



June 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.

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*If we don't believe in
freedom of expression
for people we despise,
we don't believe in it at
all. -Noam Chomsky*

*If I have any beliefs
about immortality, it is
that certain dogs I have
known will go to heaven,
and very, very few
persons. -James Thurber*

Sunday Services

June 5: Bridging Ceremony – led by Cameron Young. This year Westside has six graduating seniors: Carina Terry, Douglas Zinn, James Gunter, Rowan Barnard, Starr Simpson, and Aminda Cheney-Irgens. Please join us in this significant UU Ceremony as they bridge from Childhood to Young Adulthood.

June 12: *“I’m Just a Believer”* by Reverend Alex Holt. Today is Alex’s last service at Westside. One of the most powerful recorded songs we heard in the last two years was “Believer” (by the indie rock band American Authors). Are we believers that the world can be a better place; that the deeper connection of relationships can be a spiritual practice of healing for ourselves and others? Let’s find out but don’t forget it’s “T-shirt” Sunday along with the Annual Meeting and, rumor has it, a potluck as well.

June 19: *“Grounded In Love: LGBTQI Communities and Spirituality”* by Dr. Stephen Sprinkle. Grounded in Love will lift up the vital relationship of the Human Rights Movement of the 20th and 21st Centuries with religion and spirituality from its inception until today. A concentration will be upon the leadership offered to the struggle for equality, diversity, and justice by representative LGBTQI leaders of America’s Abrahamic faiths.

June 26: *“We Wake Slightly Altered”* by Charme Robarts. The most common thing in the world is change. Nothing stays the same, not the world, nor the people in it. You are changing now and when you wake tomorrow you will be different than you are now. So will everyone else. What does this bit of common knowledge give us? Maybe it helps us befriend the inevitable impermanence of all things so that we can more easily live through grief and loss, and even find a way to embrace and love our present moments even more.

SUNDAY MORNING OPTIONS

Adult Religious Education Class

11:30-12:30 in the “Glass Classroom”

Beginning on May 29 and throughout the summer months, we will begin watching and discussing a series of DVD lectures from the Great Courses entitled “Religions of the Axial Age: An Approach to the World’s Religions.” This course offers a rare opportunity to relate your own spiritual questions to a variety of ancient quests for meaning and transcendence. Professor Muesse, who delivers the lectures, will offer striking insights as he draws you closer to the period between 800 to 200 B.C.E., an era with notable parallels to our own. Together we will explore fascinating aspects of several major world religions at the time of their birth. What could the beliefs and traditions of a Zoroastrian, a person of Jewish faith, a Buddhist, a follower of Confucius, or a Christian have in common? How do religions evolve over time? Throughout these lessons we will reflect on the central question of the course: What does the study of the Axial Age teach us about religion as a phenomenon in our lives? All adults are welcome and we look forward to learning and growing together on our individual and collective faith journeys. For more information, contact Karen Moore at moorekandk@sbcglobal.net.

Religious Odysseys

June 19, 11:30-12:30 in the “Glass Classroom”

Morris Meador will be sharing his spiritual journey on the third Sunday of June. 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 inspirational odysseys, you are missing out on one of the BEST things happening

at Westside! Fortunately, each odyssey is recorded on a CD that is 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.

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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.

*The mind is its own
place, and in itself / Can
make a heaven of hell, a
hell of heaven.*
-John Milton

Upcoming Children's Religious Education Events

- **Senior Bridging Ceremony (June 5)**
- **Summer classes begin (June 5)**
- **Youth Group Summer Retreat (June 10-13)**
- **Chalice Day Camp; Oak Cliff UU (June 20-24)**
- **U Bar U Summer Camps begin (June 19)**

If you would like additional information, please email Cameron Young at dlre@westsideuu.org.

*If only there were evil
people somewhere
insidiously committing
evil deeds and it were
necessary only to
separate them from the
rest of us and destroy
them. But the line
dividing good and evil
cuts through the heart of
every human being. And
who is willing to destroy
a piece of his own heart?*
-Alexander Solzhenitsyn

IN AND AROUND WESTSIDE

The Traveling Minister's Road Show

"What Does A Lame Duck Do for Fun?"

It's mid-May and the excitement for Westside is definitely in the air. You had a great candidating week with Shari and her family. You voted unanimously to call her as your next minister. As a certain Presidential candidate would say it (albeit more crudely) "that's a huge step" in your next generational cycle. You will discover new adventures, priorities, challenges and much more in the next few years but you will face them together with passion, compassion and wisdom. I expect you'll also have more opportunity to have fun especially when you discover the value and possibilities of Westside UU Church being your very own home.

What about your lame duck interim minister? What happens next for me?

By the time you read this you'll know that I am returning to the Pacific Northwest for one year (possibly more but right now the contract will be for a year). I can't say where exactly as the final official paperwork needs to still be done. The location was my first choice and I was delighted to have an excellent interview and follow-up with the search committee.

June will be an exceptionally busy month while I begin some "getting-to-know-you" conversations just as I did here two summers ago. I'll also be attending a professional conference of the Interim Ministry Network (IMN) in early June from the 6th to the 9th. The IMN is the organization that certifies accredited interim ministers. Later in June I'll be joining some of you at General Assembly in Columbus, Ohio. I'll be helping with a Young Adult workshop and will be a GA Chaplain for the second time. July I will be here working with pastoral care and any other issues that might arise before Shari begins in August. I'll also be giving away furniture and other items as I seriously downsize for my next move.

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*The music that can
deepest reach, / And
cure all ill, is cordial
speech.*

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

Style is time's fool.

Form is time's student.

-Stewart Brand

This has been a challenging two years for us all at Westside. We had some disagreements and occasionally harsh words. I cannot say I regret them because sometimes interim ministry requires very straightforward language. I am learning to use softer ways to get points across and that as one of my learnings here. More significantly I am amazed it's only been two years at Westside Fort Worth. It seems longer and that's because I was able to learn to appreciate and enjoy all of you whether we agreed on matters or not. I hope that our work together has brought you and I to places of good discernment about what our ministries will be in the next years and decades.

I hope that I'll see many of you before I leave and I'd like to note that my final service on June 12 will be one service only at my request. I believe it will be 11 a.m. followed by a potluck and then the annual meeting. The reason I would like to have one service is that I have a few gifts to share and it's a lot easier to plan if there's one service rather than two.

And please remember to wear a favorite t-shirt that Sunday. It can be any type of t-shirt you want but ideally it will say or show something that is uniquely "you." It can also be a good conversation-starter at church that Sunday.

I'll have one more newsletter column before I leave so will not say goodbye here. I will miss you in more ways than you know, but I am deeply grateful for our hard work to grow beyond what I suspect we imagined you could become.

-Alex

President's Message

Excitement is in the air after Westside voted unanimously to call the Rev. Shari Woodbury to be our settled minister. I want to thank our Ministerial Search Committee for all their hard work and bringing us an outstanding candidate. Candidating week was very well organized and it was great to see so many Westsiders take advantage of the opportunities to get acquainted with Rev. Shari and her family.

The letter below was the first of congratulations. It comes from Shari's church in Indiana.

I want to be among the first Bloomington UUs to congratulate Westside UU on having called Shari Woodbury to your pulpit.

I've known Shari since 1999, as fellow Bloomington UUs and also as an LCCF board member when she served as Executive Director of the Lawrence County Community Foundation. Recently I was honored to serve as a reference for her ministerial search, and also on the committee which helped to plan her ordination ceremony.

I am sure that your congregation will have a long and happy relationship with Shari, William and Avonelle.

*Sincerely,
-Jan Armstrong*

Be Present for Important Events on June 12

- Note Change in Worship Time

One Worship Service at 11 A.M., followed by a light lunch provided by the Board of Directors, Farewell to Rev. Alex, and the Annual Meeting of the Congregation.

The annual business meeting of the congregation will be Sunday, June 12, at 1:15 for the purpose of elections and adopting the budget. The following members have been nominated: President: James Finn; Vice President: Bill Terry; Secretary: Bob Vann; Directors: Paul Corbett, Don Jackson, Brenda McKeon, and Matt Sacks; Endowment Committee: Linda Hanratty and Walt McConathy; Nominating Committee: James Payne, Andrea Petty, Pam Pfeiffer, Debby Rake, and Sue Spell; Audit Committee: Cindy Herron, Erin Morgan, and Ray Pfeiffer.

A notice of the meeting, agenda, and proposed budget will be sent to members 14 days in advance of the meeting.

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*The universe is made
of stories, not of atoms.*
-Muriel Rukeyser

*Never doubt that a small
group of thoughtful
citizens can change the
world. Indeed, it is the
only thing that ever has.*
-Margaret Mead

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.

April '16	South Central Alliance of churches	\$1,038.49
March '16	Sickle Cell Disease Association of Tarrant County	\$603.20
February '16	Downwinders at Risk	\$601.00
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

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*The most potent
weapon in the hands
of the oppressor is the
mind of the oppressed.*
-Steve Biko

*No one else sees the
world the way you do,
so no one else can tell
the stories that you
have to tell.*
-Charles de Lint



Two Great Shows at Evenings at Westside June 11

In June, Evenings at Westside continues its commitment to packing as much good stuff as possible into each night with another two-artist show.

Burleson's Kavin shows his alter ego in Breaking Light, a totally improvised electric guitar experiment with loop pedals, ebow and multi-stage delays, accompanied by a mini light-show. The results range from blissfully ambient to full-on psychedelic sonic journeys. Breaking Light derives inspiration by listening to way too much Nels Cline, Steve Roach, Fripp/Eno, old Pink Floyd and Tangerine Dream.



When not busy playing with local bands Foxtrot Uniform or Chucho, Fort Worth's Katie Robertson uses her keyboard and vocals to explore new territory in her solo shows. We're excited to welcome her onto the E@W stage!

Want to Be Involved?

If you want to volunteer as part of the E@W Crew (and see the shows for free!), sponsor some of our refreshments, or otherwise be a part of Evenings at Westside, contact Janell Broyles at eveningsatwestside@gmail.com.

2016 Evenings at Westside Calendar

JULY 9: Dramatic Reading: A Walk in the Woods

AUGUST 13: Pentacon 6/Signals & Alibis

SEPTEMBER 10: Spoken Word Showcase

OCTOBER 8: Stories in the Dark

More details at www.eveningsatwestside.org

--Janell Broyles

Young Adults Group

The Young Adults group meets on the 4th Thursday of every month from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Parking Lot Reveal

This thoughtful note was received after the recent parking lot re-striping:

I just want to say a big thank you to the Building & Grounds Committee and all the volunteers for their hard work on the Lipscomb parking lot. When I pulled into it this morning I thought maybe I was in the wrong place. It is magnificent! So clean and shiny and with all those bright lines and fancy signs--wow, it made me proud all over again to be a Westside member. So, kudos to everyone who worked on it and made it look so inviting. UU all are the BEST!

*In appreciation,
-Karen Moore*

And thanks also goes to NTUUC (North Texas Unitarian Universalist Congregations) for the grant that made this possible. Many Westside volunteers worked hard two Saturdays to clear the parking lot of tree limbs, crumbled wheel stops, and a deep layer of compost. Bill Terry and Gene McKeon spent one Friday just scraping the lot with a bobcat. This re-striping project gave us more parking spaces, including designated parking spots for church visitors and seniors. In addition, the church entry is marked off on the street with no parking hash marks, and the spot between the front walk and entry to handicap lot is now reserved for church visitors.

Endowment Committee News

The Endowment Fund balance is now over \$41,000, including \$1,635.72 in donations received the first quarter of 2016. Thanks to Aaron and Amie Hegeman and Joyce Beck for their generous donations.

It is easy to donate on-line and your donation, of whatever amount, helps assure the long-term financial stability of our beloved Westside. You can give in memory or in honor of someone. The Endowment Fund has three sub-funds from which to choose: Perpetual, Building, or Flexible. The perpetual fund permits only the use of interest and capital gains that exceed inflation for church projects. The building fund can only be used for improving our building. The flexible fund has a wide range of possible uses. All disbursements from the funds must be approved by the congregation. The overall fund is invested in a bond fund, a preferred stock index fund, and a regular stock index fund to minimize downside risks while maximizing overall returns.

We encourage you to remember the Westside Endowment Fund in your will. Committee member Peter Bagley's offer to prepare a simple will at no charge is still available to anyone bequeathing at least \$20,000.

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I've also seen that great men are often lonely. This is understandable, because they have built such high standards for themselves that they often feel alone. But that same loneliness is part of their ability to create. -Yusuf Karsh

You have not converted a man because you have silenced him. -John Morley,

*Men build too many
walls and not enough
bridges. -Isaac Newton*

*In the case of good
books, the point is not
how many of them you
can get through, but
rather how many can
get through to you.
-Mortimer J. Adler*

Join a Circle Supper – June 18

For those who have not attended a Circle Supper, it is the opportunity for getting to know members/friends of the church over good food and conversation. These are dinners in small groups of six to eight people, generally, and held at the home of a member/friend of the church. If you would like to host but have limited space, you may partner with someone who has the room but would prefer not to host alone. The dinners are held on the third Saturday of every month. The host will organize the meal and will ask the guests to bring something like a side dish, bread, wine, or whatever is needed. 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 April 20 Board Meeting

Consent Agenda (reports and minutes in the minutes book)

- A. Board Meeting Minutes March 16, 2016
- B. Committee and Task Force Reports
 - a. Ministerial Search
 - b. Building and Grounds (discussion under New Business)
 - c. ABUC
 - d. Membership
 - e. Nominating and Leadership Development (discussion in Executive Session)
- C. Ratification of email approval of Ministerial Agreement

Minister's Report - (full report in the minutes book) Rev. Alex announced that Aija Jansome passed her exam assessing her ministerial suitability.

DLRE Report - (full report in the minutes book)

Financial Statements - (full report in the minutes book)

Expanded Leadership Experience – Natalie Briscoe, from the UUA Regional Field Staff, distributed events flyers and described the Extended Leadership courses offered every other month starting in October and ending in June 2017.

Sewer Line Repair - The Board voted to accept the bid from Joyner Plumbing for \$3,900 to repair the line.

Hail Damage and Roof Analysis by Dennehy Architects - The Board will review these items next month.

“Unitarian Universalism: History & Polity” - Title of a course at TCU, May 22 – 27. There are 24 openings and the cost is approximately \$500.

Water Leak - The leak on the West End of Page Avenue will be researched by Joyner Plumbing to locate the source of the leak.

Outreach Fund Guidelines - The Caring Team is asking for some changes to the policy. The Board will review the policy next month.

The next meeting will be June 15 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

Thursday Meditation Group Continues On!

The Thursday evening Buddhist meditation group will continue weekly meeting in June and beyond. Alex will be at as many gatherings as possible. A continuing transition of leadership thanks to Thayer, Matt, Jane and others will continue to shape the future of the group..

*The most perfect
technique is that which
is not noticed at all.*

-Pablo Casals

Women of Westside Group (WOW) – June 4!

Beginning in June WOW will meet on the first Saturday instead of the third Saturday. The change was made following a survey of participants since the third Saturday has other regularly scheduled church activities. Bring a brown bag lunch and enjoy a program and discussion. Annie Foerster will present another in an occasional series on UU women in our history.

*The most important
discoveries will provide
answers to questions
that we do not yet know
how to ask and will
concern objects we have
not yet imagined.*

-John N. Bahcall

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

– Sharon Salih

Seventh Principle Notes from your Green Sanctuary Committee

In February 2015, Oklahoma's Senator Inhofe, a strident climate change critic and recipient of not inconsiderable petroleum industry contributions, produced a snowball on the floor of the United States Senate (D.C. had just received a pretty good snowfall), and threw it as—in his mind at least—proof that global warming is a hoax.

What we didn't see in the video was the snowball melting in mid-throw. Now, was that proof that climate change really does exist? Was it simply due to all of the hot air emanating from the podium? Or, as we have heard that the senator later asserted, did one of those dastardly Democrats secret a large hair drier at his desk?

Around the same time in 2015, news sources reported that Governor Rick Scott, of Florida (Florida being the state that will allegedly suffer the greatest near term effects from climate change), delivered a verbal directive through his head of the state Department of Environmental Protection that the terms “global warming,” “climate change,” and “sustainability” were not to be used in any official capacity by state employees. According to a number of present and former employees, this has created a very real quandary as they try to deal with reality while being unable to name the causative factor; kind of like trying to warn someone walking down a railroad right-of-way that a train is coming without being able to use the terms “train,” “locomotive,” or “engine.”

All of this would, of course, be pretty funny if it were not for the ever increasing urgency of reports from that part of the scientific community specializing in climate study that things are—if you will pardon the pun—snowballing out of control much faster than even recently anticipated.

Not much chance of changing the viewpoint of those current governing officials whose outlook has been permanently warped by big industry donations and the promise of posh positions within that industry upon leaving their government posts. Elections, however, are soon upon us, and it is incumbent (sorry!) upon those of us who look to scientific evidence as our beacon to do whatever we can to effect positive change in august policy bodies at all levels. We hope you will be a part of bringing about the needed change.

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*An artist should never
be a prisoner of himself,
prisoner of style,
prisoner of reputation,
prisoner of success, etc.
-Henri Matisse*

*It seems to me that our
three basic needs, for
food and security and
love, are so mixed and
mingled and entwined
that we cannot straightly
think of one without the
others. So it happens
that when I write of
hunger, I am really
writing about love and
the hunger for it, and
warmth and the love
of it and the hunger
for it... and then the
warmth and richness
and fine reality of hunger
satisfied... and it is all
one. - M.F.K. Fisher*

A reminder that there will be no Green Sanctuary meeting in June due to the Congregational Meeting. However, we do plan to meet July 10, following second service, and we will show our next John Huffman Green Movie Saturday, June 25. Details on the movie will be forthcoming.

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, June 19, 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, June 8, at Westside. All Freethinkers are welcome to attend. Please check the HoFW Meetup site for further information at <http://www.meetup.com/Humanists-of-Fort-Worth/>

Contemporary Book Group

The Contemporary Book Club will meet on Sunday, June 26, to discuss “House in the Sky: A Memoir” by Amanda Lindhout and Sara Corbett. The dramatic and redemptive memoir of a woman whose curiosity led her to the world’s most beautiful and remote places, its most imperiled and perilous countries, and then into fifteen months of harrowing captivity—an exquisitely written story of courage, resilience, and grace.

Awards include selection as one of the Best Books of 2013 by Vogue, Globe and Mail, Amazon, iBooks, The Huffington Post, and Outside. The New York Times considered it a Notable Book and it was on Oprah’s Winter Reading List.

The Book Club meets after the second service in the Glass Classroom. Members, friends, and visitors are all welcome to attend and to suggest future books to read. If you are interested in finding out more about the club and/or would like to be put on our email list, please contact Linda Hanratty at llswenard47@gmail.com.

Humanist Book Club

The Humanist Book Club meets at Westside on the fourth Saturday of the month, 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. A book is chosen by the group for discussion the following month. “The Lives of Margaret Fuller” by John Matteson was chosen for discussion in May and June. Matteson won a Pulitzer prize for his biography of Louisa May Alcott. This biography is 500 pages and pretty involved but very interesting. Therefore we will take 2 months on it. All are welcome. Facilitated by Morris Meador, meadormorisl@gmail.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.

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*I am more modest now,
but I still think that one
of the pleasantest of all
emotions is to know that
I, I with my brain and my
hands, have nourished
my beloved few, that I
have concocted a stew
or a story, a rarity or a
plain dish, to sustain
them truly against the
hungers of the world.*
-M.F.K. Fisher

When shall we live if
not now?
- M.F.K. Fisher



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



Our Board

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April 2016 Attendance

	10AM Adults	11:30 Adults	10AM Kids	11:30 Kids	Total
April 3	37	53	8	20	118
April 10	59	83	18	26	186
April 17	42	46	4	17	109
April 24	84	126	12	20	242
Averages	55.5	77	10.5	20.75	163.75



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.