



# The COMMUNITY News

Community Unitarian Universalist Church of Plano

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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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## Connection To COMMUNITY With Commitment

Our church community keeps on growing. Hallelujah! As we grow, it is sometimes a challenge to feel connected the way we did when we were fewer. The Stewardship Committee has a proposition that we hope will provide us all with an opportunity to connect, to meet new friends and to learn more about one another.

As we conduct our Annual Budget Drive, we will be deploying Visiting Stewards to talk with you about Community Church. During these conversations, you and our volunteers will have an opportunity to share experiences and to get to know each other better. After all, we are all here for a reason and we would like to know more about yours. Oh, and yes, your Visiting Steward will be asking you to make your annual financial commitment to support Community Church and its many ministries. We believe that our commitment strengthens our connection as we invest in our shared future.

You will be hearing more in coming weeks as we launch our drive with fanfare and fun. Please receive the gift of time with our Visiting Stewards with grace and joy.

The Stewardship Committee  
June Bruns, Chair

**We will kick off of our Annual Budget Drive on February 7th with lunch for all after church. Plan to join us for fun and fellowship.**

### February Sunday Services

**February 7, 2010 - "Give Them Not Hell, But Hope and Courage" Rev. Patrick Price**

**February 14, 2010 - "Love", service led by the YRUU.**

**February 21, 2010 - "Heeding the Call", Guest Minister, the Rev. Dr. Daniel ÓConnell. How do you discern the direction your life should take? Are you at a cross roads? Have been you waiting for a reminder? Today is your lucky day. *The Rev. Dr. Daniel ÓConnell attended Meadville Lombard Theological School in Chicago with the Rev. Patrick Price in the early 1990s. The Rev. Dr. ÓConnell grew up Unitarian Universalist in the suburbs of Washington, D.C., and was involved in the youth, and young adult movements at regional and national levels. He is the Lead Minister at Eliot Unitarian Chapel in St. Louis, MO, and is president of the Central Midwest District of the UU Association.***

**February 28, 2010 - "Calling on the Prophets", Pamela Wat, ministerial intern.**

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**Patrick's Ponderings****"Philanthropy"**

We all want to be loved. This is the reason for lovers, partners, families, friends and communities of all types and descriptions. To have a place, a group for us to belong to, and to know that our well being is of concern to some one else. In turn, we are responsible to know the welfare of others is of a concern to us. With a lousy economy, the earthquake in Haiti last month, and other crises around the world or around the block, we are exposed to need and want, and the welfare of others, often on a scale that seems to overwhelm us, at least for a while.

Philanthropy literally means "a love of our fellow human beings, especially the promoting human welfare." To be philanthropic is not about being hit up for yet one more cause; it is to act in accordance with our love of other people. Money is the energy of our lives concentrated and made tangible to create or prevent change. When we give philanthropically, we are trying to effect real changes in the lives of others for the betterment of their conditions and the greater welfare.

While it is written that it is more blessed to give than to receive, some of us some times need the blessings of others to make through the week or the month. To this end the **Minister's Discretionary Fund** has moneys available to help members and friends of the church, as well as those in the broader community, during difficult financial times. Please speak to me directly about your needs or those of others, or your desire to donate funds, to see what we can do together.

On the global level, the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee and the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations have created a **fund to support relief efforts following the January 12 earthquake that devastated Haiti**. The UUSC has updated fund information online at [www.uusc.org/haitiearthquake](http://www.uusc.org/haitiearthquake), including a secure link for credit card donations. Contributions may also be sent by mail to UUSC/UUA Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund, PO Box 844001, Boston, MA 02284-4001. These are just two of the ways we can express and receive our philanthropy, our love of people.

And be sure to welcome the visiting stewards when they come to speak with you about our annual budget drive. Your generous contributions to each of these worthy causes will make a significant difference.

During this month of love, let us share our love of others made tangible for the sake of their welfare and the world's.

Blessings and see you in church. 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*

All around us are signs of new life; the leaves are emerging on trees and daffodils are pushing their way through the soil. All these signs of spring make me think of the great opportunity we have this spring at Community Church. **We are the host congregation of the Southwestern Unitarian Universalist Conference (SWUUC) Spring Conference and Annual Meeting.** What a chance to share our wonderful facility and our hospitality with fellow UU's. It also makes attending the conference really easy for us. This is an opportunity to get some excellent leadership training right here at our own church.

The theme this year is: **Take a Fresh Look at Your Congregation. The conference, which starts Friday, April 23 and concludes with worship on Sunday, April 25, has something for everyone in leadership.** If you are a current leader you definitely want to attend. If you are considering serving Community Church as a leader, there are great classes for you. If you are a veteran leader ready to serve again, this conference is a must for you. The conference is also a wonderful way to meet and connect with other UU leaders. There will be time to relax with our fellow UU's too. **Friday Night Flicks will show Julia Sweeney's Letting Go of God and Saturday night there will be a coffeehouse featuring Ron Shipman guitarist, singer and raconteur; and the incomparable UU troubadour Lu Mitchell.**

It's almost spring; the perfect time for developing your leadership skills! See you at the conference.

Peace and justice,

Sarah

**Women's Alliance**

**Lunch & Shopping, February 6, 11:30 a.m.** Location: Antique Land, Plano. Lunch: Veranda Tea Garden, Time: 11:30 a.m.. Eclectic menu, Prices, \$8 to \$15. Place: Inside Antique Land, toward the back. Shopping after lunch

\* More than 250 dealers

\* Large variety of antiques and collectibles

Directions: Antique Land, 800 North Central Expressway, Plano, TX 75074.

Coming from I-75: Take Exit #28 towards Plano Parkway, Antique Land will be on your right, just northeast of Plano Parkway.

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Community UU Board of Trustees meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in Founders Hall. Members, friends and visitors are always welcome.

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**Pam's Page****Pamela Wat****Gung Hay Fat Choy! Blessings to you as we welcome in the year of the tiger!**

In this spirit of newness we also welcome in our new partnership with UU Hong Kong! In January, Community UU Church of Plano officially became recognized by the Partner Church Council as being in partnership with UU Hong Kong, a small group of laity-led UU's in Hong Kong who are seeking to provide a spiritual home for the liberal religious people in their region.

The Unitarian Universalist Partner Church Council offers these words about partnership churches:

Partnership with Unitarian Universalists and Unitarians around the world helps grow our faith. Our shared values of liberty of conscience and individual thought in matters of faith, the inherent worth and dignity of every person; justice and compassion in human relations; and responsible stewardship of the earth's living system are values that are needed all around the world - not just here in the United States.

Together we are stronger, our numbers enlarge and we grow our faith.

Partnerships provide individuals, small groups and full congregations a way to connect with the larger fellowship of our faith. Our models are not based on charity - we value building relationships between UUs that benefit all in both small and large ways - improving cultural understanding, supporting communities and helping to develop individual, religious, educational and economic opportunities.

Currently there are congregations all over the United States and Canada who have partnered with UU and Unitarian congregations in Hungary, Romania, Nigeria, India, Czech Republic, Philippines and Poland. We are honored to partner with the first UU organization in all of Hong Kong and/or in mainland China. I look forward to seeing how this new UU presence in Hong Kong develops with the efforts of UU Hong Kong.

We officially kicked off our partnership with a special celebration during our January 24 Sunday service. During that service we learned more about Hong Kong and Chinese traditions and about our new friends in Hong Kong. A new committee is being formed to help to develop this partnership. There are many possibilities for involvement from religious education (for children, youth and adults), faith in action, worship and others. I hope that all of our committees will thoughtfully consider how they might help to develop this partnership and to take part in the efforts to "grow our faith."

Witnessing to the growth of UU Hong Kong can be an inspiring experience. They represent a minority viewpoint in a place where few have heard of Unitarian Universalism. The members of UU Hong Kong are working to spread the message of liberal religious freedom during a time when Christian conservatism is on the rise in Hong Kong. The members themselves are a diverse group representing: atheism, agnostic, Buddhist, Jewish, Protestant, Catholic and different Chinese beliefs. They represent interfaith marriages, people with diverse faith backgrounds, advocates for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender rights, activists for universal suffrage and liberal religious thinkers who find a unique sense of freedom and acceptance in Unitarian Universalism. Their own experience of being liberal religious people among growing Christian conservatism is not unlike the experiences of many people at Community and I hope conversations will unfold about similarities and differences among our groups.

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**Gung Hay Fat Choy! Blessings to you as we welcome in the year of the tiger!** (continued from page 4)

For many of us who identify as liberal religious people, “evangelism” is a bad word. The Greek root of this word is about “bringing a message.” While we often think of *conservative* messages when we think of evangelism, I hope we might begin to think of the messages that Unitarian Universalism has to offer to the world. Why not share our messages of justice, freedom, equality, dignity and the richness of many sources? We do so not to convert, but to affirm. We do so, not to dismiss another religion, but to offer a place for people who have not found their place in other religions. We do so, not to enforce beliefs, but to promote a free and responsible search for truth and meaning.

May this partnership lead to growth, understanding, and a widening of our doors for both UU Hong and Community UU Church.

**Simple Living Chalice Circle**

**Meeting time and place** – The next meeting will be Saturday morning **February 13, 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 served dinner to the residents of Samaritan Inn in McKinney on January 16.

**Facilitator** – Ona Tannehill. Email [simpleliving@communityuuchurch.org](mailto:simpleliving@communityuuchurch.org).

**Literary Ladies Book Club**

The French best seller *The Elegance of the Hedgehog* by Muriel Barbery, will be the focus of our next meeting on **Tuesday, February 9** meeting at **7 p.m.** at the home of Nancy Barlow. **Contact Nancy by Feb. 5** if you plan to attend.

This group meets the second Tuesday of each month and welcomes women members and friends of Community UU Church.

For the March meeting we will hold a discussion on a variety of biographies of Eleanor Roosevelt. Choose one to read and share.

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Samaritan Inn (Monthly dinner)

Plano Make a Difference Day

Plano Food Pantries

CROP Walk

MLK Celebration

Hong Kong Partner Church

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**REactions!!****Updates - Announcements - News  
What's Going On For Children & Youth****Change Is In the Air**

The holidays are a memory and spring is a dream, with few hints of the new green life we long for. But beneath the surface, there's a lot going on. So it is in the Religious Education department right now. I am preparing for the end of my tenure as your Interim Director of Religious Education (DRE). The search committee for your new DRE is well underway. Several good candidates have applied for the position and some may have been interviewed by the time you read this news. As I finish out my term with you, I'm excited for the church and for myself. I'll be moving more fully into the work that has been calling me. Working with people through difficult life transitions and helping parents provide the nurturance and support their children need – these are two of my goals as a family therapist. At the same time, Community UU Church will finally achieve a long-held goal. Your new fulltime Director of Religious Education will work with you in the act of co-creating the change you want to see. I find myself excited about the infusion of knowledge, energy and new relationships in store for the church!

**RE Teachers & Advisors**

Thank you to all RE teachers and advisors! The winter/spring RE semester is off to a strong start because of your involvement. I enjoyed seeing you at the Teacher Appreciation dinner with Meg Barnhouse. She is a true UU treasure – and so are you!

**4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Our Whole Lives Classes**

We're offering the UU sexuality education class "Our Whole Lives", aka OWL, to our fourth and fifth graders this spring. Parents of children in those grades should be seeing letters about the program in the mail. If you missed your letter, please check with Carla. The first meeting will be a parent/child orientation on Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> from noon until 2:00 PM.

**The Big Swapperoo**

As our class demographics change, we sometimes need to change spaces around to accommodate. As I write this, we're making plans for the Jr. High class and the 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade class to swap meeting spaces. Jr. High will move into the "West Wing" Room F and the 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade class will move into Room D, which also contains the library. We anticipate moving sofas and comfortable seating into about half of Room F and keeping tables and chairs in the other half of the room to allow two different seating options for meetings.

**YRUU News**

Community UU high schoolers will be leading the worship service on Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. Last year's service was much enjoyed by church members of all ages. The annual youth-led service is a wonderful opportunity to connect with our youth and to appreciate the gifts, talents, and ideas of our next generation of leaders. Please join us!

**Middle School Conference February 26<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Graders** - Mark this date on your calendar! From the evening of Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup> through Saturday evening, First Jefferson UU in Fort Worth will host a Middle School Conference. What's a conference? When it involves some enthusiastic UU youth, vibrant DREs, and energetic adults, it's a lot of fun! This event is for 6<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade UUs throughout the North Texas area. Once registration forms are available, they'll be distributed.

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**REactions!!** (continued from page 6)**Guest at Your Table Program**

We wrapped up the Guest at Your Table program on January 24<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to you, we raised over \$800 for the **Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC)**. The UUSC uses our donations to fund social justice missions all over the world, including help for those affected by the recent earthquake disaster in Haiti.

**Children's Chapel**

Our children participate in **Children's Chapel** once a month (usually the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday) instead of beginning the day in the sanctuary. Our next Children's Chapel takes place on February 21<sup>st</sup>

**DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

**Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>** - SWUUC Winter Conference: Deepening Spirituality

**Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>**: YRUU – Youth-led worship service for the congregation

**Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>**: Children's Chapel in Founders Hall

**Feb. 26-27**: Middle School Conference at First Jefferson UU Church

For more information about any Religious Education activities, please contact Carla Leslie or an RE board member: Carla Leslie: email [dre@communityuuchurch.org](mailto:dre@communityuuchurch.org) phone 972-424-8989, ext. 223; RE Board: email [reboard@communityuuchurch.org](mailto:reboard@communityuuchurch.org) and having fun!

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**"New UU" Class**

A "New UU" orientation will be held on **Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. 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.

Lunch will be served first at 12:00 noon. 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. 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 pale-green sheets at the Visitors desk in the church foyer or contact Tye Alexander.**

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**Friday Flicks:** Films start at 7:00 pm in founders hall.

**February 12 - The Bucket List**

A fun night at the movies: two of our most talented and enjoyable movie stars Having a heckuva good time. Jack Nicholson has beaucoup bucks, meets Morgan Freeman, who has been told when he will most likely die and says, "let's make a list of the things we want to do before we die, and then do them." And so they do. You'll smile in remembrance of many hilarious or poignant moments. Recommended!

**February 26 - All About Eve (1950)**

Perfectly cast and solidly scripted, this dark Hollywood satire contains a brilliantly self-deprecating performance from Bette Davis. Smart, cynical, terrifically entertaining, and one of the greatest films ever released about the movie industry, All About Eve has retained its edge, and remains a sharp, beautifully-written gem. Also starring Anne Baxter, George Sand and Celeste Holm.

Synopsis courtesy of Rotten Tomatoes

**Upcoming Women event**

2010 Southwest UU Women's Conference **In the Name of Love** is **Feb. 26th thru noon Feb. 28th**. The conference will be held at the Holiday Inn Select, Dallas, TX. **Registration is \$180**, this includes three meals and unlimited beverage service-non-alcoholic on Sat. and breakfast on Sunday.

Keynote speaker is Gini Courter, moderator of the UUA. Join us for a weekend for women, we will explore women's issues while having fun with music, art and dance.

Details, registration instructions, workshop and vender applications are available at [www.swuuw.org](http://www.swuuw.org). or contact Mary Overton at [mover100@aol.com](mailto:mover100@aol.com) or Kathy Calhoun at [kathywcalhoun@gmail.com](mailto:kathywcalhoun@gmail.com)

**"For everyone's safety, children must be directly supervised by parents or guardians while using the playground."**

**AS A RULE**

**Ian Rule**

**The Best Lineup Ever!** You've known me to mention Adult Religious Education in previous columns. Since the program was resurrected (if you'll pardon the term) in 2006, we've been striving to improve the breadth and variety of our evening classes. In recent years we have expanded from the "Community Wednesday" format to offer classes on virtually every night of the week. We also offer childcare. Our goal is to make our courses available to the entire congregation. So far, so good. Now all we need is you. Consider the classes I'm about to describe. Then Tivo American Idol and join us. I guarantee you'll learn something new while having an enjoyable evening with your fellow UU's. That generally assures a lively discussion (except in Yoga and parts of Meditation). **Our spring semester starts Feb. 1. Classes begin at 7 pm - childcare is available.**

**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](mailto: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 beginning on February 14th.**

**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

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

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**Community Website  
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**Collin County  
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SCCTX)**

*www.Habitat-scc.org*

**Habitat ReStore of  
SCCTX**

*www.restore.habitat-  
scc.org*

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**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.

**FINDING THE VOICE WITHIN: Learn the Native American Flute, Cornell Kinderknecht.** Cornell brings his popular flute classes back to Community Church. **They will begin on February 4 and run for four weeks. The cost is \$95. go to [www.cornellk.com](http://www.cornellk.com) to register.**

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.

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

**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](mailto:webguru@communityuuchurch.org) or call him at 214/363-3550 (office) or 972/758-9589 (home).

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

The financial information below does not include any of the "Above & Beyond" contributions.

Offering Income	Actual	Budgeted
Pledged Offering	\$17,954.15	\$18,000.00
Loose Offerings/Basket	1,994.44	1,333.33
New Pledges	930.00	000.00
<b>Total Offerings Income</b>	<b>\$20,878.59</b>	<b>\$19,677.08</b>

We received more than we spent by **\$4,024.59** shown below keeping up the positive trend from last month that changed the financial trend from prior months. For this, we rejoice! To keep up our momentum, do your part by letting **Albertson's, Kroger, and Tom Thumb** know you want to participate in their "Community Partners/Reward" type program with your points going to Community Unitarian Universalist Church.

Every member who has **outstanding reimbursement requests** is asked to submit them for payment. Seriously, we need to know ALL OUR EXPENSES to plot a realistic budget for 2010-2011.

Our Annual Budget Drive has started. We are still looking for more "Visiting Stewards" to be able to contact every person to discuss the future of our church and our ministries. As we grow, we can extend our reach making a greater impact on our surrounding community. Our Strategic Plan shows the ways we want to move forward as a church. Our combined efforts can make it happen!

Our focus has turned to the Spring Southwest Leadership Conference we are hosting. Make plans to volunteer to help run the conference and welcome UU leaders from near and far. Grace Morrison, Treasurer

### Finance

#### Finance Committee

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Grace Morrison - Chair

Linda Frank

June Bruns

Clifton Rule

Linda Frank

Gail Battista

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Paul Gandy

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Judith Boyle

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#### Investment Committee

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Carol Wise ('10)

Grace Morrison ('11)

Nelah McComsey

### Income and Expense Report for December, 2009

	Income	YTD
Offering Income	\$ 20,878.59	\$ 124,622.08
Fund Raisers	\$ 2,213.95	\$ 17,070.15
Building Usage	\$ 2,687.00	\$ 12,433.70
Misc. Income	\$ 460.00	\$ 3,747.35
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$ 26,659.36</b>	<b>\$ 159,110.38</b>
	Expense	
Administration	\$ 3,871.54	\$ 25,191.63
Programs/Worship	\$ 1,990.26	\$ 16,176.59
Religious Education	\$ 2,657.06	\$ 21,497.70
Facilities	\$ 4,744.37	\$ 41,335.43
Income generating expense	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,973.67
Ministry (includes Min. Intern	\$ 7,948.54	\$ 53,222.88
Denomination	\$ 1,423.00	\$ 8,896.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 22,634.77</b>	<b>\$ 168,293.90</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ 4,024.59</b>	<b>\$ ( 9,183.52)</b>

**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

• **Interim Director of Religious Education - *Carla Leslie***

Monday Home Office

Tuesday 11am - 4pm

Wednesday and Thursday 10am - 3pm

• **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

WEBSITE  
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Submit to [newsletter@CommunityUUChurch.org](mailto:newsletter@CommunityUUChurch.org).**

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