



# The Community News

September 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.*

### Are Pride Parades Social Action?

This question is certainly a valid one, and a good reminder of why we march. The parades are a major PR opportunity for us, but for a real reason and not just for a party. Those parades and street fairs are a chance for us to do ministry, reaching folks who have been abused because of their orientation or identity, often in the name of religion. The It Gets Better campaign and increasing number of school G/S Alliances point towards more acceptance, but negative messages still abound. For decades, lesbian and gay teens have felt isolated, absent from media portrayals, and condemned by institutions and politicians. Substance abuse among LGBTQ people is double that of the general population, and suicide rates are triple. The numbers are even worse in the transgender community. And homelessness: as many as 40% of youth on the streets are LGBTQ, many of whom were kicked out of their homes or fled for their physical safety. We march for others who have a shortage of pride, to give them a lifeline, a glimmer of hope. Many people know vaguely, if at all, of our welcoming congregations, of our affirming message and inclusive faith.

**The Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade takes place on Sunday, September 20th at 2pm. Parade participants must be in line by noon.** The recent court decisions give us much to celebrate, and a wedding theme. The Dallas extravaganza is a regional event, attracting at least 30-40,000 from all over North Texas. We're working on a new concept for our float – including a blimp and a trolley bus for Dallas (with AC!) – details will be coming soon.

Let's show our support this year and show up in numbers. **We will have car pooling from Community UU Church to First Unitarian Church immediately after our Sunday service. We will need drivers for car pooling. From 1st Church, there will be shuttles to take you to the start of the parade and bring you back. If you are unable to walk the parade, there will be a trolley or bus in the parade to ride on. The parade will end at Reverchon Park instead of Lee Park this year. After the parade, there will be a fair in the park.** Look for our NTUUC booths. There will be one booth set up in the Main Area and one booth in the Family Zone. Volunteers are needed to help at both booths.

To sign up to participate in any way, contact **Barb Salvo**.

September, 2015

Sunday Services

Theme - Faith

**September 6** - "Reaching the Edge of All We Know.", Guest Speaker - Elena Westbrook

**September 13** - "Discerning What Faith We Are Already Living" - Rev. Patrick Price

**September 20** - "Embracing the Fullness of Faith" - Rev. Patrick Price.

**September 27** - "Living Our Faith Out Loud" - 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 "Faith"***

The word "faith" gets kicked around a lot, meaning many different things at different times, and being both a noun and a verb. We often are asked to describe or explain our faith, or what we have faith in, as well as what faith do we belong to. We also claim to have "faith" within various situations, meaning everything from confidence to trust and loyalty.

In my current course work at SMU to become certified as a "spiritual director," I am constantly reflecting on what "faith" is and how do we assist others in their faith journey. There are many different ways to approach faith formation. One model I find useful breaks the process of faith formation into three basic parts or steps:

- Figuring out what we have faith in: Discovery
- How do we embrace our faith as our own? : Deepening
- How do we live out and share our faith?: Professing/Witnessing

In September I will be discussing and we will explore what these steps in faith might mean for us as individuals, and especially as a liberal religious community in our place and time. Like much of life all of this starts with being present. Literally showing up to worship and community activities are essential to being "faith-full" rehearsing and building the beloved communities we desire. See you in church. Blessings, Patrick

### **Women's Alliance**

Come celebrate the New Year and enjoy visiting with good friends and good food! Friends of Women's Alliance members are always welcome as well.

#### **Event: 2015 Garden Lunch**

**Date: Sunday, September 27, 2015 @ 1pm**

**Place: The Home of Jo Howser**

Bring a dish to share, stroll through Jo's beautiful, spacious garden and find out what Women's Alliance has in store for 2015-2016.

Please RSVP to: Vicki Verinder. However, feel free to come even if you can't RSVP.

#### **2015-2016 OFFICERS**

Co-Chairs: Kimberly Hughes, Vicki Verinder

Treasurer: Barb Salvo

Secretary: Pam Reinke-Walter

# President's Column

The year is flying by and, after our hot and hectic summer, my favorite season autumn is almost here. Autumn activities like raking leaves and jumping into the pile (yes, adults can do this too!), making paper turkeys, carving pumpkins and more signal a season when we look forward to that first chill in the air. Regular schedules replace casual summer plans (for me that's a good thing) and a sense of order returns. Here at Community autumn is also the season when we host our traditional fall fundraising activities.

In September we kick off with our fabulous **POPS Concert**. This is a show that is not to be missed! Our many talented members and friends entertain us with songs and skits and more. **This year's POPS theme is appropriately, UUs' Got Talent!** Our esteemed show director, Robin Coulonge, plans and implements a memorable evening. **If you've always dreamed of being in the footlights, contact Robin. If performing is not for you, but you enjoy a good show, be sure to mark your calendars and join us at 7pm on Saturday, September 12 when our Sanctuary will be filled with music and fun.**

Just one week after our POPS concert, on the **weekend of September 18, 19, and 20** we go **"up, up and away"** as we hold our **Plano Balloon Festival parking fundraiser**. We are designated by the Plano Balloon Festival organization as an official parking site for the festival and throughout the weekend, we park cars on almost every conceivable parking space on our property. If you helped with Balloon Festival parking last year, you know that we "found" spaces to park cars that were unexpected and very creative. This very successful fundraiser resulted in a net profit of over \$7,000 for our weekend's work in 2014. The key to making this a success is lots of volunteers working lots of shifts throughout the weekend. So, if you are approached in Founders Hall by Elena Westbrook, or another Board member who has a clipboard in their hand, you may be asked to volunteer for a Balloon Festival parking shift. Please say yes! It takes many volunteers to make this a success.

In November, **November 21 to be exact, our annual Service Auction** rounds out the autumn season. Historically, this is our most lucrative autumn fundraiser. Last year's Service Auction netted more than \$17,000! It's also a fun evening, whose theme enables us to use our creativity in our table decorations and costumes (fun but not mandatory). This year's theme is still being planned so be looking for more information in the coming months, and let's make this the most successful Service Auction ever. Let's exceed last year's net profit and reach \$20,000 this year. If we do, we can restore some budget items that were previously cut.

So enjoy autumn. Welcome the cooler weather (I know you will), and plan to help with, attend, and enthusiastically support the autumn fundraisers at Community Church.

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.**

# September, 2015

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

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

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

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

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

**September 25 - 7pm**

**5 Flights Up - 2015 - PG 13**

Married for four decades, New Yorkers Ruth (Diane Keaton) and Alex (Morgan Freeman) have had a wonderful life together, most of it spent in their cherished Brooklyn walk-up. But now that it's time to sell, the universe seems determined to keep this from happening.

**Hunger Initiative - God's Pantry**

The loose plate offering for July for God's Pantry donated \$356.00 to the pantry. Thank you! It will be put to good use.

Ninhda Nosavan placed a box for donations to the pantry in her local gym (with their permission). It has yielded 24 cans so far. What a creative idea! Thank you, Ninhda! If you have a similar opportunity and would like to help the Pantry, see Linda Frank for a donation box.

**It's Not Too Early!** Our annual Halloween Party is just seven weeks away! We're already planning our tables, booths, and rooms. Do you have something special you'd like to do with our great community of kids – a new game, a Halloween craft, a fun activity? Or would you like to volunteer to help with something we've done before – the Sensorium, face-painting? Maybe you'd like to work with the teens to put on the Haunted House? Whatever your interest, we'd like to hear about it! Contact Amy Dessert, RE Board Chair

**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: Sept. 15**

**Location: Nancy Barlow's home.**

**Contact Nancy by Friday, Sept. 11 if you plan to attend.**

**Selection: Gulp by Mary Roach**

"America's funniest science writer" (Washington Post) takes us down the hatch on an unforgettable tour. The alimentary canal is classic Mary Roach terrain: the questions explored in Gulp are as taboo, in their way, as the cadavers in Stiff and every bit as surreal as the universe of zero gravity explored in Packing for Mars. Why is crunchy food so appealing? Why is it so hard to find words for flavors and smells? Why doesn't the stomach digest itself? How much can you eat before your stomach bursts? Amazon

**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**.

**Hey, RE Teachers! Coffee and Coaching!**

This year the RE Board is sponsoring a new series of 45-minute coaching "mini-sessions" about questions YOU have asked about teaching Religious Education here at CUUC. 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 9:15am on September 13!**

# Religious Education

## *A Time for Rest and Renewal*

By Kathy E. Smith, Director of Religious Education

*The mind that comes to rest is tended in ways that it cannot intend:  
Is borne, preserved, and comprehended by what it cannot comprehend.  
Poet Wendell Berry – “Another Sunday Morning Comes”*

Anticipation. Trepidation. Excitement. Those are just a few of the emotions running through me as I write this. Some of you may know I'm taking a sabbatical this fall. Others may be hearing this for the first time. I'm sure you have questions. I'll try to answer them!

The word “sabbatical” comes from “shabbat,” the Hebrew word for “rest”. The ancient Hebrews let their land rest every seven years to help ensure its productivity. Most Unitarian Universalist churches provide their professional staff with time to renew their productivity every five to seven years. A sabbatical is a time for intentional spiritual exploration and reflection, for renewing enthusiasm, for creativity, and deepening a commitment to service and ministry. It gives time for professional development in ways that aren't possible during the press of activity in a typical work year. To quote the Sabbatical Handbook put out by LREDA (the religious educators professional association): “Sabbaticals are not vacations, but pathways to viewing vocations in new ways, through fresh eyes. The goal is to return to the congregation renewed, refreshed.”

What's in it for the congregation? Again, from LREDA: “Religious educators make an intense commitment of time and energy to their congregations. This work schedule allows for little opportunity for thoughtful enrichment, analysis, study and evaluation. The congregation grows through the sharing of creative abilities in meeting the programming needs during the sabbatical and also benefits from the renewed enthusiasm of the Director upon her return.”

How long? I will be away from the day-to-day work of the church from October 1 to February 28. Who will do the work? The RE Board has assumed the administration of the program, dividing the workload by asking each board member to be the lead for a particular class level. The minister and worship team will take on the Message for All Ages. Volunteers have stepped up to work on Children's Chapel, bulletin boards, calendars, special events, parties, and preparing for the rummage sale. And, thanks to the farsighted planning of the church Board of Trustees, there are funds set aside to hire a quarter-time acting DRE to be here on Sunday mornings and help manage the program. You'll be in good hands!

What will I do? I'll be traveling some of the time, visiting churches with vibrant RE programs and exciting multi-generational programs. I'll spend some extended time strengthening connections with friends and family. I anticipate having time to read, write, draw and sing. I will work on completing the requirements to become a Credentialed DRE through the UUA's credentialing program. And I will take time to explore and develop new spiritual practices that will help sustain me as I return to immerse myself in this intense and wonderful ministry of religious education.

Will you hear from me? I won't be at church, going to committee meetings, or attending events. I will, however, continue to be virtually present, through bulletin board updates, blog posts, and newsletter articles. And I'll be back in March, refreshed, renewed, and ready to plunge back into the day-to-day life of the congregation.

Other questions? Drop me an email or catch me at church, or ask Amy Dessert, RE Board Chair, or any of the six members of the RE Board.

“I go and lie down where the wood drake rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds. I come into the peace of wild things who do not tax their lives with forethought of grief .... For a time, I rest in the grace of the world, and am free,” writes Wendell Berry. I'm grateful to Community UU Church for giving me this opportunity, and looking forward to coming back in March. See you in church! In faith, Kathy

# Social Action

## Health Supplies Drive for Barron

This fall we will again have our health supplies drive for Barron Elementary. During the months of September and October, please bring donations of tissues, Clorox wipes, and hand sanitizer (only alcohol-based sanitizers like Purell) and place in the donations box in the foyer. The school does not provide these items for the classrooms, and your donations are a big help to the teachers at Barron! Thanks so much!

## Calling All Bakers....First Responders Day Is Coming- September 11

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

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

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

**The Texas Unitarian Universalist Justice Ministry (TXUUJM)** requested our church confirm our priorities for the time period between legislative sessions. **We confirmed our existing priorities:**

1. Reproductive Justice
2. Economic Justice/Income Equality
3. Voting Rights

### **There were two additional issues:**

Our church added Black Lives Matter as a key priority

We also attached an article on Payday Loans from the League of Women Voters for review.

Advisory Board Representatives: Linda Frank, Nelah McComsey

**New! New! Singing Group.** I'm starting a new outreach singing group. We will practice on Thursday afternoon and perform about the same time. Nelah McComsey will play piano for us and I will direct. We will sing the songs from the 40's-50's era and perform at local senior care facilities. If you love to sing and would like to be a part of this group please contact Mina Daffinee. We will have our first gathering on Thursday Sept. 17th at 1p.m. in the church sanctuary. Mina Daffinee

# Community News

## UBarU Corner

### Astronomy Weekend

Eight people from our church joined about 45 others at the UBarU Camp & Retreat Center in Hill Country the weekend of August 16th to star gaze.

The most impressive view for me was looking through a pretty good sized telescope at Saturn with it's rings clearly visible. Looking at stars and realizing that the light we see left the star 600 light years ago was mind boggling.

The feature show for the weekend was the meteor showers plus the fantastic food. Think about joining us next year. Bill Daffinee, UBarU Trustee

## What's New in the Community Garden?

Cantaloupes! Cucumbers! Tomatoes! Herbs! It all adds up – we actually went over 100 pounds a week in donations for a couple of weeks last month! We've been fortunate to have a bumper crop of harvesters, including three community members who are here on a two-year rotation from India and are learning about gardening techniques to take home, and six workers from the Texas Food Bank who not only harvested but laid mulch on our perimeter paths. YAY for community involvement!

Come out and walk around the garden. It's lush and verdant and full of life. Keep an eye out for toads, butterflies, grasshoppers and tiny frogs. And look for the garden stones Carrie Dubberley and her sister have painted to identify some of the different crops we're growing.

By the time this goes to press, we should have gotten the first draft of our new book of simple cooking instructions for recipients of our fresh, organic produce. Kudos to Linda Frank for working on this project!

If you would like to learn more about the Community Garden, come out and chat with us any Sunday after church. Visitors are also welcome at the monthly socials – second Saturday of the month from 10-12 noon. Contact Deb Bliss for location and more information.

Until next month – Your Community Garden Correspondent

**Pride Party Prep! Face-Painting Workshop!** If you've ever wanted to learn how to do Melia Newman's amazing face-paint designs, this workshop is for you. Adults and youth who have completed Coming of Age are invited to learn with Melia. You can put this new skill into practice at the Pride Parade on September 20 or at one of the three events in October where face-painting will be featured (our Halloween Party on October 31, the Leadership Event in the Garden on October 17, or the Barron Elementary Fall Festival). And it's FREE. Saturday, September 12, 3-5 p.m. We will also be making signs for the Pride Parade the following weekend in an adjoining room – everyone is welcome to participate in sign-making! Questions? Ask Kathy Smith, DRE.

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# Adult Religious Education

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **Wednesday - Astronomy Group**

If you would be interested in attending astronomy-related events, please email or text Cheri Naquin to be added to the group. Email: [Cheri.AstronomyMom@gmail.com](mailto:Cheri.AstronomyMom@gmail.com) or Phone: [318-655-6594](tel:318-655-6594).

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

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

Sept. 10 - Inland Niger Delta—Hierarchy & Heterarchy

Sept. 17 - Lake Chad Basin - Settlement & Complexity

Sept. 24 - Great Zimbabwe & Its Successors

Oct. 1 - Sedentism & Agriculture in Mesoamerica

**Humanists Group** - The humanist group meets at 6pm at the Church annex. For more information contact Bill Mueller at [billmuellertx1602@gmail.com](mailto:billmuellertx1602@gmail.com).

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

George Norwood, has studied Integral Yoga Meditation with Swami Satchidananda and affirms he has had many yoga classes. **Equipment Needed:** Some may want to bring their yoga mat. **Clothing:** Comfortable and loose fitting. **Summary:** 1) Introduction and safety 2) Meditation 3) Yoga Exercises 4) A few advanced postures. **Content:** The course begins with a short story about the history of yoga, and its benefits. Diet and other forms of exercise. 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.



# Community News

## Committee on Ministry

Have you seen a few people wearing a brand new **mint nametag with Committee on Ministry** written under their names? This committee is made up of three church members selected by our minister and approved by the Board who each serve for three years. At monthly meetings with Rev. Patrick Price this committee discusses topics and concerns brought to it by the minister, a committee member, or a member of the congregation.

Our role is to keep tabs on what is going well at church as well as what needs attention in the ministry of our church. When a need arises this committee acts as a conflict management group while respecting a covenant of confidentiality in our discussions.

Our goal is to promote and sustain the mission and vision for our church through advising and promoting its ministry.

## Voting Rights Act, 50 years later.

A Conversation With Dallas Civil Rights Icon, The **Rev. Dr. Zan Wesley Holmes Jr. and Michael Phillips, Ph.D.**, racial equality scholar and Prof. of American History, Collin College, Plano, TX and member of Community Unitarian Universalist Church, Plano. This event is free and open to the public, **6:30pm, Monday, Sept. 21, 2015 at Collin College Conference Center**, 2800 East Spring Creek Parkway, Plano, TX 75074.

## Community Connections

Have you ever wished you were more connected at church? Have you ever wanted to see all the church committees and activities all together in one place? Have you thought about starting a new interest group? Well, your wishes have been granted!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 17. Connections: Weaving the Web will be held in the Community Harvest Garden from 2:00 until 4:00 pm.

Representatives from all church committees and activities will be there to answer your questions and listen to your suggestions.

There will be entertainment, snacks and fun activities for children and adults.

Come listen to music, get your face painted, meet people, win prizes and enjoy the garden.

What a fun way to learn more about what our church can do for you! Don't worry about the weather, in case of rain we will move the event inside.

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# July Financial Report

By Dick Hildenbrand, Treasurer

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The July 2015 financial summary for our operating accounts is listed below. The only variances worth noting are (1) cumulative pledge income is down, caused by some late-starting automated pledge payments, which should be caught up next month, (2) Religious Education expenses are under budget due to a targeted donation by a church member, and (3) Facilities expenses are over budget due to a leak repair and installation of a shutoff valve at the front of the church.

We had a big shock last month in our water bill which isn't reflected in the financials. A bizarre situation caused a defunct sprinkler zone along Parker Road to run 3-1/2 hours every night when the sign lights were turned on. The problem has now been fixed, 200,000 gallons and \$1,500 later. We have submitted a credit request to the City of Plano and are awaiting their decision.

The new monthly *Share the Plate* offerings (last Sunday of each month) brought in \$171.87 for the New Orleans fund in June and \$356.00 for God's Pantry in July. If you forget your checkbook or can't make the worship service on any *Share the Plate* offering date, you can make

## Upcoming Share the Plate Offering

Date	Recipient
Sep 27, 2015	Minister's Discretionary Fund
Oct 25, 2015	UU Service Committee
Nov 29, 2015	Minister's Discretionary Fund

### FREE MONEY!

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

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

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

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

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

## INCOME & EXPENSE July 2015

INCOME	July 2015	Month Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget	% Annual Budget (FY 16.7% comp)
Total Offering Income	\$23,726	\$23,153	\$48,906	\$53,683	\$246,595	19.8%
Total Fund Raiser Income	\$176	\$190	\$294	\$225	\$24,900	1.2%
Total Building Usage	\$2,204	\$1,912	\$5,271	\$4,673	\$26,404	20.0%
Misc. Income	\$786	\$778	\$2,287	\$1,555	\$15,760	14.5%
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$26,892</b>	<b>\$26,033</b>	<b>\$56,759</b>	<b>\$60,137</b>	<b>\$313,659</b>	<b>18.1%</b>
EXPENSE						
Administration	\$4,015	\$3,929	\$8,368	\$8,946	\$54,155	15.5%
Programs	\$2,020	\$1,854	\$3,517	\$3,558	\$22,789	15.4%
Religious Education	\$4,627	\$5,825	\$9,001	\$11,950	\$59,839	15.0%
Facilities/Grounds	\$4,405	\$4,762	\$10,296	\$9,487	\$60,222	17.1%
Ministry	\$7,671	\$8,297	\$15,503	\$16,094	\$98,900	15.7%
Denomination	\$1,614	\$1,614	\$1,614	\$1,614	\$17,754	9.1%
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$24,352</b>	<b>\$26,281</b>	<b>\$48,299</b>	<b>\$51,649</b>	<b>\$313,659</b>	<b>15.4%</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$2,540</b>	<b>-\$249</b>	<b>\$8,459</b>	<b>\$8,487</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>-</b>

# 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 Wednesday:** 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, other times by appointment.

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

## **Church Secretary Connie Meints**

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

**Music Director TBA**

## ***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](mailto:newsletter@CommunityUUChurch.org)**

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

Items may be edited for clarity and brevity



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## SWUUSI - 2015

Every year I think this is the best Summer Institute, but each year is special in its own way.

SWUUSI - Southwest UU Summer Institute - is a week-long multigenerational camp held in The Sequoyah Lodge on beautiful Fort Gibson Lake east of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Each year there are opportunities for education, entertainment and recreational activities for all ages.

This year the theme was "Just Good Food". Our guest speaker Rev John Gibb Millspaugh and every workshop featured some aspect of food. A popular class was a cooking demonstration of "The Radical Act of Cooking Joyfully" by Chef Jesse Bloom. What a class! He cooked, we tasted and questioned and made many notes of new items to try in our kitchens.

There was so much good food! **Dick Hildenbrand and his able crew of Mark and Victoria Rachel served a welcoming dinner the first night after check in and a wonderful hamburger and knockwurst and hot dogs on Wednesday.** Other nights we had a Chili and pie cook off and a potluck cluster dinners.

**Bev Fleming** spoke highly of the Sunset talks by Sarah Gibb Millspaugh.

A good time was had by all. Please consider joining us next year last week of July. More information will be available later.

Your SWUUSI Ambassadors:

Dick Hildenbrand

Linda Frank

**Deadline for the October newsletter is Friday, September 18. Email your articles to newsletter @communityuuchurch. org**

### Family Events at CUUC in September

Sunday, September 6, 10:30am – Worship, RE (Cooking Day!)

Saturday, September 12, 3pm – Pride Party Prep (learn to face paint!)

Saturday, September 12, 7pm – FUNdraiser (Pops Variety Show)

Sunday, September 13, 9am – Coffee and Coaching (for RE teachers)

Sunday, September 13, 10:30am – Worship and the Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, September 13, 12 noon - 1st/2nd Grade OWL class

Sunday, September 13, 12 noon - Middle School OWL orientation  
(first day of fall programming)

Friday, September 18, 6:30pm – RE Board Game Night

Fri. Sept. 18 – Sun. Sept. 20 – FUNdraiser (parking for Balloon Fest)

Sunday, September 20, 10:30am – Worship and RE

Sunday, September 20, 12 noon - 1st/2nd Grade OWL class

Sunday, September 20, 2pm – Dallas Pride Parade

Sunday, September 27, 10:30am – Worship and RE (Children's Chapel K-7<sup>th</sup>)

Sunday, September 27, 12 noon – Sabbatical Send-off for the DRE

Sunday, September 27, 12 noon - 1st/2nd Grade OWL class

For our September 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>.