



The Community News

January 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.

Congregational Meeting for Future of Building Project

Have you seen the changes in the church building? At the date of this writing, the roof leaks have been sealed, the ugly tarps have been taken down, and most of the damaged ceiling tiles have been replaced. By the time of publication, renovations of the nursery and back classroom should be well underway, and there are more changes coming. This brings us to the next item -- how to pay for it.

This coming January 17th after services will be a special congregational meeting to determine just that. Our building is undergoing some major and much-needed changes, and now is the time to determine how to pay for it.

To refresh everyone's memory, there are several pieces to our building repair. The inside work consists of a temporary fix for leak mitigation, and renovations to the nursery and back classroom. The outside work consists of the roof replacement itself, which will occur in parallel with some of the inside work. And the final piece is the financing, discussion and (hopefully) approval of that will occur on the 17th.

This is an important growth opportunity for our church, and affects almost every aspect of church life. Please make plans to attend.

To find out more about the progress of this project, please visit our website at www.communityuuchurch.org, or contact Duane Mortensen.



January, 2016 Sunday Services Theme - Justice

January 3 - "The Fast I Choose, a winding journey to becoming a human rights lawyer." Guest Speaker: Bill Holston.
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January 10 - "A Question Box Sermon" - Rev. Patrick Price

January 17 - "A Justice Made of Love" - Rev. Patrick Price

January 24 - "Equal Justice" - Rev. Patrick Price

January 31 - Dr. Susan Harper

**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 "Justice"

There is almost too much to take in right now regarding all the places Justice needs to be actively present. From those displaced by wars and climate change, or those still suffering from the effects of the Great Recession, to Islamophobia, or the deaths of people of color, to the proliferation of guns and their resulting violence. What is becoming clearer by the day is that all of these issues of justice are completely intertwined and part of a larger system of consumption and repression. They are part of a larger reality where fear and wealth are worshipped over the Common Good. We must deal with the needs and justice making on our door steps, but we must also understand the bigger picture too.

Despite changes, which always happen, if we do not reform the larger frame of our culture, then nothing much will really be transformed. And, it is the transformation that we are seeking when we do the work of justice making and maintaining. This is also the core of the religious journey; to not just change, but to be transformed into better versions of ourselves.

When we are doing Justice making well, then we are not only transforming our little piece of the world, but we are being transformed. Or, perhaps it may be the other way around; that it is our transformations that transform the world? I personally feel it is probably both; that mutual transformation is the result of our hard work in being, and becoming the Beloved Community.

See you in Church. Blessings, Patrick

Have you brought in your check for the UU Service Committee as part of our Guest At Your Table offering for this year? Please remember to fill out a check for the amount you and your family collected in the "guest" box since November. And give your check to Anne Smith or her husband Chet Smith



in early January, so we can total our collection to send to the UU Service Committee. If you never picked up a box to "feed", you can still submit a check as your donation to this worthy cause. Thanks for your support!

Building Racial Bridges: CUUC's February Common Read

Help us build racial bridges HERE, NOW. Read [Why We Can't Wait](#) by Martin Luther King, Jr. Join the discussion on **Monday, Feb. 1st and 8th at 7pm.at the church.** MLK's message to white churches is as relevant today as it was in 1964. Nominally-priced copies of the book will be available in Founders Hall beginning January 17. Facilitator: Michael Phillips, PhD, Professor Collin College History Dept., scholar of Texas race relations. This is the first of a series of programs by the CUUC Social Action Committee.

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January 3 - Bill Holston, a Dallas attorney, provided pro bono assistance to Asylum Seekers for over twenty years before becoming the Executive Director of Human Rights Initiative.

President's Column

Happy New Year! January is a time when many of us organize, plan, and take action on those things we identify as important. Looking forward to 2016, and the years to follow, members of the congregation met on December 5, 2015, to organize, plan, and expand upon initiatives that were identified at our All Church Retreat which took place last August. In August we spoke about how our next 50 years as a church community might look. **Many good ideas were shared and four initiatives were chosen on which we would move ahead immediately. Those four choices are:**

Church Building
Increased Congregational Diversity
Social Action Outreach
Resiliency

At our meeting on December 5, 2015, which was called "Next Steps", we gathered to form teams, develop plans and identify immediate actions needed to support those initiatives. Our goal was to build some organization to help us work toward our 50 year vision. Each team selected a team leader who will serve as the contact/communication link between the Board of Trustees and the group. Team leaders include:

Dick Hildenbrand – Church Building
Anita Van Ouewerkerk - Increased Congregational Diversity
Deb Bliss – Social Action Outreach
Gene Verinder – Resiliency

Many good ideas were shared and immediate actions were identified. In fact each team indicated that they could move forward on selected items. While this meeting was well attended, and enthusiasm was high, each team acknowledged the need for additional participation by the congregation. **We need you.** I ask you to choose a team, contact the team leader, and offer to help. Let's get started now!

Fondly, Lexie

Newcomer Orientation Class

Sunday, December 10, 12 – 1:30pm, in Room F. Childcare provided. Do you want to learn more about Unitarian Universalism or Community Unitarian Universalist Church of Plano? Maybe you would like to meet some of our leaders, or to hear about our programs and activities. Maybe you're thinking about becoming a member. Are you interested in sharing your story or hearing those of other new UUs like yourself?

The Newcomer Orientation class is fundamental and perfect for experiencing the sense of community that you've been longing for.

The workshop is broadly divided into three areas:

- spiritual journey and worship,
- history and background of Unitarian Universalism,
- the programs and organization of Community Church.

To register for the class - please follow this link: [NCO Class Registration](#). Of course, walk-ins are welcome, too.

For more information: email membcom@communityuuchurch.org or talk to a Greeter or Membership Council member on Sunday.

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The Church office will be closed Friday, December 25 thru Friday, January 1.

Simple Living Chalice Circle

Meeting time and place – The next meeting will be **Saturday morning Jan. 8, at 11am.**

Theme/topic – Learning together to live deliberately.

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

location.

Deadline for the February newsletter is Friday, January 15. Email your articles to newsletter@communityuuchurch.org.

Odd's & Ends

Saturday, January 30, 2016

Men, women, teenagers come join us on Saturday morning January 30th for pizza & fellowship. We'll pair up doing things to help our church building look & function better. No skills needed! Just come, have a good time, make a new friend and see what you can learn. We'll also feed you! What's not to enjoy. Don't hesitate to talk to Bill Daffinee, Dick Hildenbrand or Duane Mortensen for details. See you there.

Collin County Homeless Coalition

The annual homeless census will be taken January 21, 2016.

Friday Night Flicks - Founders Hall, 7pm.

January 8 - 9 TO 5 - 1980

When was the last time you laughed out loud at a film? This is the film to see as Judy (Jane Fonda), Violet (Lily Tomlin) and Doralee (Dolly Parton) give their boss Frank Hart (Dabney Coleman) the special treatment he deserves.

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 .

Minecraft Party

Our annual Minecraft Party will be held on **Saturday, January 9**. All Minecraft players will enjoy gaming together. Each child 11 years old or younger needs an adult chaperone to stay with them. Bring a laptop if you have one. Contact Heather Joy at reboard@communityuuchurch.org for questions.

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.

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, January 19

Location: Mary Ann Owens' home in Plano. **Contact Mary Ann by Friday, January 15 if you plan to attend.**

Selection: [A Man Called Ove: A Novel](#) by Fredrik Backman

Meet Ove. He's a curmudgeon—the kind of man who points at people he dislikes as if they were burglars caught outside his bedroom window. He has staunch principles, strict routines, and a short fuse. People call him “the bitter neighbor from hell.” But must Ove be bitter just because he doesn't walk around with a smile plastered to his face all the time?

Behind the cranky exterior there is a story and a sadness. So when one November morning a chatty young couple with two chatty young daughters move in next door and accidentally flatten Ove's mailbox, it is the lead-in to a comical and heartwarming tale of unkempt cats, unexpected friendship, and the ancient art of backing up a U-Haul. All of which will change one cranky old man and a local residents' association to their very foundations.

Circle Suppers is in full swing for the Spring session. We meet the 2nd Saturday of each month for dinner and try to keep about 7 to 10 people in each dinner group. Each month we email all the people who signed up for CIRCLE SUPPERS to see who would like to attend this month and to see who might be available to host. The guests meet at the host's home. The host provides the main dish and each guest brings an additional dish or drinks. If you are new to our church this is a great way to meet some new folks. It is OK to sign up even if your situation doesn't allow you to be a host. To sign up just send an email to Circlesuppers@communityUUchurch.org and give your name (or names) and email and a phone number.

Religious Education

*The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends towards justice.
Theodore Parker, abolitionist and Unitarian minister*

Justice – Now More Than Ever, but How?

Kathy E. Smith, Director of Religious Education

In the words of one of our hymns (#170), “we are a justice-seeking people”. Unitarians and Universalists share a long history of working for social justice. Clara Barton, Susan B. Anthony, Theodore Parker, Dorothea Dix, James Reeb, are just a few names in our historical register. There are many more. Not all of us, not all the time – as a denomination, as church communities, and as individuals, we sometimes fall short of our ideals because we are human. But it is good to remember that we have a theology that calls us to act for justice, and role models within our faith history to inspire us with their examples.

But it is hard, sometimes to act for justice. Sometimes we are so busy with our everyday lives we miss things going on around us. Sometimes we don’t know what to say. Sometimes we just feel helpless in the face of so much to do. Here are three action steps you can take this week or this month with your family.

Talk about justice. Especially, talk about justice as a Unitarian Universalist family. Our principles call us to work for justice, equity and compassion in human relationships (“offer kindness” in Spirit play language) and to work for a world community with peace, liberty and justice for all (“insist for justice”). As you discuss current events, talk, too, about how Unitarian Universalists are called to respond to them. What does “justice for everyone” look like? How are Unitarian Universalists responding to events in the news? You can find answers to that question online at the UU World (the denominational news magazine), by subscribing to an email list such as the UU Service Committee, or by liking a Facebook page such as the Standing on the Side of Love.

Take a stand for justice. Write a letter as a family to your congressman, senator, governor or mayor. Brainstorm with your child to come up with three things they might say to a friend who says something negative about another faith tradition. Listen to what people are saying in your Facebook comments and respond with love and/or accurate information rather than ignoring hateful comments – model for your child healthy ways to approach social media.

Work on a social justice project as a family. On MLK Day, many people choose to help their community instead. To learn more about the National Day of Service, check out www.nationalservice.gov/mlkday. Ask if there is a project you and your children could do together at church – ongoing projects include weeding the playground and mulching in the Community Garden. Contact a local organization that provides meals (such as Journey of Hope Grief Counseling Center) to ask if you and your children could supply a meal in January or February.

There are opportunities all around you to be a positive force for justice. January is a great month to work on justice together!

In faith, Kathy

Teachers and RE Volunteers!

Don't Miss the Annual Appreciation Dinner on **January 30!** Your area DREs are your hosts at this delicious, catered, sit-down dinner at Temple Shalom at 6pm. Childcare is included. And it's all free to you as long as you tell us you're coming. Hope to see you there!

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City of Plano Energy Award

During the last few years you have approved projects to reduce your church's carbon footprint.

Over the last couple of years we have achieved the following:

We replaced the thermostats with a central controlled program. This is augmented with temporary local control when spaces are occupied during nonstandard times.

We replaced the building's one hundred sixty-two (162), four fluorescent tube light fixtures with fixtures containing two LED lights. Each fixture reduced the electrical need from 200 watts to 68 watts. This reduced the total electrical use by 21.4 kW.

We added an attic exhaust fan to reduce the heat load from the roof & ceiling. The roof had already been coated with a white sealer to reflect heat.

We replaced five rooftop HVAC heat pumps consisting of thirty-five (35) tons with five air conditioners with integrated gas heat units totaling 30 tons of the highest efficiency units available. This reduced the load to the electric grid by 152 kW.

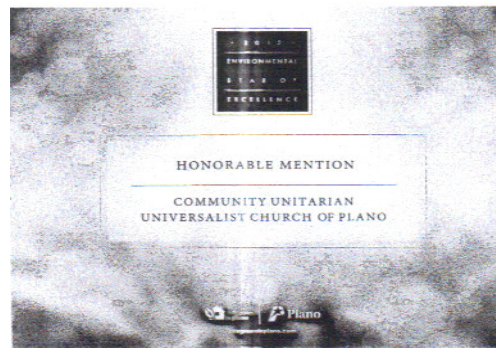
The impact is that the energy we've saved can provide power to more than 30 new houses in Plano. We are also seeing an impact to our operating budget in excess of \$6000 per year in lower electric bills.

We submitted these projects to Plano's environmental department award program and received an honorable mention. While our impact was not as large as some of the other initiatives in Plano that won the award, we can be proud of our contribution to the environment, especially in light of the global discussions occurring now in Paris related to global climate change.

We will be looking at more initiatives in the future to further our 7th principle: Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

Thank you for your support

Duane Mortensen
Board member, Facility Chair



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Save the Date: Women's Alliance Annual Retreat

This year our retreat will be held on **April 8, 9 and 10, 2016**. We will again be returning to Glen Lake Retreat Center in Glen Rose, TX. We will post more details as we finalize our plans.

We have two price options:

Option 1 is a deluxe cabin, which will accommodate 9 persons on the bottom bunks. The cabin has a large lighted vanity area and a bathroom with showers. The mattresses are wide and firm. You will need to provide your bedding and towels. This price is \$100 for the weekend which includes 3 meals on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday.

Option 2 is an hotel style room available for \$150. These rooms are semi-private with 2 twin beds and a private bath in each and you do not need to bring bedding or towels. This price also includes your meals. There is a limited number of these rooms so it is first come, first serve. You must submit payment for a room to be held in your name.

Come join us for our annual gathering. It is a fun weekend filled with sharing, singing, activities and more. A chance to make new friends and visit with old friends. This is your chance to get away from it all!! We hope to see you there!

If you plan on joining us, contact Barb Salvo for more details or questions.

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What's New in the Community Garden? New gardeners!

Several choice plots are available for adoption beginning January 2016.

Wanted: A few enthusiastic folks to spend 4-6 hours/month helping to grow organic produce, harvest and deliver the bounty to local food pantries.

Benefits of gardening:

- Serve those who are hungry in your community

- Grow nutrient-rich food to serve at your table

- Connect with nature

- Work alongside friendly, experienced gardeners

- Enjoy physical activity (one hour of gardening can burn 337 calories)

- Experience bio-euphoria: studies have shown gardening has an anti-depressant and anti-anxiety effect.

 - (Exposure to Vitamin D from sunshine helps regulate serotonin, the "happiness" neurotransmitter.)

Provided: Organic compost, fertilizer, and pest supplies, tools, water, mentoring, fun.

Contact Deb Bliss at harvest@communityuuchurch.org with questions or to begin the adoption process.

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 ends no later than 9pm. 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

Study and Discussion Group - Rev. Patrick Price. The Winter/Spring Series resumes **January 19 - 9am.** The book for this series is: **Waking the Karma Fairy by the Rev. Meg Barnhouse.** This book can be ordered from the UUA bookstore or Rev. Price will have copies for sale at discounted price.

Monday

Vipassana Meditation with Clifton Rule. 7 - 9 pm in Room G of the annex. "We are not in the business of making Buddhists but we do study their suggestions for starting and continuing a meditation practice of your own. We meditate for 30 minutes, read and discuss books about meditation, and learn about this path of personal freedom from stress, anxiety, and wanting. Please come join us and partake of this opportunity to explore this exciting new tool for your own personal journey."

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

Wednesday or Thursdays - Great Decisions 2016. For members and friends who like to learn about and discuss American foreign policy, Two groups will **begin on Wed., Jan. 6, 2 p.m.** at church in Founders Hall. This first meeting is to organize, choose meeting dates, sign-up to facilitate topics and sign-up to host. Proposed meeting frequency: **Choose 8 Fridays** at 2 p.m. Jan 15, Jan. 29, Feb. 12, Feb. 26, March 11, March 25, April 8 and April 22 **OR 8 Thursdays**, 1:30: Jan. 14, 28; Feb. 11, 25; March 10, 24; April 7, 21. Ordered books are expected to arrive in late December and meetings will continue every 2 weeks to discuss the topics selected by the Foreign Policy Association in their "Great Decisions 2016" program. See www.fpa.org to order books for 2016 - if you haven't already ordered as part of the early ordering group. Read the chapters at home, view the DVD background at the meeting, and then discuss these topics:

- Shifting Alliances in the Middle East
- The Rise of ISIS
- The Future of Kurdistan
- International Migration
- Korean Choices
- The United Nations Post-2015
- Climate Geopolitics
- Cuba and the U.S.

Questions? Please contact Grace Morrison if you wish to meet in homes, taking turns facilitating the topics and hosting on the selected dates. Please contact Donna Bening if you wish to meet at the Community UU Church in Founders Hall on the selected dates.

Thursday

The Origin of Civilization – 6pm – Church Annex. Don Fielding is the facilitator for Jan. 7 - The Florescence of the Inka Empire and Jan. 14 - Ancient States - Unity and Diversity? Jan. 21 - BREAK

New Syllabus - Long Strange Trip: The Journey Through Two Thousand Years of Unitarian Universalist History - 6pm - Facilitator John Hart - Church Annex. Jan. 28 - In the Beginning

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Humanists Group. The Humanists group meets at **6pm** in the **Church Annex**, final class is **January 14**. The program is discussion-centered on Humanist-oriented topics led by various speakers.

New Class starting in February

Artist Colony Group will be coming the end of February. Guides: Clyde Grauke and Miles Dillon. Watch for More news

Connections

The Leadership Development Committee (LDC) is charged with identifying, nurturing and supporting Community UU Church lay leaders. One of the ways we nurture and support our leaders is by assisting with educational opportunities. We recently provided stipends to several people attending the UUA Southern Region Fall Conference in Glen Rose.

We can also help with the costs for going to UUA General Assembly and other off-site leadership training.

Approximately every 18 months, the LDC offers the UUA *Harvest the Power* workshop series here at Community Church. Part of the *Tapestry of Faith* series of curricula for adults, *Harvest the Power* weaves Unitarian Universalist values, Principles and Sources with four strands: spiritual development, ethical development, Unitarian Universalist identity development, and faith development.

We offer these two-hour workshops on the same evening every week for 12 weeks. Free childcare is provided. If you are invited to attend the workshops, please consider being part of this challenging and rewarding opportunity to explore leadership as a spiritual practice, based on UU principles and grounded in UU history.

Part of being a leader is learning how to shake things up. You may enjoy this episode of NPR's popular *Ted Radio Hour*, which features five Ted Talks on changing the status quo: <http://www.npr.org/programs/ted-radio-hour/261084166/disruptive-leadership>.

What can the LDC do to support your leadership journey? Let us know at ldc@communityuuchurch.org.

-Your LDC Correspondent

Calendar of Upcoming Family-Friendly Events:

Sun. 1/3 – Worship/Religious Education classes, 10:30am.

Sat. 1/9 – Minecraft Party, 3-9pm.

Sun. 1/10 – Coffee and Coaching (for RE Teachers), 9:15am.

Sun. 1/10 – Worship/Religious Education classes, 10:30am.

Fri. 1/15- Everybody Game Night, 6:30-9pm

Fri. 1/15-Sun. 1/17 – YRUU Rally (Houston area)

Sun. 1/17 – Worship/Religious Education classes, 10:30am.

Sun. 1/24 – Worship/Religious Education classes, 10:30am.

Sat. 1/30 – Odds 'n Ends Day (bring your child and come help!)

Sat. 1/30 – Appreciation Dinner, 6pm. (Temple Shalom)

Sun. 1/31 – Worship/Religious Education classes, 10:30am. (children's chapel K-7th).

November Financial Report

By Dick Hildenbrand, Treasurer

The November 2015 financial summary for our operating accounts is listed below. Pledge income continues to be better or earlier than expected; Service Auction income is lagging a bit but is expected to catch up during December and January. Service Auction statements have been emailed to everyone who still owes. Total Service Auction income will end up at \$16k, versus \$17k budgeted. Thanks to all who donated or participated.

A mid-year review of our operating accounts resulted in a Board decision to reinstate some funding that originally had to be cut from the budget for the current year (June 15 – May 16). The Membership Coordinator position has now been funded through the remainder of the year; we will renew our Workers Compensation insurance; \$500 has also been reinstated to support Worship and Music (primarily Speaker Honoraria and Guest Musicians). This decision was based on a financially conservative projection; if we continue to do better than expected, more funding might be reinstated in the coming months.

[Donate Now](#)

November's *Share the Plate* netted \$570.31 for the Minister's Discretionary Fund. Additional contributions plus sales of Jeff Hagerhorst's breads brought in another \$934.96 to this fund.

Upcoming *Share the Plate* Offerings

Date	Recipient
Dec 27, 2015	Plano Community Home
Jan 31, 2016	Barron Elementary Fund
Feb. 28, 2016	Minister's Discretionary Fund

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

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 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>

INCOME & EXPENSE November 2015

	Nov. 2015	Month Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget	% Annual Budget (FY 50% comp)
INCOME						
Total Offering Income	\$20,080	\$17,828	\$135,158	\$125,910	\$246, 596	54.8%
Total Fund Raiser Income	\$8,133	\$12,000	\$19,420	\$19,450	\$24,900	78.0%
Total Building Usage	\$2,137	\$1,992	\$13,485	\$12,262	\$26,404	51.1%
Misc. Income	\$782	\$778	\$6,225	\$5,966	\$15,760	39.5%
TOTAL INCOME	\$31,132	\$32,598	\$174,289	\$163,588	\$313,659	55.6%
EXPENSE						
Administration	\$5,067	\$6,599	\$29,587	\$29,509	\$54,155	54.6%
Programs	\$3,085	\$2,081	\$11,689	\$11,588	\$22,789	51.3%
Religious Education	\$5,100	\$4,560	\$32,253	\$32,241	\$59,839	53.9%
Facilities/Grounds	\$4,813	\$3,886	\$29,284	\$27,302	\$60,222	48.6%
Ministry	\$7,944	\$9,797	\$47,191	\$49,531	\$98,900	47.7%
Denomination	\$1,614	\$1,614	\$8,070	\$8,070	\$17,754	45.5%
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$27,623	\$28,537	\$158,074	\$158,241	\$313,659	50.4%
NET INCOME	\$3,509	\$4,060	\$16,215	\$5,347	\$0	-

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Southwest District (SWUUC): **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 - On Sabbatical
Sabbatical Dir. Of Religious Education Sandy Kochenower (Sandy K.)
Sunday mornings.

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 Robert Brown

The Community News

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STEWARDSHIP FOR UUs!

How to Think About It, How to Talk About It, How to Do It
Putting the STEWARD back in Stewardship and
Taking out the mystery and awkwardness

- **LEARN** Unitarian Universalist stewardship perspectives
- **LINK** stewardship goals and programs to Mission & Vision
- **REVIEW** power tools & techniques for effective stewardship
- **MASTER** the key stewardship questions
- **ENJOY** a working lunch and small group discussions
- **MEET** and share ideas with other area UUs
- **APPLY** what is learned to your congregation's Next Steps

Have You Ever Noticed?

UU's can talk about anything with ease but MONEY.
Let's break that cycle and talk about resourcing what we love.

Gather together to learn about money and stewardship, and the connection to our Mission and Vision.

Special Focus:

Stewardship Principles and Tools

The Stewardship Questions We Usually Get Wrong

Capital Campaigns and Debt – Planning for your Future

A workshop for anyone interested in the future of your congregation and Unitarian Universalism.

Saturday, February 6, 2016 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM

Hosted by Community Unitarian Universalist Church – Plano, TX.
2875 East Parker Road, Plano, Texas 75074-7503

Provided by UUA Congregational Life, the Stewardship for Us Team, and the Southern Region.

Presented by Stewardship for Us Consultant Bill Clontz

Attendance is free for all members of NTUUC congregations,
donations are suggested for non-members.

Includes materials, snacks, and lunch.

Childcare available. Please visit our website at

www.communityuuchurch.org for registration information.

For our January 2016 calendar, go to our website at:

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