



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

THE REVIEWS ARE IN!

Well, April has come and gone, the UU's have come and gone and the evaluation sheets are spread across my desk. They like us! They really like us! (with apologies to Sally Field)

It appears to have been a terrific conference (sorry I missed it, but enough of that). Let me say at the beginning of this overview, that I am not going to mention any names. It took many people to make this a success and, while some people made heroic contributions to the effort, we and they know who they are and here we're affirming that it takes (took) a congregation. Thanks to all of you who stepped up! This is clear from the first "huzzah!" The last item on the evaluation form was "Conference staff was helpful and courteous." All respondents marked "Strongly Agree." A follow-up question was "What did you like most about the conference?" "Answers included;

- The professionalism and friendliness of the local/host congregation
- People, staff very friendly
- Hospitality of the sponsors
- The warm hospitality of the conference volunteers (with a smiley face)

Well done! One of our goals in tackling this meeting was to change from being one of the best kept secrets in SWUUC to a congregation that is known and appreciated, and this is just the image and response we had in mind.

What else did they like? The organization and strength of the program, the keynote speaker and conference theme. The food: excellent quality, ("continuous food any time, all the time," "Universalists make the best cookies") the fact that we responded to all dietary restrictions: vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free. The fact that we offered care/activities for children and home hospitality. They liked the setting, the film Friday night

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June Sunday Services

June 6, 2010 - "Transcending Transcendence", Rev. Patrick Price

June 13, 2010 - "Is it Time to Call for An Economic Reformation?", Rev. Patrick Price

June 20, 2010 - "Claim the Growing Light", Pamela Wat and Rev. Patrick Price

June 27, 2010 - "Taoism: Metaphors of Nature for Modern Times", guest speaker Amy Martin. What's a Texas gal doing as a follower of an ancient Chinese nature religion? Taoism is more relevant than ever in its sophisticated, archetypal take on nature that melds easily with science. Hear the quirky story of how the Taoist concept of wu wei, or working in harmony with the energy flow of life, saved her from the struggle of the '60s and launched a life-long love affair with the Earth. Amy Martin is the creator of the acclaimed Winter SolstiCelebration and executive director of the nonprofit Earth Rhythms (www.EarthRhythms.org).

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Patrick's Ponderings

"Making Miracles"

I know that right now many of us are looking for miracles in our lives. We are searching, hoping, praying for some way or some event to take us out of the difficulties and discomforts we find ourselves in. Times such as we live in almost require us to believe in miracles to get through our days and weeks of anxiety and uncertainty, whether we dug the hole ourselves or someone dug the hole for us. Is the miracle in the possibility of a second or third or fourth chance after we have mucked things up ourselves?

In the Ancient Greek of the Christian New Testament, the word 'miracle' means 'a sign, or a wonder.' In this way, miracles are things that point beyond themselves, like a finger pointing to the moon. This may be to some sort of outside supernatural or divine power, and/or it may also be that which creates or reveals awe and wonder. Unitarian Universalists have tended to reject the first and embrace that second.

Albert Einstein relates that, "There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle." And science fiction writer and Unitarian Universalist, Ray Bradbury proclaims, "We are the miracle of force and matter making itself over into imagination and will. Incredible. The Life Force experimenting with forms. You for one. Me for another. The Universe has shouted itself alive. We are one of the shouts."

I know we are hungry for miracles, but are we ready for a miracle? Are we ready to be transformed by the power of love and hope, by an optimistic faith in the future? Are we ready to co-create miracles with our resources of time, talent and treasure to transform the world? Are we ready to claim the miracles of our kinship with each other and all that is? Are we ready for the joyous miracle of knowing that we are each and all, powerful, precious, Holy and not alone?

As a community of faith and action we have accomplished many things over the years. Sometimes our greatest miracle seems to be our even being here at all in this place and these times. Now we are poised to move forward into an even fuller understanding of who we want and need to be as a liberal religious community of hope and justice, standing on the side of love, whether it is here in Plano, or in Arizona or any where injustice may live. And, as Unitarian Universalists, we understand that we are each co-creators with the Universe. Miracles are things which we must have a hand in producing. By grace and the hard work of so many over the years we have been brought together, here and now with the opportunity to create even more wonders than before. The rest is up to us. Our miracles are expressions of our desires, our wills and resources combined for the greater good. Each of us holds in trust a part of the possibility for miracles, and together we can expect to make even more. Blessings, Patrick

What's hotter than Texas on the 4th of July? **The First Annual Community Church Chili Cookoff.** It will take place on fireworks night. We need judges and workers, but mostly we need "chili heads"! Whether your recipe is rowdy or refined, dust it off and run a few practice batches. The bring in on! Please contact Samantha Hall for details.

The President's Corner

Sarah Reiling

This is the beginning of my second year as President of the Congregation and I am declaring June "Thank You Month".

I want to give a big thank you to the Religious Education Board. They really stepped up to the plate when Carla Leslie, our interim DRE, resigned a few months early. The members of the RE Board are Amy Dessert, John Gallant, Anne Smith, Wendy Hanenburg, Alex Coulonge and Allison Taylor. When you see them at church, let them know how much you appreciate all the hard work and excellent planning that went into running the RE program so smoothly the past few months. We are all grateful to have such dedicated people ensuring our children learn the values of our Unitarian Universalist faith. Thank you also to the people who served as "Acting DRE" on Sunday mornings. They were invaluable to the teachers and parents on Sunday.

Another group that deserves our gratitude is the DRE Search Committee, who found our new Director of Religious Education, Kathy Smith. The Committee is Elena Westbrook, Amy Dessert, Robin Gary, Courtney Hanish, Greg Hoare, Amanda Miller, and Felicia Murray. Great job folks!

I owe so much to all of you for making this past year such a joy for me. I want to give special thanks to Leslie Harper, who served as Past President this year. Her advice and wise council are greatly appreciated. Thank you also to Grace Morrison and Donna Bening. Grace and Donna joined the Board of Trustees after the last election and helped the Board get much accomplished. We really appreciate their willingness to help.

Community UU Church is such a great place because you make it so. Thanks to everyone who helped me when I asked, and everyone who helped me when I didn't ask! Please take some time this month to say "thank you" to the people who made this church year better for you. I look forward to another exciting and productive year here at church, thanks to you.

Peace and justice,

Sarah

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and the Coffeehouse.

But mostly they just enjoyed hanging out and visiting with their fellow UUs and felt we provided them with a congenial environment in which to do that. As a closer, I'll quote one participant in reference to the meeting as a whole. "Best in a long time." I'm sure that many folks who came in saying "Community where?" will now think of Community Plano and smile knowingly, and that recognition and positive impression was the ultimate goal of all our hard work. Maybe we'll do it again in ten years, when we've built a Crystal Cathedral in our back yard.

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*"What we call a beginning is often the end
and to make an end is to make a beginning.
The end is where we start from."*

-T.S. Eliot (#685 "Singing the Living Tradition")

As I come into the final month of my internship with Community UU Church of Plano, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge a small few of the *many* people who have helped me get to the end (which as T.S. Eliot reminds us, is also a beginning) of the internship. I have been well-served by a supportive Internship Committee made up of Nancy Barlow, Mina Daffinee, Jim Gary, Jim Hinton, and John Snyder. They have met with me, guided me, and evaluated my performance throughout the internship. Rev. Patrick Price has been a gracious and encouraging supervisor. I have appreciated his help in navigating the internship, credentialing and ordination processes and I have appreciated his trust in me as I took on projects and tried out new ideas. I am grateful for the financial support offered by so many of you, most of whom anonymously gave through the Above and Beyond Campaign last Fall or through the special collection on Easter Sunday. In addition I have been blessed by other financial contributions throughout the year, all of which have made it possible for me to be here this year. I am also grateful for every single person who stopped to explain something to me or helped me figure out which key goes where, and which room is which. I appreciate the Board of Trustees who have inspired me with their commitment to this congregation and who have been great teachers as I observed them moving through important conversations and decisions in the past year. I appreciate all of you who encouraged me before my credentialing interview, congratulated me afterward, asked after my father when he was ill, and shared thoughts about my preaching or leadership. You drew me into this community by your care and concern. I am grateful that so many of you trusted me to hold your joys, concerns, reflections, and wonderings and I thank you for approaching me with such an open heart. If I am a competent and ready-enough minister, it is a direct result of my experiences with each of you this last year.

My last day with you is Sunday, June 20 and then I will spend the following week at General Assembly. Upon my return to Texas, I will be getting married in July and then I hope to re-enter the working world in August. Indeed endings are beginnings. I extend my deepest gratitude to everyone at Community UU Church for helping me toward this new phase in my life. I will always feel a deep connection to this Community.

“New UU” Workshop

A "New UU" orientation will be held on the first three **Thursdays of June; the 3rd, 10th, and 17th** from **7:00 to 9:00 PM**. The workshop 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 The Community Unitarian Universalist Church. Even long-time **UUs** transferring from other congregations can benefit by attending the workshop.

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. On the last evening 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 child care. If you'd like to attend, please sign up on one of the blue sheets at the Visitors desk in the church foyer or contact Tye Alexander.

Social Action Programs

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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

Social Action

Thanks to the 16 members and friends who represented us at the **Collin County CROPWalk** on Sunday, May 16! As a result of these CROP Hunger Walks, \$16 million has been raised every year to provide food and clean water to families all over the world.

Our **Ethical Eating** series launches on **Sunday, May 30**, with a sermon by Ministerial Intern Pamela Wat. We are joining with UUs across the country in examining this important topic, where we can explore the hidden ways our food choices impact our communities and our world. Our first event will be a **visit to a dairy farm** right in our own neighborhood! We will visit Lavon Farms, located at 3721 N. Jupiter Rd. (just north of the intersection of Jupiter and Parker Rd.). Our visit is scheduled for **Saturday, June 5, at 2:00 P.M.** Bring the kids to see the farm and observe the milking of the cows! Please sign up in advance after Sunday service or e-mail Linda Frank .

Coming in July: A visit to a vegetable farm in McKinney and a viewing of the movie *Fresh*. Watch the newsletter and Weekly UUpdate for the schedule.

As always, please continue to bring **non-perishable foods for the food pantries**. We have a grocery cart in the church foyer for these items.

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REactions!!**Updates - Announcements - News
What's Going On For Children & Youth****COMING UP**

Summer Fun! Your RE Board has been getting ready for summer! We know there are a lot of jealous wanna-be teachers out there who have been just itching for a chance to spend some time with our amazing youth. Never fear, sign up sheets are on their way to Founders Hall! Keep your eyes peeled throughout May for chances to spend time in the classroom. If you don't want to wait for Sunday to sign up, email Allison Taylor for a link to the online sign up calendar! There are still limited slots available for teaching, we **NEED YOU!** The first six volunteers (two for each class) to sign up each week are our big winners – the curriculums look fantastic – check out your options:

Dr. Seuss: Pre-K through 3rd grade - This summer beginning June 13 the PK-3rd grades will be exploring lessons and activities called Lessons from Dr. Seuss that support our Unitarian Universalist principles. This age will meet in Founders Hall after the Message For All Ages each Sunday. We need **YOUR HELP** to be with these children each Sunday during the summer months-**PLEASE SIGN UP** in Founders Hall after church to be one of the teachers for this age group. The content, stories, and materials will be gathered for you and you just need to show up and facilitate the exploration of our principles according to Dr. Seuss!

Celebrating Rainforest: 4th - 8th grade - *Celebrating Rainforests* speaks to the UU 7th principle. Our fragile planet calls us to help children honor and care for it. This program is one answer to the call, and gives children a way to connect to our Earth and be empowered to help make a difference. This is not a study of rainforests. Instead, it is celebration of this important part of our planet. The children will join together to learn more about and celebrate tropical rainforests through many experiences as they explore rainforest animals, plant life, people, resources, and ways they can help. Included are stories, special songs, discussions, meditation, and a variety of hands-on activities.

Popcorn Theology: 9th - 12th grade - **ATTENTION MOVIE BUFFS - SUMMER HELP WANTED:** Looking for two caring adults each Sunday this summer to watch movie clips and explore related Unitarian Universalist principles with youth age 9th-12th grade. Must have open minds. No teaching experience needed. Materials and preparation will be provided for you; just show up and teach. Contact RE Board member for more information. **SIGN UP** in Founder's Hall after church.

Our RE Board excitedly anticipates our **new DRE, Kathy Smith**, joining us in June. Ms. Smith joined us for our May RE Board meeting to begin planning for her arrival and was full of great ideas and inspirations. **We hope you can join us at her welcome breakfast, tentatively scheduled for June 13th before services.**

Summer Camp at U-Bar-U Retreat!

Online registration is now available for the Southwest UU Conference (SWUUC) summer camps at U-Bar-U retreat. **Camp runs from July 4-9 for rising 3rd-6th graders; July 11-17 for rising 7th-9th graders; and July 18-24 for rising 9th-12 graders and 19-year-olds that just graduated.** Visit www.swuuc.org for more information and to register.

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REactions!! *(continued from page 6)***More Welcomes**

Laura Eckert has joined the RE Board and tells us this about herself:

“Hello everyone, my name is Laura Eckert and I am pleased to be the new member on the RE Board. I have been teaching Spirit Play for the last year to our creative and loving youngsters. I am very excited to be a larger part of giving our children the language to talk about the mystery of existence. Thank you for this opportunity.”

Glimpses in the RE room:

Anne tells us: “One of my favorite moments from this year was when a visiting child announced that she liked our church school much better than the other one she had visited—we had many more fun things that we did here!”

Allison says “she loved hearing how happy one of the Spirit Play kids was to be “born on his actual birthday day!”

Deb says: “**Watching** Cooper Hall and Will Young earnestly work together on yoga poses during work time. **Hearing** the children talk with pride about the objects they created during work time.

Seeing the children so engaged in each story and hearing their deep thoughts during wondering time.”

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

June 6: Field Day – always a day of fun, games, and popsicles! Contact the RE Board if you are interested in volunteering.

June 13: Summer Session begins

Welcome breakfast for Kathy Smith, new DRE

For more information about any Religious Education activities, please contact re-board@communityuuchurch.org. Any emails sent to dre@communityuuchurch.org now go to our new DRE, Kathy Smith.

Literary Ladies Book Club

On **June 8** we will discuss The Plague of Doves by Louise Erdrich. This is a set of stories centered around the town of Pluto, North Dakota and its neighboring Ojibwa reservation and covering the span of just over a century. In 1911, a family is murdered in Pluto with the only survivor being an infant. A group of Indians is falsely accused of the crime and lynched. Over the generations, marriages between the whites and Indians intertwine the lives of the two communities. Evelina Harp is descended from both one of the Indians who were lynched and one of the white men who did the lynching. She goes in search of stories in an attempt to understand the murder whose ramifications still rumble through the lives of the people in Pluto. **We will meet at 7 p.m. at the home of Deb Bliss. Contact Deb by June 4 if you plan to attend.** This group meets the second Tuesday of each month and welcomes women members and friends of Community UU Church.

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Stewardship

By the time you read this, our 2010 Annual Budget Drive will be over. Of course, it's never too late to make a financial commitment to our church and you can rest assured that the Stewardship Team will continue to be actively engaged in developing financial support for our church throughout the year.

This is a good time to say thank you to the many folks who supported this effort. Thank you Visiting Stewards who reached out to so many friends and members. Thank you to all who helped with the kick-off lunch and other events. Thank you to the Board of Trustees who were incredibly supportive (every one of these busy people volunteered to do Stewardship visits), and thank you to our ministers and staff. I especially want to thank the Stewardship Committee for all their hard work and creativity. And to all who pledged their financial commitment, thank you for your generosity in supporting our church community. The Annual Budget Drive provides the bulk of the funding for our church operation. So I ask, you, the congregation of Community Unitarian Universalist Church, to join me in extending your thanks to all those who worked so hard on the Drive.

June Bruns

Stewardship Chair

Simple Living Chalice Circle

Meeting time and place – The next meeting will be Saturday morning June 12, 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 as ushers at the Plano National Day of Prayer on May 6.

Facilitator – Ona Tannehill. Email simpleliving@communityuuchurch.org

Friday Flicks: Films are shown in founders hall starting at 7pm..

May 28 - A HANDFUL OF DUST

June 11 - FANTASIA

June 25 - HOUSE OF THE GENERALS

One of the actors will be a special guest on this night.

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: NEW SUMMER COURSES

All classes begin at 7 pm. Childcare is available on Wednesdays and can be arranged on other evenings by contacting adultre@communityuuchurch.org

Rev. Patrick Price presents **UU WORSHIP 101. Wednesday Evenings, May 26, June 2, 9 and 16.**

JOHN ADAMS - Screened by Ian Rule

John Adams is a sprawling HBO miniseries event that depicts the extraordinary life and times of one of Americas least understood, and most underestimated, founding fathers: the second President of the United States, John Adams. Starring Paul Giamatti (Sideways, Cinderella Man, HBOs American Splendor) in the title role and Laura Linney (You Can Count on Me, Kinsey) as Adams devoted wife Abigail, John Adams chronicles the extraordinary life journey of one of the primary shapers of our independence and government, whose legacy has often been eclipsed by more flamboyant contemporaries like George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Alexander Hamilton and Benjamin Franklin. Set against the backdrop of a nations stormy birth, this sweeping miniseries is a moving love story, a gripping narrative, and a fascinating study of human nature. Above all, at a time when the nation is increasingly polarized politically, this story celebrates the shared values of liberty and freedom upon which this country was built. **Video/Discussion - 7 Wednesdays beginning June 2**

EYES ON THE PRIZE, PART 1 - Hosted by Robert Jackson

Eyes on the Prize tells the definitive story of the [civil rights era](#) from the point of view of the ordinary men and women whose extraordinary actions launched a movement that changed the fabric of American life, and embodied a struggle whose reverberations continue to be felt [today](#). Winner of numerous Emmy Awards, a George Foster Peabody Award, an International Documentary Award, and a Television Critics Association Award, *Eyes on the Prize* is the most critically acclaimed documentary on civil rights in America. **Video/Discussion - 6 Wednesdays: June 30, July 7, 21 and 28, August 4 and 11**

Rev. Don Fielding (RET.) presents ADVENTURES IN RELIGION

On July 1st (the first day of the beginning of the second half of 2010) Community UU Church will initiate a new kind of Adult Religious Education (ARE) class. It will be called *Adventures in Religion*, and it will be made-up of multiple Teaching Co. courses (e.g., this first set of classes will be made-up of *Skeptics and Believers*, *Comparative Religion*, and *Philosophy of Religion*). One of the innovative portions of these ARE classes will be the fact that they will be divided into short sections, four to five weeks long, with breaks in between, which will allow participants to join and/or exit the classes depending on their interest. Of course, some may wish to participate in all of the classes.

The classes will be a combination of videos (“Talking Heads”) and discussions, with emphasis on the discussion portion of each class. The discussions will be led by **Rev. Don Fielding, a retired UU minister, a friend of Community UU Church**, who also has experience teaching at the college level. Each class will have one video to stimulate discussion, and will explore the thoughts and feelings the videos stimulate with the hopes for better understanding the adventure that is religion in general and each

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Outreach/pai.htm*

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participant's understanding of religion in particular.

The classes will continue through the remainder of 2010, and could (if popular) continue through 2011 and 2012. The classes will be held on Thursday evenings; so make Thursday ARE a part of your regular week's schedule. Not only will this be a lasting adventure in education, but a wonderful opportunity for socially connecting and engaging with the church's members and friends as well. So mark your calendars and join us on July 1st. **Video/Discussion - THURSDAYS**

**continuing are: MEDITATION on Mondays; YOGA on Wednesdays;
JUGGLING on Thursdays**

Partner Church Update

The Unitarian Universalist Partner Church Council (UUPCC) publishes a newsletter called "Partner Church News" (available online at <http://uupcc.org/newsletters.html>). In the Spring 2010 newsletter, UUPCC Executive Director, Cathy Cordes wrote about three things she has learned from the various partner churches around the world. Following are the three lessons she cited:

Lesson 1—Our religion has a deep history.

Lesson 2—Our faith resonates with people of all ethnic groups in many lands.

Lesson 3—Connections are very important—and a little encouragement and support goes a long way.

For lessons two and three she noted that our partner congregation, Unitarian Universalists Hong Kong, illustrates those lessons. She writes: "The congregation in Hong Kong was started by Alexander Szeto who found out about Unitarian Universalism on the web. They are a small but growing congregation. They are a welcoming congregation—not an easy position to take in Hong Kong. They have sponsored informative talks for the general public on the LGTB issue and have testified at the Legislative Council on this issue and on the issue of universal suffrage. They provide group support and counseling services for people who are doubting or who want to change their faith."

Community UU Church is proud to be partnered with UU Hong Kong and glad to support their radically inclusive practices and their willingness to embrace liberal faith even in a conservative environment. This month three members of our congregation (Anita Van Ouwkerk, Joan Mortensen and Jian Li) will be visiting UU Hong Kong and bringing gifts of welcome to celebrate our partnership. We look forward to hearing about their experiences and learning when they return!

If you are interested in being involved with the Community UU Church Partnership Church Committee, please contact Jian Li, Anita Van Ouwkerk, or Joan Mortensen.

Finance Committee

The financial information below is from our Profit and Loss Statement for April 2010.

Offering Income	Actual	Budgeted
Pledged Offering	\$16,495.82	\$18,000.00
Loose Offerings/Basket	1,082.00	1,333.33
New Pledges & Prepaid	950.00	343.75
Total Offerings Income	\$18,527.82	\$19,677.08

Stephen Covey says “**Live, Love, Laugh, and Leave a Legacy.**” One thought that comes to mind at the changing of the Board of Trustees after an election is the legacy one leaves. Some of us have children who have no need for an inheritance. We may have a hard time “dying broke” – that is – spending our children’s inheritance so we are broke the day we pass on.

Please think about adding a note to your legal papers similar to the following:

*“I give and bequeath to the Community Unitarian Universalist Church of Plano, Texas, a not for profit, tax-exempt organization under the Internal Revenue Code, the sum of \$ _____ dollars or (_____ percent) of my estate.” **

* (This information is not intended as legal advice. For legal advice, please consult an attorney.)

Our Investment Committee is planning procedures and forms for you to use if you so choose. Grace Morrison, Treasurer

Income and Expense Report April, 2010

	Income	YTD	2009-2010 Annual Budget
Offering Income	\$18,527.82	\$198,860.59	\$236,125.00
Fund Raisers	215.44	19,322.68	19,100.00
Building Usage	1,760.00	21,059.05	23,000.00
Less Above & Beyond Over	(735.84)	(735.84)	
Misc. Income	150.00	4,460.35	1,500.00
Total Income	19,917.42	242,966.83	279,725.00
	Expense		
Administration	3,179.81	39,260.90	43,361.00
Program/Worship	1,812.95	21,662.16	24,865.00
Religious Education	402.77	28,553.48	39,021.00
Facilities	8,086.39	69,904.81	70,206.00
Income generating exp.	0.00	1,973.67	0.00
Ministry (Incl. Intern.exp)	6,842.72	80,981.75	85,920.00
Misc. to Balance	365.44	102.00	
Denomination	987.00	14,152.00	16,352.00
Total Expenses	21,317.08	256,500.77	279,725.00
Net Income/(Loss)	\$ (1,399.66)	\$ (13,533.94)	

On May 23rd we adopted a contingent budget and will meet on June 13th, 2010 when we know what happens with our load request.

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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 - *Kathy Smith***

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

• **Church Secretary - *Connie Meints* (Out of the office Friday, May 28th thru**

[Church office closed on Monday]

Friday, June 4th.)

Tuesday 9am - 3pm

Wednesday 9am - 2:30pm

Thursday 9am - 2:30pm

Friday 9am - Noon

Deadline for the July newsletter submissions: June 18, 2010. Submit to newsletter@CommunityUUChurch.org.

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