



July 2017



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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*I talk about going to
his [George W. Bush's]
Inauguration and crying
when he took the oath,
'cause I was so afraid he
was going to "wreck the
economy and muck up
the drinking water" ... the
failure of my pessimistic
imagination at that
moment boggles my
mind now. -Sarah Vowell*

*The love of one's country
is a splendid thing. But
why should love stop at
the border. -Pablo Casals*

*Nothing ever goes away
until it has taught us
what we need to know.
-Pema Chödrön*

Sunday Services

July 2 – Unitarian Christianity by Rev. Ron Flowers. Rev Flowers reflection will be an exposition of the statement “Give to Caesar that which is Caesar’s, and give to God that which is God’s.” He plans to unpack Jesus’ statement and use it as a springboard to advocate for the ideas of separation of church and state/religious freedom contained in the American Constitution.

July 9 – “Question Box Sunday” by Rev. Shari Woodbury. Do you have something you’ve always wanted to ask a minister, the minister, YOUR minister? Today’s the day to bring your question! Questions will be collected during the service and answered by Rev. Woodbury in lieu of a sermon. Children’s questions will be answered during the Time for All Ages, so parents, talk with your little ones in advance about what might be a good question they have, to ask of their minister.

July 16 – Uncertainty Along the Journey by Teri Rogers. In uncertain times, people often flock to religions that provide concrete answers to difficult questions. We hunger for something certain. As a liberal, non-creedal religion, how do we respond to uncertainty along the journey?

July 23 – Life is just one grand sweet song, so start the music. Westside musicians come together this Sunday to share their talents and offer music to inspire and celebrate.

July 30 – Just Earth by Rev. Shari Woodbury. Just what is our predicament at the dawning of the Age of the Anthropocene? And how can we face it with compassion, justice, and active hope? Join us as we ponder “what time it is” geologically – and what we can do for all on our Blue Boat Home.

SUNDAY MORNING OPTIONS

Adult Religious Education Class

11:30-12:30 in the “Glass Classroom”

In July we will continue our series of lessons entitled “Building Your Own Theology.” Rev. Richard Gilbert, author of this series, says “The purpose of this curriculum is to provide tools for building a theology based on individual life experiences.” It starts with a liberal religious theological model that has the self at the center and explores how we deal theologically with ethics, history, meaning and ultimate reality. It helps us explore our values in all situations of life--both interpersonal and intra-personal. Discussion topics include your personal religious odyssey, understanding human nature, the role of history and tradition, and the imperatives of our personal theologies. After just fifteen weeks, you’ll be able to say with confidence, “This is what I believe.” For more information, contact Annie Foerster at redseamripper@gmail.com

Religious Odysseys

11:30-12:30 in the “Glass Classroom”

On the third Sunday of the month, instead of the regular Adult Religious Education class we will share Religious Odysseys. There will be a 20 minute period for a church member to tell of his/her life story focused on how his/her beliefs and life views developed followed by a discussion. This month Dianne Nixon will be sharing her spiritual journey. The emphasis is not on debating positions but sharing in a very intimate setting a person’s life story. Come and get to know persons you may not know or know much better persons you think you have known for a long time. Facilitated by Morris Meador, meadormorris1@gmail.com

Children’s Religious Education

Westside’s CRE activities vary by age. Please see www.westsideuu.org/re/re_home.html to learn more.

Forum: 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

The best way to get Adult Forum topics is to email Elizabeth Campbell, the interim 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 Elizabeth Campbell (batescampbell@gmail.com) and ask to be put on the Forum roster.

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The past is a foreign country; they do things differently there.

-L.P. Hartley

IN AND AROUND WESTSIDE

Minister's Message

Renewal

I had the pleasure recently of presiding over the renewal of marriage vows for one of Westside's fine couples. During this brief but beautiful ceremony, in the Sharing of the Cup that symbolizes union, we used the silver goblets the congregation gave me as an installation gift. I was reminded that the installation ceremony was also a renewal of commitment, of sorts – affirming the commitment Westside and I made during Candidating Week to our shared ministry in Fort Worth. It has been a wonderful first year. I have learned so much about this church and its members, and I am excited to move into the next year together. Before we do, let us all take some time for personal renewal.

Children are enjoying more free play during this season of fun. Summer can be a time of rejuvenation of body, mind and spirit for grown-ups, too. It is a good time to ask yourself how you are renewing the commitments you have made. How are you caring for yourself? How are you connecting with your loved ones? How do you want to connect with others and further compassion and justice through your participation at Westside? Are you moved to teach our children or mentor our youth this year? Do you have musical talents to share? Perhaps you are ready to join Mary Noer's brainstorming team, to build a stewardship program that will help our collective dreams come true.

As we wrap up one church year and begin another, Westside is in the process of organizational renewal, too. We are taking a fresh look at our communications, while our Digital Communications group (a.k.a. "digicom") completes an appealing new web site. Thank you to all who participated in the survey in June on our communications. We are considering input gathered and tools now available, and may be making some changes, accordingly. The aim is to reach Westsiders in ways that are convenient and effective for you, while using volunteer and staff time efficiently, and taking advantage of technology that supports these goals.

Likewise, I am giving fresh thought to how I connect with Westsiders, not only digitally, but in person. I have decided to discontinue the Coffee Shop Office Hours I held monthly during my first year here. That format helped me connect with people all over Tarrant County and beyond who are tied to Westside, who wanted to get to know the new minister. Attendance has fallen off and I have concluded that this format has run its course. I'm considering other options that will create opportunities for deeper connection in this new church year. I also continue to meet with people individually, by appointment, as needed. Please know that our Pastoral Care Team also remains available to provide a caring ear. (Contact anyone on the team directly, or drop an email to pastoralcare@westsideuu.org and we'll get you connected.)

Summer is also a peak time of year for visitors, who are looking for a spiritual home to help replenish them. Please be ready to sit next to a newcomer in worship, chat with a visitor at coffee hour, and invite new people into other church activities, honoring the courage and longing that lead seekers to come through our doors. May our community be renewed by the insights and energy that new people bring, and may Westside be a place of restoration and awakening for all of us.

In peace,
Rev. Shari Woodbury

A poor idea well written is more likely to be accepted than a good idea poorly written.

-Isaac Asimov

Don't own so much clutter that you will be relieved to see your house catch fire.

-Wendell Berry

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*I decided to fly through
the air and live in the
sunlight and enjoy life
as much as I could
-Evel Knievl*

*Liber medicina animi
(a book is the soul's
medicine).
-Latin Proverb*

*Time will say nothing
but I told you so.
-W. H. Auden*

Westside Story Bids You Adieu

After four wonderful years as editor, as I am retiring after the July edition of the Westside Story. It's been a treat working with all of the enthusiastic committee chairs, newsletter designer Eric Stevens whose talents made each issue look fantastic, Sharon Salih who handled all the details of newsletter distribution, and Tricia Bowes who uploaded the newsletter to Westside's website.

Responses from a questionnaire distributed at the recent Congregational meeting indicated that the Westside newsletter is not widely read. The Board has therefore decided to suspend publication of the Westside Story for six months and solicit feedback and ideas regarding the best way to promote good communication within the Westside community. If you wish to email your feedback, you can do so to board@westsideuu.org.

*-Janice Sims
Westside Story Editor*

Social Committee

Mark your calendars for another POTLUCK & GAMES to be held on Saturday, July 8 at 5:30 in Fellowship Hall!!!! Bring a favorite main dish, salad, vegetable, or dessert to share – all food preferences welcomed! We will enjoy sharing a meal and conversation with each other and then clear the tables for some good fellowship and game play. You are welcome to bring a favorite game to share but rumor has it that there will be such games as Yahtzee!, Charades, Speak Out, Chicken Scratch and other Domino games, Scattergories, and “Adult Non-XXX Board Games” for those interested in intellectual intrigue! Maybe you would enjoy learning how to play Settlers of Caton, Ticket to Ride – Europe, and Carcassonne. Please note that our Potluck & Games will take place in lieu of Circle Suppers for the month of July.

Your Social Committee has some thoughts brewing as the fall approaches – Bring a Friend to Church and newly formatted Circle Suppers to name a few. If you would like to be part of the conversation, please contact Linda and/or Myron Ice at Landmice@gmail.com!

Save the Date for our biennial BUUTS & BLING Progressive Dinner & Auction to be held on Friday, November 3 in the Stampede Room at Stockyards Station! Start thinking about what you might be able to donate to contribute to the financial success of the auction!

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!

– Linda Ice

Highlights of the May 17 Board Meeting

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

1. Board approved plate offering for June - Coming of Age Boston Trip; for July--Meals on Wheels of Tarrant County; and for August--Southside Church of Christ (for the JPS School-Based Health Center, Southside).

2. Stewardship co-chair Caroline Nixon updated the board on the status of pledges for 2017-2018. The total at this time is \$234,470, plus \$6,000 to \$7,000 in continuing pledges. Thirteen units that pledged last year have not yet done so this year.

3. Linda Hanratty presented the newly revised Endowment Committee bylaws, which were approved by the board as written for presentation to the upcoming congregational meeting.

4. David Burlingame, our Treasurer, reported on Westside's finances: The McConnell Memorial Fund current total is \$719. The Special Music Fund has \$480.50. We have currently paid \$12,900 more than we received from insurance for our roof repair. Pledge income is running well ahead of schedule. And he advocates investing some of our excess funds.

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*We are all just walking
each other home.*
-Ram Das

5. Rev. Woodbury continues to look at how the church is doing from the perspectives of congregational anxiety, membership numbers and attendance. She has defined the missions of the Worship and Pastoral Care Teams. She also proposed clarifying the process for dealing with requests for use of our facility.

6. Cameron Young, our DLRE, noted that we have served a minimum of 103--and possibly as many as 125--youngsters over the past year. RE has just completed the high school OWL program, and the Coming of Age program is going well. The board discussed the reaction of our youngsters to the White Supremacy Teach-in conducted at Westside May 7.

*I learned that courage
was not the absence of
fear, but the triumph over
it. -Nelson Mandela*

7. The sense of the board was that next year committees should do a line item budget request. Next year will be very tight.

8. We will resume setting aside funds (\$1,500/year) to prepare to cover ministerial and DLRE sabbatical needs.

9. Cameron's proposed 18% raise next year was discussed.

10. A team prepared, and the board approved, Rev. Woodbury's first evaluation.

11. Work continues on acquiring a fire safe for storing church documents, and the new bike rack is in and awaiting installation.

*Your potential, the
absolute best you're
capable of--that's
the metric to measure
yourself against. Your
standards are. Winning
is not enough. People
can get lucky and win.
People can be assholes
and win. Anyone can win.
But not everyone is the
best possible version of
themselves.*
-Ryan Holiday

12. The board discussed and approved the election slate provided by the Nominating and Leadership Development Committee.

13. The board will evaluate whether to continue the monthly Westside Story newsletter after Janice Sims steps down as editor at the end of June.

14. The Digital Communications Committee will be approached about assuming the job of recording reflections and other activities and uploading them to the Internet once Bill Russell steps down from that position the end of June to do some traveling.

15. The board briefly met in executive session.

16. The meeting ended with a discussion of Rev. Pam Wat's installation reflection.

For your calendar:

The board will meet July 19 (the third Wednesday of each month), at 7:00 p.m. at Westside. We encourage members and friends to join us.

Annual Congregational Business Meeting June 11, 2017: Approve budget, elections.

-Bob Vann, Secretary

*It does not do to leave
a live dragon out of
your calculations, if you
live near him.
-J.R.R. Tolkien*

*It is the ability to take
a joke, not make one,
that proves you have a
sense of humor.
-Max Eastman*

*I tore myself away from
the safe comfort of
certainties through my
love for truth -- and
truth rewarded me.
-Simone de Beauvoir*

Women of Westside (WOW) – No meeting in July

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. There will be no WOW meeting in July due to the 4th of July holiday. In August Debbie Rake will present the biography of a UU woman.

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

-Sharon Salih

WSUU Men's Group

"Love is the doctrine of this Church"

This Group was formed in 2017 to discuss and solve problems of our members and provide additional services that are not performed other places in our Church. We will meet monthly on the first Saturday of the month at 7 p.m. Usually at the Church and other times deemed appropriate. We will review other opportunities for service and when there is enough interest, form a committee of several of those interested and explore the possibility of further action. If not of immediate interest, we will place on the back burner to explore later and review these issues monthly for appropriateness to form a committee and take action.

We will form at least two lists. One will be programs or projects we as individuals would be willing to talk about. Sort of like a Speakers Bureau within our Congregation.

The other list will be of services or aid our members can or are willing to provide to other members who might be in need of such if asked by the Minister or perhaps the Pastoral Care Team.

Each month we will have a regular meeting to discuss the above issues and share a program and discuss meaningful issues and suggestions to solve personal problems brought up.

Please join us for fun, fellowship, and camaraderie.

-John Nagely

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/>

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.

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.

May '17	RAICES, the Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services.	\$1,022.50
April '17	South Central Alliance of Churches	\$1,016.00
April '17	FAHS Collaborative	\$ 225.30
March '17	Planned Parenthood of North Texas	\$1,309.29
February '17	Community Hospice of Texas, in honor of Howard McMahan	\$1,323.00
January '17	KIVA	\$1,251.25
December '16	Texas Unitarian Universalist Justice Ministry	\$1,964.26
November '16	UN High Commission on Refugees	\$1,474.70
October '16	Unitarian Universalist Service Committee	\$958.45
October '16	Rev. Woodbury's Installation	\$609.00
September '16	South Central Alliance of Churches	\$796.34
August '16	School-based health clinic sponsored by JPS Hospital,	\$1,437.82

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Our lives are like islands in the sea, or like trees in the forest. The maple and the pine may whisper to each other with their leaves ... But the trees also commingle their roots in the darkness underground, and the islands also hang together through the ocean's bottom.
-William James

The people can always be brought to the bidding of the leaders. That is easy. All you have to do is tell them they are being attacked and denounce the pacifists for lack of patriotism and exposing the country to danger. It works the same way in any country.
-Hermann Göring

To move freely you must be deeply rooted.
-Bella Lewitsky

Samaritan House Supper Club

We need help! Because several of our regular volunteers have had to drop out, we could use a few more volunteers. This volunteer activity is not time consuming and is very rewarding and even fun. The Supper Club is just once a month (third Thursday) and you only have to be there less than two hours. You prepare a dish (hearty - like potatoes, rice, etc.; vegetable, salad or dessert) during the day and bring it to the Samaritan House about 5:00 p.m. Usually we are gone by 6:30 p.m. There is not a whole lot that needs to be done while there so you get to spend time with your fellow Westsiders over a delicious pot luck meal. It is a win-win for everyone because the residents really appreciate our meals! Contact Morris Meador (816) 510-2417 or Keith Miller (816) 510-9078 at church, by phone or email.

The Peas Corp Needs Your Help!

These are the wonderful people who provide the coffee, tea and lemonade between services every Sunday. We recently have lost several members and are in desperate need of at least 6-10 church members to join the Westside Peas Corps team! The Peas Corp volunteers will be taking a break in July unless more people step forward. If you you like to help, please email me ASAP at tekniculr@sbcglobal.net and I will put you on a team and train you to serve in the Peas Corp Hospitality Ministry.

-Sue Spell

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When the field is nationwide, and the fight must be waged chiefly at second and third hand, and the force of personality cannot so readily make itself felt, then all the odds are on the man who is, intrinsically, the most devious and mediocre -- the man who can most easily adeptly disperse the notion that his mind is a virtual vacuum. The Presidency tends, year by year, to go to such men. As democracy is perfected, the office represents, more and more closely, the inner soul of the people. We move toward a lofty ideal. On some great and glorious day the plain folks of the land will reach their heart's desire at last, and the White House will be adorned by a downright moron. -H.L. Mencken

Justice will not be served until those who are unaffected are as outraged as those who are. -Benjamin Franklin

If I knew of something that could serve my nation but would ruin another, I would not propose it to my prince, for I am first a man and only then a Frenchman ... because I am necessarily a man, and only accidentally am I French. -Montesquieu

Contemporary Book Group

The Contemporary Book club decided not to meet in June, so our book for the July meeting will be “Day after Night” by Anita Diamant, previously scheduled for June. The discussion will be ably lead by Jaye Dodds. We will meet after the second service on July 23 in the glass classroom.

“Just as she gave voice to the silent women of the Old Testament in *The Red Tent*, Anita Diamant creates a cast of breathtakingly vivid characters — young women who escaped to Israel from Nazi Europe — in this intensely dramatic novel.

“Day after Night” is based on the extraordinary true story of the October 1945 rescue of more than two hundred prisoners from the Atlit internment camp, a prison for “illegal” immigrants run by the British military near the Mediterranean coast south of Haifa. The story is told through the eyes of four young women at the camp with profoundly different stories.”

The book for August will be “A Man Called Ove” by Fredrik Backman. “At first sight, Ove is almost certainly the grumpiest man you will ever met. People think him bitter and he thinks himself surrounded by idiots. Ove’s well-ordered, solitary world gets a shake-up... with the appearance of new neighbors, a chatty young couple and their two boisterous daughters, who announce their arrival by accidentally flattening Ove’s mailbox with their U-Haul.” It took a while, but this charming novel is now a run-away best seller and a wonderful antidote to today’s political instability. We will meet as usual in the glass classroom after the second service on August 27.

If you have any questions about the book club, please contact Linda Hanratty at llswenard47@gmail.com.

OUR WIDER COMMUNITY

Notes from SJC (Social Justice Council)



SCAC, South Central Alliance of Churches – Our thanks go out to Suzie and Jay Lotven as they retire from serving on the SCAC Board for the past 8 years and delivering Westside’s pantry donations. Many thanks to Lizzie Maldonado and Dianne Nixon who have stepped up to fill their

shoes for the deliveries. Westside needs a representative at the monthly board meeting, held 3rd Mondays at 1:30, Southside Church of Christ, 2101 Hemphill, 76110, just up the road from the church. Could this be you? Contact Cindy Fountain: justice@westsideuu.org or 817-526-1375.

Wrap Up from 85th Legislative Session – THANKS to all Westsiders who made calls or wrote to legislators getting your voices heard on issues that UUs care about. Successes were mostly none – neither the “bathroom bill” (full version) nor the voucher bill passed, but, along with reproductive justice bills that didn’t pass, may be up again in the special session. Some economic justice type bills had bi-partisan support but didn’t have enough push to get them passed. One confirmed success was that the bill to license privately-run family detention centers as childcare facilities died in the House.

Without a doubt, legislators are aware of growing dissent to injustice from the general populace and people of faith. It is also noted that unconstitutional bills were signed into law and are being challenged in court. Stay tuned for possible action alerts during the special session!

Sneakers to Donate?– Parents, do your kids grow out of their sneakers as fast as you can get them out of the shoe box? Many of the students at the FWISD International Newcomers Academy are refugees, and there is an ongoing need for sneakers. Even gently used adult sneakers for teen students would be appreciated. Please contact Stephanie Jeffers at shjeffers@gmail.com if you want to donate, or catch her at church.

Bring Toiletries for SCAC in August - August is Westside’s month to help replenish emergency toiletries for clients of the South Central Alliance of Churches (SCAC). SCAC serves an average of 40 non-duplicate clients each month with an emergency supply of toiletries from its small pantry. Clients live in the 76104, 76109, and 76110 zip codes. The SCAC emergency pantry is sourced almost entirely by donations from the member churches.

Suggested items: bar soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, disposable razors, shaving cream, lotion, toilet paper, tissue, tampons, sanitary napkins. Items need to be regular or family size. Thanks for sharing in this ministry at Westside.

-Cindy Fountain

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.*



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*If ever the time should
come, when vain and
aspiring men shall
possess the highest
seats in government,
our country will stand in
need of its experienced
patriots to prevent its
ruin. -Samuel Adams*

*Science is more than
a body of knowledge;
it is a way of thinking. I
have a foreboding of an
America in my children's
or grandchildren's time
-- when the United
States is a service and
information economy;
when nearly all the key
manufacturing industries
have slipped away to
other countries; when
awesome technological
powers are in the hands
of a very few, and no
one representing the
public interest can
even grasp the issues;
when the people have
lost the ability to set
their own agendas or
knowledgeably question
those in authority; when,
clutching our crystals
and nervously consulting
our horoscopes, our
critical faculties in
decline, unable to
distinguish between
what feels good and
what's true, we slide,
almost without noticing,
back into superstition
and darkness.*

-Carl Sagan

Our Board

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May 2017 Attendance

	10AM Adults	11:30 Adults	10AM Kids	11:30 Kids	Total
May 7	78	50	20	15	163
May 14	77	95	17	16	205
May 21	72	90	14	22	198
May 28 *	56	68	10	8	142
Averages	71	76	15	15	177

**Holiday weekend*



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

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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.

Committee on Shared Ministry (COSM):

Jeff Rodriguez, Chair; Sara Munoz; Jane Hardwick;
Anita Snyder; Daryl Sellers

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.

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