

March 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

March 6: *“The Agnostic’s Place in Unitarian Universalism; Past, Present and/or Future”* by Reverend Alex Holt. This was the sermon topic requested by Bill Terry and Mary Noer as high bidders on the sermon topic offering at the auction. So let’s see how to answer this excellent question. Come find out.

March 13: *“Understanding Who We Are and What We Believe”* by Don Jackson. Dealing with the uncertainty around us. In a rapidly changing world, many people seem to need certainty, while the world we experience is one of uncertainty.

March 20: *“The Root of All Evil and the Flowering of All Good”* by Reverend Alex Holt. Which use of money do you think is more useful: playing the lottery, or pledging to a religious community? The answer isn’t as simple as you might think.

March 27: *“Easter: The Holiday We Cannot Ignore”* by Reverend Alex Holt. Easter presents unique challenges and opportunities for Unitarian Universalists. We aren’t constrained by dogma and doctrine. However, does that mean we avoid the other messages of Easter? Both services will be delightfully intergenerational.

SUNDAY MORNING OPTIONS

Adult Religious Education Class

11:30-12:30 in the “Glass Classroom”

In February, we began a new series of lessons drawn from the UU Tapestry of Faith curriculum. The “Spirit of Life” series, which will continue through the first of May, offers participants space, time, and community to explore their Unitarian Universalist spirituality. Each lesson focuses on a different aspect of the spiritual life, framed by the lyrics of Carolyn McDade’s song “Spirit of Life.” Like the song, the lessons are designed to be welcoming to UU’s of many spiritual and theological persuasions. Participants are invited to claim an inclusive definition of spirituality and to recognize the spiritual aspects of their lives. Reflecting, speaking, and listening are core activities in each lesson. All adults are welcome and we look forward to learning and growing together in our individual and collective faith journeys. For more information, contact Karen Moore at moorekandk@sbcglobal.net.

To fall in love is to
create a religion that
has a fallible god.

-Jorge Luis Borges

Language furnishes
the best proof that
a law accepted by a
community is a thing
that is tolerated and not
a rule to which all freely
consent.

-Ferdinand de Saussure

Religious Odysseys

March 27, 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. 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.

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.

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Children's Religious Education Announcements

Sexuality Education for Grades K-2 can help you educate your child about birth, babies, bodies, and families, which is why Westside will be coordinating a Kindergarten OWL (Our Whole Lives) Program this Spring! You will be actively involved as your child learns through songs, stories, activities and at-home projects that promote family dialogue. There will be a parent orientation on March 13 from 1-3 p.m. Childcare is available.

March 27 is Easter! The Easter Service this year will be fully multigenerational, with children taking an active role in singing, storytelling, and conducting the offertory. If you would like your child to be involved in the service, please email Cameron Young at dlre@westsideuu.org.

IN AND AROUND WESTSIDE

The Traveling Minister's Road Show

Some of you have asked what's next for me when my contract ends in July. I didn't have anything particularly inspirational to say about Easter next month so I thought I'd share my search process. It's a smaller version of yours.

Your search committee has worked long, long hours as well as all those who have given their time, talent and treasure to prepare the way for your next minister. Their most challenging and exciting work lies ahead but you have such an excellent committee that I would be astonished if you don't have a called minister the second week of May.

My search process as an accredited interim minister is much faster. Churches find out their minister is leaving. They then contact the UUA and apply for an interim or developmental minister to work with them through the transition time. Interims are 1-2 years. Developmental ministers focus on specialized elements of congregational growth. Those range from buildings to social action to administration and other areas. The time frame is 3-5 years with an option to call at the 3rd year if both church and minister desire it.

May 2-6 I will be outside San Antonio at UU Interim Guild training. I am on the Guild Steering Committee and this particular year we are looking to reshape the work of the organization. The main reasons we're there, though, is to connect, take part in education programs, and to get the list of interim positions available. We will pick our top (say) 6 and our information will go out. After I return to Fort Worth on the 6th I'll plan for interviews on Skype. The interviews finish that week and then we wait to see who might be interested. Official offers can't be made until a specific weekday in May and usually 12 noon Eastern Time. This is so no one gets a foot up on anyone else. Informal queries like 'we're interested in you; are you interested in us?' are perfectly fine and always come (or not) from the congregation.

**We have met the enemy
and he is us.**

-Walt Kelly

**We can pay our debt
to the past by putting
the future in debt to
ourselves.**

-John Buchan

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With any luck most of my colleagues in the Guild and I will know by the end of May where we head off to next. It's quite exciting though my usual dread is that I'll have to deal with two angry cats when they see the carriers come out.

Even with furious cats I still love this work and have found every place to be a learning experience and as always an opportunity to develop humility.

May this May be a successful month for us all in our journeys,

-Alex

Young Adults Group

The Young Adults group will be hosting its first ever evening vespers worship on March 24 at 7 p.m. to celebrate the Spring Equinox. Come join us as we search for renewal through song, meditation and prayer, and ritual.

Evenings at Westside Kicks off 2016 Season March 12

If only the sun-drenched celebrities are being noticed and worshiped, then our children are going to have a tough time seeing the value in the shadows, where the thinkers, probers and scientists are keeping society together.

-Rita Dove

When you're traveling, you are what you are right there and then. People don't have your past to hold against you. No yesterdays on the road.

**-William Least
Heat-Moon**



One night, two amazing sets! There's so much great music in DFW these days that we've started booking two acts on music nights. We couldn't be more pleased to have Brenna Manzare and Rachel Gollay as the artists who kick off our 2016 season.

We first heard Brenna's Manzare's beautiful voice when tracks from her previous band, Brenna Manzare and the Proper Husbands, played on KFTW 97.5 and made us sit up and take notice. Although her band has since changed name and shape, her amazing vocals and complex melodies continue to delight.

Rachel Gollay is one of those not-really-hidden talents that anyone who pays attention to music in Fort Worth eventually hears about. When we finally got the chance to listen to her perform, we were blown away and knew we needed her on the E@W stage.

Our calendar is still in progress, but we've got lots of great acts already booked. Put us on YOUR calendar and plan to come out, support local performers, and have a great Saturday night every month during our 2016 season.

Want to Be Involved?

If you want to volunteer as part of the E@W Crew, sponsor some of our refreshments, advertise your

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.

January '16	Texas UU Justice Ministry (TUUJM)	\$774.80
January '16	Aija Jansome, UUA ministerial candidate	\$540.00
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	

It seems like the less a statesman amounts to the more he adores the flag.

-Kin Hubbard

The greatest sign of success for a teacher is to be able to say, "The children are now working as if I did not exist."

-Maria Montessori

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business on our broadcasts on 97.5 KFTW, or otherwise be a part of Evenings at Westside, contact Janell Broyles at eveningsatwestside@gmail.com.

2016 Evenings at Westside Calendar

MARCH 12: Brenna Manzare/Rachel Gollay

APRIL 9: Spoken Word Showcase

MAY 14: Reinventing Jude

JUNE 11: Breaking Light/TBD

JULY 9: TBD

AUGUST 13: Pentacon 6/Signals & Alibis

SEPTEMBER 10: Spoken Word Showcase

OCTOBER 8: Stories in the Dark

-Janell Broyles

Ministerial Search Committee Report

The ministerial search committee has spent many hours together for the last two months reading applications from ministerial candidates, reviewing their packets, watching their videos, and holding Skype interviews.

As a result of this effort, the committee is excited to announce three pre-candidates that will come to Fort Worth for interviews, neutral pulpits, and tours of the church and Fort Worth.

Reminder: please avoid coming to the church before 5 p.m. on the following dates – Saturday February 27, March 12, and March 19.

We want to thank the congregation for continuing to honor the confidentiality of the process of selecting our new minister.

For more information, everyone can go to the Ministerial Search button on the Westside website to see where we are on the search timeline and access the search website.

The minister that we select from the three pre-candidates will be spending about ten days, from April 24 to May 1, at Westside. During that time they will meet with as many members and friends as possible by attending committee and town hall meetings.

On May 1, following the second service, we will have a congregational meeting at 1 p.m. to vote on calling this candidate as our new minister. Make plans now to attend this important meeting!

-Carol Cappa, Secretary

Progressive societies
outgrow institutions
as children outgrow
clothes.

-Henry George

Form follows function.

-Louis Sullivan

Join a Circle Supper – March 19

For those who have not attended a Circle Supper, it is the opportunity for getting to know members/friends of the church over good food and conversation. These are dinners in small groups of six to eight people, generally, and held at the home of a member/friend of the church. If you would like to host but have limited space, you may partner with someone who has the room but would prefer not to host alone. The dinners are held on the third Saturday of every month. The host will organize the meal and will ask the guests to bring something like a side dish, bread, wine, or whatever is needed. For more information or to be added to the email list, please contact Elizabeth Campbell at batescampbell@gmail.com

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 January 20 Board Meeting

Consent Agenda (reports and minutes in the minutes book)
Board Meeting Minutes December 16, 2015 (attached)
Committee and Task Force Reports (attached)

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- a. Building & Grounds
- b. Green Sanctuary
- c. Ministerial Search
- d. Aesthetics and Building Use
- e. Membership

Minister's Report - (full report in the minutes book) Alex will know where he will go next by mid-May. His last Sunday will be the the second Sunday in June, the day of our Annual Meeting, and there will be only one service that day.

DLRE Report - (full report in the minutes book) Cameron reported that there are 17 in the OWL program, ten of whom are from Westside.

Financial Statements (full report in the minutes book)

Open Carry - We have ordered 30.07 signs prohibiting open carry and we will decide next month whether or not to post them.

Heart of Texas Leadership Series, February Session - Bob Vann, Linda Hanratty, Tricia Bowes and James are planning to attend.

Relational Covenant Workshop April 10 - The Board voted to pay the \$500 fee out of the Hardwick Fund for UUA consultant Mary Sue Foster to come to Westside to give a workshop on creating a relational covenant for the whole congregation.

AMS Building Issues - The Board voted to postpone discussion regarding sharing costs of painting and flooring with AMS until the school's share of classroom doors has been paid. Future sharing agreements will require an upfront deposit of one-half the cost from AMS.

The next meeting will be March 16 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

The rightness of a thing isn't determined by the amount of courage it takes.

OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN AND SERVE

-Mary Renault

Buddhist Meditation Group

The Buddhist meditation group continues to meet weekly on Thursday evenings usually in the church sanctuary. We meet from 7 to 8 p.m. We do 25 minutes of sitting meditation followed by tea and conversation about the dharma teachings of the Buddha and the teachers who followed him. Novices certainly welcome and no uncomfortable positions. See Alex if you have questions.

One must be drenched in words, literally soaked in them, to have the right ones form themselves into the proper patterns at the right moment.

-Hart Crane

Women of Westside Group (WOW) – March 19!

WOW meets on the third Saturday of the Month for a brown bag lunch, conversation and a short program. The March meeting will not be at the church – watch the Weekly Memo for the meeting location.

Theresa Kauffman will continue our exploration of influential Unitarian Universalist women by looking at the life journey of Marilyn Sewell. She has been a Catholic, a Southern Baptist, an English teacher, a social worker, a TV personality and then went to seminary and served as Senior Minister of the First Unitarian Church for 17 years. There is a documentary about her life journey that will be incorporated into our discussion. Her story is inspiring!

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

– Sharon Salih

Quilting/Handiwork Group

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, March 20, 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, March 9, at Westside. All Free-thinkers 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

We will meet on Sunday, March 27, to discuss “The Painted Girls,” by Cathy Marie Buchanan. From Goodreads: A gripping novel set in Belle Époque Paris and inspired by the real-life model for Degas’s Little Dancer Aged Fourteen and a notorious criminal trial of the era.

Paris. 1878. Following their father’s sudden death, the van Goethem sisters find their lives upended. Without his wages, and with the small amount their laundress mother earns disappearing into the absinthe bottle, eviction from their lodgings seems imminent. With few options for work, Marie is dispatched to the Paris Opéra, where for a scant seventy francs a month, she will be trained to enter the famous ballet. Her older sister, Antoinette, finds work and the love of a dangerous young man as an extra in a stage adaptation of Émile Zola’s naturalist masterpiece L’Assommoir.

**I am patient with
stupidity but not with
those who are proud
of it.**

-Edith Sitwell

Marie throws herself into dance and is soon modelling in the studio of Edgar Degas, where her image will forever be immortalized as Little Dancer Aged Fourteen. Antoinette, meanwhile, descends lower and lower in society, and must make the choice between a life of honest labor and the more profitable avenues open to a young woman of the Parisian demimonde.

**People forget years and
remember moments.**

Set at a moment of profound artistic, cultural, and societal change, “The Painted Girls” is a tale of two remarkable sisters rendered uniquely vulnerable to the darker impulses of “civilized society.”

-Ann Beattie

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.

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Humanist Book Club

The Humanist Book Club meets at Westside on the fourth Saturday of the month, 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. The book for March has not been chosen. We may watch a video on Encountering Naturalism by Tom Clark presented at the Seattle Atheist Church. All are welcome. Facilitated by Morris Meador, meadormorris1@gmail.com.

Seventh Principle Notes from your Green Sanctuary Committee

Solar powered transport- In the future, will solar powered transport solve all our problems? From “The Green Life,” a Sierra Club Publication, by Dashka Slater:

SUN-LOVING CAT: Taranor PlanetSolar is a 100-foot motorized catamaran powered by 30,000 photovoltaic cells whose energy is stored in eight tons of lithium-ion batteries. The boat, with its carbon and epoxy resin hull, circumnavigated the globe in 2012 and continues to sail the seven seas, attempting to break its own solar-powered speed records. (In May, it crossed the Atlantic in a record 22 days.) The boat is also being used as a research vessel; over the summer, it helped gather data about the Gulf Stream. Its zero-emission engine was a big plus when it came to keeping air samples uncontaminated.

SUN-DAY DRIVERS: Stella, the first solar-powered family car, looks like a cross between a fighter jet, an electric tram, and a flattened 1978 AMC Pacer. Created by students at the Eindhoven University of Technology in the Netherlands, the four-passenger car has a carbon and aluminum frame, a roof covered with solar panels, and bonus features like an intuitive steering wheel that expands if you are going too fast and contracts if you are going too slow. While not fully solar powered (it also has a small battery), the all-electric Stella gets almost half of its power from the sun and can drive 267 miles on battery alone or 422 miles on sunny days. Elon Musk, look out! (Printed with permission. Copyright 2016. All rights reserved.)

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 13th 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.

March Committee Meeting: The Green Sanctuary Committee will not meet in March, and our meeting times through the month of June are pre-empted by other events. Therefore, our next meeting will be July 10. Whether you’re interested in membership, or just want to sit-in, you will be very welcome.

A man is like a fraction whose numerator is what he is and whose denominator is what he thinks of himself. The larger the denominator, the smaller the fraction.

-Leo Tolstoy

Our memories are card indexes consulted and then returned in disorder by authorities whom we do not control.

-Cyril Connolly

OUR WIDER COMMUNITY

SWUUC Spring Conference, April 8-10

This year's Spring Conference will be held at the Wildflower Church, 1314 E. Oltorf St., Austin, Texas.

Please join our Theme Speaker, Kathy McGowan, Congregational Life Field Staff for the Southern Region of the UUA and Specialist in Intercultural Sensitivities, for a day of engaging conversation around areas of difference that make a difference.

We will explore how congregations are answering the call to multicultural justice-making through a panel discussion featuring leaders who are seeing success in navigating the difficult waters of difference in their congregations, clusters, and states. Following the panel discussion, the panel speakers will lead small-group conversations which deepen our understanding and bring light to our struggles in each area. Areas include cultural differences and racial justice, LGBT justice, generational issues and faith development as a justice issue, and navigating interfaith partnerships.

Participants who are 14 and older are invited to attend all workshops. Participants who are ages 5 through 13 are invited to attend the workshop on generational and faith development issues. Participants under 5 years of age may either attend workshops with their guardians or attend on-site childcare.

Registration fee is \$75 on or before April 1; \$125 after April 1. For additional information or to register, please go to: <http://www.uuasouthernregion.org/swspring2016.html>

NTUUC Workshop: Climate Changed: Building Interfaith Power

Join us on March 5 at the Dallas Recreation Center (MLK Community Center) located at 2901 Pennsylvania Avenue, Dallas from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. This is a full-day workshop that will bring together a group of passionate people of faith focused on healing this Earth and making positive social change in our communities. Our many diverse faiths and cultural traditions will serve as bedrocks for powerful moments of learning and community organizing.

We will hear first-hand perspectives from North Texas' Hurricane Katrina survivors and disaster-responders, as well as a kick-off presentation on the underpinnings of "climate justice" from New Orleans-based attorney Colette Pichon Battle, Executive Director of the Gulf Coast Center for Law and Policy and a leader in the Gulf Future Coalition and the Gulf South Rising movement.

Registration will be capped at one hundred participants. The cost is \$25 per person. For more information or to register, go to: www.ntuuc.org/climatechanged

A straw vote only shows which way the hot air blows.

-O. Henry

Kiva Microbank Group

In March 2007, Westside joined the Kiva microbank group, a revolutionary way to assist third world people to improve their situation and strengthen their communities via small loans which are repaid over a few months. After each loan is repaid we lend it again.

Words form the thread on which we string our experiences.

The "Harvard Business Review" has called Kiva the "poster child" of the new crowdfunding phenomenon. Since its founding in 2006, Kiva has used funds from 1.4 million lenders (many of whom are groups like Westside) who have made \$800 million in loans to entrepreneurs in 83 different countries with a 98.4% repayment rate.

-Aldous Huxley

As of January, Westside has provided \$60,850 in loans to nearly 400 groups. We currently have \$3500 in loans outstanding and about \$600 to lend next time.

We welcome your support when we make these loans. If you or your committee would like to participate in the next round of loans, please contact Myrtle McMahan. It only takes about an hour of your time and is interesting to do.

-Ann Sutherland

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Victory over Violence Walk – April 9

Tricia Bowes is coordinating 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.

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.



Email submissions to our Editor Janice Sims

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*The deadline for submissions is
the 15th of each month.*



Patriotism is proud of a country's virtues and eager to correct its deficiencies; it also acknowledges the legitimate patriotism of other countries, with their own specific virtues. The pride of nationalism, however, trumpets its country's virtues and denies its deficiencies, while it is contemptuous toward the virtues of other countries. It wants to be, and proclaims itself to be, "the greatest", but greatness is not required of a country; only goodness is.

-Sydney J. Harris

Our Board

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January 2016 Attendance

	10AM Adults	11:30 Adults	10AM Kids	11:30 Kids	Total
Jan 3	35	51	3	2	91
Jan 10	50	64	9	20	143
Jan 17	43	54	4	20	121
Jan 24	52	58	6	22	138
Jan 31	38	62	5	16	121
Averages	43.6	57.8	5.4	16	122.8



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.