



The Community News

December 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.

December Services—HOPE

Sunday, December 6 - 10:30am - "Life as "BT" - the less understood letters of "LGBT". Guest Speaker Paula Ellis assisted by Jessica Shortall.

Sunday, December 13 - 10:30 am - "A Multigenerational Holiday Service: Winter Holidays from around the World". Rev. Patrick Price, Sandy K.

Sunday, December - 20 - 10:30am "Annual Yuletide Celebration". This worship for all ages,, interactive service uses ritual, stories, and song to weave together Yule, Hanukah and Christmas – holidays from three of our six UU sources. Led by the Rev. Patrick Price and the Community Church Choir.

Wednesday, December 24 - 3pm - "Christmas Eve Service for Families". This is a lively, participatory service of familiar carols and rounds, beautiful descants and bells, readings and stories of the season. Adults, youth, families, children of all ages – all are welcome.

Wednesday, December 24 - 6pm - "Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols Candle Light Service" led by the Rev. Patrick Price, Worship Associates and the Community Church Choir.

Sunday, December 27- 10:30am - "Turnings". Pat Smith.

January, 2016 Sunday Services Theme - Justice

January 3 - TBA

January 10 - Rev. Patrick Price

January 17 - Rev. Patrick Price

January 24 - Rev. Patrick Price

January 31 - Dr. Susan Harper

**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 "This Season of Hope"

A number of years ago a church near my home in South Carolina had a sign that read "Hope is the reason for the season." As I drove past it daily during the weeks leading to Christmas, my attitude shifted from amusement to "Bah! Humbug!" and then to appreciation. At first it struck me as sentimentally quaint. Then as I began to approach the anniversary of my father's death on the 21st of December, I received word that the partner of a good friend had died of AIDS complications. Afterward a child I knew in a colleague's congregation died from cancer, and then my sister was diagnosed with a recurrence of the breast cancer that would eventually kill her. Death and darkness had come for the holidays.

Death and darkness are important parts of our human reality. They have much to teach us and they cannot be denied or avoided for very long; however, we all have limits as to how much we can handle. Sometimes I find myself muttering resentfully "Great! Another growth opportunity. Just what I needed." Unfortunately we cannot exchange these "gifts" from the Universe for a better size or color, so we are left with our pain, faith, and hope.

For Unitarian Universalist hope is not naive wish fulfillment, but an honest optimism based upon a deep faith that we are inherently unique and worthy beings; that we are not alone; and that the universe ultimately has meaning. Faith is not based upon proof, but upon those things we know to be true in the absence of proof. I cannot give you proof for having hope, only that we do and that we must have it. We need light most when we are in the dark, and faith is the certainty that we have a candle and matches, and that if we can only lay our hands on them we have hope of not being lost in the dark. We as individuals must understand and symbolize our sources for hope, whether those sources are the Christ child, God's grace through the Hanukkah miracle, or the death and return of the Solar year. We all experience our hope through the particular and the concrete – a card, a gift, an embrace, a song, a candle in the window. This is why both human connection and traditions are important. This is why I am continually thankful for the kindness and support I have received and continue to receive in my life, and for the shared generously I see in our congregations and in our larger community.

This season is not about mindless frivolity and good times, and we should not feel burdened by guilt because we are not "in the holiday spirit." This season is in fact a reminder that we have life in the midst of death, and light in the midst of darkness. It is about the possibility of joy in the midst of sorrow and pain. It is a reminder to us as Unitarian Universalists that all people, including ourselves, are inherently worthy and not alone, and in turn we are obligated to share this message of hope in many manifest ways.

As great as our own desire is to withdraw and to protect our tiny spark, we are to each other the bearers of this light and hope. We are the Magi, we are the flask of oil, we are the ones who sing the light back into being for each other. Together we blow bright the embers of our souls, and cup the flames of each other's hearts against the winds of despair. Together on this road of hope let us kindle and carry our festival lights through the shadows of the valley of death, remembering that the reason for the season is indeed hope. Bright blessings upon you and all of us, through this season and the coming New Year.

Peace, Patrick.

On Sunday Nov. 8 we kicked off this year's **Guest At Your Table program** established by the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee. Each family (with or without children) is encouraged to pick up a donation box and brochure "Stories of Hope" from the church foyer or alcove across from Founders Hall or in RE classrooms. We invite everyone to "feed" their box at their own table at home over the next month and a half (50 cents a meal is suggested). These funds go towards offering life sustaining support and resources to those here in the US and around the world who are in need. In January please help your family count your donations and return the filled boxes or preferably a check made out to the UUSC in the amount of your donation. **Any questions, please contact Anne Smith or Barb Salvo.**

President's Column

After attending another inspiring Service is the Park, I was reminded how fortunate we are to enjoy the fellowship we share. Following a lovely morning at Oak Point Park, we were served a delicious, vegetarian lunch by our friends in the Sai Community, then joined them in singing hymns and sharing our thoughts, and our condolences for those affected by the recent terrorist attacks in Paris.

This fall our congregation has considered some important issues. Following several discussions related to the Black Lives Matter resolution and the options for moving forward to solve our roof problems, we came together to pass the Black Lives Matter resolution, and to approve the use of funds to begin work on the roof.

Thanksgiving is behind us, and I hope that each of you enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday with family or friends. We truly do have much to be thankful for.

On Christmas Eve our traditional family service, held in the afternoon is followed by our candlelight worship service in the evening. More information will be available in the Eblast as to the exact time for these services. There is something very special about the feeling of warmth and community that is present at both. Please plan to join us at one or the other.

Fondly,

Lexie

SASSY (Seniors Aiding Seniors Stay Young) is a group of Caring Committee members who focus on concerns that can afflict any of us, but can be especially problematic for the elderly. You may wish to join us if you are a senior and you:

- Live alone and are dependent on others for your daily needs
- Are the principal caregiver for a dependent loved one
- Are in good health and live independently now, but alone.

You are welcome if you are not a senior but are interested in learning or participating. We exchange information, share experiences, network with one another, and occasionally bring in a guest speaker. Broader outreach is a goal. **We meet at 1pm the first Thursday of every month at the church. All are welcome to attend. Contact Janice Hildenbrand.**

ANNUAL HOLIDAY FOLKSING Friday, December 4

The CUUC First Friday Folksingers invite you to their Annual Holiday Folksing on Friday, December 4 at 8pm at the **home of Gail and Charlie Battista**, 600 Homewood Drive, Plano, 75025.

Bring a holiday snack to share and come sit around the fire and join the FFFS in singing your favorite holiday carols and songs. Just listening is OK too! Come kick off the Holiday Season by joining in the fellowship of the First Friday Folksingers holiday festivities.

Bring your instruments and copies of any special music. A piano is available. Adult beverages will be provided. There is no childcare available.

Please RSVP to Gail or Charlie to let them know you will be coming.

December, 2015

The Church office will be closed Friday, December 25 thru Friday, January 1.

Simple Living Chalice Circle Meeting time and place – The next meeting will be **Saturday morning Dec. 12, at 11am.**

Theme/topic – Learning together to live deliberately.

Facilitator – Contact Ona Tannehill at Email simpleliving@communityuuchurch.org for location.

Deadline for the January newsletter is Friday, December 11. Email your articles to newsletter@communityuuchurch.org.

Yule Party!

Come Celebrate the Longest Day of the Year!

Friday, December 18, 6pm.

We will have:

~ A potluck dinner (bring something hearty to share)

~ A bonfire with songs, marshmallows, hot cider, and storytelling!

~ Games to play

~ Yule tree to decorate

For more information contact Seana Saxon.

Women's Alliance

Come join the Women's Alliance for a Holiday Party on **Saturday, December 13, 2-5pm** at the lovely home of Victoria Rachel. We'll have food and fun. Please RSVP to

women@communityuuchurch.org.

Friday Night Flicks - Founders Hall
7pm.

December 11 - It's A Wonderful Life - 1946

No one is born to be a failure. No one is poor who has friends. Simple thoughts that were the inspiration for one of the richest, most uplifting, most beloved American films ever made. Frank Capra's classic tale of George Bailey and his Christmas Eve visit with a guardian angel was nominated for five Oscars including Best Picture, Best Director and Best Actor, James Stewart. After 69 years it remains as powerful and moving as the day it was made. Come see it for the first time or the 10th time.

Rides to Sunday services

The Caring Committee is working to meet the needs of members and friends who need rides to Sunday church services.

If you are a member or friend of the church and need a ride or can provide rides, please contact Caring Committee member **Betsy Friauf**.

Kathy Smith on Sabbatical!

All of Kathy's duties have been assigned to others while she is out. Please do not contact Kathy at all. This is Kathy's time for growth and rejuvenation. For all RE-related questions, please contact Sandy Kochenower or Amy Dessert at dre@communityuuchurch.org.

You can also text or call Sandy at (972)841-3292, but please remember she is ours for only 10 hours a week.

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: Tuesday, December 15

Location: Deb Bliss's home in Plano. RSVP by Friday, Dec. 11 if you plan to attend.

Selection: A time to share poetry and short stories you've discovered and loved this year.

God's Pantry

God's Pantry will distribute 200 Thanksgiving boxes and 200 Christmas boxes this year. They are doing well with the food drive overall, but really need canned carrots and one lb sacks of rice. Your help would be appreciated. Place the donations in their food cart in the foyer. Thank you.

Our annual Church Christmas tree will be in the sanctuary with the names of children under 12 yrs of age from the God's Pantry list. You can select a child to purchase Christmas gifts again this year. Slips of paper on the tree will have their names, sex and ethnicity. Gifts are returned with their tags to the church for delivery to the Pantry. They will match the gifts with the family Christmas Box. Last year we had 120 children. This year there will be 162 kids in need of a Christmas gift.

Collin County Homeless Coalition

The annual homeless census will be taken January 21, 2016.

Religious Education

“Hope has human hands.”

Rev. Kit Ketcham, Unitarian Universalist Minister

I'll Bring You Hope, When Hope is Hard to Find

By Kathy E. Smith, Director of Religious Education

Ours is a theology of hope. Hang around a Unitarian Universalist church long enough and you'll hear this expressed in many ways.

Theologian James Luther Adams' wrote of the “five smooth stones” of liberal religion, the last of which is “...the resources (divine and human) that are available for the achievement of meaningful change [which] justify an attitude of ultimate optimism.”

Rev. William Schultz, former Amnesty International director, preached that, “The resilience of the human spirit is so profound that I would be guilty of the worst form of narcissism if I gave up hope in human transformation when so many others who have seen humanity at its worst have managed not to. But of course heroes and heroines are very rare. Few of us display that kind of resilience in the face of agony. But what large numbers of us are capable of feeling is another's pain. If resilience is unusual, generosity is commonplace.”

We are a people who live by hope. One of the more difficult tasks of being a Unitarian Universalist parent is teaching hope to our children in the face of a world that often seems hellbent on taking hope away. (Not the hope that Santa will be really good to them this year – our society does a great job of instilling wishful thinking for material things – but the kind of hope that keeps people going in hard times. Not the sort of gilded optimism that says “everything will be okay”, because sometimes it isn't; but the strength of knowing that goodness, love, and beauty are part of our lives, too.)

But how? Two time-honored suggestions: Teach them to look for the helpers. There is a wonderful story about TV personality Fred Rogers of Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood, who said, “When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, ‘Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.’ To this day, especially in times of disaster, I remember my mother's words and I am always comforted by realizing that there are still so many helpers – so many caring people in this world.”

Second, teach them to **be** the helpers. There is great power in knowing that you can make a difference, however small. Help people who are hungry by growing food for the food bank. Help resolve a conflict by practicing how to listen really well. Help someone who is sad by giving them a hug or a smile or a picture of a playful kitten. Small concrete actions are the building blocks for creating a hopeful outlook for a child.

And perhaps the hardest of all: model hope by doing these things yourself. Children learn what they live. The hidden gift is that actively working to “look for the helpers” and “be the helpers” can help you find your own way as well. The blessing of doing this in religious community, such as we have here at church, is that we support each other in this difficult but life-saving and life-affirming work of creating hope in the world we all share. In faith, Kathy

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Connections

A big thank you to everyone who participated in the Connections: Weaving the Web event on October 17. We had a wonderful day in the Community Garden and had the opportunity to learn more about church groups and activities while playing games and listening to music. We had such a good time that the LDC would like to make this an annual affair. If you have any suggestion to improve or expand this family friendly event, please let the LDC know. You can email us at ldc@communityuuchurch.org.

Spotlight on Leadership

The leadership spotlight is on **Barb Salvo** this month.

Barb was born and raised in Racine, Wisconsin. Her dad worked for Western Publishing and Barb worked there also to pay for high school and college. Barb's mom was a stay-at-home mom until she discovered golf at age 40. Her mom later worked in an office in her 50's and 60's and then did catering through her 70's. She golfed till she was 81 and now is 92. Barb's dad died at age 68. Barb has 5 brothers and 2 sisters and 12 nieces and nephews and 2 great nephews and 1 great niece. Barb helped raise her younger siblings, but has no children of her own.

After taking the Belief-O-Matic quiz and discovering Unitarian Universalism, Barb joined our church in May 2009 and has been active since then. She was Women's Alliance Co-President, Women's Alliance President and served on the Membership Committee. She is a graduate of the Harvest the Power class. Currently she is Women's Alliance Treasurer, a Greeter, Social Action Chair and all around "go-for".

Barb says, "I love the friendships I have found in this community. People care about each other and show that with actions. This is not just a church you go to on Sunday and then forget about for the rest of the week. We care about the community we live in and show it with our activities. Staying involved has added more meaning to my life. When I listen to my non-UU friends talk, what they are searching for in their churches and not finding it, we have here at CUUC....community and a sense of commitment to life."

Say Hi to Barb when you see her in church and thank her for her service to our community.

Be sure to check next month's column for details on the 2016 Harvest the Power Class!

Your LDC Correspondent

Save the Date: Women's Alliance Annual Retreat

This year our retreat will be held on **April 8, 9 and 10, 2016**. We will again be returning to Glen Lake Retreat Center in Glen Rose, TX. We will post more details as we finalize our plans.

We have two price options:

Option 1 is a deluxe cabin, which will accommodate 9 persons on the bottom bunks. The cabin has a large lighted vanity area and a bathroom with showers. The mattresses are wide and firm. You will need to provide your bedding and towels. This price is \$100 for the weekend which includes 3 meals on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday.

Option 2 is an hotel style room available for \$150. These rooms are semi-private with 2 twin beds and a private bath in each and you do not need to bring bedding or towels. This price also includes your meals. There is a limited number of these rooms so it is first come, first serve. You must submit payment for a room to be held in your name.

Come join us for our annual gathering. It is a fun weekend filled with sharing, singing, activities and more. A chance to make new friends and visit with old friends. This is your chance to get away from it all!! We hope to see you there!

If you plan on joining us, contact Barb Salvo for more details or questions.

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UBarU Corner

Plan ahead for your children's Unitarian Universalist camp experience at UBarU in Texas Hill Country.

Please put the dates on your calendar. Look for more details about the individual weeks of experiences & activities next month.

- 10- 13 June Family Camp
- 15 - 18 June Bridgers Camp (tentative)
- 19- 25 June Sojourner Camp rising 3rd through 5th
- 26 - 2 July Olympia Camp rising 6th & 7th
- 3 - 9 July Seeger camp 8th & 9th
- 10-16 July Reeb Camp rising 10th thru 12th

For more information contact Trustee Bill Daffinee.

Our Monthly "**Share the Plate**" offering for December is designated for **Plano Community Homes** which we have been involved with since its inception. They provide low income housing for the elderly and handicapped. Currently they have 4 facilities and plans for a facility for veterans. **Half of the loose change collected on Sunday, December 27, 2015 will go to Plano Community Homes. You can also donate to this cause all month long via the CUUC web page by selecting the Share the Plate option.**

What's New in the Community Garden?

If you glance at the gardens this winter, you might notice white tents covering our plants during freezing temperatures. We grow vegetables year round and keep the plants protected from the extreme cold to share our kale, mustard, lettuce, turnips, beets, broccoli, cauliflower and cabbage with the food pantries all winter long.

Did you know that studies have shown gardening is good for the soul, mind and body? Connecting to nature and down-to-earth people keeps your body fit, your heart full, and helps you get your Vitamin D. People who work in the soil are happier and healthier. Serving the needs of the local community with deliveries of fresh, organic produce to food pantries is satisfying work. There is nothing as thrilling as harvesting food to share at your own table. Gardening is about sharing your knowledge, seeds, plants and time. It's about problem-solving and learning new ways to grow and outwit the pests in an earth-friendly way. Community Harvest Garden provides all these benefits plus: sunny space to grow, water, tools, organic compost, mulch, fertilizer, and organic pest products. In return we ask an annual fee of \$35 to cover these costs and 4-6 hours/month of your time. This January, adopt a 4'x16' plot with a buddy or your family. You will be glad you did! Contact harvest@communityuuchurch.org or speak with Deb Bliss or one of our gardeners: Carrie Dubberley, Jo Howser, Mike and Mary Ann Owens, Ninhda Nosavan, Melia Newman, Kimberly Meadows, Heather Joy, Linda Frank, Tricia Lewandowski, or Seana Saxon.

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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 ends no later than 9pm. 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

Study and Discussion Group - Rev. Patrick Price. The Winter/Spring Series resumes **January 19 - 9am.**

Monday

Vipassana Meditation with Clifton Rule. Class starts at 7 pm. 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

Tibetan Buddhism – Sanctuary – 7pm. This class will be about 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.

Choices for Sustainable Living - Produced by the Northwest Earth Institute. 7pm Tuesdays. This class is closed. This popular course may be offered again in early 2016.

Wednesday

Astronomy Group . Chair Tiffany Naquin, sees endless possibilities for the group, such as: Astronomy activities at Church, adults/big kid lectures at the Church, astronomical viewing (at Church or out of town), astronomy outreach to places like senior centers, family centers, homeless shelters, as well as bi-annual Church campouts. If you want more information contact Tiffany Naquin at: cheri.astronomymom@gmail.com.

Foundations of Kabbalah - Founders Hall—7pm. Instructor: Benjamin Halfon, teacher at the Dallas Kabbalah Center. Foundations of Kabbalah is nothing less than a spiritual journey that will transform everything that you think you know. This course is designed to be both enlightening and practical, this wisdom is intended to be lived and experienced every day. Over many years, we've seen the wisdom of Kabbalah improve the lives of our students, their families, their communities and by extension, our world. This wisdom is meant for everyone, of all backgrounds and beliefs. "The Foundations class is your doorway to an inspired life, one of lasting fulfillment and purpose."

Thursday

The Origin of Civilization – 7pm – Rev. Don Fielding – Church Annex.

Dec. 3 - Adaptations in Pacific South America

Dec. 17 - Andean Civilization - Chauin to Chima

Dec. 10 - Pyramids & Precocity in Coastal Peru

Dec. 24 & 31 - *Break*****

Humanists Group. The Humanists group meets at **6pm** in the Church Annex. The program is discussion-centered on Humanist-oriented topics led by various speakers. For more information contact Bill Mueller, billmuellertx1602@gmail.com.

For our December 2015 calendar, go to our website at:
CommunityUUChurch.org

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October Financial Report

By Dick Hildenbrand, Treasurer

The October 2015 financial summary for our operating accounts is listed below. As mentioned in my caveat last month, some of September's budgeted expenses weren't paid until October, the primary variance seen in the monthly statistics. Overall, we're right on the money for year-to-date expenses and about \$12k ahead on income (most of this will persist). By the time you read this, the Service Auction will be history and the Finance Committee (and Board) will revisit our budget cuts of last spring to see what can be prudently restored.

The first \$10,000 of the \$100,000 loan from the Unrestricted Planned Giving Fund, as approved by the congregation on November 1st has now been moved to our operating account and major repair projects are moving forward. The Finance Committee is looking at options for repaying this loan and will have proposals to present at a congregational meeting to be scheduled in January. Selling land and refinancing our mortgage are the first options being investigated.

Upcoming Share the Plate Offering

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October's Share the Plate netted \$351.19 for the UU Service Committee.

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. NOTE: It's time to renew your Kroger Community Rewards - just follow this link: <https://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!

INCOME & EXPENSE October 2015

	Oct. 2015	Month Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget	% Annual Budget (FY 41.7% comp)
INCOME						
Total Offering Income	\$17,275	\$17,621	\$115,078	\$108,082	\$246, 596	46.7%
Total Fund Raiser Income	\$63	\$190	\$11,287	\$7,450	\$24,900	45.3%
Total Building Usage	\$1,949	\$2,154	\$11,348	\$10,270	\$26,404	43.0%
Misc. Income	\$780	\$1,078	\$5,444	\$5,188	\$15,760	34.5%
TOTAL INCOME	\$20,067	\$21,043	\$143,157	\$130,990	\$313,659	45.6%
EXPENSE						
Administration	\$7,801	\$4,196	\$24,547	\$22,910	\$54,155	45.3%
Programs	\$1,911	\$2,078	\$8,604	\$9,507	\$22,789	37.8%
Religious Education	\$5,845	\$4,960	\$27,153	\$27,680	\$59,839	45.4%
Facilities/Grounds	\$3,961	\$4,282	\$24,471	\$23,416	\$60,222	40.6%
Ministry	\$7,685	\$7,797	\$39,247	\$39,734	\$98,900	39.7%
Denomination	\$1,614	\$1,614	\$6,456	\$6,456	\$17,754	36.4%
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$28,817	\$24,927	\$130,478	\$129,704	\$313,659	41.6%
NET INCOME	-\$8,750	-\$3,885	\$12,679	\$1,287	\$0	

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North Texas Unitarian Universalist Congregations (NTUUC):

www.ntuuc.org

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Monday: church offices closed: **Tuesday:** 9 am to 3 pm
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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 - On Sabbatical
Sabbatical Dir. Of Religious Education Sandy Kochenower (Sandy K.)
Sunday mornings.

Bookkeeper John Elder Tuesday & Thursday: 10:30am - 2:30pm
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Membership Coordinator Cindy Pilcher Wednesday: 9 - 11:30am.

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