



The Community News

January 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.

The New Year: A New Start On Old Habits?

The new year brings a surge of attempts to be the people we think we ought to be (a noble goal). Many of us attempt to change several things at once, usually several habits, the end results of which inevitably end in disappointment and for a time a lower self-esteem (at least for me they do).

It's important to respect what the body and the mind have created. Habits are built up over time, and as such will take time to melt away. Choosing which habits to change, then, becomes more important. A modest amount of research yields that it is important to start with smaller changes, and then tackle larger ones later. Then comes the question of which habits to attempt. So here is a modest suggestion as to where to look: mindfulness.

There are many practices to choose from. Meditation is the obvious go-to here, but what about just using your taste buds to contemplate the meal you're chewing? Do that every day. Maybe just for lunch, or breakfast, but do it regularly. Or when you're feeling strong emotions, stop thinking for a moment and feel it. Because even when we're feeling it, we're also thinking about a lot. The overall theme here is to become aware of the chattering, chaotic monkey-mind that we listen to constantly, and instead decide to focus entirely on the one thing that we're doing at that moment.

Becoming more aware makes us more alive and gives life more texture and flavor. Decide to start savoring it.— Rob Saxon

January, 2015

Sunday Services

Theme - Creation

January 4 - "Creation and the Interdependent Web" - Bill Snell

January 11 - "A Question Box Sermon" - Rev. Patrick Price

January 18 - "The Creation of Justice" - Rev. Patrick Price

January 25 - "Creation and the Stories We Tell Ourselves" - Rev. Patrick Price

**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 "Abetting Creation"

Creation starts with a foot in the same puddle where chaos stepped last. Creation is a higher order(ing) of the Universe, in part reversing the disorder(ing) of entropy. Creation is both a cause and an effect. English novelist John Galsworthy noted that, "the beginnings of all human undertakings are untidy." Creation is synergy; it is about assembling, or combining elements in ways which bring about the real existence of something altogether more than the sum of its parts.

The beginning of our New Year stands on the remains of the last one. It is not a completely new life we live but the next chapter in the same one. So what will we assemble or give birth to in our new chapter of a year? What will we give the energy and resources of our unique and precious lives to in order to abet the creation, the higher order(ing) of our collective life as a beloved community? I can think of little better than the renewal and fulfillment of our covenants as a faith community, dedicated to "Growing Spirits, Working for Justice, and Transforming Lives."

This New Year of 2015 marks the first forty years of the life of this congregation (1975). As we celebrate with remembrances of our past, praises for our present and plans for our future, let us do our greatest honor and duty to all generations past, present and future, by matching, and then transcending the heart-blooded commitments that created this congregation as a spiritual and justice seeking community in north Texas.

May the spirit and fulfillment of creation be yours in this New Year and beyond. See you in church. Blessings, Patrick

An Appreciation

Dick Moren was an active, engaged and committed member of our community for over two decades. A former treasurer of the congregation, he was also involved in adult religious education both as a leader and participant as well as many other activities over the years. Sadly, Dick passed away too soon. Recently, we were touched to discover how very much Community Church meant to Dick when we learned he had made a generous bequest to the church. We will remember Dick for all he brought to our community while he was with us and for the blessing of his generous legacy for the future of our church. Thank you, Dick. - June Bruns.

Deadline for the February newsletter is Friday, January 16. Email your articles to newsletter@communityuuchurch.org.

President's Column

Strengthen Your Spirit

Generosity is a muscle that must be strengthened by use.

Gratitude blossoms when it is nurtured.

And, although I suppose it would be possible to be generous without being grateful — grateful for your life, for your family, for the beauty in the world, for moments of kindness and comfort — it's hard to imagine.

Generosity and gratitude are inextricably linked, reinforcing each other.

Gratitude practice has become popular over the last few years, and I think I know why: it makes people feel better! Psychological research has found that people feel happier and more satisfied if they make a habit, every day, of naming at least one thing they're grateful for.

On the flip side is the clutching fear of not having enough. I've experienced anxiety that kept me up at night, wondering how I could make it to the next check or the next job. It's not fun. But the only way through that fear is to be generous in spite of it. Remember the story of the widow's mite? She gave to the temple a tiny coin, hardly worth anything, and yet Jesus honored her above all the rich people with their gold, because she gave all she had.

Even a small act of generosity like that can create a feeling of gratitude, as we realize that we are valuable, that we can be of use to the world. And so the circle is complete.

This congregation has created numerous practices designed to strengthen the muscle of generosity, beginning with our children. Did you know that the religious education classes collect an offering? Like the widow's mite, their few dollars a week is a huge gift, not only to us but to the people our children are becoming.

We frequently collect items — food, coats, warm clothes, Christmas gifts — for our partners at Barron Elementary and God's Food Pantry. When you are asked to donate, take a moment to imagine (or remember, or recognize) how difficult it is to struggle with buying food or warm clothes for your children. Be grateful for what you have, and generous enough to share what you can.

And then there's this church itself. We are an odd beast, this collection of liberal souls in the center of Collin County. We provide a refuge for people who feel excluded, or left out, or different, or who passionately want to make the world a more compassionate and just place.

Our very existence relies on your commitment — you, our members and friends. No one else supports us. It's just us, trying to prove again, week after week, year after year, the truth Margaret Mead expressed: "Never doubt that a small group of committed people can change the world. In fact, it's the only thing that ever has."

We will begin our stewardship drive next month, and I ask you to exercise that muscle of generosity. Think about your commitment to this church, what you would like to see us accomplish. We can get there with your help.

Community UU Church can be a powerful force in North Texas, which desperately needs us. It needs us to model what it looks like to honor everyone, regardless of sexual orientation, race, or economic situation. It needs us to speak up for justice and compassion. It needs us to be generous.

May you be showered with blessings and nurtured by a generous world,
Elena Westbrook

January, 2015

Simple Living Chalice Circle Meeting time and place – The next meeting will be **Saturday morning January 10, at 11.**

Theme/topic – Learning together to live deliberately.

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

CIRCLE SUPPERS is in full swing for the Spring session. This fall we averaged 16 to 17 guests each month in one or two host homes. If you would care to get on the invite list, just send your name, email, and phone to 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. Dinners will be the 2nd Saturday of each month through May, then we start up again in Sept.

Metaphysical Meanderings is a lively reading and discussion group of Community UUs who are full of questions about the fundamental notions by which people understand the world, e.g., existence, objects and their properties, space and time, cause and effect, and possibility. Our next meeting is **7– 9pm January 26, 2015, at Victoria and Mark Rachel's home discussing the book DISAPPEARANCE OF THE UNIVERSE, by Gary R. Renard.** If you have questions or would like to attend, contact Grace Morrison.

Friday Night Flicks - Founders Hall 7pm

January 9 - Chef - 2014

Chef Carl Casper (Jon Favreau) suddenly quits his job at a prominent Los Angeles restaurant after refusing to compromise his creative integrity for its controlling owner (Dustin Hoffman). In Miami he teams up with his ex-wife (Sofia Vergara), his friend (John Leguizamo) and his son (Emjay Anthony) to launch a food truck. Directed by Jon Favreau.

January 23 - The Hundred Foot Journey - 2014

Hassan Kadam (Manish Dayal) is a culinary expert displaced from his native India, he opens a restaurant in the south of France. Unfortunately, this puts Kadam in direct competition with the snobbish Madam Mullory's (Helen Mirren) acclaimed Haute Cuisine establishment across the street. How will they learn to live in harmony?

Minecraft Party in January! The RE Board is sponsoring the third annual Minecraft Party on **Saturday, January 24** from 3 to 9pm. Adults welcome to play too! We provide the server, extension cords, and food (pizza, drinks, snacks). You provide the computer(s) and the player(s). We do have a limited number of alternatives available if you want to play and do not own the equipment necessary. If your child is in third grade or under, we ask that you plan to have an adult stay with them during the party. \$10 per family.

The Church Office will be closed Tuesday, January 20.

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 – 9 pm.

Date: January 20

Location: Brenda Harrier's home. Contact Brenda by January 16 if you plan to attend.

Selection: Bring poems you've discovered and/or synopses of short stories you've read.

Date February 18

Location: Janet Belden's home.
Selection: To be decided.

The Garden is Calling You

Feeling cooped up? Got that indoor-winter-itis? Imagine yourself working the soil with the warm sun on your back, tending young plants, harvesting your first carrot or onion, watching butterflies flit and toads hop as you work, and swapping stories with your neighbor gardener. Community Harvest Garden will be **opening plots for adoption beginning January 12, 2015.** Contact Deb Bliss if you have questions.

Rummage Sale Coming This Spring!

As the holidays turn into the colder, slower days of January, we often turn to sorting and cleaning and neatening up our things - spring cleaning looms! This year, as you come across items that are still useable but just don't fit in your life anymore, remember that the teens will be sponsoring a rummage sale very soon! Donations of all sorts will be welcome – clothing, books, furniture, toys, baby items, knickknacks. Thank you for saving your goodies to support our Coming of Age youth as they prepare for their Heritage Trip to Boston this summer! If you have questions, please contact Kathy Smith.

Religious Education

*Unitarian Universalism affirms that
creation is too grand, complex, and mysterious to be captured in a narrow creed.
That is why we cherish individual freedom of belief.
At the same time our convictions lead us to other affirmations:
That the blessings of life are available to everyone, not just the Chosen or the Saved;
That Creation itself is Holy; the earth and all its creatures, the stars in all their glory;
That the Sacred or Divine, the Precious and Profound, are made evident
not in the miraculous or supernatural but in the simple and the everyday;
That human beings, joined in collaboration with the gifts of grace, are responsible for the planet and its future;
That every one of us is held in Creation's hand, a part of the interdependent cosmic web,
and hence strangers need not be enemies;
That no one is saved until we All are saved, where All means the whole of Creation;
That the paradox of life is to love it all the more even though we ultimately lose it.
-- UU minister, the Rev. William F. Schulz*

What's This about Creation?

By Kathy E. Smith, Director of Religious Education

When we talk about creation in a spiritual context, so often the path we go down is “where did life come from?” This (or some variant) is one of the classic questions children ask. It’s easy to get lost in wondering around that question with them. But in all this exploring about “where did we come from?”, we often forget to challenge our children – and ourselves – with the other part of the creation question, which is “what are we creating **now?**”

As Unitarian Universalists, we recognize that the answer to the first question is not one that we will all agree on an answer to, and that’s okay. It is why we tell many creation stories in our classes. And it is why, even when we focus on the scientific answers of evolution and biology, we encourage our children to reach for the mystery beyond what they can see and touch.

As Unitarian Universalists, however, we do share an answer to the second question. We commit to spend more time working on where we’re going than wondering where we came from.

As the Rev. Schulz says, we are part of this world, and it is sacred space. We are creating the world we live in, every day. There is so much work, and it is so hard. Where do we start? How do we do it?

Christian theologian Matthew Fox talks about the Four Paths of Creation Spirituality, four metaphorical paths in an ever-repeating cycle, always returning to the light (the *Via Positiva*). He uses language drawn from medieval Christian spirituality, but I think that the four paths are good concepts to teach our children – to be intensely aware, to focus on where we are in the moment, and to seek that which infuses meaning into our days.

The Via Positiva – *Live in the light.* Praise what is good. Celebrate the seasons. Be grateful. Love each other.

The Via Negativa – *Life is both light and darkness.* Don’t whine and complain. Grieve what needs to be grieved. Cry as long as you need to, authentically. Then let the light return.

The Via Creativa – *We are meant to create.* Use your gifts. Use them and release them into the world. Channel the light through you.

Via Transformativa – *Let the path transform you.* Love this amazing world with everything you are. Live with awareness. Give your gifts. Let your experiences of love and awareness and giving help you do the work of justice.

We all walk these paths ourselves. We come together in church community to share the journey. See you in church this January! In faith, Kathy

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Family Events at CUUC in January

- Sun. 1/4** – Worship/Religious Education classes, 10:30am.
- Sun. 1/11** – Worship/Religious Education classes, 10:30am.
- Sun. 1/11** – NTX Rally Planning Meeting, 2-4pm. (at First Unitarian Dallas)
- Fri. 1/16-Sun. 1/18** – YRUU Rally (Houston area)
- Sat. 1/17** – Teacher Appreciation Dinner, 6pm. (Temple Beth Shalom)
- Sun. 1/18** – Worship/Religious Education classes, 10:30am.
- Sat. 1/24** – Odds ‘n Ends Day (bring your child and come help!)
- Sat. 1/24** – Minecraft Party, 3-9pm.
- Sun. 1/25** – Worship/Religious Education classes, 10:30am. (children’s chapel K-7th)

Teachers! Don’t Miss the Annual Teacher Appreciation Dinner on January 17! RSVP by January 4 to reserve your space. Your area DREs are your hosts at this delicious, catered, sit-down dinner followed by a short speech by UU minister Tamara Lebak from Tulsa, OK. Childcare is included. And it’s all free to you – as long as you tell us you’re coming. Hope to see you there!

SASSY (Seniors Aiding Seniors Stay Young) was started as a way of sharing information that is helpful to those of us who are aging or caring for parents who are aging.

Many seniors want to stay independent for as long as they can. Living alone can be risky as our health declines. In the event that emergency people are called, there are two issues that can occur. One is how they can gain entry if the resident is not able to let them in and the other is their ability to get the necessary information in an emergency situation. For the first, some cities have a program in place that allows a resident to register a lockbox that the emergency people can access should they need to get in. The second issue is to have important information (such as family and friends contact information, medications being taken, and legal documents) in a location they can find quickly in the event of an emergency. It is suggested to keep this information in the freezer or near the refrigerator where they can find it easily.

We have discussed different ways we can help each other with issues that we face as we get older. Do people need rides? Do they want phone calls, visits or an invitation to lunch? Does someone need meals taken to them? Are you considering independent living, assisted living, home health care or other living arrangements for yourself or a parent? There are so many options and the information is overwhelming. Are you dealing with someone with dementia? Are you a caretaker of someone and need support? The Wellness Center at the Plano Senior Center provides information and services for all Collin County residents. If you do not know what they can do for you, come see us. If you have any ideas you want to discuss, join us on the **first Thursday of the month at 1pm in Founders Hall. In January, it will be the second Thursday because the first Thursday is New Year’s Day.** Have a happy and safe New Year.

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New Member Spotlight

Name:	Cyndi Carnes and Patrick Fisher
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List children and their ages	Ceilidh, 4
Occupation	Her: Mortgage Underwriter Him: Daddyman (The Ultimate Superhero)
Where did you grow up?	Her: Plano Him: Refuses to grow up
Hobbies, Interests or Special Achievements	Music, Outdoors, Child Rearing

What's New in the Community Garden?

Community Harvest Garden is about to begin its ninth year. The garden is a magical place. The magic is in the microscopic creatures that enrich the soil, the miracles of seeds sprouting and plants fruiting, and the surprises and discoveries of toads hopping, ladybugs flitting, bees buzzing, birds singing, and even the occasional bobcat stopping by. The magic is in the care for the earth and the nurture of the land. The magic is in the gift of fresh, organic produce at least once a week to people who get canned and boxed food from local food banks. The magic is in working together with people from our church, from the Sai Center, and people from the neighborhood. If you'd like to experience the magic, we would love to have you work with us! Plots will be available for adoption after Jan. 4. The link to our website is <http://www.communityharvestgarden.org/>

Until next month! Your Community Garden Correspondent

Women's Alliance Annual Retreat.

This year our retreat will be held on **April 17, 18 and 19, 2015**. We will be going to **Glen Lake Retreat Center in Glen Rose, TX**.

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.

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

A Study and Discussion Group occurs on Sunday mornings 9 to 10am in Room F. Join us for UU Discussion and Study (GUUDS), principally led by the **Rev. Patrick Price**. Child care is provided. This open ended, ongoing study and discussion group is for first time visitors as well as long time practitioners of Unitarian Universalism. Using books by UU authors, we will examine the wide and deep intersection of human longing and experience with that which is greater than our individual selves, and calls us to heed the "better angels of our nature." We are starting GUUDS with ***A House for Hope: The Promise of Progressive Religion for the Twenty-first Century***, by John Buehrens and Rebecca Parker.

Monday Evenings - Vipassana Meditation - Clifton Rule

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."

Wednesday Evenings

Coming attraction a new program. This program is based on **Jared Dimond's book --Guns, Germs and Steel-- their impact on Civilizations!** Video supported. Begins in February, watch for more announcements!

Thursday Evenings - The Origin of Civilization - Rev. Don Fielding - 6:30pm

Jan. 1 - New Year's

Jan. 8 - Archaeological Interpretation

Jan. 15 - Stepping Stones to Civilization

Jan. 22 - Trajectories of Cultural Development

Jan. 29 - When Is a State a State?

Feb. 5 - A Complex Neolithic - Halafian & Samarran

Humanists Group - 8pm.

Thirty Days of Love – Jan. 18 to Feb. 15. From Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday to Valentine's Day, this is an opportunity to think about social justice and love, how they intersect, and what difference that makes in your life. What if you took time every day during those thirty days to actively encourage your family to live your faith? What difference could Thirty Days of Love make in YOUR family's life?

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For our January 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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www.uusc.org

Southwest District (SWUUC): **www.swuuc.org**

North Texas Unitarian Universalist Congregations (NTUUC):

www.ntuuc.org

CUUC Representatives, Celeste Kennedy and Grace Morrison:

NTUUC@CommunityUUChurch.org

November Financial Report

Finance Committee, by Dick Hildenbrand, Treasurer

The November 2014 financial summary for our operating accounts is listed below. There is very little to report on budget variances for the fiscal year -to-date, with income about \$5,000 ahead and expenses right on target.

Have you checked out the new drinking fountain? We will be putting a plate on the fountain acknowledging the groups that provided the creative funding for this project (Women's Alliance, Men's Fellowship, Sai Baba and Service Auction donors).

If you still owe on your Service Auction bill, you can pay it on line by clicking - [Donate Now](#).

Did You Know?: November's 5th Sunday collection (designated for the Minister's Discretionary Fund) plus several other donations brought in \$3,284 for this fund which is primarily used to assist those in need, both inside and outside the congregation.

Return on Investment

Since June 1, we have saved over \$1,500 in utility costs from the replacement of heat pumps with gas heat.

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.

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

Amazon.com: Search for Community Unitarian at smile.amazon.com and link to your account.

The church will get a portion of all purchase amounts!

INCOME & EXPENSE November 2014

	November 2014	Month Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget	% Annual Budget (FY 50% comp)
INCOME						
Total Offering Income	\$18,490	\$15,515	\$123,446	\$116,886	\$234,300	52.7%
Total Fund Raiser Income	\$11,371	\$12,590	\$22,465	\$21,770	\$33,170	67.7%
Total Building Usage	\$2,252	\$2,193	\$11,688	\$12,783	\$26,863	43.5%
Misc. Income	\$1,126	\$877	\$5,388	\$6,004	\$16,006	33.7%
TOTAL INCOME	\$33,239	\$32,715	\$162,987	\$157,443	\$310,339	52.5%
EXPENSE						
Administration	\$6,785	\$6,643	\$31,100	\$30,510	\$57,867	53.7%
Programs	\$1,829	\$2,283	\$11,122	\$11,110	\$22,775	48.9%
Religious Education	\$4,519	\$3,878	\$30,792	\$30,755	\$54,685	56.3%
Facilities/Grounds	\$5,057	\$4,170	\$29,244	\$30,044	\$62,874	46.5%
Ministry	\$7,363	\$7,834	\$47,654	\$47,004	\$94,498	50.4%
Denomination	\$1,607	\$1,607	\$8,034	\$8,034	\$17,674	45.5%
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$27,160	\$26,414	\$157,946	\$157,457	\$310,374	50.9%
NET INCOME	\$6,078	\$6,301	\$5,040	-\$14	-\$35	-

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.

Music Director Christopher Wolff and Church Secretary Connie Meints are available during church office hours.

The Community News

The Community News is distributed to Members and Friends of this church. Visitors who complete a visitor card receive issues for three months. To continue receiving issues, sign the "Welcome Back" book on each visit. Others may subscribe for an annual donation of \$25.00.

The editor encourages and appreciates submissions and on-time submissions are especially delightful. The Community News is published once a month.

**Email articles to
newsletter@CommunityUUChurch.org**

Please include your name on any news item submitted for The Community News.

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