



The Community News

November 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.

Community UU Church Annual Service Auction

Our next Service Auction will be held on Saturday, November 21, 2015!

What Is This About? The Short Version

The Service Auction is our biggest fund raiser of the year. Individuals and businesses alike donate items to be auctioned, both live and silent, with proceeds going to CUUC. But it's more than just an auction. Each table is assigned a host, whose job it is to invite people (sometimes from within the congregation, sometimes from without) to share dinner and fellowship at their table and have a good time. The table hosts' other duty is to decorate their table according to the theme of the Auction. To sweeten the pot, we also offer child care to allow those with children the opportunity to enjoy fellowship outside of RE classes.

Now that the preliminaries are out of the way, next comes the ambitious part: Our goal for this year is \$20,000, and to get there we're going "Around The World!" Our theme this year is "Around The World," so anything international will fit right in. How are we going to get there? First,

Invite Yourself, Please

There's no need to wait for an invitation to come. We need people to come and travel with us, and who better than you? When traveling abroad, you never know whom you'll meet. Jump in with both feet. Just fill out the Attendance Reservation Form found on the website (or watch Facebook for the link) and we'll be sure that everyone has a seat at a table.

Become a Table Host

If you were to travel around the world, what would that look like? What ideas come to mind? Venice? Magellan? The Mercury space capsule? Create your own take on what "Around the World" means to you, then deck your table out accordingly. Next, invite seven other companions to share your table. Plan your theme in advance and have everyone come dressed for it. A Jules Verne-themed table is rich with characters. If decorating or dressing up is not your thing, that's okay too. Just invite your friends to your table and enjoy the evening. As always, reservations for hosting tables will go quickly, so hurry with your request.

Hosting a table is easy – just notify

serviceauction@communityuuchurch.org that you want to be a table host, and we'll reserve your table. **(Continued on page 2)**

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Sunday Services

Theme - Forgiveness

November 1 - "All Souls" - Rev. Patrick Price. **See page 4.**

November 8 - "Forgive and/or Forget?" - Rev. Patrick Price

November 15 - Worship in the Park – Oak Point Park - Guest Speaker - Sarah Reiling

November 22 - "Forgiveness and Justice" - Rev. Patrick Price

November 29 "Forgiveness and the More Abundant Life" 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 "Forgiveness"

Our November theme for Worship and Religious Education is "Forgiveness." There are many definitions of "forgiveness" including a definition of "forgive" is "to give up resentment of, or claim to requital for" some offense. Or to another "forgive" is to "cease to feel resentment against" some offender or offense. "Forgiving" is an "allowing (of) room for error or mistakes."

Back in September we passed through the season of the Jewish high holidays, of Rosh Hashanah, Jewish New Year, and Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. The focus of these holidays is seeking forgiveness and atonement for wrongs committed against God and other people. It is about making the way smooth before us as we enter a new year (of the Jewish calendar). At the start of the Yom Kippur service the cantor chants the following. "By consent of the authorities in heaven and on earth, we permit sinners to enter and be part of the congregation." So, who are these "sinners?" They are all of us.

In the Jewish tradition, in these practices of seeking atonement and forgiveness, it is recognized that **only God** can forgive those transgressions committed against **God**. For offenses we've committed against **other people**, we need to seek the forgiveness of those we have wronged, including ourselves. Additionally, we are also the one who may forgive others. However, we can only forgive those trespasses which may have been committed against us, not those committed against another.

The intent of Jewish and other traditions regarding forgiveness, is to clear the paths of our relationships of the obstructions to a more whole and healthy experience of ourselves and each other in relationship to ourselves, to each other, and to the Universe. It is the path to reconciliation, to the restoration of harmony and that which is most consistent with our best selves as can be.

As we go through this month, with Thanksgiving, and into the winter holidays, we are all confronted with parts of our lives that we have "set aside" and which now must, in some way, be encountered. These gifted opportunities allow us the chance to offer and receive forgiveness and to seek a greater wholeness for our lives and the world, one relationship at a time. I pray the riches of the season are yours, and shine in the fullness of your generosity of spirit towards yourself, and each other, in the Beloved Community. Blessings, Patrick

Go on Safari, Acquire Items

Feeling even more adventurous? We need people good at tracking wild Auction game, valuable to those attending. Examples of previous big game items were orthodontics, music lessons, electronics, unique meals and parties, musical instruments, art work, handyman services, creatively decorated and filled gift baskets and a lot more! What can we acquire from abroad?

You can even solicit local businesses that you frequent for donations. You can download and use the solicitation letter from our website at http://communityuuchurch.org/pages/service_auction (click on the word "Letter") to present to the business manager to show that you're legitimate.

If you have goods or services you would love to donate, just fill out the Service Auction Donation Form found on the same website (click on the words "Service Auction Donation Form").

Arrive at the Gate - don't be late!

Save the date! Mark **Saturday, November 21st** in red on your calendars!! All the action happens in the Sanctuary and the evening's itinerary is:

5:00 pm: Doors open for silent auction bidding

6:00 pm: Dinner is served

7:00 pm: Live auction starts

Your ticket (\$15) includes a delicious catered dinner with options for both meat eaters and vegetarians alike. The evening promises to be lots of fun, you'll have a chance to bid on wonderful auction items, and you'll be supporting our church. Three very good reasons to travel "**Around The World!**" with us!!!

We'll see you at the gate - remember to bring your passport - seats and tray tables all the way forward - fasten your seat belts - and prepare to take off and have lots of fun!!! - Rob Saxon

President's Column

Let's go around the world together! We'd be great traveling companions and think of the fun we would have. I hope you have already marked your calendars and plan to join us at this year's Service Auction on Saturday evening, November 21st, with the "Around the World" theme.

The Service Auction has a long and interesting history at Community Church. We have been hosting this event since at least the 1980's, and it has grown each year, both in attendance and profitability. From the late 1990's to the early 2000's the auction would generate a little under \$10k on average, but in recent years that figure has almost doubled

Service Auction themes have varied, and table hosts and guests have gotten into the spirit of fun with creative table decorations and unique costumes. Who remembers Carnivale (05-06), A Night in Italy (06-07), Tricks or Treats (08-09), Tailgatin' (10-11), the Fabulous 50's (11-12), Once Upon a Time (13-14), or last year's theme, Classic Movies?

Auction donations have been as varied as themes, and about half of our auction income comes from luncheons, dinners or themed dinner/party combinations offered by members. Some of the more notable offerings have been holiday-related parties (New Year's, Valentine's Day, Cinco do Mayo, St. Patrick's Day) and perennially popular dinners (Cajun Pork Chops, Farm Dinner, Country Dinner, Pig Roast). Who remembers Girl's Night Out or Men & Meat?

Thanks to our generous members who donate auction items and bid generously on items donated by others, the Service Auction has historically been our most profitable fundraiser. I hope this year is no exception. \$20,000 is the target. Let's get there, or do even better!

So, how can you help? Donate a live or silent auction item. Host a table and invite seven friends to join you. Bid generously. Enjoy the evening, a delicious catered dinner, and have fun!

You can find an **Attendance Reservation Form and Service Auction Donation Form on the church website or fill out paper forms which are available in the church office.** To host a table, contact **Barb Salvo**. If you'd like to attend but not host, and don't yet have a seat at a table, Barb can find a seat for you, so "invite yourself."

I'll be there, and hope to see you too!

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 for more information.**

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The Church office will be closed Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27.

Simple Living Chalice Circle Meeting time and place – The next meeting will be **Saturday morning Nov. 14, at 11am.**

Theme/topic – Learning together to live deliberately.

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

Deadline for the December newsletter is Friday, November 13. Email your articles to newsletter@communityuuchurch.

Everybody Game Night!

Friday, November 20 – 6:30-10pm Potluck dinner at 6:30pm, Games 7:30-10pm. Everyone can play; childcare available for those too young to play games. Free. Come for dinner, come for games, or stay for the whole thing. Sponsored by the RE Board. Questions? Ask Danni Williams or Seana Saxon.

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**.

Friday Night Flicks - Founders Hall 7pm.

November 13 - Selma - 2024 - PG-13

Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the 1965 Civil Right March from Selma, Alabama, to Montgomery, this stirring historical drama highlights the courage of the marchers as they withstand racist and violent attacks by the police. Will they be able to walk across the Edmund Pettus Bridge? Nominated for Best Picture and winner of Best Original Song, "GLORY" written by Common and John Legend. Staring David Oyelowo, Oprah Winfrey, Tom Wilkinson, Comon and Cuba Gooding, Jr.

November 27 - To Be Announced

It's the day after Thanksgiving, lets bring those leftovers and enjoy a movie together.

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.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1. SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31.

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, November 17th

Location: Anita Van Ouwerkerk's home in Richardson. Please contact Anita by **Friday, Nov. 13** if you plan to attend.

Selection: *The Boys in the Boat* by Daniel James Brown. *The #1 New York Times—bestselling story about American Olympic triumph in Nazi Germany. Out of the depths of the Depression comes an irresistible story about beating the odds and finding hope in the most desperate of times—the improbable, intimate account of how nine working-class boys from the American West showed the world at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin what true grit really meant. Amazon*

Hey, RE Teachers! Coffee and Coaching!

This year the RE Board is sponsoring a series of 45-minute coaching “mini-sessions” about questions YOU have asked about teaching Religious Education here at Community UU Church. It'll be fun, it'll be informative! Coffee, snacks, and childcare will all be provided. Second Sunday of the month. **This month we'll look for you in Room F at 9:15 am on November 8th to discuss an interesting subject!**

Sunday Service - November 4 - All Souls.

Please feel free to bring small pictures and/or artifacts of our beloved dead to place on the altar table, as we remember and celebrate our lives together.

Religious Education

Quotes to Live By

To err is human; to forgive, divine.

~Alexander Pope, English poet, 1711~

The theme for the month of November is “forgiveness”. It can be sort of a tricky topic for modern Unitarian Universalists. The familiar quote above comes from a long-ago era with a theology of sin and redemption and a vision of a God whose perfection we mortals can only aspire to but never attain. We live in a world where internet trolls and school bullies make us all too aware of human failings, but we do not have an all-forgiving God who can smooth it all over and make it right. Yet we know that Alexander Pope had a good point: human beings make mistakes. And forgiving those mistakes is something most of us try to do.

In their lessons this month, your children and teens will be talking about the story of Mussa and Nagib, best friends who take a long journey together. Over the course of the journey, Nagib loses his temper and slaps Mussa, but he also leaps into a fast-moving river and pulls his drowning friend to safety. Mussa records both events – writing the argument in sand and carving the rescue in stone. He explains to Nagib that we should let our disappointment in our friends drift away like sand in a desert wind, but that we should take care to forever remember our delight in their good deeds.

It’s a beautiful story, and like Pope’s quote, it does highlight some fundamental truths.

And yet, many of us struggle with this question of when we should “let it go” and when we should start to count the cost of forgiving too much. And even harder, how do we teach our children “don’t sweat the small stuff” while simultaneously teaching them how to handle internet trolls and school bullies in a healthy, productive way?

I think that, though this is a huge topic with many nuances, there are two tools we can successfully teach: determining intent and assessing impact. “Why do you think they did that?”, “How do you think they feel?”, and “What did they do afterwards?” are useful questions in sorting out whether someone acted maliciously or thoughtlessly. For our own sanity, it isn’t good to carry a grudge against someone for a careless remark or losing their cool under stress. But for our own sanity, we need to steer clear of people who put us down to make themselves feel better, or who lose their cool every single time something doesn’t go their way.

No matter what the intent, we also need to listen to our children (and teach them to listen to their own internal voice) when it comes to the harmful impact of someone else’s actions. If we’re avoiding going to soccer practice, holing up in a bedroom, retreating into silence – then our quality of life is lessened. No matter how much someone “didn’t mean to”, no matter how much we can empathize with them, when our lives are negatively affected we need to step back. Kathy Smith

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In celebration of the 75th anniversary of UUSC(Unitarian Universalist Service Committee) we will again launch their Guest At Your Table program on November 8th during the Message For All Ages. We will be sharing the mission of this special program to help vulnerable people in our world. We will ask each family to pick up a Guest At Your Table box into which you can donate money as your family shares a meal together. Please support our leading voice for human rights and social justice by your contributions to this worthwhile project. - Anne Smith

What's New in the Community Garden?

Community Harvest Gardeners have donated more than 2 tons of fresh, organic produce to area pantries already this year. Linda Frank reports God's Pantry Saturday clients line-up early in anticipation of fresh vegetables – especially the okra! Linda has found simple recipes to prepare for the vegetables we grow. Mary Ann Owens helped us format them for our web site and they have been shared with God's Pantry, Minnie's, Allen Community Outreach and The Samaritan Inn. The coordinator at Minnie's plans to have a Boy Scout use them to create a cookbook for their clients.

Raji Josiam has designed an attractive tri-fold brochure to highlight how the garden operates and what to expect as a gardener. You'll find it in a rack in the church foyer.

Our partnership with the North Texas Food Bank has brought us donations of seeds and products and opened us to help from local student and adult volunteers. Our harvest totals are higher, we share gardening procedures with them and have increased our exposure in the larger community.

If you have gently used garden gloves or tools you no longer need, consider donating them to the garden. Our volunteers often need to borrow gloves and tools sometimes break and need replacing. Donations will keep us working within our budget.

If you live within a few miles of the church, like to spend time in the garden or want to learn how to grow vegetables in North Texas clay, plots will be available for adoption in January. We ask that you donate 50% of what you grow to those in need of food. It's a satisfying family project! For more information see our web site at www.communityharvestgarden.org or contact harvest@communityuuchurch.org

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 email dre@communityuuchurch.org least 48 hours in advance.**

Sunday

Study and Discussion Group - Rev. Patrick Price – 9am - Library. The Fall Series of Sunday morning book discussions 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. After the Holiday break, the Winter/Spring Series begins January 19. The book for that series will be announced later, so stay tuned.

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UBarU Corner

UBarU Certified as an IDA Dark-Sky Park

UBarU, a Unitarian Universalist Camp and Retreat Center in the rugged Texas Hill Country, has become the most recent Dark-Sky Park certified by the International Dark-Sky Association (IDA). The mission of the IDA is to recognize and promote excellent stewardship of the night sky. Light pollution and over lighting disrupts the flight patterns of migrating birds, harms the habitats of nocturnal animals, wastes energy and diminishes the appreciation of the majesty of the universe in which we live. The IDA achieves its mission by: creating guidelines for responsible lighting and certifying products that meet these guidelines, developing educational materials, conducting workshops and seminars, and evaluating to what degree communities and other controlled lands meet the IDA-lighting guidelines and standards through their “International Dark-Sky Places” program.

UBarU’s mission of providing a “welcoming, peaceful place to gather for spiritual, educational, and recreational purposes in harmony with our Unitarian Universalist Principles and The Land,” along with its remote location, two hours west of Austin and 80 miles west of San Antonio, made it an ideal candidate to pursue Dark-Sky Park certification. Notably, this is the very first IDA Dark-Sky Park on unrestricted privately-owned land and one of the first involving any form of privately-owned land even with restrictions. It is the 22nd IDA Dark-Sky Park in the U.S. and the 29th such park in the world. In fact, UBarU worked with the IDA to determine the details for establishing Dark-Sky Parks on unrestricted privately owned lands; to date, all other U.S. Dark-Sky Parks are located on state-owned or nationally-owned lands.

The International Dark-Sky Places program defines several levels of achievement in preserving the night skies, of which Dark-Sky Parks and Dark-Sky Reserves share the highest level of requirements for sky quality that allow public access. To become a certified IDA Dark-Sky Park requires a rigorous application process involving: (1) creating an inventory of all outside lights and fixtures to ensure that all meet recommended guidelines; (2) establishing the quality of the night sky at multiple locations within the site through local measurement and monitoring over a number of months; (3) implementing a lighting policy to govern all future lighting for the site; (4) working with surrounding land owners and communities to establish agreements to minimize any future light pollution they may create from affecting the park site; and (5) establishing evidence that the park will likely continue as a dark-sky park into the foreseeable future, even if the property involved should change ownership.

For more information contact Trustee Bill Daffinee.

Additional Resource links:

UBarU website – UbarU.org

IDA website – darksky.org

UBarU on Facebook - https://www.facebook.com/UBarURetreat?_rdr=p

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Adult Religious Education

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. 7:00 p.m. Tuesdays through December 1st. 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 (8 weeks). 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."

Class 4 – 11/4 Proactive and Reactive Class 6 - 11/18 - Sharing and Transformative Sharing

Class 5 - 11/11 Tikun, Tikun vs. Karma November 25 - *BREAK*****

Thursday

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

Nov. 5 - The Great Maya City—States Nov. 19 - Was There a Maya Collapse?

Nov. 12 - Epigraphy - Changing Views of the Maya Nov. 26 - **THANKSGIVING******

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.

Friday Evenings

Easy Yoga on Fridays 6-6:45pm – Sanctuary - George Norwood. George Norwood, has studied Integral Yoga Meditation with Swami Satchidananda and affirms he has had many yoga classes. 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.

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

Calendar of Upcoming Family-Friendly Events:

Sunday, Nov.1 - Worship and Religious Education, 10:30am

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Sunday, Nov. 8 - Worship and Religious Education, 10:30am

Sunday, Nov. 15 - Worship in the Park, 10:30am - Oak Point Park & Nature Preserve (NO RE)

Friday, Nov. 20 - Everybody Game Night, 6:30 - 10pm

Saturday, Nov. 21 - Service Auction - 5pm - doors open for silent auction, 6pm - dinner served, 7pm - live auction.

Sunday, Nov. 22 - Worship and Religious Education, 10:30am

Saturday, Nov. 28 - Odds & Ends Day, 8am

Sunday, Nov. 29 - Worship and Religious Education, 10:30am (children's chapel K-7th)

September Financial Report

By Dick Hildenbrand, Treasurer

The September 2015 financial summary for our operating accounts is listed below. Finances look good at this point, with Offering Income (including pledge payments) about \$7k ahead, Fund Raising about \$4k ahead (Thank You, Balloon Festival volunteers!) and Building Usage about \$1k ahead, while expenses overall are about \$3k below budget (Caveat: some planned September expenses will hit in October). From a sustainability standpoint, we're about \$10k better than we expected to be at this point in the year.

Our positive budget variance has been consistent through the first few months of the fiscal year and the Board of Trustees will consider restoration of budget cuts next month after the results of the Service Auction are known.

The Service Auction is budgeted to gross \$17,000, however, if we can push this up to \$20,000, we will be able to restore many budget items that we had to cut last spring. Think dinners and parties – these are the offerings that bring in the bulk of Service Auction income. Can you come up with a creative dinner or party idea that will entice people to bid?

Collectively we could make this Service Auction the

most “profitable” ever – beating our high point of \$21.3k achieved in November 2007.

Upcoming Share the Plate Offering

Date	Recipient
Nov. 29, 2015	Minister's Discretionary Fund
Dec 27, 2015	Plano Community Home

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 you 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 September 2015

INCOME	Sep. 2015	Month Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget	% Annual Budget (FY 33.3% comp)
Total Offering Income	\$18,933	\$19,209	\$97,803	\$90,461	\$246, 596	36.7%
Total Fund Raiser Income	\$10,770	\$7,035	\$11,224	\$7,260	\$24,900	45.1%
Total Building Usage	\$2,304	\$1,819	\$9,399	\$8,116	\$26,404	35.6%
Misc. Income	\$1,207	\$1,778	\$4,664	\$4,110	\$15,760	29.6%
TOTAL INCOME	\$33,213	\$29,841	\$123,090	\$109,948	\$313,659	39.2%
EXPENSE						
Administration	\$4,488	\$5,705	\$16,476	\$18,714	\$54,155	30.4%
Programs	\$1,529	\$2,127	\$6,694	\$7,429	\$22,789	29.4%
Religious Education	\$4,930	\$6,060	\$21,308	\$22,721	\$59,839	35.6%
Facilities/Grounds	\$4,788	\$4,842	\$20,589	\$19,134	\$60,222	34.2%
Ministry	\$8,284	\$8,047	\$31,562	\$31,938	\$98,900	31.9%
Denomination	\$1,614	\$1,614	\$4,842	\$4,842	\$17,754	27.3%
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$25,633	\$28,395	\$101,740	\$104,777	\$313,659	32.4%
NET INCOME	\$7,580	\$1,446	\$21,350	\$5,171	\$0	

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www.uusc.org

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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

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Monday: Available for emergencies only.
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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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