



# *December 2016*



**The Westside Story**

## **Westside Unitarian Universalist Church**

901 Page Avenue  
Fort Worth, Texas  
76110

10:00 & 11:30 AM  
Sundays

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

## **Our Mission Statement**

Westside Unitarian Universalist Church makes a positive difference in the lives of our members, our families, and the world at large through supportive relationships, religious & intellectual exploration, and social action.

## **Our Vision Statement**

Westside Unitarian Universalist Church will grow and become a more influential liberal religious presence through active service to our community and the world at large.

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*Adding manpower to  
a late software project  
makes it later.*

-Fred Brooks

*I love you, and because  
I love you, I would  
sooner have you hate  
me for telling you the  
truth than adore me for  
telling you lies.*

-Pietro Aretino

*As scarce as truth is, the  
supply has always been  
in excess of the demand.*

-Josh Billings

*Do not commit the error,  
common among the  
young, of assuming that  
if you cannot save the  
whole of mankind, you  
have failed.*

-Jan de Hartog

## Sunday Services

**December 4:** *Hanging of the Greens.* At Westside, we celebrate the beginning of winter/Christmas Season with the “Hanging of the Greens” service. This tradition, started by the talented Myron and Linda Ice, is one that we have enjoyed for many years! Now that Myron and Linda have embarked on a new “career” as Social Chairpersons, Worship Team hopes to continue in their footsteps. We hope everyone can come to help us kick the season off with this commemorative occasion!

**December 11:** *Pathways to Action* with Rev. Shari Woodbury.

**December 18:** *Are You a Fundamentalist?* with Tom Woods. A reflection of values, political correctness and beliefs (or a lack thereof).

**December 24, 6 P.M.:** *Joy to the World* with Rev. Shari Woodbury.

**December 25, 11 A.M. only:** *Simply Christmas* with Rev. Shari Woodbury.

### SUNDAY MORNING OPTIONS

## Adult Religious Education Class

11:30-12:30 in the “Glass Classroom”

**In December we will offer a variety of interesting lessons:**

**December 4 & 11:** Bob Vann and Cindy Fountain will lead discussions about the UUA 2012-2013 Common Read book entitled *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness* by Michelle Alexander.

**December 18:** We will view and discuss *The Cultivation of Virtue* DVD from our continuing Great Courses lecture series entitled “Religions of the Axial Age: An Approach to the World’s Religions.”

**December 25:** Happy Holidays! There will be no ARE class today.

All adults are welcome to join us as we enjoy lively discussions of these topics and continue to grow in our individual and collective faith journeys. For more information, contact Karen Moore at [moorekandk@sbcglobal.net](mailto:moorekandk@sbcglobal.net).

## Religious Odysseys Will Resume in January 2017

Because the fourth Sunday of December falls on Christmas day, we will not have a religious odyssey this month. To volunteer to share your Odyssey, or to nominate someone to share theirs, please contact Karen Moore at [moorekandk@sbcglobal.net](mailto:moorekandk@sbcglobal.net).

## Forum: 10 a.m. - 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](mailto:jbarnes107@gmail.com)) and ask to be put on the Forum roster.

# Children's Religious Education

Mark your calendar for our winter YUULE BALL! on Saturday, December 17! Details coming soon.

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

## IN AND AROUND WESTSIDE

### Minister's Message

Christmastime Connections

The holiday season can be joyful, tiring, or renewing; overfull, magical, or lonely; light-hearted, hopeful, or heavy. Feelings may vary from person to person and from one day to the next. In the Christmas story, Mary and Joseph kept it simple with their baby in a manger. What do you need to do... how do you long to be... what do you want to give?

At its best, this time of year brings us into closer relationship with others, from friends and family to our neighbors in need. Here are some ways Westside offers connection, support and celebration in the coming weeks:

**Sunday, December 4** we will carry on the congregation's festive tradition of the Hanging of the Greens during worship.

**Sundays, December 4 and 11** you can participate in facilitated discussion of *The New Jim Crow* by Michelle Alexander, in Adult Forum at 10 A.M. or in Adult Religious Education at 11:30 A.M. It's a two-part discussion so plan on both Sundays. If you missed my Nov. 20 reflection on the topic, you can watch it on Westside's YouTube channel. Be sure to read the book before the discussion. If you're feeling the need to engage constructively in social justice, this is a good starting point: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4YzHSHt7hAMlIHbaXvABqw>

**Monday, December 5** is my next Coffee Shop Office Hours. I'll be at La Madeleine Cafe on Camp Bowie from 4-7 p.m. No appointment is needed; drop by at any point.

**Sunday, December 11** both worship services will include a Wreath Ritual in which anyone experiencing grief, loneliness or sorrow may mark that symbolically, and be woven into community.

**Saturday, December 24** we will offer a Christmas Eve service at 6 P.M. All are welcome.

**Sunday, December 25** we'll gather at 11 A.M. only for "Simply Christmas." Again, all are welcome.

**Throughout December**, as always, pastoral care is available to members in need. Support from our Pastoral Care Team and me is not limited to hospital visits or crises. Team members are available to talk with you – and most importantly, to listen – by phone or in person. If you could use a calm companion to offer a caring ear, please reach out. In most cases, the best way to connect is to send an email to [pastoralcare@westsideuu.org](mailto:pastoralcare@westsideuu.org). Messages sent here go to both Andrea Petty, chair of our Pastoral Care Team, and to me, so that we can get you connected with a member of our team. For a pastoral emergency, please call or text me on my cell, (682) 233-4507. We are here for you.

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*My words fly up, my  
thoughts remain below:  
Words without thoughts  
never to heaven go.  
-William Shakespeare*

*The rain begins with a  
single drop.  
-Manal al-Sharif*

*Taught from their infancy  
that beauty is woman's  
sceptre, the mind shapes  
itself to the body, and  
roaming round its gilt  
cage, only seeks to  
adorn its prison.  
-Mary Wollstonecraft*

*If you don't turn your  
life into a story, you  
just become a part of  
someone else's story.  
-Terry Pratchett*



## **The Westside Story December 2016**

*Science is built with facts  
as a house is with stones,  
but a collection of facts  
is no more a science  
than a heap of stones is  
a house.*

*-Jules Henri Poincaré*

*Man can be the most  
affectionate and altruistic  
of creatures, yet he's  
potentially more vicious  
than any other. He is  
the only one who can  
be persuaded to hate  
millions of his own kind  
whom he has never seen  
and to kill as many as he  
can lay his hands on in  
the name of his tribe or  
his God.*

*-Benjamin Spock*

*The first method  
for estimating the  
intelligence of a ruler is  
to look at the men he  
has around him.*

*-Niccolo Machiavelli*

For me, Christmas time calls me back to joy and celebration, which the human heart needs even when life is hard – perhaps especially when life is hard. And the story of baby Jesus is a reminder that a single infant, received with love, can bring hope to the whole world. Let this be a time to renew our connections to all that brings joy, love, and hope.

*In love and trust,  
Shari*

Rev. Shari Woodbury

## **Holiday Services at Westside!**

Please mark your calendars for some changes in service times:

**Christmas Eve: 6:00 p.m.**

**Christmas Morning: 11:00 a.m. (only one service)**

**New Years Day: 11:00 a.m. (only one service)**

## **Message from the DLRE**

Parents, I know many of you are frustrated and disheartened at the results of November's election, and while I sincerely hope we are and can be a community that welcomes folks of many political beliefs, I certainly understand your sentiments. The results have forced us to think about the future and what's in store for some of the more vulnerable members of our society -- our children and youth.

I have been fortunate to have some fruitful conversations with many of our young folks and I can say that there is both fear and hope. For those of us (including myself) who are still in the process of self-actualization, the uncertainty can be hard to bear at times. It's difficult to make plans for the future with so much at stake in our world, but I do know that Millennials and Generation Z have and will continue to develop the resiliency and flexibility needed to navigate these times.

If you are looking for resources on talking to your children about this election, I highly recommend the following article: <https://medium.com/@jenlemen/what-to-tell-your-kids-the-morning-after-the-election-80771142d1d#.cwusvlmdx>

*In Faith,  
Cameron Young  
Director of Lifespan Religious Education*

## **Endowment Committee**

Happy Holidays. The latest news from the Endowment Committee is that as of October 31, 2016, the latest data available at this writing, the Endowment Fund balance was \$47,770. We are hoping that by December 31, the Endowment balance is much nearer our calendar year goal of \$50,000. A big thank you to all who donated generously in 2016, including Cindy Fountain, Aaron and Amie Hegeman, Linda Hanratty and Bob Vann, Joyce Beck, Berry Bock, and Debbie Barnett. And thank you to the committee members whose hard work makes my job as chair so easy: Walter McConathy (Primary Trader), John Sheldon (Alternate Trader), Peter Bagley (Recorder), Joanne Jackson, and Sandy Lord.

*– Linda Hanratty, Chair.*

## 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.

October '16	Unitarian Universalist Service Committee	<b>\$958.45</b>
October '16	Rev. Woodbury's Installation	<b>\$609.00</b>
September '16	South Central Alliance of Churches	<b>\$796.34</b>
August '16	School-based health clinic sponsored by JPS Hospital, South Central Alliance of Churches, & Fort Worth ISD	<b>\$1,437.82</b>
July '16	Supper Club Program at Samaritan House	<b>\$1,086.33</b>
June '16	One Safe Place Ministerial Search Committee	<b>\$868.16</b>
May '16	Minister Installation	<b>\$1,378.75</b>
May '16	South Central Alliance of churches	<b>\$1,094.16</b>
April '16	Sickle Cell Disease Association of Tarrant County	<b>\$1,038.49</b>
March '16	Downwinders at Risk	<b>\$603.20</b>
February '16	Texas UU Justice Ministry (TUUJM)	<b>\$601.00</b>
January '16	Aija Jansome, UUA ministerial candidate	<b>\$774.80</b>
January '16	Community Hospice of Texas	<b>\$540.00</b>
December '15	Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees	<b>\$661.02</b>
November '15	LGBTQ S.A.V.E.S	<b>\$274.00</b>
November '15	Unitarian Universalist Service Committee	<b>\$256.10</b>
October '15	South Central Alliance of Churches	<b>\$638.07</b>
September '15	Meals on Wheels of Tarrant County	<b>\$1,022.60</b>
August '15	ACH Child & Family Services	<b>\$1,135.52</b>
July '15	School Based Health Centers	<b>\$722.87</b>
June '15	Planned Parenthood of North Texas	<b>\$745.36</b>
May '15	First Unitarian Church of Southhold, New York	<b>\$990.23</b>
May '15	South Central Alliance of Churches	<b>\$296.75</b>
April '15	Westside's InReach Fund	<b>\$1,218.46</b>
March '15	Texas Unitarian Universalist Justice Ministry	<b>\$997.83</b>
February '15	Texas ReEntry Service	<b>\$801.00</b>
January '15	Meals on Wheels of Tarrant County	<b>\$833.20</b>
December '14	Catholic Charities of Fort Worth	<b>\$805.00</b>
November '14	Unitarian Universalist Service Committee	<b>\$923.86</b>
October '14	Friends of the UUA.	<b>\$454.00</b>
October '14	South Central Alliance of Churches	<b>\$140.00</b>
September '14	Day Resource Center, Fort Worth	<b>\$876.59</b>
August '14	The Unaccompanied Children from Central America	<b>\$941.96</b>
August '14	James L. West Special Care Center	<b>\$827.28</b>
July '14	Planned Parenthood of Tarrant County	<b>\$854.16</b>
June '14	Sickle Cell Anemia Assn. of Tarrant County	<b>\$619.00</b>
May '14	South Central Alliance of Churches	<b>\$692.76</b>
April '14	InReach Fund	<b>\$675.73</b>
March '14	Long Way Home	<b>\$934.38</b>
February '14	Gill Children's Services	<b>\$504.00</b>
January '14	Downwinders at Risk	<b>\$777.82</b>
December '13	Meals on Wheels	<b>\$583.82</b>
November '13	Unitarian Universalist Service Committee	<b>\$1,269.18</b>
October '13	South Central Alliance of Churches	<b>\$587.68</b>
September '13	Mental Health & Mental Retardation of Tarrant Co,	<b>\$1,151.33</b>
August '13	Samaritan House Dinner Fund	<b>\$842.58</b>

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*It is wrong always,  
everywhere, and for  
anyone, to believe  
anything upon  
insufficient evidence.*  
-William Kingdon Clifford

*Life is a foreign language;  
all men mispronounce it.*  
-Christopher Morley

*Thinking is an  
experimental dealing  
with small quantities of  
energy, just as a general  
moves miniature figures  
over a map before setting  
his troops in action.*  
-Sigmund Freud

*For every language  
that becomes extinct,  
an image of man  
disappears.*  
-Octavio Paz

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*Those who bring  
sunshine to the lives  
of others cannot keep  
it from themselves.*

*-James Matthew Barrie*

*The higher up you go,  
the more mistakes  
you are allowed. Right  
at the top, if you make  
enough of them, it's  
considered to be  
your style.*

*-Fred Astaire*

*The only difference  
between me and a  
madman is that I'm  
not mad.*

*-Salvador Dali*

*The Panama Canal was  
dug with a microscope.*

*-Ronald Ross*

## Inclement Weather Policy

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

**2.** 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, DRE (or designated replacement for the day), and chair/organizer of an activity scheduled that day.

**3.** 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.

**4.** 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.

**5.** 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.

**6.** Members should keep in mind that this policy cannot cover every possible scenario. Therefore, members are welcome to use their own judgment as to whether it is safe to be on the roads.

**7.** The Ushers/Greeters will ensure that a poster will be displayed during the winter season by the welcome desk stating our policy. The Worship Committee will ensure that reminder notices of this policy will be published during the winter season in the OOS announcements, Weekly Web, and newsletter— with language similar to that of the poster.



## Social Committee

'TIS THE SEASON and there are several opportunities to be in community with fellow Westsiders and friends! Even though a busy time of year, it is our sincere hope that you will plan to be involved in some way!

On Sunday, December 4, our Worship Team is planning the annual Hanging of the Greens service and your Social Committee will be hosting the committee table in Fellowship Hall. We will serve special holiday treats along with some holiday wassail! Please do stop by and enjoy the goodies!

Our Children's Religious Education Committee is hosting the Annual YUULE Ball on Saturday, December 17! While hosted by CRE, this fun evening is not just for our Westside youth and children... it's for everyone looking for a way to celebrate the holidays with their Westside Community! Please watch for details and plan to attend!

It has been awhile, but we are once again going to host the Holiday Tamale Brunch to be served before, between and after services on Sunday, December 18! We will be seeking assistance in the form of side dishes and/or a financial contribution toward the purchase of tamales themselves. We

will provide a sign-up sheet at the committee table on December 4 OR you can contact Linda or Myron Ice at Landmice@gmail.com to let them know how you would like to contribute to the brunch!

And finally, mark your calendars for a January Potluck & Games to be held on Saturday, January 14 at 5:30 in Fellowship Hall!!! Bring a favorite salad, vegetable, dessert or main dish to share! Please note that our Potluck & Games will take place in lieu of Circle Suppers for the month of January.

We do hope that you will continue to participate in the monthly recurring activities. There is always something happening at Westside for you to share in community!

## Christmas Day Open House

Just as Christmas comes every year, so does Annie's annual Christmas Day Open House. Don't have family in town? Then find your surrogate family at Annie's. Bored with your own relatives? Then bring them along and let someone else talk to them.

### When: Christmas Day—

4:00 for wine and conversation

6:00 for dinner—bring a dish to pass; something will be roasted

### Where: Annie Foerster's at 224 McGee Dr. in Fort Worth

Call 817-668-5392 or 513-301-4646 if you get lost

**Warning:** Cat in residence.

## Circle Suppers

Circle Suppers and Family Circle Suppers are going on hiatus in December and January but will resume their normal third Saturday schedule in February.

## Highlights of the October 19 Board Meeting

(Detailed Minutes and related documents are available in the Minutes Books in the office)

**A.** February 26: Westside will host an intergenerational service provided by The Fahs Collaborative. The Fahs Collaborative grew out of the pioneering liberal education work of Sophia Fahs. The plate collection that Sunday will help to support the work of this group. Learn more about The Fahs Collaborative at <http://www.meadville.edu/the-fahs-collaborative.php>

**B.** Westside erred in computing our 2013 social security wages, resulting in an IRS demand for \$1,531.50 in additional taxes and \$607.00 in penalties. Upon Don's suggestion, the board will negotiate for a reduction in the penalty.

**C.** The board discussed the need to update our methods of communicating and providing information with our congregation. Your ideas and thoughts are welcome. Contact your board president, James Finn, at [president@westsideuu.org](mailto:president@westsideuu.org), or any member of the board.

**D.** The roof repair will likely be delayed beyond November, due largely to the complex nature of repair required on the flat portion of the roof, and negotiations with our insurance provider.

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*He that uses many words for explaining any subject, doth, like the cuttlefish, hide himself for the most part in his own ink.*  
-John Ray

*I want people to talk to one another no matter what their difference of opinion might be.*  
-Studs Terkel

*A change in perspective is worth 80 IQ points.*  
-Alan Kay

*Neither a man nor a crowd nor a nation can be trusted to act humanely or to think sanely under the influence of a great fear.*  
-Bertrand Russell

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*Power is not revealed  
by striking hard or often,  
but by striking true.  
-Honore de Balzac*

*If you have knowledge,  
let others light their  
candles in it.  
-Margaret Fuller*

*A man is a success if he  
gets up in the morning  
and gets to bed at night,  
and in between he does  
what he wants to do.  
-Bob Dylan*

*What's madness but  
nobility of soul at odds  
with circumstance?  
-Theodore Roethke*

**E.** We are still seeking one additional volunteer to represent Westside with TXUUJM. This group lobbies the state legislature on issues important to us all. A great way to get your finger on the pulse of UU action in Texas.

**F.** The board has approved Dianne Nixon to chair the Building and Grounds Committee.

**G.** Polish up your western boots and brush off your Stetson. Planning has begun for BUUTS and BLING-2 next November. Oh, and limber up your wallet while you're at it, 'cause this is our big biennial fund raiser, not to mention a great party.

**H.** For your calendar:  
Holiday Tamale Brunch-December 18  
Potluck and Games-January 14, 2017  
Congregational Meeting-January 22, 2017  
NTUUC Awards Banquet-January 28, 2017

**I.** The board will meet December 21 and January 18 (the third Wednesday of each month), at 7:00 p.m. at Westside. We encourage members and friends to join us.

– *Bob Vann, Secretary*

## **OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN AND SERVE**

### **Thursday Meditation Group!**

Buddhist Meditation Group is held in our Sanctuary Thursdays from 7 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. Everyone interested is invited to participate; no special experience is required. See or contact Thayer McCaffree or Matt Sacks for more information.

### **Women of Westside Group (WOW) – December 3!**

WOW meets at the church on the first Saturday of the month for lively conversation, a brown bag lunch and a short program. The meetings begin at 11:30 and close about 1:30. In December, instead of a brown bag lunch we'll have a festive potluck lunch and make plans for next year. Bring something to share and join in the holiday spirit. In January Diane Nixon will give us insight into the life Beatrix Potter.

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

– *Sharon Salih*

### **Humanists of Fort Worth**

The HoFW meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month at Westside. All Freethinkers are welcome to attend. Please check the HoFW Meetup site for further information and special events at <http://www.meetup.com/Humanists-of-Fort-Worth/>

## Forming a Westside UU Men's Group

The Membership Committee suggested at our November meeting that I explore the possibility of getting a Men's Group started at Westside. This group could include not only all of our interested male members, but women's spouses or boy friends, our friends and family members, potential members, and any gay or transgender people that would like to associate with this group.

In the past we had a group that played poker and cooked pancakes for the Mother's Day Breakfast but no formal or official organization. I think we have a lot of potential here to do much more service for our Congregation and our Community, while developing deeper friendships, fellowship, and spiritual well being.

If you would like more information about the formation of a men's group, please contact John Nagley (jnagely@gmail.com) or catch him at church.

## Contemporary Book Group

Holiday greetings book lovers. Our December selection is "The Age of Desire," a fictional biography of one of America's favorite writers of the early twentieth century, Edith Wharton. As Lauren Belfer aptly describes: "With astonishing tenderness and immediacy, "The Age of Desire" portrays the interwoven lives of Edith Wharton and Anna Bahlmann, her governess, secretary and close friend. By focusing on these two women from vastly different backgrounds, Jennie Fields miraculously illuminates an entire era." Read this book and come join our fascinating discussion on December 11 after the second service. It will take your mind off of the election blues. Since this is not our usual meeting date, please see Linda Hanratty for the meeting location.

## Humanist Book Club

THERE WILL BE NO MEETING IN DECEMBER. Our next meeting will be held the fourth Saturday in January, 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., to discuss "The Metaphysical Club" by Louis Menand. This book won the Pulitzer Prize for history in 2011. All are welcome. Facilitated by Morris Meador, meadormorris1@gmail.com

## The Green Scene

*"To be rooted is perhaps the most important but least understood need of the human soul."* – Simone Weil

Battery Collection: A reminder that the Green Sanctuary Committee sponsors the collection of used batteries each week. A box for this purpose has been placed on the black table across from the entrance to the Sanctuary. Please—small batteries only. We will not be able to handle large batteries, such as those for cars or motorcycles. Batteries, even the tiny hearing aid batteries, contain elements which are harmful to the environment and should not be put into the landfill.

Recycling: The committee would like to commend our Westside members and friends for the fine job you have been doing in making use of the recycling cart in the Fellowship Hall.

When we empty the recycling cart, we do need to go through its contents to ensure that everything is actually recyclable. Usually, just about everything is, but there are always a few items placed there unwittingly, or sometimes carelessly, which do not meet local recycling criteria. As an aid to getting the word out, here are a few things that simply cannot be recycled in Fort Worth:

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*Speculation is perfectly  
all right, but if you  
stay there you've only  
founded a superstition. If  
you test it, you've started  
a science.*  
-Hal Clement

*I believe a leaf of grass is  
no less than the journey-  
work of the stars.*  
-Walt Whitman

*A career is wonderful,  
but you can't curl up  
with it on a cold night.*  
-Marilyn Monroe

*If Galileo had said in  
verse that the world  
moved, the Inquisition  
might have let him alone.*  
-Thomas Hardy

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*'Writing' is the Latin of our times. The modern language of the people is video and sound.*

*-Lawrence Lessig*

*Fearing no insult, asking for no crown, receive with indifference both flattery and slander, and do not argue with a fool.*

*-Aleksandr Pushkin*

*There is always something to do. There are hungry people to feed, naked people to clothe, sick people to comfort and make well. And while I don't expect you to save the world, I do think it's not asking too much for you to love those with whom you sleep, share the happiness of those whom you call friend, engage those among you who are visionary, and remove from your life those who offer you depression, despair, and disrespect.*

*-Nikki Giovanni*

*H. sapiens is the species that invents symbols in which to invest passion and authority, then forgets that symbols are inventions.*

*-Joyce Carol Oates*

Styrofoam, even though it often comes with a recycling code on it, is NOT accepted by any recycling facility in the area. However, companies like UPS still use clean styrofoam for packing. We have taken a lot of it to UPS, and they were glad to get it. Give them a call to check on their current policy; there are a few types they can't use. If they won't take it, must be placed in the trash.

Clean paper is recyclable (not tissue), but once it has a food or beverage soaked into it, paper can no longer be recycled. Relatively clean pizza boxes, milk and juice cartons, coated paper plates, and drink boxes and straws are now accepted.

We can recycle broken glassware. To protect the workers, please place it in a hard recyclable container.

Aluminum foil and aluminum bakeware are not recyclable.

The Green Sanctuary Committee will not meet in December. Our next meeting will be January 8th after second service. The next John Huffman Green Movie will be February 25.

## **OUR WIDER COMMUNITY**

### **Angels at Westside**

Westside has an opportunity to give to some of our most vulnerable in the wider community. We will be participating in the Alliance for Children's Angel Tree program; however, this year the Alliance is asking that we give coats and jackets. This item has been the most requested by the caregivers and parents.

Westside will be providing coats/jackets and a book for 40 young people. Beginning on Sunday, November 26, please drop by our Angel Tree, and choose an angel to shop for. Westsiders can delight in shopping for a child in need if they no longer have young ones to shop for. Some of the children and youth will love helping pick out a book or coat for an angel that is near their age. Partner up with a fellow Westsider if you like – its fun and more affordable. It is important that you return the coats/jackets and books by December 18 so they can be delivered to the Alliance on Monday, December 19. Dianne Nixon is providing bags for the items, so please pick one up when you choose your angel, and give a shout-out to Dianne.

Alliance for Children is dedicated to the protection and healing of child abuse victims. It is the only Tarrant County non-profit organization involved directly in the protection from child abuse through coordinated and teamed investigations with law enforcement, Child Protective Services, Cook Children's Medical Center, and the District Attorney's Office.

Westside's participation in this project is greatly appreciated by the Alliance. Angel Tree contact: Cindy Fountain, [vanessa4907@sbcglobal.net](mailto:vanessa4907@sbcglobal.net) 817-526-1375. Thank you, Westsiders!

### **The Eighth Annual NTUUC Awards Nomination**

The call is hereby issued, with a chance to honor your volunteers who have taken our good news beyond the walls of our congregations and helped grow UUism in North Texas. There are three categories of people that can be nominated: Lay Volunteers, Paid Staff, and Ministers.

Last year our very own Cindy Fountain received the Volunteer Award. Linda Ice received it in 2014. Prior to that, Membership Chair, Jeff Bullock, and Cheri Mayberry, our office administrator, were selected as winners. In 2010, our minister, Dr. Russell Eleven, received the award for outstanding ministers.

The nominations will come from the 13 UU congregations in North Texas. I hope we can nominate several people who are deserving of recognition. Your nomination is due to the committee by December 2. The awards will be given at the annual NTUUC Luncheon on Saturday, January 28, at the Oak Cliff UU church in Dallas. Please use this link to send in your online nomination:

<http://www.ntuuc.org/events/recognition-awards>

For more information, please contact our NTUUC board representative, Carol Cappa at 817-229-9017.

## SouthWest UU Women's Conference

Hearts and Hands Joining for Justice

Women and Teens 13 and older, come to an inspiring weekend. Speakers, music, worship, workshops, vendors, fellowship and fun! At the Magnolia Hotel Dallas Park Cities in Dallas.

Early registration \$190 before 1/1/17. Registration \$225 from 1/1/17 – 1/28/17. Final deadline 1/28/17. Registration includes Saturday's lunch and evening banquet. Saturday and Sunday breakfasts are included for hotel guests.

If you haven't attended a SWUW conference, here is your opportunity to participate in one close to home. Each conference is organized by the hosting UU women's group with a keynote speaker and a variety of workshops, creating a unique experience. The maiden program is for teens 13-17 who are attending with their mothers. The conference can be most fully experienced by staying at the hotel, and many participants share rooms. Registration scholarships are available.

For full details of the conference, including workshop descriptions, and to register, go to [www.swuuw.org](http://www.swuuw.org)

-Sharon Salih

## Self Management and Recovery Training (SMART)

These confidential meetings are held each week at Westside on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. for those who want or need to discuss strategies for confronting addictive behaviors. The group is sponsored by the Humanists of Fort Worth as an alternative to traditional 12-step meetings requiring belief in a higher power. To learn more, please contact [Jeff@vireomarketing.com](mailto:Jeff@vireomarketing.com) or [Ericasmartrecovery@gmail.com](mailto:Ericasmartrecovery@gmail.com).

## The Westside Story December 2016

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*The true birthplace is  
that wherein for the first  
time one looks intel-  
ligently upon oneself;  
my first homelands have  
been books, and to a  
lesser degree schools.  
-Marguerite Yourcenar*

*Ethics, decency,  
and morality are the  
real soldiers.*

-Kiran Bedi

*Out of the quarrel  
with others we make  
rhetoric; out of the  
quarrel with ourselves  
we make poetry.*

-William Butler Yeats

*I look at myself in the  
first grade and I look  
at myself now, I'm  
basically the same. The  
temperament is not  
that different.*

-Donald Trump



*Email submissions to our Editor Janice Sims  
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The deadline for submissions is  
the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.*



## Our Board

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## October 2016 Attendance

	10AM Adults	11:30 Adults	10AM Kids	11:30 Kids	Total
Oct. 2	442	63	12	17	134
Oct. 9	42	67	11	14	134
Oct. 16	55	66	13	12	146
Oct. 23	43	43	10	18	114
Oct. 30	46	60	18	13	137
Averages	45.6	59.8	12.8	14.8	133



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

## The 7 UU Principles

- We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote:
- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity & compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free & responsible search for truth & meaning;
- The right of conscience & the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

## The Six Sources

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

## Westside UU Church

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### How are we doing?

Do you feel that our church is doing something right?  
Should we be doing more or less of something?  
Should we be doing something different? If so, let the Transition Team know. The Transition Team also wants to know if you have a criticism, concern, or question. Look for us after the service, call us, or email us at [TransitionTeam@westsideuu.org](mailto:TransitionTeam@westsideuu.org).

### Committee of Ministry (COM):

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

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