



# The Community News

August 2015

## OUR VISION

*We will become a dynamic and nurturing religious community that celebrates our human diversity, supports lifelong spiritual growth, and acts for compassion and justice in the larger community.*

### Our Boston Heritage Trip

The **Coming of Age class** was in Boston for their Heritage Trip from July 14 to 20. We did a lot of walking and even more talking. When participants were asked about the highlights of the trip, the answers included the funny conversations; the delicious food; Walden Pond; the Witch Museum in Salem; the Seven Gables House; exploring everything; the UUA; the Mapparium (especially singing Come, Come Whoever You Are in the center!); touring the Arlington Street Church and climbing the bell tower; the boat video game at the USS Constitution museum; the Old North Church and the Old South Meeting House; and deep conversations at night over tea and cookies.

Here are some of the answers to the questions, “How did the Heritage Trip change you? What about this trip will you always remember? Why is the Heritage Trip an important part of the Coming of Age experience?” **Piper Roggenkamp:** It’s important for many reasons. One, you get to see new sights and explore a whole new space. Two, you have a LOT of fun and get to learn more about your peers. Three, you learn about history of UU, religions, and social justice stuff. And finally, fourth, you get to see and do so many new things and it is so much fun! **Miranda Brindza:** I have a lot of new friends now. I thought they were all weird and now it turns out I’m just as weird as them so ..... **Genevieve Saxon:** We need to learn stuff. (I now want to become a Wiccan and learn spells!) **Piper Huebel:** This trip changed me by experience. It was exhausting and frustrating, but adult and important. It had lots of moving and places required to go. To grow up, I had to stick to the program of the trip. **Seana Saxon:** I learned that youth now are taught that they must answer a question correctly. I will remember to preface questions with “no wrong answers ...”. This trip is a very real coming into themselves as their own people and a connection with other kids. The bonds created here can carry with them for years.

**Rick Hanish:** The Heritage Trip was kinda fun. I will always remember the Seven Gables House and the secret staircase! **Q Coulonge:** It’s an important part of the experience because it connects all of us. I will always remember what Harvard looked like. **Kennoth Williams:** I will always remember the bell tower tour because of the view of the town. **Katie Newman:** I’m not sure there’s anything that’s really changed me. I’m still Katie, who was born in Texas, likes to read, and will probably be arguing about the various ways Harry and Voldemort could more effectively kill each other. Perhaps I’m a bit more ... something. I don’t know. Perhaps I will know in a few years. **Justin Dixon:** I was given time to work on me and have relaxed as a result. I got to cross Walden pond off of my bucket list.

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### Sunday Services

#### Theme - Building a New Way

**August 2** - “The Power of Consciousness – Kabbalistic Perspective” - Guest Speaker, Benny Halfon.

**August 9** - “Joining the Black Lives Matter Movement” - Guest Speaker, Elena Westbrook.

**August 16** - A Question Box Sermon - Rev. Patrick Price. (See page 2)

**August 23** - “Filling Each Other’s Lives with Hope: In Gathering of Waters Service” - Rev. Patrick Price. (See page 2)

**August 30** - Guest Speaker, Sam Nickols.

\*12:15 p.m.: Inquirer’s Class held the fourth Sunday of each month

Typical Sunday

**10:30 - 11:45 a.m.:** Worship, Religious Education for Children and Youth, and Nursery Childcare

**11:45 a.m.:** Coffee and Conversation

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## *Patrick's Ponderings* "What is 'Thematic' Ministry?"

Rolling into the second half of Community Church's Fortieth Anniversary Year, we are facing important issues in our congregation, in our communities and in our world. A major part of what our liberal religion does is to help us find and/or create perspective and meaning from what we see, feel, and know about ourselves and our common life together. Four of the ways we do this are through worship, study, reflection, and action. The use of monthly themes helps to shape and focus our efforts in all these areas.

Worshipping together is the most unique thing that a church or religious community does, in contrast to what other groups and/or activities with similar aims do. Using the same theme or topic for a month makes it possible to go deeper with that theme by having a longer conversation than we could otherwise. Our Religious Education program, due to the considerable efforts of Director of RE, Kathy Smith, to modify and create thematically synced materials, has been using these monthly themes with our children as well. Adult Enrichment programs have been part of this process, such as small group discussion topics. These give us all, as a community, even more opportunities to talk to each other about important things in our life together. The use of monthly themes also gives us a more seasonal rotation of topics, creating more intention in our attention to the world we are a part of.

We are in our third year of a three year cycle of monthly ministry themes created and maintained by our largest UU congregation, All Souls Unitarian Church of Tulsa. A three year rotation of themes means we will consider the same themes again, but from different perspectives and after time to reflect, going deeper in our individual and collective conversations over the years.

After my time away on vacation and work, I am looking forward to seeing you again. Blessings, Patrick.

For more information on thematic ministry, visit ([www.themebasedministry.org](http://www.themebasedministry.org)).

**Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015** - With a "Question Box Sermon" those attending are given paper to write brief relevant questions for the minister to address as time allows. Rev. Price usually offers one of these in August and another one in January.

**Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015** All attending are offered the chance to share a small amount of water gathered from places of personal meaning during the last year, and the significance. Water is available to be shared symbolically if you do not have some of your own with you. All are welcome.

### **(Continued from Front Page) Our Boston Heritage Trip**

Mostly, it's the deep appreciation that my church and the larger UUA has me when I can't. [After this trip] I see more things I can directly do through and with the UUA.

All of us who went on the Heritage Trip are grateful that our church provides this important growing-up experience. We couldn't have done it without the generosity and support of our church community. Thank you!

## *President's Column*

The theme of our recent stewardship drive, "Dreaming the Next 40 Years", acknowledged our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a church family. During our worship services each Sunday throughout the drive, church members shared their dreams from the pulpit. At the conclusion of the drive we invited you to share your dreams by writing them on sticky notes, which were posted on the walls of the sanctuary. Your dreams are as inspirational as they are varied. They include dreams of a broader and deeper community where we share a warm and welcoming environment, a broad range of new and improved programs, a facility that will comfortably accommodate and promote our programs, a growing church fueled by attracting community members to our welcoming congregation, a broader music program with a larger choir that performs more often, a financially strong church, and more.

Although the stewardship drive is complete, the time for dreaming, and for working to make those dreams a reality has just begun. I invite you to join us on August 22<sup>nd</sup> to begin that work.

**On Saturday, August 22, 2015, our annual All Church Retreat** will take place. You may remember that it was at an All Church Retreat several years ago where we identified ways to reach out to the wider community and, as a result, our successful outreach program at Barron Elementary School was begun. How will our next 40 years as a church community look if we follow our dreams? We need your thoughts, your imagination, and your willingness to do the work needed if we are to become the community we wish to be.

So please join us then to begin the work of making our dreams a reality for the next 40 years at Community Unitarian Universalist Church. We will gather in Founders Hall for light morning refreshments at 8:30am, move to the Sanctuary to begin our retreat at 9am, and conclude by 12pm. We need you to achieve our dreams.

I hope to see you there.

Fondly, Lexie

**Deadline for the September newsletter is Friday, August 14. Email your articles to [newsletter@communityuuchurch.org](mailto:newsletter@communityuuchurch.org).**

**1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade OWL Starts in August!** OWL – Our Whole Lives – is a lifelong curriculum developed by the UUA as an expression of our belief that religious communities can form meaningful partnerships with parents to provide positive and responsible sexuality education. At the first and second grade level, we talk about health and safety, love and family, sex and gender, communication and decision-making in a positive and age-appropriate manner. The program begins on **August 23 from 12-1pm** with an information session about the program. **A mandatory parent-child orientation session will be held on August 30<sup>th</sup> after Church, and the program will continue through October.** If you have questions, please talk to Kathy Smith, DRE, or Amy Dessert, OWL teacher.

# August, 2015

**Simple Living Chalice Circle Meeting time and place** – The next meeting will be **Saturday morning Aug. 8, at 11am.**

**Theme/topic** – Learning together to live deliberately.

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

**CIRCLE SUPPERS** is preparing for the Fall session. Last year we averaged 20 guests each month in one to three host homes. If you would care to get on the invite list, just send your name, email, and phone to [CircleSuppers@communityUchurch.org](mailto:CircleSuppers@communityUchurch.org). It is OK to sign up even if your situation does not allow you to be a host. At each dinner the host provides the main dish and each guest brings a side dish. **The next dinner will be Sept 5<sup>th</sup>. After that, dinners will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month through May.** I'd like to recognize the hosts who opened their homes to us last year – Duane and Joan Mortensen, Gene & Vicki Verinder, Lolisa Laenger, Sheila Huckaby, Lynne Johnston, Donna and Lionel Bening, Tim & Danni Williams, Alice Mayo, Mark & Victoria Rachel, Diana & Marty Behannese, and Judy Kubliski.

**Teacher Training for the Fall** The joint teacher training for all the area churches is **August 15 from 9am to 1:30pm at First Dallas.** We will arrange carpools if needed; lunch and childcare is provided. This year we are hosting Tracy McShan from First Unitarian Church of Dallas, who will talk about becoming comfortable enough in your Unitarian Universalist identity to mentor others.

**Friday Night Flicks - Founders Hall 7pm.**

**August 14 - Still Alice - 2014**

Alice Howard (Julianne Moore) is a renowned linguistics professor happily married with three grown children. She strangely starts to forget words and then more. She is diagnosed with early onset Alzheimer's disease. Alice struggles to not only fight the inner decay, but to make the most of her remaining time to find love and peace and to make simply living worthwhile. Julianne Moore won the Oscar for Best actress for her performance.

**August 28 - To Kill A Mockingbird - 1962 - B/W**

Faithful adaptation of the powerful novel by Harper Lee. It's the beautifully told testament to courage, morality and the power of deep personal conviction as widowed attorney, Atticus Finch (Gregory Peck) with two young children accepts the challenge of defending a black man, Tom Robinson (Brock Peters) wrongly accused of rape in their racially divided small 1930's southern town. Gregory Peck won the Oscar for Best Actor for his performance.

**All-Church Pancake Breakfast and RE Open House, August 23rd** – There will be pancakes, fruit and hash browns (and vegetarian and gluten-free alternatives). There will be prizes. There will be fun. There will be important information shared. You WILL want to be there! Come have breakfast with the RE Board. You won't want to miss this Fourth Annual Pancake Breakfast! Stay to worship in our traditional multi-generational Water Communion homecoming service. Bring a small bottle of water from a place of deep spiritual meaning for you, and share in this special time together.

**Literary Ladies Book Club Upcoming Meetings**

Women members and friends of Community UU Church are welcome to join us on **the third Tuesday of the month from 7 – 9pm.**

**Date: August 18**

**Location: Pam Reinke-Walter's home. Reply to Pam by Aug. 14 if you plan to attend.**

**Selection: The Language of Flowers by Vanessa Diffenbaugh**

*The Victorian language of flowers was used to convey romantic expressions: honeysuckle for devotion, asters for patience, and red roses for love. But for Victoria Jones, it's been more useful in communicating mistrust and solitude. After a childhood spent in the foster-care system, she is unable to get close to anybody, and her only connection to the world is through flowers and their meanings. Now eighteen and emancipated from the system with nowhere to go, Victoria realizes she has a gift for helping others through the flowers she chooses for them. But an unexpected encounter with a mysterious stranger has her questioning what's been missing in her life. And when she's forced to confront a painful secret from her past, she must decide whether it's worth risking everything for a second chance at happiness.* Amazon.

**Memory Garden Bricks Available**

The Memory Garden will be selling bricks for the garden path on the west side to be inscribed with name/s or dates to honor the memories of loved ones. Each brick is \$65.00. This price includes the engraving and installation. There are several options available. See Linda Frank for more information.

# Religious Education

## Connecting with the Divine ... in Texas, in August

by Kathy E. Smith, Director of Religious Education

*I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately,  
to front only the essential facts of life,  
and see if I could not learn what it had to teach,  
and not, when I came to die, discover that I had not lived.  
I did not wish to live what was not life, living is so dear;  
nor did I wish to practice resignation, unless it was quite necessary.  
I wanted to live deep and suck out all the marrow of life,  
to live so sturdily and Spartan-like as to put to rout all that was not life,  
to cut a broad swath and shave close,  
to drive life into a corner, and reduce it to its lowest terms,  
and, if it proved to be mean, why then to get the whole and genuine meanness of it,  
and publish its meanness to the world;  
or if it were sublime, to know it by experience,  
and be able to give a true account of it in my next excursion.*

*Henry David Thoreau – Walden or, "Life in the Woods --Where I Lived, and What I Lived For"*

I'm not sure why this quote is speaking to me so loudly right now. Perhaps it is because I recently spent a lazy, sunny afternoon at Walden Pond with our Coming of Age group, floating on my back, looking up at the towering pines, wondering if we saw the same landscape as Thoreau. More likely it is because I set out to write an article on finding the divine in everyday life, and (for me) the most likely place to see the sacred is in nature.

Then practical reality asserts itself – it's **hard** to find the divine in nature ... in Texas, in August. I don't know if you've noticed, but it's pretty darned **hot** out there! The divine seems pretty far away, almost out of reach, when the heat radiating up from the sidewalk could fry the proverbial egg.

So the question becomes: how **do** you find the divine in everyday life, in Texas, in August? Despite the heat, August is frequently the month that brings the most leisure time in family life ... camps are winding down, vacations are largely over, school is a full month away, or almost. Busier times are coming. But today offers space to breathe.

With that thought in mind, and remembering too that everyone finds the spark of divine connection in a different way, what if we all took August as open space? A space to breathe in peace, breathe out love, and with our children and our families find that deeper connection with the Universe, the divine, the Mystery that some call God.

Get up early enough to catch the sunrise with your child. Marvel at how the clouds light up as the sun touches them.

Take a long walk in twilight. Listen to the birdsong as the day draws to a close. Wonder if the birds are as grateful as we are when the sun finally drops behind the horizon.

Nap together under a fan. Tell silly stories as you drop off to sleep, tell each other your dreams as you drift back to the day.

Snuggle up with your favorite cat or dog. Delight in unconditional love.

Go outside on a moonless night. Try to count the stars. Give up. There are things beyond human reckoning, and the number of stars is one of these.

When you are shopping for school supplies, pick up duplicates and donate them to a needy child. The sacred lives in our generosity, too.

When you come back to church, bring your experiences of the divine with you. We'll be here to share. See you in church! In faith, Kathy

# Social Action

## **Back To School Fair**

The Children's Advocacy Center of Collin County is having a Back to School Fair **August 7 from 4 to 8pm**. They are looking for volunteers to help. This event provides children with new school supplies to begin the 2015/16 school year. They supply pre-ordered and pre-packaged school supplies for over 500 children. They are looking for volunteers to hand out supplies, to assist kids with trying on shoes to ensure they are a perfect fit and other activities. Haircuts are also offered! A common phrase that is heard from victims of child abuse is "I want to feel normal".

Please consider volunteering. They have several opportunities available, one is sure to fit your schedule. Sign up is easy! With the help of VolunteerSpot, you can sign up yourself at <http://vols.pt/MFc2qK>

All volunteers are required to complete a criminal background form prior to volunteering, which will be sent to the email listed on the sign-up. For more information contact Belinda Ressler, Volunteer Coordinator, at [bressler@caccollincounty.org](mailto:bressler@caccollincounty.org).

## **Health Supplies Drive for Barron**

This fall we will again have our health supplies drive for Barron Elementary. During the months of September and October, please bring donations of tissues, Clorox wipes, and hand sanitizer (only alcohol-based sanitizers like Purell) and place in the donations box in the foyer.

The school does not provide this items for the classrooms, and your donations are a big help to the teachers at Barron! Thanks so much!

## **First Responders Day - September 11**

This year will be our 7th Annual First Responders Appreciation Day on September 11th! As in years past, CUUC will be delivering baked goods and other treats and notes of appreciation to our Collin County First Responders on FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th. Last year we delivered to over 60 locations so let's do it again this year!!! Mark your calendars now to participate in this fun event. We will be assembling our baskets on Thursday evening, Sept 10th, starting at 6 pm in Founders Hall. Volunteers and baked goods/treats are needed to make this a success again this year.

Please bring your contributions of home baked goods, healthy snacks, gift certificates, and notes of appreciation to Founders Hall on Sunday Sept. 6 (if they will keep well until Thursday) or bring them to the church between 6 and 9 pm on Thursday Sept. 10. We would love donations of individual servings (think cookies, brownies, bars, granola bars, dried fruits, fruits, healthy snacks, trail mixes, nuts, etc) for the men and women who serve and protect. Just do not bring anything that needs refrigeration. Help us show our first responders just how much we appreciate their dedication to our community.

If you have any questions or would like to help or volunteer to make deliveries, please contact Barb Salvo. It is a lot of fun to deliver the baskets. You might even get a tour of the firehouse!! Delivery assignments are first come first serve, so the sooner you sign up the more likely you'll get your chosen locations.

## **Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade Sunday, September 20**

Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade is Sunday, September 20. Mark the date for this year's parade. "Color our World with Pride" is the theme for this year. A great opportunity for service and fun at this year's Pride Parade. Stay tuned for more details as we move forward with plans for this event. If you would like to be involved with this event, please contact Barb Salvo.

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## UBarU Corner

### Astronomy Weekend August 14 thru 16

This weekend offers a particularly good time for star gazers of all ages under beautiful dark skies at UBarU Camp & Retreat Center (certifiable dark sky area) in Hill Country, Mountain Home, TX near Kerrville. There will be a new moon to set the stage for brilliant views of Saturn, deep-sky objects and the late night display of the Perseid Meteor Shower which is one of the best meteor showers each year. UBarU will provide & operate telescopes & binoculars for the star parties. However, attendees are welcome to bring their own scopes to use (and share) if they wish.

The price for the weekend includes: all programming, sleeping accommodations for Friday & Saturday nights, full meals for dinner & breakfast starting Friday evening through Sunday morning breakfast with a light lunch on Saturday.

All payments are due in full at the time of registration. Those paying by check should make their checks payable to: "UBarU", with the notation "Astronomy Weekend" and mail to: Treasurer UBarU, 9719 Redondo Drive, Dallas TX 75218

#### Fees for the weekend event:

Adults (18 [http://ubaru.org/home/AstronomyWeekend& over](http://ubaru.org/home/AstronomyWeekend&over)) \$125

With spouse, significant other \$225

Child 5-12 with parent \$ 75

Child 13-18 with parent \$ 90

Go to the website for registration form <http://ubaru.org/home/AstronomyWeekend> or contact Bill Daffinee. UBarU Trustee Bill Daffinee

## What's New in the Community Garden?

Wow! We continue to donate hundreds of pounds of organic produce to our neighborhood food pantries every summer month. So far in 2015, we've donated just over half a ton! In addition, strong relationships are forming between members of Community UU Church, Sai Baba, and gardeners from the local community. Just this month we have added two employees of a local bank, who are working in the United States for three years and hope to learn organic gardening techniques to take back to India when they return.

Our huge kultur plots are developing nicely into water-saving, productive plots. Our food forest is growing by leaps and bounds (or is that leafs and mounds?). The new seedless blackberries have been producing well, and the communal herb gardens smell amazing! **Want to share in enjoying the sunshine and the good earth? Harvesting on a Saturday morning is rewarding, full of camaraderie, and (yes! really!) loads of fun. We love helping hands!**

If you would like to learn more about the Community Garden, visitors are always welcome at the monthly socials – **second Saturday of the month from 10-12 noon. Contact Deb Bliss for location and more information.**

Until next month – your Community Garden Correspondent

# *Adult Religious Education*

The Mission of the Adult Religious Education Program is to nurture and stimulate the religious and personal growth of the adult church community. We offer a varied and cohesive program within the context of the living Unitarian Universalist tradition and principles.

We offer a range of classes of interest to adults and youth on weekday evenings throughout the year. Each evening class begins at either 6:30 or 7 pm and ends no later than 9 pm. Sunday class begins at 12:05 pm and ends at 1:30 pm. Our programs include our continuing meditation group and a variety of topical classes.

CHILDCARE is available for all classes, upon request. **To reserve childcare call the Church office (972-424-8989) at least 48 hours in advance.**

## **Sunday Mornings Study and Discussion Group - Rev. Patrick Price - Resumes Sunday, August 9 - 9am Church Library.**

Our Fall Series are from the collection, *Not For Ourselves Alone: Theological Essays on Relationship*, eds. Laurel Hallman and Burton Carley. Skinner House, UUA, Boston. UUA.org/Bookstore. "Twelve essayists encourage a shift in Unitarian Universalism from individualism to connectedness. Shows how we can grow our souls through our relationships with one another and with the Holy." This series runs through November 8<sup>th</sup>. After the Holiday break, the Winter/Spring Series begins January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The book for that series will be announced later, so stay tuned. While some hard copies maybe available at the class for purchase or use, it is recommended that those interested buy an electronic or hard copy in advance.

## **Monday Evenings - Vipassana Meditation - Clifton Rule - Annex Room G**

Clifton says, "Vipassana means insight into the nature of reality. It is a way of self-transformation through self-observation and introspection. Vipassana meditation is often referred to simply as "insight meditation." This is the backbone of our studies in Meditation on Monday nights. We invite you, as a beginner or as a practiced meditator, to join us on our exploration. We view Buddhism not as a religion but rather as learning the process of meditation to reduce the suffering in our lives and in the world around us. We explore through readings, dharma talks, questions and answers, group discussions and meditation. Join us and explore this process as we all grow together."

## **Tuesday Evenings - Tibetan Buddhism, Ven. Tashi Nyima - Sanctuary – 7pm.**

**The Eightfold Noble Path - Approaching Enlightenment with Confidence.** Please join us for an exploration of the eight components of the Buddhist path: Right View, Right Thought, Right Speech, Right Conduct, Right Livelihood, Right Effort, Right Mindfulness, and Right Concentration

## **Thursday Evenings - The Origin of Civilization - Rev. Don Fielding - 7pm - Annex Room G**

Aug. 6 - Origins of the Chinese Writing System

Aug. 13 - From Human Sacrifice to the Tao of Politics

Aug. 20 - Spread of States in Mainland SE Asia

Aug. 27 - Axumite Civilization in Ethiopia

Sept. 3 - \*\*\*BREAK\*\*\*

**Humanists Group** - The humanist group meets at 6pm at the Church annex. For more information contact Bill Mueller.

## **Friday Evenings - Easy Yoga on Fridays 6-7pm, 30 - 45 minutes - George Norwood - Sanctuary**

George Norwood, has studied Integral Yoga Meditation with Swami Satchidananda and affirms he has had many yoga classes. **Equipment Needed:** Some may want to bring their yoga mat. **Clothing:** Comfortable and loose fitting. **Summary:** 1) Introduction and safety 2) Meditation 3) Yoga Exercises 4) A few advanced postures. **Content:** The course begins with a short story about the history of yoga, and its benefits. Diet and other forms of exercise will be reviewed. **Typical Items Covered:** meditation: position of arms, concentration, watching your breath, posture. In the beginning, the course will be based on safe, simple postures which produce minimum stress on the body. Most exercises in the beginning can be done sitting in a chair. As the course continues more advanced postures will be offered that would be easiest with a mat. All students will be required to sign a release statement. If a person has medical problems the individual is encouraged to consult first with her/his doctor.

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For our August 2015 calendar, go to our website at:

**CommunityUUChurch.org**

Events listed on the calendar are subject to change. For more information and confirmation of these events, please visit the church calendar at <http://www.communityuuchurch.org/pages/calendar>.

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Southwest District (SWUUC): **[www.swuuc.org](http://www.swuuc.org)**

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# August, 2015

## Financial Report

Due to out-of-town commitments, the June Financial Report is not being published in this edition. The article will return in the next newsletter.

**Deadline for the September newsletter is Friday, August 14. Email your articles to newsletter @ communityuuchurch. org**

### FREE MONEY!

**Albertson's:** Use Community Partners key chain tag or have them enter 49000109261.

**Kroger:** Update your Kroger Plus card to link to organization 83309 at [www.kroger.com/communityrewards](http://www.kroger.com/communityrewards).

**Tom Thumb:** Link your Rewards card to charity 8089 at Customer Service.

**Amazon.com:** Use this link for purchases: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/75-1787256>

*The church will get a portion of all purchase amounts!*

## Covenant Group Renewal and Support TEAM

In order to renew and expand our small group ministry of Covenant Groups Rev. Price is taking applications for a 4-6 person team to meet this fall to be trained to re-launch and thereafter manage our Covenant Group program. He is accepting names **through Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>**. Experience with Covenant Groups is NOT necessary. An ability to work as part of a 4-6 person team is essential. Management, planning, training, and human resources are all relevant skills.

Commitments: Initially a one or two year commitment, becoming two year rotating positions, with the opportunity to renew up to two (2) times or six years, before a minimum of a two year break is required. Meetings: Weekly in September through Mid November for Phases 1, 2, & 3.

Phase One: Orientation, and Training on Covenant Group Foundations, Creation, Care and Feeding.

Phase Two: Recruitment and Training of Facilitators/Assistants.

Phase Three: Recruitment of Participants and Group Creation. Phases 2 & 3 will overlap in time and process.

Launch Phase: Meeting two (2) times in December, and two (2) times in January. Afterwards, Management meetings will be monthly, and we can explore distance meeting options.

***(This is not intended for those wanting to become Groups Facilitators or Assistant Facilitators. A separate recruitment and training for group Facilitators and Assistants will be held this fall. Stay tuned).***

Application: Name, contacts (e-mail, text, phone, etc). Best ways to contact you and when. Answer "why do you want to be a part of this team?" And list any skills and/or experience that are relevant.

Please contact Rev. Price [Revpprice@communityuuchurch.org](mailto:Revpprice@communityuuchurch.org) or 972-639-7901 mobile/text to apply and for additional information.

**For more information about Covenant Groups go to [www.communityuuchurch.org/Ministries/Covenant Groups/Covenant Groups Guide](http://www.communityuuchurch.org/Ministries/Covenant%20Groups/Covenant%20Groups%20Guide).**

# Church Office Hours

**Monday:** church offices closed: **Tuesday:** 9 am to 3 pm  
**Wednesday:** 9 am to 2:30 pm: **Thursday:** 9 am to 2:30 pm  
**Friday:** 9 am to Noon : **Office Phone #:** 972-424-8989

## **Reverend Patrick Price**

**Monday:** Available for emergencies only.  
**Tuesday through Thursday:** Noon to 4 pm  
**Friday:** Available for emergencies only.  
Other times by appointment. Please contact Reverend Price for appointments and scheduling information.

## **Director of Religious Education Kathy Smith**

**Wednesday and Thursday:** 1pm to 5 pm, other times by appointment.

**Bookkeeper John Elder Tuesday and Wednesday:** 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, other times by appointment.

**Membership Coordinator Cindy Pilcher Thursday:** 9:00 to 11:30am.

## **Church Secretary Connie Meints**

**Tuesday** 9am to 3pm, **Wednesday & Thursday** 9am to 2:30pm, **Friday** 9am to noon.

**Music Director Christopher Wolff** available during church office hours.

## ***The Community News***

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