



The COMMUNITY News

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Typical Sunday

- **9:15 a.m.**
Inquirer's Class
(1st Sunday of each month)
- **10:30 - 11:45 a.m.**
Worship
Religious Education for Youth; Nursery Childcare

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AS A RULE

Ian Rule

Surprising and Inspiring

First time attendees at General Assembly often express surprise and delight at the inspiration that comes from being in the company of so many Unitarian Universalists. The parade of some 200 banners from individual congregations makes your heart beat fast and you realize that you're actually part of a significant whole that can, and often does, make an impact in the wider world. I can't promise that the SWUUC Spring Conference will give you the same adrenaline rush, but representatives of up to seventy congregations in five states will be in our church exploring the conference theme: "Take a Fresh Look at Your Congregation." Our new UUA President, Rev. Peter Morales, has said that "we could be the religion for our time." On Friday evening, the "Minister's Roundtable" will offer a panel of ministers considering Rev. Morales' "charge" and sharing their thoughts about the future of our denomination. Saturday morning's session will begin with a videotaped message from Rev. Morales supporting our efforts. Theme speaker Anthony Healy will talk about ways to identify and meet the needs of both current members and new seekers in the 21st century. Workshops will give us fresh looks at worship, budgeting, identifying core values, emphasizing faith development, adult religious education and other aspects of church life. The overall goal is for us to get to know ourselves better so that we can grow and mature with the times. But we have to do this while remembering who we are. Anthony Healy will tell us that, rather than abandoning church, modern seekers are taking advantage of their liberation from commitment to a religion for life to "re-root" in the religion of their choice. And that would be one that understands and speaks to their needs, and one that makes a difference. Sound like us?

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April Sunday Services

April 4, 2010 - "Annual Easter Season Multigenerational Service," The Rev. Patrick Price, and Ministerial Intern, Pamela Wat.

April 11, 2010 -, "What is Faith?", Rev. Patrick Price.

April 18, 2010 - "Myths and Truths of Our Faith", Pamela Wat, Ministerial Intern.

April 25, 2010 - "Walking a Beautiful Path: Compassion, Justice and Harmony", Rev. Patrick Price.

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Patrick's Ponderings

40th Anniversary of Earth Day

In case you didn't know, Earth Day celebrates its 40th anniversary this month on Thursday, April 22. As part of this year's commemoration the UU Ministry For Earth (UUMFE) is lifting up the question,

“What food choices can Unitarian Universalists make to build a planet that is both sustainable and just?”

If you walk into an average supermarket these days, you'll find thousands of choices of things to eat. Some things may be grown or produced in low-impact ways at a nearby farm, but chances are that many items for sale contain ingredients whose production has negatively impacted the Earth and her people. As Unitarian Universalists, we are committed to living in ways that respect the inherent worth and dignity of all people as well as the interdependent web of life of which we are a part. With so many choices, how can we find ways to eat ethically?

Fortunately, people all over the United States are thinking about just this right now. Several best-selling books have been written about authors' deliberations about what to eat, and UU congregations have been engaging in the current Congregational Study/Action Issue, "Ethical Eating: Food and Environmental Justice." For the 40th anniversary of Earth Day this year, UU Ministry For Earth (UUMFE) is asking members of all congregations to think about what they eat and what food choices are available to those in their communities... Check out the Earth Day Network website (<http://www.earthday.net/>) to see how the 40th anniversary is being celebrated around the world. (http://uumfe.org/earth_day_resources)

Closer to home, the City of Plano once again puts on Live Green EXPO the weekend before Earth Day, April 17th, 9 AM to 7 PM at the nearby Plano Centre, on the corner of Jupiter and Spring Creek Parkway. There will be programs on Green Job Hunting, sustainable living, DIY energy savings, “Where Can you "Meat" a Vegan in Texas?” and activities for the whole family. (<http://www.livegreenexpo.net/>)

Here at Community Church we will be looking at these and related issues in our worship service on April 25th, as well as rededicating the renewal of our outdoor labyrinth. Due to all these events and our hosting the District Conference the last weekend of April, we will hold our animal blessing service later in the spring.

I encourage you to participate in some or all of these and other activities as part of being more aware and active in helping to create more sustainable lives and communities, locally and around our Earth. Blessings, Patrick

Editorial Policy: *In order to be included in our publications an event must be church-initiated, or at the very least officially co-sponsored by an established church committee or organization. Events run by individual members or by other organizations in which individual members play prominent roles, do not qualify.*

The President's Corner

Sarah Reiling

A few weeks ago, on the first sunny Saturday in a long time, I decided to stop by a plant nursery and pick up a few things. I couldn't wait to get my hands in the soil. Everyone else in a fifty mile radius must have had the same idea. The lines were practically out the door. The clerk told me that it had been that way since opening that morning. In the evening there was even a news story about the great business the nurseries had done that day. All over North Texas people had headed to their local stores itching to plant something. After the rain and snow all it takes is one sunny day to convince us it is time plant. We all want to be part of the action.

This month Community Church hosts the Southwestern Unitarian Universalist Conference and Annual Business Meeting. What a great opportunity to welcome our fellow UUs to Plano. If you would like to be part of the action you can volunteer to help with the conference. Check out our webpage for details: <http://communityuuchurch.org/> under events.

Speaking of action, Faith in Action is still collecting food for God's Food Pantry. There is a cart just inside our front door where you can leave your contributions. Why not pick up a few extra items to donate the next time you do your shopping?

Peace and justice,
Sarah

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Surprising and Inspiring**

Ian Rule

We will need a lot of help to keep our friendly juggernaut on the straight and narrow. Welcomers, meal servers, T-shirt sellers, furniture movers...the list goes on and on. If you will be available on April 23, 24 and 25, and are not registering for the conference, please contact Nelah McComsey or e-mail springcom@communityuuchurch.org. By all means make plans to attend the free Friday Flick on April 23 at 8:30 pm. Yes, I know that's late, but it's worth staying up for. See the description under Friday Flicks elsewhere in this newsletter. You'll also enjoy the Saturday night Coffee House featuring UU troubadour and social satirist Lu Mitchell. It's at 8 pm and there is a requested donation. We're advertising it to the larger community, but as Lu has been a member of First Church for many years, it's sure to have a UU focus. Like the Friday Flick, Lu will make you think and smile.

This is an exciting event in the life of our church and it will be exhilarating to be in the midst of so many UU's exploring our bright and promising future. Your positive energy will help the gathering to be a success.

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Pamela's Page**Pamela Wat**

Spring has sprung. I, for one, am glad to say goodbye to another winter season. This one in particular seemed to place me uncomfortably close to the reality that life is fragile. Illness in my family, deaths of dear ones here at Community and a devastating earthquake in Haiti all reminded me that we live in a delicate balance between life and death. I found that tension fiercely on Saturday, February 27 when I learned that an earthquake had shaken Chile and might create a tsunami in Hawaii. I have close relatives in both Santiago and Honolulu and I could not have before imagined that a natural phenomenon affecting my family in Chile could also affect my family in Hawaii. We had close to an hour of worrying about what might be going on and what might happen. Thankfully, the tsunami did not happen in Hawaii and my family in Chile is safe despite significant property damage. In the meantime, I got a lesson about how tenuous life is and how fleeting it sometimes feels.

This awareness also came through with my new garden, planted last autumn. It is full of various plants and bushes and one proud, young magnolia tree which have all been braving this erratic winter weather. My thumb is not so green and inevitably we lost some plants along the way. We had four snowfalls this winter. The last of which laid enough snow to break a branch off of our magnolia tree. Have I mentioned how fragile life can feel?

Our church's community garden is changing daily with new growth. Daffodils have brought vibrant color to our church landscape. Even in the midst of all this growth, with the days warming and flu season winding down, I'm not sure that we are any less fragile. I imagine that some of us might be entering into our own seasons of increased fragility perhaps due to illness, divorce, grief or other times of transition that keep us aware of how quickly things can shift. In whatever season we find ourselves, I do hope that we might each find strength in the ability for new life to burst forth, sometimes with little or no coaxing from us. I hope that each of us might find a moment to breathe in the sweet smells of spring; to marvel at a small green shoot's perseverance to rise up from the soil; or to rest in the smile of a baby. In this spring season, may we each celebrate the abundant rebirth that is desperately waiting to delight every last one of us.

Literary Ladies Book Club

On **April 13** we will discuss Night Train to Lisbon by Pascal Mercier. Mercier's third novel is richly detailed. It is full of surprises and paradoxes as it incorporates a vivid rendering of the Portuguese resistance to Salazar.

We will meet at **7 p.m. at the home of Nancy Barlow**. Contact Nancy by April 9 if you plan to attend.

This group meets the second Tuesday of each month and welcomes women members and friends of Community UU Church. The May selection is John Steinbeck's The Log from the Sea of Cortez which details a six-week marine specimen-collecting boat expedition he made in 1940 at various sites in the Gulf of California (also known as the Sea of Cortez), with his friend, marine biologist Ed Ricketts.

Come to the Coffeehouse!

April 24 at 8:00 pm in the Sanctuary

Held in conjunction with the SWUUC Spring Conference, the coffeehouse is open to all of you and will be advertised to the public. It features Lu Mitchell, UU Troubadour and social satirist. She will make you think and laugh: a refreshing evening.

There will be a requested \$10 donation at the door.

Faith in Action Programs

UUInAction@communityUUChurch.org

Dan Dodd
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Community Harvest Garden

Samaritan Inn (Monthly dinner)

Plano Make a Difference Day

Plano Food Pantries

CROP Walk

MLK Celebration

Hong Kong Partner Church

Dallas Area Interfaith

Chalice Circle Facilitator

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“New UU” Class

A "New UU" orientation will be held on **Saturday, April 10, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the church.** The class is designed for anyone who'd like to know more about Unitarian Universalism and our congregation. It is especially recommended for those considering membership in CUUC. Even long-time UUs transferring from other congregations can benefit by attending the final hour of the program.

Attendees, along with a few church members, will first have a chance to talk about their personal beliefs and spiritual backgrounds. Our minister, the Rev. Patrick Price, will be on hand to explain his role and answer questions. Next will be a segment on the histories of Unitarianism, Universalism and the combined denomination, as well as the 33-year history of our congregation. Participants will also explore the Seven Principles of UU and their significance in our lives. Over lunch, some church leaders and active members will discuss the variety of programs and activities available at CUUC. The process of becoming a member or a "friend" of the congregation will also be explained.

The workshop is free, including lunch and child care. If you'd like to attend, please sign up on one of the at the Visitors desk in the church foyer or contact Tye Alexander.

Please do not bring any food or beverages into the sanctuary except for special occasions.

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REACTIONS!!

**Updates - Announcements - News
What's Going On For Children & Youth**

During the absence of a permanent Religious Education Director, the Religious Education Board members have assumed some of the duties as in reminders to teachers as to their schedule purchasing supplies, and follow-ups with teachers and families as needed. In addition these same Religious Education Board members have agreed to be Acting Director on Sunday mornings along with some Board of Trustees members in order to maintain and assure continuity during the next two months until our full-time new Director of Religious Education is in charge. The Religious Education Board members and their class affiliation are as follows:

Preschool/Kindergarten	Anne Smith
Spirit Play (1 st -3 rd grades)	Amy Dessert
4 th -5 th grades	Sally West
Junior High (6 th -8 th)	John Gallant
Senior High (9 th -12 th)	Wendy Hanenburg

If anyone has questions or concerns please contact the Religious Education Board member in charge of your child's class from the list above. Each classroom should have a posted list of who is Acting Director each Sunday. Church school teachers need to inform the person listed above if you are unable to teach any given Sunday as previously scheduled at our January teacher meeting as those persons will be securing substitutes for you.

Dr. Jim Hinton and Anne Smith have welcomed five students (4th-6th graders) into the Our Whole Lives (human sexuality) class and are now halfway through the sessions.

These preteens are well informed and quite energetic in their discussions of this subject and the class is progressing with much enthusiasm and knowledge development. The next classes will be Sunday March 21 (noon-1), Sunday March 28 (noon-1), and Sunday April 11 (noon-1:30 pm) and are held in the church library/4th-5th grade room.

The Religious Education Board has selected two candidates to be trained to lead the Junior High level of these classes and could use two more to be trained at the K-1 and 4th-6th grade levels. The training is usually offered through our Southwest UU District. If you are interested please notify the Religious Education Board.

April 4th ,Easter Sunday, there will be a multi-generational service in which the children and youth attend church with their families. The service leaders are making every effort to present a child-friendly and interactive service for all ages to share and enjoy. There will be childcare as usual for the youngest among us.

April 18th will be Children's Chapel held in Founders Hall at 10:30 am. All children and youth PK-5th grade are encouraged to attend in place of entering the sanctuary for the first part of the service. Then the teachers and chapel leader will help them leave from Founders Hall to their classes.

Attention all Youth- The North Texas YRUU Spring Rally is coming on Friday thru Sunday April 9-11. Visit online at <http://swuuc.org/pages/lifespan-faith-development/youth-ministry.php> to access registration forms to fill out and send in.

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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- April 4th Easter Sunday Multi-generational worship service
- April 9th-11th North Texas YRUU Rally
- April 11th RE Board meeting 9-10 am
- April 16-18 Spring Campout (may affect attendance and teacher's availability)
- April 18 Children's Chapel
- April 23-25 SWUUC Spring Conference hosted by CUUC

For more information about any Religious Education activities, please contact re-board@communityuuchurch.org Any emails sent to dre@communityuuchurch.org now go automatically to the RE Board.

Connecting To Community With Commitment

Creating and nourishing the church community we all cherish requires a financial commitment from every friend and member who can give. Every commitment matters, so please be sure you have made yours. As we near the end of this year's Annual Budget Drive, remember, we are all stewards. We each have the privilege and responsibility of supporting our church. Now is the time to make your connection, to make your commitment and to make this community thrive.

Please contact June Bruns if you have any questions or if you have not yet had a contact from a Stewardship representative.

June Bruns, Stewardship Chair

IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER

Information about cancellations will be displayed on the home page of the website. If you are cancelling and event for weather-related reasons, please e-mail Ian Rule at webguru@communityuuchurch.org.

We are too small to be included in the broadcast bulletins of the major media. Some won't mention us at all while others will just put us on their website. So we've simplified it: our website will be the sole source of information about closings or cancellations

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Friday Flicks: Films are shown in founders hall.

April 9, 7 pm - LAURA. A classic noirish mystery with a consummate ensemble of actors. Dana Andrews adroitly plays the detective who delves into the murder of the stunningly beautiful Laura (Gene Tierney), with whom it seems everyone, including the detective himself, is in love.

April 23, 8:30 pm (late but worth staying up for) - LETTING GO OF GOD (offered in conjunction with the SWUUC Spring Conference and all are welcome). Religion is just too easy a target for mockery. Seen from the outside, any supernatural belief system can seem absurd. You drink your God's blood? You could be a gnat in your next life? You can't eat what? Which is why Julia Sweeney's brave, hilarious, ultimately moving new solo show "Letting Go of God" is a gale-force breath of fresh air into the mostly politic dialogue about religion in our time which liberals of every faith have largely ceded to fired-up fundamentalists.

Women's Alliance - Annual Retreat - "Your Wild and Precious Life"

April 9th – April 11th Location: Texoma Christian Camp, 4558 Texoma Christian Camp Road, Kingston, OK. Price: \$75

Scholarships are available as needed. just speak to one of our officers. Checks can be made out to Women's Alliance to reserve your place. Please mail your check to Jodie Zoeller or give to Jodie or Arlene at church.

Carpooling Coordinator: Arlene Burleson

Flyers are available in Founders Hall. For more information you may contact one of the officers:

2009-2010 Women's Alliance Board & Advisors

President: Arlene Burleson

Vice President: Celeste Kennedy.

Vice President: Dina Galli.

Secretary: Judith Boyle.

Treasurer: Jodie Zoeller.

Advisors: Denise Dittmar, Pam Reinke-Walter, Angela Gentz

APRIL: Elections for 2010-2011 followed by a presentation given by Nancy Barlow, "Notable Women in History", **Thursday, April 29, 7:00 p.m.**, Location: Founders Hall, CUUC. Contact person: Arlene Burleson

Simple Living Chalice Circle

Meeting time and place – The next meeting will be **Saturday morning April 10, at 11:00, at Ona Tannehill's home.**

Theme/topic – Learning together to live deliberately. We are currently reading Voices of Insight, edited by Sharon Salzberg.

Service project – We hosted coffee hour on March 14, Pi Day, with lots of pies and puns.

Facilitator – Ona Tannehill. Email simpleliving@communityuuchurch.org

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

MONDAY

HARVEST THE POWER - LEADERSHIP TRAINING - Leslie Harper and Tom Reid. This session is full. If you are interested in the course, please contact adultre@communityuuchurch.org We hope to schedule another session in the near future.

INTRODUCTION TO INNER JOURNEYS - Clyde Grauke. Clyde says *"This class is particularly addressed to those who believe they have a Higher Self and would like to contact their Higher Self. This class could also be of interest to anyone with views that allow for transcendent, non-material realities. If you are interested in the areas of shamanic journeys, dreams, dreamwork, altered states of consciousness, inner journeys, contacting inner guides or inner guidance, visualizations and/or channeling, you might find this of interest."* **This course is offered on the second and fourth Monday of each month.**

VIPASSANA MEDITATION - Clifton Rule

WEDNESDAY

MYTHOLOGY - GREEK THEATER: THE TRAGEDIES - RACHAEL CLARK

This is a follow-up to Rachael's engaging and informative 2009 Mythology class. The legendary dramas bring all those Gods and DemiGods to vibrant life.

JUSTICE: WHAT'S THE RIGHT THING TO DO? - IAN RULE This lively 12-session course is fresh from a debut showing on public television. It will start with videos of Professor Michael Sandel's thought-provoking Harvard classes and proceed to provocative discussion questions. The topics include: The Moral Side of Murder , The Case for Cannibalism, For Sale: Motherhood, What's a Fair Start?, Debating Same-Sex Marriage.

YOGA - TRACY ROSIPAL

\$5 per session

THURSDAY

THE NATURALISTS - Anita Van Ouwerkerk. Anita will be taking a look at the early American naturalists. Men such as Jefferson, Audubon, John Muir and Teddy Roosevelt. This could be seen as a "prequel" to the latest Ken Burns series as these men helped create the mindset that enabled us to save so many of our natural wonders.

ISLAM - REV. DON FIELDING. Don's video/discussion class will help you to understand doctrinal differences: what's a Sunni, what's a Shiite? Why does it matter? It also will focus on Islamic religious practice. And yes, you'll get to discuss the questions that are on all your minds.

There is more detailed information on our website. Pretty impressive, huh? We think so, too. So give us a try. You just might add a new treat or two to your weekly schedule.

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**UUA—Unitarian
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**SWUUC—Southwest
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www.swuuc.org

NTAUUS
www.ntauus.org

**Community Website
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**Collin County
Interfaith**

*www.setonparish.org/
Outreach/pai.htm*

**Habitat for Humanity
South Collin County TX
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www.Habitat-scc.org

**Habitat ReStore of
SCCTX**

*www.restore.habitat-
scc.org*

Faith in Action**Green Team**

Samantha Hall is chairing our new Community UU Green Team. If you are interested in implementing “green” practices for our building and grounds and sharing knowledge about environmental issues, become a part of the Green Team by contacting Sam. Check the bulletin board in Founders Hall or the Faith in Action web page for more information.

Community Outreach

Plano Community Homes is our newest community outreach project! Actually, this organization is not new to Community UU at all, but we have lost touch in recent years and are re-establishing our connections. Our own Jo Howser and Bill Daffinee represent the church on the Plano Community Homes board. Plano Community Homes offers low-income housing to seniors and the disabled. They could use help from volunteers who can drive residents to doctor appointments, host parties and game nights for residents, or help residents with small projects in their apartments (like changing light bulbs or painting a room). If you would like to help residents at Plano Community Homes, please contact Linda Frank.

Thanks to the Earthspirit group for serving dinner at the **Samaritan Inn** in March! If your group would like to participate, contact Nelah McComsey.

CROP Walk (Sunday, May 16, at 3:30 p.m.) sign-up forms are available. Contact Gary or Vicky Sharpsteen. Many thanks to Gary & Vicky for representing us on the Collin County leadership team for this event. Remember that if you participate, your funds can be designated to benefit the UUSC (Unitarian Universalist Service Committee). Have a beautiful walk in Russell Creek Park with your friends and help hunger relief efforts locally and around the world!

As always, please continue to bring your non-perishable food donations for **God's Pantry** in the grocery cart next to the front door of the church.

Hong Kong Partner Church

Our committee is working with various groups in the church to understand how they would like to participate in our partnership with UU Hong Kong. If you missed the photos of our wonderful service on January 24, go to our web site (click on **Ministries > UU Hong Kong Partner Church**). On that page you will also find pictures and audio from the service of celebration at UU Hong Kong on February 16. If you would like to participate on the partnership committee, contact Pam Wat or Jian Li (minintern@communityuuchurch.org).

Finance Committee

The financial information below does not include any of the "Above & Beyond" and other specific, dedicated contributions.

Offering Income	Actual	Budgeted
Pledged Offering	\$14,030.82	\$18,000.00
Loose Offerings/Basket	870.00	1,333.33
New Pledges	<u>1,415.00</u>	<u>343.75</u>
Total Offerings Income	\$16,315.82	\$19,677.08

Spring brings new birth and rebirth. The sunshine and warmth help us feel like getting outside and kicking up our heels or pushing a spade into the ground. Our spirits soar; we look forward to more warm sunny days. Our gratitude goes to all who have pledged for the coming 2010-2011 church fiscal year. If you have not been contacted to support our Annual Budget Drive, please contact me. Our **Annual Budget Drive** goal to contact every person to discuss the future of our church and our ministries will wrap up soon. As we grow, we are extending our reach making a greater impact on our surrounding community. Our Strategic Plan shows the ways we want to move forward as a church and our combined efforts will make it happen!

The Spring Southwest Leadership Conference we are hosting is an opportunity to volunteer to help run the conference welcoming UU leaders from near and far. I plan to attend the Friday night movie "Letting Go of God" and the Saturday night concert featuring Lu Mitchell! Please come if you can.

Grace Morrison, Treasurer

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Income and Expense Report for February, 2010

	Income	YTD
Offering Income	\$ 16,315.82	\$ 166,846.45
Fund Raisers	\$ 1,513.50	\$ 19,579.65
Building Usage	\$ 4,017.00	\$ 16,503.70
Misc. Income	\$ 173.00	\$ 4,290.35
Total Income	<u>\$ 22,019.32</u>	<u>\$ 205,587.25</u>
	Expense	
Administration	\$ 3,568.58	\$ 32,236.27
Program/Worship	\$ 1,069.30	\$ 20,054.60
Religious Education	\$ 2,536.53	\$ 26,575.93
Facilities	\$ 6,276.22	\$ 54,375.99
Income generating expense	0.00	\$ 2,368.67
Ministry (Includes Min.Intern)	\$ 5,292.22	\$ 68,774.72
Denomination	\$ 1,423.00	\$ 11,742.00
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 20,165.85</u>	<u>\$ 216,139.06</u>
Net Income/(Loss)	\$ 1,853.47	\$ (10,551.81)

Very generous special purpose contributions have been made through the **Above and Beyond Fund** and dedicated amounts to support compassionate food/shelter assistance, and grant applications. The wonderful people who were able to be generous have made an extraordinary difference this year. **We are truly grateful for your generosity!**

Staff Office Hours

• **Minister - *The Rev. Patrick Price***

Monday is the Minister's Sabbath (renewal time) available for emergencies only.

Tuesday — Thursday 12:00 Noon – 4:00 PM

Friday is for reflection, study and writing. Other times by appointment. Please contact Rev. Price for appointments and scheduling information.

• **Ministerial Intern - *Pamela Wat***

Tuesday—Thursday 12:00 Noon—4:00 PM

• **Director of Religious Education - VACANT**

• **Music Director - *Kelley Poché Rodriguez***

• **Church Secretary - *Connie Meints***

[Church office closed on Monday]

Tuesday 9am - 3pm

Wednesday 9am - 2:30pm

Thursday 9am - 2:30pm

Friday 9am - Noon

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