



# The Community News

August 2016

## 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.*

### All Church Retreat For Diversity -- Save the Date

On **August 27, CUUC will host an All Church Retreat**, focusing on CUUC and diversity in our community. Why focus on diversity? It is timelier now more than ever.

Events and political rhetoric continually demonstrate the great sense of “Us vs Them” that prevails in our country. Examples include but are not limited to the mass shooting at a gay night club in Orlando, Florida; the deaths of Philando Castile, Alton Sterling, and five Dallas and three Baton Rouge police officers; and those that would put all Muslims on a national registry, or erect a wall along the Mexican border. There is a strong desire to blame someone for our problems, and to exclude and label them as “Other.” The fear endemic in this view cripples progress and chokes the life out of love and growth. Fear can take the life out of life.

We can be an active haven for diversity. People targeted by this exclusive mentality need more than a place where they are tolerated, but an open and loving harbor. Practicing this kind of love takes sincere contemplation, an open heart, and deliberate and measured action. With this mindfulness at our core, we may then combat the divisiveness so prevalent in the current political and social climates.

While the retreat will touch on many issues of diversity, it will also feature CUUC’s pursuit of our Welcoming Congregation Renewal. CUUC has been a Welcoming Congregation since 1991, thanks to the leadership of Deb Bliss. We seek to renew our status and learn more of what it means to truly practice and accept diversity with love and respect.

**The retreat is scheduled from 9am – 3pm, with coffee and breakfast beverages starting at 8:30am, and lunch at noon. Please plan to attend.**

### August, 2016 Sunday Services

**August 7– “What’s Goin’ On? - Observations on Current Events” - Harvest the Power Class. (See Page 3)**

**August 14 - Question Box Rev. Patrick Price. (See Page 3)**

**August 21 - In Gathering of Water Service - Rev. Patrick Price. (See Page 3)**

**August 28 - "The Good News of Unitarian Universalism." - Zack Hughes.**

*\*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 "Reflections On a Summer of Discontent"

This summer of 2016 is so hot and brutal to so many people in so many places and in so many ways that a creeping wall of numbing denial tries to rise up in me when I try to list even some of them. The killings by police all over, and the mass killings of police here in Dallas and Baton Rouge; the terror attacks on "soft" targets in Kabul Afghanistan, in Nice, France; and in Munich and Nuremberg, Germany, are just the tip of an iceberg of violence, grief and injustices around the world as I write this letter to you.

So what do we do with all of this and the more likely to come? Despair and hopelessness are understandable, but not healthy or helpful to remain stuck in. Fortunately as a liberal religion, Unitarian Universalism does offer us insights and resources for these situations.

One of the most elegant and concise definitions of liberal religion can be seen in five statements about it made by UU theologian James Luther Adams, which are often referred to as "The Five Smooth Stones of Liberal Religion." In brief these five smooth stones are:

1. Revelation and truth are not closed, but constantly revealed.
2. All relations between persons ought ideally to rest on mutual, free consent and not coercion.
3. Affirmation of the moral obligation to direct one's effort toward the establishment of a just and loving community.
4. Denial of the immaculate conception of virtue and affirmation of the necessity of social incarnation. Good must be consciously given form and power within history.

And 5. The resources (divine and human) that are available for achievement of meaningful change justify an attitude of ultimate (but not necessarily immediate) optimism. There is hope in the ultimate abundance of the Universe.

**It is this fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) smooth stone that sings out to me at this time. Adams offers us,**

*IV. Now, anything that exists effectively in history must have form. And the creation of a form requires power. It requires not only the power of thought but also the power of organization and the organization of power. Thus we are led to the fourth element of liberalism: we deny the immaculate conception of virtue and affirm the necessity of social incarnation. There is no such thing as goodness as such; except in a limited sense, there is no such thing as a good person as such. There is the good husband, the good wife, the good worker, the good employer, the good layperson, the good citizen. The decisive forms of goodness in society are institutional forms. No one can properly put faith in merely individual virtue, even though that is a prerequisite for societal virtues.*

*The faith of the liberal must express itself in societal forms, in the forms of education, in economic and social organization, in political organization. Without these, freedom and justice in community are impossible. The faith of a church or of a nation is an adequate faith only when it inspires and enables people to give of their time and energy to shape the various institutions — social, economic and political—of the common life. A faith in the commanding, sustaining, transforming reality is one that tries to shape history. Any other faith is thoroughly undependable; it is also, in the end, impotent. It is not a faith that molds history. It is a faith that enables history to crush humanity. Its ministry prepares people to adjust to the crushing by focusing on, and salving, the personal experiences of hurt.*

*The creation of justice in community requires the organization of power. Through the organization of power, liberated persons tie into history; otherwise they cannot achieve freedom in history. Injustice in community is a form of power, an abuse of power, and justice is an exercise of just and lawful institutional power.*

*The kind of freedom that expresses itself only within the family and within the narrow confines of one's daily work is not the faith of liberals. It is as lopsided as the other kind of freedom that tries to express itself only in larger public affairs and forgets that the health of the body politic depends upon the health and faith of its individual members. At best it creates and expresses cloistered virtues of loyalty, honesty and diligence. This kind of faith can be oblivious of the injustices of the domestic, economic, and political orders; it can be a form of assistance to the powers of evil in public life and consequently also in the private life.*

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# President's Column

It's the "dog days of summer", but even as we weather the temperatures of August, it's time to think about autumn, and the opportunity it offers for new beginnings. We will be returning from vacations or even staycations, planning for a new school year, and ingathering. I always look forward to our "ingathering service" when members of our congregation bring water from the various places they have visited during the summer, and pour the water into a large vessel. In the same way that each individual drop of water becomes one vessel of water, we gather to become one congregation, reunited in a way, after the long, hot summer.

Ingathering seems especially meaningful this year as we renew our Welcoming Congregation designation. We have been a Welcoming Congregation for many years, and the process of renewing this designation is giving us the opportunity to once again focus upon the values that define us as Unitarian Universalists. Those values have been particularly meaningful during the summer of 2016. It has been a difficult summer for Dallas, Baton Rouge, Kansas City and many other places. The message of welcome that we share with each other, with visitors, and bring to the wider community is needed more than ever right now.

I hope your summer has been a good one. I hope you are looking forward to new beginnings this autumn. Let us now gather together again to nourish spirits, work for justice, and transform lives.

Fondly, Lexie

**Sunday, August 7** - You are invited to attend the Harvest the Power Class of 2016 on this Sunday. The service will be a exploration of current events and how we respond to them. This is a bit different from our usual services and this class has many of our next generation leaders that you will want to meet and hear what they have to say. Several members of the class have already stepped into committee and board positions to keep our engine running.

**Sunday, August 14** - With a "Question Box Sermon" those attending are given paper to write brief relevant questions for the minister to address as time allows. Rev. Price usually offers one of these in August and another one in January.

**Sunday, August 21 - Ingathering Service.** All attending are offered the chance to share a small amount of water gathered from places of personal meaning during the last year, and the significance. Water is available to be shared symbolically if you do not have some of your own with you. All are welcome.

## "Reflections On a Summer of Discontent " (Continued from Page 2)

Source: Adams, James Luther, "THE FIVE SMOOTH STONES OF LIBERALISM," On Being Human Religiously: Selected Essays In Religion and Society (1976), Beacon Press, Boston, MA. Downloaded from Google Books 14 July 2011

It is very tempting, especially as a college educated, straight, white, middle class, and male to just hunker down and pray for relief from what are, for most of us, these disturbing inconveniences. With all of these layers of race and class privilege, it is possible for many of us to do the moral equivalent of sticking our fingers in our ears, closing our eyes and singing at the top of our lungs. This fourth statement "Denial of the immaculate conception of virtue and affirmation of the necessity of social incarnation. Good must be consciously given form and power within history." makes it clear that nobody is going to ride to the world's rescue, unless it is actually we, ourselves, together.

The theme we are using over this summer is "Making It Real," and I don't see much that is more real than responding to events and forces seeking human oppression and environmental destruction. We respond and lead with our spirits, our minds, our hands and resources to better incarnate, to make more real the Beloved Community to which we all belong and to which we aspire. See you in church. Blessings, Patrick

# August, 2016

**Simple Living Chalice Circle Meeting time and place** – The next meeting will be **Saturday morning August 13 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 preparing for the Fall session. Last year we averaged 22 guests each month in one to three host homes. If you are new to Circle Suppers and would care to get on the invite list, just send your name, email, and phone to [CircleSuppers@communityUChurch.org](mailto:CircleSuppers@communityUChurch.org). At each dinner the host provides the main dish and each guest brings a side dish. It is OK to sign up even if your situation does not allow you to be a host. **The dinners are always on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month from Sept. through May.** I'd like to recognize the hosts who opened their homes to us last year –Joe and Nancy Barlow, Duane and Joan Mortensen, Diana & Marty Behannese, Sandy Brackmann, Sheila Huckaby, Lolisa Laenger, Jeanne Kamman, Judith Boyle & Emil Kirberg, Donna and Lionel Bening, Beverly Fleming, Vicky & Gary Sharpsteen, and Judy Kubliski.

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

**August 12 - The Gods Must Be Crazy I - 1980 - 1 hr 49 min. - PG**

A Sho in the Kalahari Desert encounters technology for the first time --- in the shape of a Coke bottle. He takes it back to his people, and they use it for many tasks. The people start to fight over it, so he decides to return it to God --- where he thinks it came from. Meanwhile, we are introduced to a school teacher, assigned to a small village, a despotic revolutionary, and a clumsy biologist. This film was released in the USA in 1984 and had a box office of \$51,200,000.

**August 26 - Suffragette- 2015 - 1 hr 46 min. - PG 13**

A drama that tracks the story of the foot soldiers of the early feminist movement, women willing to lose everything, their jobs, their homes, their children and their lives. Staring Carey Mulligan, Helena Bonham Carter, Anne-Marie Duff, Brendan Gleeson and Meryl Streep.

**First Responders' Day**

This is a "Remember the Day" note. **Sept 11 is First Responders' Day when we deliver baskets of goodies to Fire Departments and Police Departments in our area to show our appreciation.** The Dallas Sai Center will be joining us again this year. Due to the fact that 9/11 falls on a Sunday this year, it has not been decided if we will deliver our baskets on Sat, Sun or Mon. So just keep the date in mind and start baking now!!! That is what freezers are for!

**Literary Ladies Book Club Upcoming Meeting**

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, August 16**

**Location: The home of Valerie Gomes in Allen. Let Valerie know if you will be attending by August 12.**

**Selection: All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr** *From the highly acclaimed, multiple award-winning Anthony Doerr, the beautiful, stunningly ambitious instant New York Times bestseller about a blind French girl and a German boy whose paths collide in occupied France as both try to survive the devastation of World War II.* *Amazon*

**God's Pantry**

Good news! The Pantry has received a grant from the City of Plano to help support the increased volume of low income families in this area. The funding will be available to the Pantry in the fourth quarter of the year in time for the holidays. This will help later in the year, but your help now is most appreciated. Your donations of food items, cash and items for our Resale Shop are all needed as our summer volume increases. Many thanks to all. Did you know you can get a God's Pantry donation receipt for tax purposes? See Linda Frank for the tax form.

**September Newsletter**

**Deadline for the September newsletter is Friday, August 19.**

**Email your articles to newsletter@communityuuchurch.org**

# Religious Education

## *Words to Live By*

*“Racism is still with us. It is up to us to prepare our children for what they have to meet and, hopefully, we shall overcome.”*

*Rosa Parks*

## **Raising Anti-Racist Children**

*by Kathy E. Smith, Director of Religious Education*

This summer, the news is all about race relations in the United States. Every week seems to bring more painful news – the deaths of black men (Alton Sterling, Philando Castile) at the hands of authority, anniversaries of other deaths (Tamir Rice, Sandra Bland), targeted shootings of police officers in Dallas and Baton Rouge. If we read beyond the headlines, we find dozens of stories that aren't so well-known (look up Paul Castaway or Rexdale Henry for examples). Diverging opinions about groups of empowerment for people of color – such as Black Lives Matter – enflame family gatherings and social circles. Even our presidential politics this year are full of often blatant bigotry and hatred.

In such a world, where do we look for hope? Many of us look to the next generation, finding hope in children's innocence and adolescents' passion for social justice and political change. Most of us in Unitarian Universalist churches have worked hard to raise children who will make a difference in the world. We're learning, however, that it isn't enough just to raise children who “are color-blind” or “treat everyone equally”. Those are the words well-meaning white people of my parents' generation used. While people with those attitudes raised some pretty passionate and committed social justice advocates, we now know we can and should do more.

So what are some specific things you can do to raise children who are not just “not racist”, but actively anti-racist? Here are some suggestions:

- Offer your children books that show a diversity of opinions and protagonists (not just a supporting character of a different ethnicity or a cast of differently colored puppets, but books that show children of all races being smart, independent and capable).
- Talk honestly about how people are similar. We all bleed when we are cut, hurt when we are called names, and love our families. Talk honestly about how people are different. We believe different things about God, have different ideas about politics, and experience life differently through the lenses of our culture or race.
- Talk directly about how race impacts people. Talk about the Black Lives Matter movement. Talk about racism and police violence. Talk about the officers who lost their lives in Dallas. At a loss for what to say? Start here: [www.tolerance.org/racism-and-police-violence](http://www.tolerance.org/racism-and-police-violence) . But even if you don't know what to say, say something. Just as with sex education, if we don't talk about it to our children, someone else will.
- Model standing up to injustice. Share stories with your children about people in the news who work for justice for everyone. Look for a variety of voices and perspectives.
- Actively seek out ways that you, as an adult, can continue to learn about systemic racism and how to address its effects on our society. If this is difficult for you, reach out to your church leaders; this is something we can and should work on together.
- Teach your children that our Unitarian Universalist faith calls us to speak up, to work for justice for everyone, and to meet injustice and evil with courage and love.

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Remember, “Church is a place where we practice being human”. We don’t have to do this perfectly. But we do have to keep working at it. Share the work and the journey with your faith community. See you in Church! In faith, Kathy

For some ideas on books to check out, try these lists:

This list from the School Librarians Journal for teens:

[www.slj.com/2016/07/books-media/librarian-creates-blacklivesmatter-booklist-for-teens/#](http://www.slj.com/2016/07/books-media/librarian-creates-blacklivesmatter-booklist-for-teens/#)

This list from the Oakland Public Library for all ages: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1s0lCA3Flu1VhK6DFE2d3uYCipc6ApY8Gn2rMwm6fYqw/edit>

This list of books featuring African-American protagonists:

[www.aalbc.com/books/children.php](http://www.aalbc.com/books/children.php)

Finally, these suggestions on using children’s books to teach social justice:

[www.edutopia.org/blog/teaching-young-children-social-justice-jinnie-spiegler](http://www.edutopia.org/blog/teaching-young-children-social-justice-jinnie-spiegler)

### Share the Plate for August: Barron Elementary

For the past three years, we have partnered with Barron Elementary to support their students and teachers. We have a dedicated group of members who volunteer at Barron every week, either as mentors or as volunteers who assist the teachers in some capacity. We have also worked to provide financially for other needs that arise, such as:

- Purchasing coats for children who don’t have winter coats (when we didn’t have the size needed in our coat closet)
- Supplementing shortages in our health supplies donations
- Providing special meals for teachers

We want to continue to be able to provide as needs arise, so we hope you will give generously. **Half of the offering on Sunday, August 28 will support Barron Elementary.** If you are unable to be in Church that Sunday, you can still donate during the month of August by going to our web page and clicking Share the Plate.

If you are interested in volunteering at Barron, please contact Nelah McComsey.

**What’s New in the Garden?** So far in 2016, we’ve donated almost  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a ton of fresh, organic produce to our neighborhood food pantries! Not only is our Community Garden home to wonderful gardeners and bounteous garden plots, we also have a new resident armadillo in addition to rabbits, voles and toads. It’s affirmation that it’s a safe place to live. Want to share in enjoying the sunshine and the good earth? Harvesting on a Saturday morning is rewarding, full of camaraderie, and (yes! really!) loads of fun. We love helping hands!

We’re proud to be sharing ideas for garden resources at the Tarrant Area Food Network Dig Deep Conference this month. Join us there if you would like! If you would like to learn more about the Community Garden, visitors are always 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

# Adult Religious Education Classes

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. **The Church website has been updated with the latest classes and class descriptions - check it out at [www.CommunityUUChurch.org](http://www.CommunityUUChurch.org), under Adult Religious Education.** CHILDCARE is available for all classes, upon request. To reserve childcare call the Church office (972-424-8989) at least 48 hours in advance.

## Monday

**Yoga Class at 7-8pm in Founders Hall.** Attendees sign a waiver form. Attendees bring their own yoga mats. **Facilitators: Karen Ditsch, Kimberly Meadows, George Norwood.** If you have questions contact [karenditsch@gmail.com](mailto:karenditsch@gmail.com).

## Tuesday

**Tibetan Buddhism – 7pm – Sanctuary. Meditation and Mind Training.** Please join us for guided meditation and a skillful approach to developing mental peace and clarity. **Facilitated by the Ven. Tashi Nyima.**

## Thursday

**Humanist Group meets at 6pm in Room G.** The program is discussion-centered on Humanist-oriented topics led by various speakers.

**Emerson, Thoreau, and the Transcendentalist Movement in Room G at 7pm. Facilitator Don Fielding.**

## Saturday

**The Artist Colony @ CUUC meets in Founders Hall at 10am,** the last Saturday of the month. **Leader/facilitators of the Artist Colony @ CUUC are Clyde Grauke and Miles Dillon.** If you are interested in participating or have any questions, contact Clyde Grauke at: [cgrauketx@gmail.com](mailto:cgrauketx@gmail.com). Come join us in expressing yourself through the visual arts. The **Artist Colony @ CUUC** can provide you with the opportunity to be creative, get inspired, and further develop your artistic skills. The core of our activities will be to work on personal projects. You also can share your completed creations with other participants. We are all teachers and learners. Those who are not currently involved in producing art are also encouraged to come so you too can join us on the endless journey of creativity. Participants are responsible for bringing their own supplies and taking care of their own cleanup. In addition to the traditional visual art media and techniques, digital art is also encouraged so feel free to bring your laptops, tablets, *etc.* if you are so inclined.

## **UBarU Star Party – Labor Day Weekend – September 2-5 2016**

UBarU will host a star party over Labor Day weekend. This will be the first such comprehensive event ever held at an IDA-certified Dark-Sky park in Texas.

The event will include:

1. Star parties each night, Fri.-Sun., weather permitting; alternate activities will be available in the event of inclement weather.

Formal presentations by professional astronomers Saturday and Sunday. Presenters include:

Dr. John Barentine of the IDA, Tucson, AZ

Dr. Amanda Bayless of the Southwest Research Institute

Dr. Kim Arvidson of Schreiner University

Robert Reeves, accomplished practitioner of astro-photography and imaging

3. Onsite recreational activities include swimming in the UBarU pool, hiking within the park, labyrinth walking, table tennis, bocci ball, and horseshoes.

4. Door prizes, including a Sky-Watcher 8" Dobsonian telescope and a pair of Celestron Skymaster Pro 15X70 astronomical binoculars

Private accommodations are going fast, but there are still plenty of bunkroom beds and camping spots. Reply-to: [starparty@ubaru.org](mailto:starparty@ubaru.org)

"Look at page 9 in your UU World magazine to see an article about the dark sky designation at UBarU"

To register, visit <http://ubaru.org/home/starParty>. Please contact **Bill Daffinee** for more details [wrdaffinee@aol.com](mailto:wrdaffinee@aol.com) or call 972-985-0486.

# Community News

## Potluck and Game Night

Do you have a favorite game that your family is tired of playing with you? Bring it and help us learn it.

Do you have a favorite food that makes just sooo much you can't eat it all? Bring it and we'll help you eat it.

The 3rd Friday of every month come join playful souls for food and fun.

We gather in Founders Hall at 6, eat dinner at 6:30, and start playing games by 7:15.

Come early, come later, just come have some fun!!!

We look forward to seeing you there.

## Welcoming Congregation Renewal

**History:** June 21, 2016, Community UU Church Board voted to begin a Welcoming Congregation Renewal (WC). Each month for the next ten months I'll write a paragraph about the history of Welcoming Congregation in this church and hold up leaders in these many endeavors.

**First is Deborah Bliss**--In 1991 Community Unitarian Universalist Church got the first UUA Welcoming Congregation designation under the leadership of Deb Bliss. She held Sat. morning workshops on topics i.e. Lesbian, Gay, AIDS and Inclusion. About ten people listened to stories from the LG community, meditated, sang songs of inclusion and became more aware, understanding, and Welcoming. Subsequently members of the church became involved in supporting members of the LG community who were in the fight with AIDS.

**Current Activities:** Community UU Church's WC committee of ten plans a busy year.

- First, August 1 an e-mail **survey, Welcoming Congregation Assessments of Commitments** will give you a chance to have your say *anonymously* on LGBTQ topics. Nelah McComsey
- Next, First Tuesday WC class **WHY PRIDE** September 6 at 7:00-8:30 PM, at church will enlarge understandings of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer issues (LGBTQ). Kimberly Meadows
- **Saturday, September 10.** We'll join a **PRIDE** event in McKinney **Louisiana Street Grill**, 350 E. Louisiana St. **Our table will spread the Good News of Community UU Plano as well. Stephanie Dorman**
- **Members from Community UU always join NTUUC for DALLAS PRIDE PARADE This year on Sun. September 18**
- **First Tues. October 4** WC class Inclusive Language **-WHAT DID YOU SAY?** Vickie Verinder
- And more to come.—Anita Van Ouwerkerk

## Upcoming Family Events at CUUC in August

Sun. 8/7 – Worship and RE, 10:30am.

Sun. 8/14 – Worship and RE, 10:30am. (last day of Makerspace!)

Fri. 8/19 – Everybody Game Night, 6pm. dinner, 7:15pm games

Sun. 8/21 – RE Board Pancake Breakfast, 9-10am.

Sun. 8/21 – Worship, 10:30am. (Water Communion and Ingathering for all ages)

Sun. 8/28 – Worship and RE, 10:30am.



## June Financial Report

### Finance Report by Dick Hildenbrand, Treasurer

The June financial summary for our operating accounts is listed below. Income-wise, the biggest disparity was in pledge payments for the new church year, off by about \$7,500, with some annual lump sums not being received (or a miscommunication about timing), and other oversights in getting monthly payments started. Follow-up has been made with all who were behind, and the deficit should be corrected within a month. Expense-wise, Religious Education programming is over budget on paper, as the RE budget hasn't had seasonality applied yet and typically a lot of their expenses occur early in the church year.

July and August routinely are negative cash flow months, and the Balloon Festival and Service Auction put things back in balance in the fall. As long as the members who have committed to make up their pledge payments do so, we will remain in a good cash position throughout the year.

**Major Repair financial status:** The first \$10,000 of the Line of Credit (LOC) authorization passed by the congregation in May has been withdrawn to pay current bills. As of July 2<sup>nd</sup>, we had spent \$135,078.36 on Major Repair against \$141,100 as sources of funds (loans from Investment, donations, LOC withdrawal). Since then, about \$3,000 more has been billed or paid.



### Upcoming Share the Plate Offerings

Date	Recipient
August 28	Barron Elementary School



*If you forget your checkbook on a Share the Plate Sunday, remember you can always donate on line.*

*June's Share the Plate netted \$250.80 for the Human Rights Initiative of North Texas.*

**FREE MONEY!**

**Kroger:** Update your Kroger Plus card to link to organization 83309 at [www.kroger.com/communityrewards](http://www.kroger.com/communityrewards). NOTE: It's time to renew your Kroger Community Rewards - just follow this link: <https://www.kroger.com/communityrewards>

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

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

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

## INCOME & EXPENSE June 2016

INCOME	June 2016	Month Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget	% Annual Budget (FY 8.3% comp)
Total Offering Income	\$28,376	\$35,839	\$28,376	\$35,839	\$258,402	11.0%
Total Fund Raiser Income	\$88	\$35	\$88	\$35	\$24,900	0.4%
Total Building Usage	\$2,728	\$2,940	\$2,728	\$2,940	\$27,900	9.8%
Misc. Income	\$762	\$738	\$762	\$738	\$12,824	5.9%
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$31,954</b>	<b>\$39,552</b>	<b>\$31,954</b>	<b>\$39,552</b>	<b>\$324,026</b>	<b>9.9%</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>						
Administration	\$3,994	\$4,375	\$3,994	\$4,375	\$54,929	7.3%
Programs	\$1,973	\$1,704	\$1,973	\$1,704	\$22,739	8.7%
Religious Education	\$8,470	\$5,255	\$8,470	\$5,255	\$63,552	13.3%
Facilities/Grounds	\$4,676	\$4,677	\$4,676	\$4,677	\$60,742	7.7%
Ministry	\$8,449	\$8,504	\$8,449	\$8,504	\$103,276	8.2%
Denomination	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$18,788	0.0%
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$28,198</b>	<b>\$25,515</b>	<b>\$28,198</b>	<b>\$25,515</b>	<b>\$324,026</b>	<b>8.7%</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$3,755</b>	<b>\$15,036</b>	<b>\$3,755</b>	<b>\$15,036</b>	<b>\$0</b>	

# *August Calendar*

For our August 2016 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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Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA): [www.uua.org](http://www.uua.org)

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Southwest District (SWUUC): **[www.swuuc.org](http://www.swuuc.org)**

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# 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 & Thursday:** 10:30am - 2:30pm  
other times by appointment.

**Membership Coordinator Cindy Pilcher Wednesday:** 9 - 11:30am.

## Church Secretary Connie Meints

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

## Music Director

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