



The Community News

June 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.

"Moving Forward"

For those that were unable to attend the congregational meeting for budget approval, a very quick recap is in order.

- The Church's expenses went up quite a bit over last year.
- Pledges are also higher than last year's.
- It wasn't enough to cover the shortfall.

There wasn't much in the budget that wasn't touched, and there are some places where cuts will be noticeable.

To spin this a little more positively, the pledges this year were already up from last year's. Then, when informed of shortfalls, the congregation stepped forward and gave more. Thank you!

Diving into the budget shows that some important items and policies are geared towards Church growth. Those items cannot be maintained indefinitely under current conditions, and we are rapidly approaching the time to either fish or cut bait on them. Recognizing this, a larger issue becomes obvious: should the budget be geared towards growth, or not? This is about more than just budget shortfalls. This is about what kind of Church we want to be.

Are we content to retire, to shrink to a more "comfortable" size; are we content with less? Or do we as a congregation wish to grow the real work of our principles?

Maintaining our values can be expensive. The worker's compensation we provide for church staff runs out at the end of 2015, with no current ability to re-up. Volunteering one's time, be it mentorship for Barron Elementary children, teaching and mentoring our own children, especially for the Coming of Age class, and growing and harvesting fresh produce for God's Pantry, all require people. Joining the fight for Plano's ERO takes leadership. Organizing the teaching of our children requires dedication and training. And coasting means we will be less effective at all of these.

While budgets are often seen as just so much minutiae, they can also be the signature of commitment of the congregation. What kind of signature will we present to the community? - Rob Saxon

June, 2015

Sunday Services

Theme - Building a New
Way

June 7 - "Transitions and
Change" - Rev. Patrick Price

June 14 - "Letting Go and
Learning to Fly" - Rev. Patrick
Price.

June 21 - "Being Men and
Fathers in New Ways" - Rev.
Patrick Price.

June 28 - "To trust in that
daring that shapes the world".
Guest Speaker, Rev. Lori
Brandis

*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 "Transition and Transformation"

As I begin looking at what I want to get done in the way of DIY projects around my home in the next couple of months, I begin to feel overwhelmed. Not only by the number of projects, but because I realize that for every "simple fix," I will have to do considerable preparation work, usually cleaning or removing something else. Whenever we consider the act of building something *new*, we have to also look at what must be done to make it possible. What has to be removed or cleared away, or repaired in order for the actual *new construction* to take place? Making these choices and navigating this process can be daunting. Nearly the clearest explanation of this comes from the late international conflict mediator, Danaan Parry in his essay,

"The Parable of the Trapeze: Turning the Fear of Transformation into the Transformation of Fear"
by Danaan Parry- from his book ***Warriors of the Heart***. He has the following to share with us;

Sometimes I feel that my life is a series of trapeze swings. I'm either hanging on to a trapeze bar swinging along or, for a few moments in my life, I'm hurtling across space in between trapeze bars.

Most of the time, I spend my life hanging on for dear life to my trapeze-bar-of-the-moment. It carries me along at a certain steady rate of swing and I have the feeling that I'm in control of my life.

I know most of the right questions and even some of the answers.

But every once in a while as I'm merrily (or even not-so-merrily) swinging along, I look out ahead of me into the distance and what do I see? I see another trapeze bar swinging toward me. It's empty and I know, in that place in me that knows, that this new trapeze bar has my name on it. It is my next step, my growth, my aliveness coming to get me. In my heart of hearts I know that, for me to grow, I must release my grip on this present, well-known bar and move to the new one.

Each time it happens to me I hope (no, I pray) that I won't have to let go of my old bar completely before I grab the new one. But in my knowing place, I know that I must totally release my grasp on my old bar and, for some moment in time, I must hurtle across space before I can grab onto the new bar.

Each time, I am filled with terror. It doesn't matter that in all my previous hurtles across the void of unknowing I have always made it. I am each time afraid that I will miss, that I will be crushed on unseen rocks in the bottomless chasm between bars. I do it anyway. Perhaps this is the essence of what the mystics call the faith experience. No guarantees, no net, no insurance policy, but you do it anyway because somehow to keep hanging on to that old bar is no longer on the list of alternatives. So, for an eternity that can last a microsecond or a thousand lifetimes, I soar across the dark void of "the past is gone, the future is not yet here."

It's called "transition." I have come to believe that this transition is the only place that real change occurs. I mean real change, not the pseudo-change that only lasts until the next time my old buttons get punched.

I have noticed that, in our culture, this transition zone is looked upon as a "no-thing," a noplac between places. Sure, the old trapeze bar was real, and that new one coming towards me, I hope that's real, too. But the void in between? Is that just a scary, confusing, disorienting nowhere that must be gotten through as fast and as unconsciously as possible?

NO! What a wasted opportunity that would be. I have a sneaking suspicion that the transition zone is the only real thing and the bars are illusions we dream up to avoid the void where the real change, the real growth, occurs for us. Whether or not my hunch is true, it remains that the transition zones in our lives are incredibly rich places. They should be honored, even savored. Yes, with all the pain and fear and feelings of being out of control that can (but not necessarily) accompany transitions, they are still the most alive, most growth-filled, passionate, expansive moments in our lives.

So, transformation of fear may have nothing to do with making fear go away, but rather with giving ourselves permission to "hang out" in the transition between trapezes. Transforming our need to grab that new bar, any bar, is allowing ourselves to dwell in the only place where change really happens. It can be terrifying. It can also be

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President's Column

It is my honor, and with humility that I assume the role of your congregational president for the next two years. The leadership of those who have served in this role since I have been a member, Elena Westbrook, Tom Reid, and Sarah Reiling has set us on a course that enables us to be the community we wish to be, for the wider world and for each other. A community that nourishes spirits, works for justice, and transforms lives. I welcome the opportunity that we will have to work together to be that community today and for tomorrow.

We are already transforming lives. Through our projects at Barron Elementary School we provide warm coats, health supplies, Thanksgiving dinner donations, and perhaps most importantly, volunteers who are touching the lives of children. Our Community Garden volunteers donated more than 1600 pounds of fresh, organically grown produce, to God's Food Pantry. We continue to pay their electric bill, and were able to purchase a second commercial freezer to help store their holiday donations. These are our "high profile" projects, but did you realize that we also participate in the Guest at Your Table program, the Meals on Wheels program, the New Orleans Rebirth Volunteer Project and much more. For example, join us on September 11th each year as we recognize the dedicated fire and police personnel in our area by delivering baskets of homemade goodies to their stations on First Responders Appreciation Day. Or come and sing with us as the First Friday Folksingers provide music and refreshments for the residents of Plano Community Home. Does this mean our work of transforming lives is done? Of course not, but I am so proud of what we have already done and continue to do. Let's keep these projects going and do even more!

Do we work for justice? Participation in the Texas UU Justice Ministry, whose goal is to support UU values and promote legislation that expresses these values is testament to that. Each year we walk in the Alan Ross TX Freedom Parade in support of the LGBT community. Our recent public support of the Plano Equal Rights Ordinance, with able leadership provided by Charlie Battista, Dick Hildenbrand, and Rev. Patrick Price demonstrates our commitment to work for justice in our community and beyond.

Do we nourish spirits? I ask you to think about what nourishes your spirit and how you nourish others. Is it by serving on the Caring Committee and reaching out to our members and friends when they are in need? Is it by greeting a visitor with a smile and telling them how welcome they are? Is it by encouraging, and inviting a new member to visit a fellowship group you think they might enjoy? Or is it simply by expressing your enthusiasm for Community UU Church?

We can always do more and do better. Over the next two years, I ask you to share with me and with the Board, your thoughts and ideas about how we move forward as a church community. And, as we continue to celebrate our 40th anniversary year, I challenge you to ask yourself what you can do to nourish spirits, work for justice, and transform lives, and then to do it!

With Affection, Lexie

"Transition and Transformation" (Continued from page 2) enlightening in the true sense of the word. Hurling through the void, we just may learn how to fly. - - -

As a congregation we are at a transition point where we either let go of the trapeze of the way we are, and transform our fears into a new way of being in the world, or not. Do we have faith to let go and learn to fly?

May the summer months ahead give us time to reflect on what we really want to be, and what our community needs our church to be. Travel safely and see you in church. Blessings Patrick.

June, 2015

Simple Living Chalice Circle Meeting time and place – The next meeting will be **Saturday morning June 13, at 11am.**

Theme/topic – Learning together to live deliberately.

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

Astronomy Weekend at UBarU: August 14 – 16, 2015

The August 14th - 16th weekend offers a particularly good time for star gazers of all ages under the beautiful dark skies at UBarU. 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 and operate telescopes and binoculars for the star parties. However, attendees are welcome to bring their own scopes to use (and share) if they wish.

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

Fees for the Event are: Adults (18 and over) \$125

With spouse, significant other \$225

Child, 5 to 12 with Parent \$75

Child, 13 to 18 with Parent \$90

To register go to UBarU.org

Friday Night Flicks - Founders Hall 7pm

June 12 - Song of the Sea - 2014

This animated tale follows young Saoirse, the last of a magical race of beings who exist as seals in water but turn into humans on land. After she and her brother are sent to live in the city, they begin an epic quest to return to their seaside home. Nominated for an Oscar for Best animated Feature.

June 26 - 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.

Thinking about joining the “cool kids” in RE? The RE Board is currently talking to folks about teaching next year. Please – whether or not you have children in the program, Religious Education is a program that is vital not only to our future but our present as well. So when you are invited to teach, please say yes! And if you'd like to volunteer **without** being asked, we'd love to talk to you! Contact any member of the RE Board or DRE Kathy Smith today!

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

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: June 16

Location: Janet Belden's home. Contact Janet by June 12 if you plan to attend.

Selection: Ship Breaker by Paolo Bacigalupi. It's a bit of a departure from our usual fare, it's futuristic fiction (not quite sci-fi) and it's "young adult" fiction. *A gritty, high-stakes adventure set in a futuristic world where oil is scarce, but loyalty is scarcer. In America's Gulf Coast region, grounded oil tankers are being broken down for parts by crews of young people. Nailer, a teenage boy, works the light crew, scavenging for copper wiring just to make quota-and hopefully live to see another day. But when, by luck or by chance, he discovers an exquisite clipper ship beached during a recent hurricane, Nailer faces the most important decision of his life: Strip the ship for all it's worth or rescue its lone survivor, a beautiful and wealthy girl who could lead him to a better life.... In this powerful novel, Paolo Bacigalupi delivers a thrilling, fast-paced adventure set in a vivid and raw, uncertain future. Amazon*

Deadline for the July newsletter is Friday, June 19. Email your articles to newsletter @communityuuchurch.org

Religious Education

Words to Live By

*"Differences of habit and language are nothing at all
if our aims are identical and our hearts are open."
~Albus Dumbledore, Headmaster of Hogwarts Academy*

Hogwarts Academy of Fun Or, On the Rainbow Path Together

By Kathy E. Smith, DRE

You may have heard the wonderful news – Albus Dumbledore has approved the return of a satellite school right here at Community Unitarian Universalist Church! It will be called “Hogwarts Academy of Fun” and it will run every Sunday morning this summer. Now, because we are a Unitarian Universalist church, and because to the best of my knowledge we serve a large population of Muggles, it will bear a distinctively UU stamp. We will be on the Rainbow Path of Unitarian Universalism together!

J.K. Rowling is credited with bringing a love of reading back to children’s lives. The seven books in her Harry Potter series are a cultural phenomenon, best-selling books that have spawned such diverse tie-ins as movies, action figures and even an entire theme park. Unitarian Universalist churches have opted in on this wave of popularity – I know of at least two dozen churches that have used Hogwarts as summer programming. Why?

The first answer is the easiest – riding on the coattails of such a popular cultural phenomenon means children want to attend! Parents and adults in the community have a wonderful opportunity release their creative juices, either by playing a professor or creating the school atmosphere. It’s full-out, imaginative, playful FUN.

The underlying answer is by far more important, though. J.K. Rowling has also brought something else back into fashion – the open discussion of ethics, good and evil, right and wrong. We use this springboard to talk about our own UU values – respect, kindness, compassion, eagerness to learn, growing together, justice, peace, fairness, valuing the earth. For instance, when we talk about magic on the first day, we listen to the children’s excitement about magic wands and transforming people into frogs. Then we point out what happens when people come together to make a community, when they reach down deep and work on being virtuous individuals in that community, maybe helping somebody littler than you, or working to be cheerful when things don’t go your way. We all GROW. That kind of growth is real magic, and it lies inside each one of us.

When children are eagerly engaged in playing and imagining and enjoying the curriculum, the doors to their hearts and souls are wide open to absorbing our lessons. Our Rainbow Path emphasizes our seven principles: Respect, Offer Kindness, Yes! to Learning, Grow Together, Believe in your Ideals, Insist on Justice, and Value the Earth. So this summer we will learn about how to be kind in what you say, how to stand up for someone else, how to fight your fears with laughter, how to be fair in making decisions, how to stay cheerful and determined when learning a new game with nonsensical rules, and a whole host of other UU value-laden lessons, layered between all the Harry Potter fun.

See you in church!

Kathy

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Summer RE Program

"It is our choices, Harry, that show who we really are, far more than our abilities." Albus Dumbledore, Headmaster of Hogwarts Academy. **Now recruiting for Hogwarts Academy of Fun!** That's right – Hogwarts Academy, the great wizarding school of Harry Potter fame, will be opening a satellite school right here on summer Sunday mornings! You won't want to miss all the fun and learning – Transfiguration, Incantations, Defense against the Dark Arts, Care of Magical Creatures and MORE! How can you help? Be a Head of House, a Guide, or a Visiting Professor! Sign up for one day or come have fun every week! Contact: Kathy Smith, Headmistress or any RE Board member. We have a number of our positions filled, but we would LOVE to have your help!

Speaking of Hogwarts, your child will not want to miss this exciting summer program. We will be sorted into houses, play Quidditch, have classes like Potions and Transfiguration, and stretch our imaginations while we learn valuable lessons about life and UU values. There will be a special class (Potter Tots) for children who have graduated from nursery but have not yet entered school (ages 3-5). Older children (ages 6-13) will be sorted into houses and will have classes together. Questions? Call or email Kathy Smith, Headmistress.

Youth TED Talks! High schoolers (and middle schoolers who would prefer a discussion group to Hogwarts) are invited to participate in a series of TED Talks discussions this summer. They're choosing the topics, and we'll discuss one each week. We will need two adults each week to be advisors/mentors/leaders. Interested? Call or email Kathy Smith at dre@communityUUchurch.org.

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What's New in the Community Garden?

It has been a rainy, rainy spring in the Community Garden! Gardeners are working hard to stay ahead of invasive plants, discourage mosquitoes by minimizing places for standing water, and keep unhelpful bugs away from our plants! Every member of the Community Garden puts in hours of work maintaining their own plot(s), plus an additional two hours (or more) every month on community maintenance – weeding, edging, pulling blackberry roots, eliminating nutsedge, putting down cardboard and spreading mulch on our paths and walkways.

All that effort has paid off in a beautiful garden that is a joy to work in. Even the worms love us – one gardener reported finding worm tunnels the size of a pencil, and when she was digging she found a worm at least 12 inches long. Organic gardening methods ROCK! (Or is that RULE? Your Community Garden Correspondent is trying really hard to stay current with the times, but slang is an uphill struggle at best.)

If you, too, would like to enjoy working in the Community Garden, **contact Deb Bliss at planobliss@verizon.net**. We maintain a waiting list for folks who want to adopt a plot, and we always welcome helping hands at our Saturday morning harvests. Join our monthly socials – **second Saturday of the month from 10am to noon. Or check out our website and blog at <http://www.communityharvestgarden.org>**.

Until next month! Your Community Garden Correspondent.

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NTUUC Standing on the Side of Leadership Conference.

Date: Saturday, June 13 at First Unitarian Church, Dallas, 8:30am to 4:30pm.

Breaking Down Walls; Building Bridges

Developing new skills and opportunities for effective community engagement in a multi-cultural world

Keynote: Rev. Tamara Lebak

Adjunct Minister, All Souls, Tulsa

Celebrating Difference Consulting

"Cultural Competency"

Luncheon Speaker: Ginny Goldman

Executive Director, Texas Organizing Project (TOP)

"Community Engagement"

FIVE afternoon breakout sessions:

- Voters Make a Difference – Panel discussion with representatives from the League of Women Voters of Dallas, TeamDallas Votes, and the Democracy Team from First Unitarian Church of Dallas
- Cultural Competence - Going Deeper – Tamara Lebak
- A Noble Harvest for Organized Justice in Texas – Rev. Chuck Freeman of the Texas UU Justice Ministry
- External Projects - Texas Organizing Project – Ginny Goldman
- Broad-Based Organizing – Walker Moore of Dallas Area Interfaith

Registration of \$35. Great place to learn, meet other UU's and enjoy the conference.

What is the Committee on Ministry?

The committee is three caring, open-minded people, appointed for three-year terms, who will give honest and pertinent feedback and advice relative to the effectiveness of the ministry of the minister within the context of the congregation's total ministry, which is considered to be everything the congregation does to fulfill its mission.

The committee meets on a monthly basis with the minister and will discuss topics brought up by either the minister or a committee member. The committee's role is to keep a pulse on what is going well at church as well as what needs attention in the ministry of the church. The committee consults with the minister about effective leadership and relationships. We act as a conflict management group and have a covenant of confidentiality and mutual honesty in respect to all deliberations.

We are the current committee members: **Chair Nancy Barlow, Anne Smith and John Hart.** Please feel comfortable coming to any of us with your concerns, thoughts and joys.

Time for a Summer Picnic but with none of the ants!

Bring that Fried Chicken, Deviled Eggs, Potato Salad or Apple Pie.

Those are just some of the many choices. We will provide the Iced Tea and Lemonade.

Women's Alliance Picnic Potluck

WHO: Open to all women, their spouses and friends

WHERE: CUUC Founders Hall, 2875 E. Parker Rd., Plano TX 75074

WHEN: Saturday, June 20, 2015 at 6:00 PM

WHAT: Picnic Potluck

Please contact: Vicki Verinder as to how many people and what food you are bringing and if you need child care (ages of children needed).



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 - This class will be on hiatus from June 28 thru August 2.

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."

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

"Guns, Germs and Steel." - date to be decided.

Thursday Evenings - The Origin of Civilization - Rev. Don Fielding - 7:00pm

June 4 - Early Minoan & Mycenaean Civilizations

June 18 - How Things Fell Apart - The Greek Dark Ages

June 11 - Palace & Countryside on Crete

June 25 - First Farmers in the Indus Valley

Humanists Group - The humanist group meets at 6:30pm at the Church annex.

Calendar of Upcoming Family-Friendly Events:

Sunday, June 7 - 10:30am Worship, First Day of Hogwarts and TED Talks!

Sunday, June 14 - 10:30am Worship/RE

Sunday, June 14 - 1-7pm, RE Board Retreat

Sunday, June 21 - 10:30am Worship/RE

Sunday, June 28 - 10:30am Worship/RE

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For our June 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**

North Texas Unitarian Universalist Congregations (NTUUC):

www.ntuuc.org

CUUC Representatives, Celeste Kennedy and Grace Morrison:

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April Financial Report

Finance Committee, by Dick Hildenbrand, Treasurer

The April 2015 financial summary for our operating accounts is listed below. Income was down a bit for the month but still tracking closely YTD; expenses were a bit higher than budgeted for the month (due to some unexpected one-time expenses) but also tracking closely YTD.

Share the Plate: Last month I mentioned this new program that will start in June. With this program, 1/2 of the undesignated plate collections on the **last Sunday of each month** will be donated to charity. Additionally, donations during the month may be done online. The schedule planned for the year is:

Date	Recipient
Jun 28, 2015	New Orleans Lower 9 th Ward
Jul 26, 2015	God's Food Pantry
Aug 30, 2015	Barron Elementary
Sep 27, 2015	Minister's Discretionary Fund
Oct 25, 2015	UU Service Committee
Nov 29, 2015	Minister's Discretionary Fund
Dec 27, 2015	Plano Community Home
Jan 31, 2016	Barron Elementary
Feb 28, 2016	Minister's Discretionary Fund
Mar 27, 2016	Community Harvest Garden

Apr 24, 2016	TBD
May 29, 2016	Minister's Discretionary Fund

Did You Know?: Credit and debit card fees annually cost the church about \$1,000. By switching your pledge or other payments to pull from your checking account, fees are significantly reduced. Or better yet, use Internet banking to set up recurring payments.

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

The church will get a portion of all purchase

INCOME & EXPENSE April 2015

	April 2015	Month Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget	% Annual Budget (FY 91.7% comp)
INCOME						
Total Offering Income	\$14,539	\$16,959	\$218,955	\$218,043	\$234,300	93.5%
Total Fund Raiser Income	\$355	\$210	\$33,029	\$30,580	\$33,170	99.6%
Total Building Usage	\$2,567	\$2,236	\$22,838	\$24,121	\$26,863	85.0%
Misc. Income	\$780	\$787	\$12,422	\$13,719	\$16,006	77.6%
TOTAL INCOME	\$18,241	\$20,192	\$287,243	\$286,463	\$310,339	92.6%
EXPENSE						
Administration	\$3,880	\$4,129	\$52,551	\$52,771	\$57,867	90.8%
Programs	\$1,900	\$1,572	\$20,456	\$20,352	\$22,775	89.8%
Religious Education	\$4,687	\$3,827	\$51,660	\$50,599	\$54,685	94.5%
Facilities/Grounds	\$5,058	\$4,750	\$56,480	\$56,144	\$62,874	89.8%
Ministry	\$8,279	\$7,932	\$86,625	\$86,566	\$94,498	91.7%
Denomination	\$1,607	\$1,607	\$16,067	\$16,067	\$17,674	90.9%
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$25,409	\$23,816	\$283,838	\$282,499	\$310,374	91.5%
NET INCOME	-\$7,169	-\$3,625	+\$3,405	+3,964	- \$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.

Membership Coordinator Cindy Pilcher Thursday: 9:30 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.

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