strong enough, the finalist may decline the call.

August or September: New minister arrives!

Frequently Asked Questions

- **How many candidates are there? What can you tell us about them?**

Unfortunately, MSC members cannot provide any information about candidates. For example, even to say, “we have some strong candidates” is not appropriate.

- **What happens if the committee does not find a candidate they believe is strong enough to bring forward for a vote?**

If the committee cannot settle on a finalist, the board and others would meet to discuss next steps. This might include starting another search for a settled minister or seeking an interim or developmental minister.

- **How strong does the vote need to be?**

Our bylaws state that four-fifths (80 percent) of the voting members present must vote in favor of the finalist.

- **Why would a candidate decline a call?**

To accept a call, some ministers may want a stronger vote, perhaps 90 or 95 percent of voting members present.

- **What happens if the congregational vote is not strong enough, or the finalist declines the call?**

In either case, the board and others would again meet to determine the next steps.

The world is changed
not by the self-re-
garding, but by men
and women prepared
to make fools of
themselves.

-P.D. James

Ah! what a divine
religion might be found
out if charity were really
made the principle of it
instead of faith.

-Percy Bysshe Shelley

-Carol Cappa, Secretary

Endowment Committee Report

Westside’s Endowment Fund continues to grow. As of December 31, 2015, investment earnings since the inception of the fund were an annualized 3.78%. Annualized earnings are down from previous reports due to a year-end sell-off of stocks. However the fund has grown to \$36,629.60. This includes the original \$30,000 bequest, donations in 2014 and 2015 of \$4,477.48, and the aforementioned earnings. Based upon donor designations, the sub-fund balances as of December 31, 2015, were as follows: Perpetual: \$32,014.76 (87.4%); Building: \$1,098.89 (3.0%); and Flexible: \$3,516.21 (9.6%).

Our newest member is Sandy Lord, who is completing Jeff Rodriguez’s term. We were sorry to lose Jeff, but know he was needed on the Ministerial Search Committee.

In the fall, the Church Board approved a new policy, which provides that bequests to Westside UU Church go to the Endowment Fund unless otherwise designated in the governing Will.

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We thank Bill Terry for creating a Giving Site on the church web page with an E-donate function. We championed this effort as a way to facilitate donations, especially by nonmembers, but the final product far exceeded our expectations.

-Linda Hanratty, Chair

Life Crisis Support Group

Rev. Alex would like to try out an idea several people suggested this year. We will have an informal support group for anyone who is going through some type of life crisis (and 'crisis' might simply mean a major change that may be good or not). We will meet in Alex's office on Wednesday, February 24, from 7-8 p.m.

All conversation will be strictly confidential. This isn't a therapy group as such as there'll be no certified therapist present. It will be a mutual support group to share anxieties, hopes, fears, and much more. Please check in with Alex if you have questions.

Join a Circle Supper – February 20

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.

Family Circle Suppers will also be meeting the third Saturday of every month at various members' homes. If interested, please contact Lauren Leising at eLLekaye@juno.com or 817-846-8012.

Summary of the December 16 Board Meeting

Consent Agenda (reports and minutes in the minutes book)

- A. Board Meeting Minutes November 18, 2015 (attached)
- B. Committee and Task Force Reports (attached)
 - a. Building & Grounds
 - b. BUUTS 'n Bling
 - c. Ministerial Search
 - d. Transition Team (Values)
 - e. Heart of Texas Leadership Reports

Every government has as much of a duty to avoid war as a ship's captain has to avoid a shipwreck.

-Guy de Maupassant

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

DLRE Report - (full report in the minutes book)

There are none so sour as those who are sweet to order.

Financial Statements (full report in the minutes book)

Audit Committee Recommendations (attached last month): The board will review the

-Luc de Clapiers

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recommendations with the Finance Committee. We will also appoint a committee to complete an inventory of church property by March 31.

NTUUC Grants: We have submitted a Lipscomb parking lot request. The West side parking lot request was not submitted and will be postponed until next year after we meet with St. John's.

Heart of Texas Leadership Series, February Session: We will fund from four to six scholarships for this event from the Hardwick Leadership fund.

Mission and Vision: Anita Snyder reviewed suggestions of 50 year legacy values for Westside. Our shared values are compassion, justice and equality. We will vote on these at the Mid-Year meeting.

Ministerial Negotiating Team: The Team recommended and the Board approved salary plus benefits package for our new minister totaling \$101,204.24. Totals within the package may be amended during negotiations.

Plate Offerings: In January the collection will be our dues to TXUUJM, with the 5th Sunday for Aija's ministerial candidacy, and February will be Downwinders at Risk.

Building Use Policy: A committee, made up of Dianne Nixon, James Finn, David Burlingame, Bob Vann and Gene McKeon will prepare revisions for board consideration.

Stewardship (s4us): We will contact UUA for resources to share with the stewardship committee.

The next meeting will be February 17 at 7:00 p.m. 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

It's a shallow life that
doesn't give a person a
few scars.

-Garrison Keillor

I like the pluralism of
modernity; it doesn't
threaten me or my
faith. And if one's faith
is dependent on being
reinforced in every
aspect of other people's
lives, then it is a rather
insecure faith, don't
you think?

-Andrew Sullivan

Buddhist Meditation Group – Thursdays at 7 p.m.

Rev. Alex and the 6 or so steady attendees of the meditation group welcome anyone who would like to join us for a peaceful hour of meditation, tea, conversation and discussion of Buddhist teachings for our lives. Please contact Alex if you want basic meditation instruction or have questions.

Women of Westside Group (WOW) – February 20!

WOW meets at the church on the third Saturday of the Month for a brown bag lunch, conversation and a short program. On February 20 Jay Dodds will present the biographies of two UU women, Mary Wollstonecraft and her daughter Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley. This presentation is one of an occasional series on UU women.

If you would like to receive an email reminder of the meetings, contact Sue Anderson at Sander60tx@yahoo.com.

-Sharon Salih

Quilting/Handiwork Group

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Quilting at Westside will be meeting on the third Sunday after Church every month. So, we hope to see many quilters, quilters to-be, and folks who would just like to help on Sunday, February 21, 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.

Humanists of Fort Worth

The HoFW will meet at its regular time at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, February 10, 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/>

Any Men Interested In a New Men's Group at Westside?

Rev Alex would like to see if there are some men at Westside who would like to start up a monthly men's group. This group would provide mutual support, discuss issues of particular interest to men and whatever else comes to mind. Please contact Rev. Alex if you are interested or have questions (revalexholt@gmail.com or text on 864-508-6836).

Contemporary Book Group

On February 28 we will discuss "Gray Mountain" by John Grisham. From Goodreads: "John Grisham has a new hero . . . and she's full of surprises. The year is 2008 and Samantha Kofer's career at a huge Wall Street law firm is on the fast track—until the recession hits and she gets downsized, furloughed, escorted out of the building. Samantha, though, is one of the "lucky" associates. She's offered an opportunity to work at a legal aid clinic for one year without pay, after which there would be a slim chance that she'd get her old job back.

In a matter of days Samantha moves from Manhattan to Brady, Virginia, population 2,200, in the heart of Appalachia, a part of the world she has only read about. Mattie Wyatt, lifelong Brady resident and head of the town's legal aid clinic, is there to teach her how to "help real people with real problems." For the first time in her career, Samantha prepares a lawsuit, sees the inside of an actual courtroom, gets scolded by a judge, and receives threats from locals who aren't so thrilled to have a big-city lawyer in town. And she learns that Brady, like most small towns, harbors some big secrets.

Her new job takes Samantha into the murky and dangerous world of coal mining, where laws are often broken, rules are ignored, regulations are flouted, communities are divided, and the land itself is under attack from Big Coal. Violence is always just around the corner, and within weeks Samantha finds herself engulfed in litigation that turns deadly."

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.

In the presence of
eternity, the mountains
are as transient as
the clouds.

-Robert Green Ingersoll

I hate with a murderous
hatred those men who,
having lived their youth,
would send into war
other youth, not lived,
unfulfilled, to fight and
die for them; the pride
and cowardice of those
old men, making their
wars that boys must die.

-Mary Roberts Rinehart

Humanist Book Club

The Humanist Book Club meets at Westside UU Church on the fourth Saturday of the month, 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. A book is chosen by the group and the next month it will be discussed together. Stay tuned for the title of February's book. All are welcome. Facilitated by Morris Meador, meadormorisl@gmail.com

Seventh Principle Notes from your Green Sanctuary Committee

Proposed Congregational Study/Action Issue: Climate Change and Environmental Justice.

The Unitarian Universalist Association has proposed four issues for possible focus this year throughout this country's UU-o-sphere. This is one of them. What do you think?

Issue: What is the moral response to climate change? How can congregations work in solidarity with the oppressed? The problems of racism, economic injustice, patriarchy, ageism, and ableism continue. A vision with a plan for environmental justice is needed. Support human rights, care for the wounded, and defend Mother Earth.

GMO Food Labeling Bill: A rider to the must-pass funding bill with the purpose of keeping states and other entities from mandating the labeling of GMOs failed to pass. However, expect the food industry to continue trying.

Chasing Leaks: The City of Fort Worth will celebrate "Fix a Leak Week" March 14-20. To kick it off, a 5K run and 1K Fun Run will take place March 13 beginning at 7:45 a.m. at the Trinity Park Pavilion (that'll get you awake for church). Whether you are athletically inclined or not, this week will provide a good opportunity to check your residence for small leaks that can waste a great deal of water and cost you money.

Green Movie Nites: Our next John Huffman Green Movie is tentatively scheduled for June 25 at 6:30 p.m. The movie has not yet been selected, so if you have a favorite, do let us know.

February Committee Meeting: The Green Sanctuary Committee will meet February 14 at 12:45 p.m., location TBD. Whether you're interested in membership, or just want to sit-in, you will be very welcome.

OUR WIDER COMMUNITY

The Supreme Ethical
Rule: Act so as to elicit
the best in others and
thereby in thyself.

-Felix Adler

Dreams heed no
borders, the eyes need
no visas. With eyes shut
I walk across the line in
time. All the time.

-Gulzar

Victory over Violence Walk – April 9

Tricia Bowes has offered to coordinate Westside to walk in the Victory over Violence walk benefitting the Women's Center again this year. The walk is scheduled for April 9 but the deadline for the team to submit forms is March 23. Please contact Tricia if you are interested in participating.

There is also an opportunity to sponsor a sign that all walkers will see saying that Westside Unitarian Universalist Church supports Victory over Violence for a \$50 donation.

To get more information please see Tricia Bowes or email her at tricia@bowesfamily.com.

SWU UW Conference 2016 – Save the Date!

The annual SouthWest Unitarian Universalist Women (SWU UW) Conference will be held in Lawton, Oklahoma, from February 26 to February 28. The Keynote speaker will be Lauren Zuniga, an internationally touring poet, activist, and teaching artist. She is a three time national slam finalist and one of the top ranked female slam poets in the world. For your listening pleasure, music will be provided by musicians SJ Tucker and Emma's Revolution.

A non-profit organization that supports women through worship, learning, leadership, community and social justice, SWU UW addresses women's issues, explores feminist theology, promotes friendships and celebrates the diversities that make us unique women on our individual spiritual paths. SWU UW is an organization open to all UU women, particularly those women in the Southwest District of the Southern Region of the UUA. SWU UW aligns itself with the spirit of Welcoming Congregations as depicted by the UUA. All who see themselves as women are welcome.

For additional information or to register, go to <http://www.swuuw.org/>

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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 Jeff@vireomarketing.com or Ericasmartrecovery@gmail.com.



The door of a bigoted
mind opens outwards
so that the only result
of the pressure of facts
upon it is to close it
more snugly.

-Ogden Nash



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



I'd rather see a sermon
than hear one any day;
I'd rather one should
walk with me than
merely tell the way.

-Edgar Guest

It is not always the
same thing to be a good
man and a good citizen.

-Aristotle

Our Board

President: Dianne Nixon

Vice-President: James Finn

Secretary: Reed Bilz

Treasurer: David Burlingame

**Directors: Randy Gregory, Ginger Courtney,
Debby Rake, Don Jackson, Ken Leising, Bob Vann**

December 2015 Attendance

	10AM Adults	11:30 Adults	10AM Kids	11:30 Kids	Total
Dec 6	57	65	8	18	148
Dec 13	39	66	4	12	121
Dec 20	34	60	5	14	113
Dec 27	25	n/a	1	n/a	26
Averages	38.75	63.2	4.5	14.67	102



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.

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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

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

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