



The Community News

October 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.

If it's September, that means the **Service Auction** is just around the corner. This is the third and final Fundraising (also the largest!) Event for 2016, so mark your calendars for **November 19** and plan to participate. The Service Auction is not only a time to support our Church financially, it's a time of fun and fellowship, not to mention an opportunity to take advantage of one of a kind services offered by members of our congregation.

This year's theme is "**One Fantastical Evening**." For this event, hosts and their dinner guests are encouraged to choose an imaginative table theme—think whimsy, fantasy, sci-fi, and beyond! This is your chance to create a world that, heretofore, has existed only in your imagination. Sign up to serve as a Table Host and participate, with your guests, in "One Fantastical Evening!"

Participating is fun and easy! **To become a Table Host or attend as a guest, contact Barb Salvo.**

Do you have an interesting skill or culinary expertise? Here are some examples of items that have been donated in years past: orthodontics, musical instruments and music lessons, electronic items, unique meals and parties, artwork, handyman services and much more. Create an offering you believe will attract buyers then follow this link to download the **Service Auction Donation Form**: <http://bit.ly/ServiceAuction2016>

Who should participate? ***YOU!*** Of course, you'll want to invite friends and family, too!

When? **Saturday, November 19** from 5 pm until...

Doors open at 5pm for the silent auction. Dinner will be served at 6pm. The Live Auction begins at 7pm.

Where? **Community Unitarian Universalist Church**, 2875 East Parker Road, Plano, Texas 75074.

To sign up to attend, or to become a table host, contact Barb Salvo. To help acquire/donate items, contact Dick Hildenbrand. For general questions, email serviceauction@communityuuchurch.org. Let's make 2016 our most memorable auction ever!

October, 2016 Sunday Services

Oct. 2 – "The Many-ness and the One-ness" - Rev. Patrick Price

Oct. 9 - "Do All Lives Matter?" - Guest Speaker - Rev. Mark Walz, U.U. Church of Oak Cliff

Oct. 16 - "Isolation, Solitude and Community" - Rev. Patrick Price

Oct. 23 - "Vision and Resilience: Our Unity and Our Diversity" - Rev. Patrick Price.

Oct. 30 - Annual All Souls Celebration. Please attend the party for Rev. Price as he prepares for sabbatical Nov. 1 to Feb 28th

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 "Our Unity and Diversity"

Understanding and describing the singular depth and the complexity of our lives is like the proverbial blind people and the elephant. We all differently experience different parts of the same thing, some describing trunks, and others describing tails, and other legs and ears, all as things they are not, and with all being parts of a larger, unseen whole.

I feel the real importance to all of this is in the fact that the ways we experience and describe the underlying reality of our lives in turn affects our lives and the lives of those around us. If we experience God as harsh, demanding and jealous, then that will hold certain implications about the world and how we should live in it. If our experience and image of the Holy is all loving, embracing and forgiving, that understanding will have a different set of implications for us and our lives and the world. Be careful what gods you worship lest you become like them. Or, as Unitarian minister and Transcendentalist Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote,

"A person will worship something-- have no doubt about that... That which dominates our imaginations and our thoughts will determine our lives and character. Therefore, it behooves us to be careful what we worship, for what we are worshipping we are becoming" (SLT, # 563)

Even so believing something alone does not make it concrete or influential in our lives or those of others. As Unitarian Thomas Jefferson wrote, "It is in our lives, not in our words, that our religion will be demonstrated."

In a world increasing in its complexity and multiplicity, rigid, singly focused ways of understanding life, the Holy, the Ultimate, Goddess/God, become more brittle. It is ever increasingly necessary to be able to see the reflection of the Spirit of Life in eyes different from our own; to be open to understandings of the underlying significance of everything different from our own. The interconnected web of all existence is woven of many different strands.

As Unitarian Universalists we should not and cannot abandon "God language," to those who would just as soon abuse us with it. We need to acknowledge our own responsibility for the image of God that we are content to believe in or not. As Americans we are already diverse, but we need to use the various languages we have to share together the profoundness of our lives, and to find new ways for us to experience each other as part of the Holy breathing of the world. In turn we can offer our lives to the world as examples of more open, loving and caring ways of being in the many-ness of the Oneness that embraces us all.

Blessings, Patrick

A Building Re-dedication and Recognition ceremony is part of our morning worship Sunday October 2, 2016. Please make sure to join us in recognizing the donors, many volunteers and stalwart lay leaders who made possible the mold remediation, repair and renovations of key areas of our building over the last year. We will recommit ourselves and the use of our facilities to the sharing of our living tradition in Plano and north Texas. After morning worship there will be tours of the renovated areas of our campus.

President's Column

On August 27, 2016, we came together during our All Church Leadership Retreat to talk about what it means to be welcoming. You know, of course, that the Welcoming Congregation Committee is working to renew our designation as a Welcoming Congregation. The goal of the All Church Retreat was to broaden our understanding of what being welcoming really means.

Stephanie Dorman, who recently joined our congregation, and is a former co-chair of the Unitarian Universalist Welcoming Congregation Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Columbia, Missouri, and a member of our Welcoming Congregation Renewal Committee, explained the rainbow labels LGBTQIP2SAA and her heartfelt lay ministry for "Standing on the Side of Love." While still in Columbia, Missouri, Stephanie was co-chair of her church's Interweave chapter. Ask her about this. Interweave is a group that was active here at Community, but has not been active for several years.

Betsy Friauf, who with her husband Michael Phillips, has been active in supporting racial equality and educating us on local and national issues and the Black Lives Matter initiative, spoke about the importance of building racial bridges.

Bill Holsten, Executive Director of Human Rights Initiative of North Texas, who was one of our recent guest speakers during a Sunday worship service, has provided pro bono legal representation for political and religious asylum applicants since 1987. After a legal career that began in 1981, Bill left his law practice in 2012 to become Executive Director of HRI. From 1998 until 2012, Bill was a member of the Pro Bono College of the State Bar of Texas and is a member and twice past chair of the Dallas Bar Association's Pro Bono Activities Committee. He spoke with passion and enthusiasm about how we, as a congregation, can be welcoming to those who seek political and religious asylum.

Many of us have come to Unitarian Universalism from different religious backgrounds, and our final speaker, our own John Hart, spoke about theological diversity from a historical perspective.

At the conclusion of our Retreat, actions we might take to become a more welcoming congregation were suggested. Several existing committees are working on implementing these actions. For more information, and to get involved, contact Betsy Friauf who leads the Building Racial Bridges Committee, or Anita Van Ouwkerk who leads the Welcoming Congregation Renewal Committee.

Fondly,

Lexie

Faith Forward: Inquirers Series

Our Faith Forward: Inquirers Series is underway! The Inquirers Series is an 8-week rotation of conversations about Unitarian Universalism and our church. The series is designed for visitors and newcomers seeking general information, but is open to all. Please see our website for weekly topics. You are welcome to join us at any point in the rotation. **We meet on Sundays from 12:15 – 1:15 in the Library.**

Cindy Pilcher

Membership Coordinator

October, 2016

Simple Living Chalice Circle

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

Theme/topic – Learning together to live deliberately.

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

Halloween Party

– Our annual Halloween Party will be on **Saturday, October 29, from 2-4 pm.** Come enjoy a wide range of activities for children of all ages. Sensorium! Games! Face Painting! Haunted House! We're looking for volunteers to run booths and bring goodies. Contact DRE Kathy Smith and let us know what you'd like to do to help!

Oktoberfest Party behind the church; seats available

Dick Hildenbrand states that he can handle 12 more people (above those that bid on this item in the November 2014 Service Auction) to come to the big **Oktoberfest Party at 6:00pm on Oktober 1st behind the church in the big tent. Price is \$40/person, payable to Dick.** We'll have a German buffet - various Bavarian-style Wursts & salads, live music provided by Die Frohsinn Kappelle (and a dance floor), Bier vom Fass (on tap), Wein, hilarity and Gemuetlichkeit. **If interested or if you have any questions, see or contact Dick.** Lederhosen and Dirndl encouraged.

Friday Night Flicks Founders Hall - 7pm.

October 14 - Race - 2016 - 2 hrs 14 min - PG 13

Jesse Owens' quest to become the greatest track and field athlete in history thrusts him onto the world stage of the 1936 Olympics, where he faces off against Adolf Hitler's vision of Aryan

Supremacy. Starring Stephen James as Jesse. Leni Riefenstahl filmed the politically embarrassing fact for posterity.

October 28 - Mr Holmes - 2015 - 1 hr 44 min - PG

An aged, retired Sherlock Holmes deals with early dementia as he tries to remember both his final case and a mysterious woman whose memory haunts him. He also befriends a fan, the young son of his housekeeper, who wants him to work again. Starring Ian McKellen, Laura Linney and Milo Parker.

Hey, RE Teachers! Coffee and Coaching!

This year the RE Board is again sponsoring a 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. **This month we'll look for you in Room F at 9:15 a.m. on October 2 to talk about how to get attention and keep the enthusiasm going!**

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: October 18

Location: Deb Bliss' home. **RSVP to Deb by Oct. 14 if you plan to attend.**

Selection: 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea by Jules Verne.

Date: November 15

Location: Nancy Barlow's Home
Selection: The Soul of an Octopus: A Surprising Exploration into the Wonder of Consciousness by Sy Montgomery

Youth RALLY!!! - The Heart of Texas

(H.O.T.) Rally will be held from **Friday, October 21 to Sunday, October 23 at Live Oak UU Church in Austin.** If you'd like to go, watch your email for forms or see Kathy Smith, DRE.

PDG (Potluck Dinner and Games)!

October 21 in Founders Hall. This monthly event sponsored by the RE Board is for everyone who loves to play games. We meet on the third Friday of every month. Potluck dinner at 6:30, games from 7:30-10, childcare provided for young children (or children who are done with game-playing for the night). Come for dinner, come for games, or come for the whole evening. And it's free! Questions? Ask Danni Williams or Patrick Fisher.

Religious Education

Words to Live By

In every conceivable way, the family is link to our past, bridge to our future.

– author Alex Haley

Halloween and Family Rituals

by Kathy E. Smith, Director of Religious Education

What is a ritual? If you do it with fanfare, conscious thought, and most especially, repeat it from year to year, it's a family ritual! Dressing in costume, going door to door, attending the church Halloween party – these are all examples of rituals common to UU families. But have you wondered what purpose these family traditions serve?

To quote UU writer Meg Cox, “The special power of ritual is that it can slow time and heighten our senses, and by doing so, we can intensify and deepen our family ties. And how can we use ritual to deepen our children’s ties to Unitarian Universalism? One good way is to introduce Unitarian Universalist philosophy and language into grace, if you say one at meals, and bedtime prayers ... Another way to incorporate Unitarian Universalist themes is to use and refer to the Seven Principles ...” *Meg Cox, UU World, July/Aug 2003, “New Family Rituals”*. Meg Cox goes on to say that family rituals are most successful when they relate to your family’s history, passions or values – and that children absorb UU values when they celebrate holidays (and other rituals) in a religious community where their family values are shared.

Satisfying rituals have preparation, action, and celebration – more simply said as “beginnings, middles and ends”. Think of simple rituals like birthday cakes: we turn out the lights, sing “Happy Birthday” and blow out the candles, and then eat the cake!

So let’s relate that to Halloween. When you do an activity, do you do it to build connections between family members? Create memories? Help someone else? Take those “whys” and think about the values that underlie them: love for one another, joy in our families, compassion for people in need. Consciously set aside special time for each activity. Talk about what you’re doing, and why. Then do it and savor the closeness! Try adding one of these rituals this year:

Come to the church Halloween party – or Samhain celebration or All Souls’ Service on Sunday. Create community!

The annual photo, in costume. Same place each year. Make a special photo album just for Halloween pictures!

Pick pumpkins together. Get one for the family or have each member of the family pick their own.

Carve the pumpkins together. Make a party of it! Have the kids draw or choose their own designs. With parental help, kids clean and carve their own.

Bake pumpkin seeds. Rinse them clean of “pumpkin guts”, spread in a single layer on a cookie sheet, sprinkle with salt or seasoned salt, and roast at 325° for 30 minutes.

Family Day Out – pick your own apples at a farm, go through a corn maze, go to a fall festival.

Pumpkin Phantom. Pick out an extra pumpkin to surprise someone – a senior citizen, teacher, or someone without kids. Leave it on their doorstep in secret with a note that says “Happy Halloween from the Pumpkin Phantom”! You can even disguise your handwriting by cutting out the letters from a newspaper, like an old-time spy novel.

Collect for UNICEF. When you go trick-or-treating, collect change for UNICEF – the United Nations Children’s Fund. You can get more information on their website at <https://www.unicefusa.org/trick-or-treat>.

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Give Out Fair Trade Treats. With your child, do some internet research on Fair Trade chocolate – so you can give out treats that **don't** use child labor and **do** use environmentally-friendly farming. You could start with Equal Exchange at <https://www.equalexchange.coop/blog/why-fair-trade-halloween-chocolate-matters>.

Whatever your family rituals, enjoy the ways they bring your family closer together. Happy October, and we'll see you in church!

In faith,
Kathy

Deadline for the November newsletter is Friday, October 21. Email your articles to newsletter @communityuuchurch.org

Connections

Leadership spotlight on you!

Yes, you are a leader!

We all help form each other's ideas and experiences by our behavior. As Unitarian Universalists, we represent our free faith here at church and in the wider community.

When you see guests at church, let them know you are glad they came. Invite them to coffee hour and introduce them to some of your friends. Tell them why you come to this church. Answer their questions and steer them to the new *Faith Forward: Inquires Series* in the Library after service.

If you are a new church member, consider becoming a Greeter or an Usher. Both of these jobs are fun and also great ways to connect with church members and our new guests.

One of the best volunteer positions is working with our children and youth. It is a great privilege to guide someone on their faith journey and to watch them become confident Unitarian Universalists.

With Reverend Price leaving for his sabbatical in November, there are plenty of opportunities for all of us to step up and be counted as UU leaders. When we ask you to serve the church, please consider serving. We ask you because we value your leadership skills and abilities.

Service opportunities

We are looking for people to join the Facilities Management Team. Do you have an interest in managing others working to accomplish landscaping, mowing, interior and exterior projects? Choose your area of interest and let the LDC know you want to serve our church community in this valuable way. What can the LDC do to support your leadership journey? Let us know at ldc@communityuuchurch.org.

Your LDC Correspondent

Social Action News

Welcoming Congregation Renewal

History-- In 1989-1992 when Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS) became epidemic a common response was fear and rejection of those infected. Although heterosexuals died in greater numbers, the stigma of AIDS clung to homosexual males. Members of Community UU Church, Linda Frank, June Bruns, and others visited, hugged, fed, and listened to the ill. They took stuffed bears and became known as Care-Bears. Many memorial services were held at the church.

Now—HIV-AIDS can be controlled, but is still rampant in the US. Dallas-AIDS Interfaith Network (AIN) serves 2000 AIDS patients a month and calls on 10,000 a year. 37% of the US pop. is living with AIDS. Highest # is in D.C. followed by the southern states including La., Fla., Tx. *AIN website.*

Welcoming Congregation Renewal Class. Mark your calendar for **Tuesday, Oct. 4 7pm in Founders Hall.** The topic is **“Inclusive Language for LGBTQA: Exactly What Did You (Mean To) Say?”** and **Amelia de Luna-Owsley will be our speaker.** She is a graduate student at Texas A&M Commerce pursuing a master’s degree in Sociology focusing on gender and sexuality. She currently leads a discernment and support group for the LGBTQA community at the Wesleyan campus. Amelia has been a pagan for 9 years and Unitarian for 5. Her husband David is a seminary student at Brite Divinity. They have two Yorkies and a perpetually hungry cat.

Hunger Initiative

God's Pantry has started signing up clients for the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday boxes. These boxes provide a family traditional dinner of turkey and all of the standard sides as well as non perishable items for the days when the children are not in school. While the holiday season is festive for most of us, public schools are closed and children do not have access to their free breakfast, lunch or snack. Demand for assistance is highest in November and December. Your donations are always appreciated.

God's Pantry plans to hold a "garage sale" in October. Date, time and map to follow as the information is available.

The Hunger Initiative sends \$500 donation to Samaritan Inn in the fourth quarter to assist with their needs. Did you know the Samaritan Inn will take in the homeless as needed during inclement weather? The local police departments in Collin Co. will deliver them to the McKinney shelter.

Receipts for tax purposes are available for your donations. See Linda Frank.

What's New in the Community Garden?

Plots Available! Adopt one in January. Why?

It's a great way to get to know people, in church and in the community.

You'll learn new gardening techniques.

You'll expand the repertoire of vegetables on your plate.*

Perhaps best of all, the satisfaction of doing good in the community.

Not to mention the opportunity to commune with earth, sun, and sky!

If you would like to learn more about the Community Garden, or if you're interested in adopting a plot, talk to Deb Bliss. Visitors are also welcome at the monthly socials – second Saturday of the month from 10-12 noon. Contact Deb for location and more information. Until next month – Your Community Garden Correspondent

*Such as these, which are suggestions for winter plantings in the Collin County area. Seeds: Beans, turnips, kale, sugar snap peas, mustard greens, cilantro, radishes, parsley, beets, spinach. Plants: Broccoli, Brussel sprouts, cabbage, bok choy, kohlrabi, kale, lettuce, spinach.

Community News

Family Events at CUUC in in October

Sunday, October 2 – 9:15 a.m., Coffee & Coaching
Sunday, October 2, 10:30 a.m. – Worship and RE
Sunday, October 2, 12:15 p.m. – 5th-6th grade OWL
Friday, October 7-Sunday, October 9 – Church Camping Trip
Sunday, October 9, 10:30 a.m. – Worship and RE
Sunday, October 9, 12:15 p.m. – 5th-6th grade OWL
Sunday, October 16, 10:30 a.m. – Worship and RE
Sunday, October 16, 12:15 p.m. – 5th-6th grade OWL, Coming of Age
Friday, October 21-Sunday, October 23 – YRUU Rally, Austin, TX
Sunday, October 23, 10:30 a.m. – Worship and RE
Sunday, October 23, 12:15 p.m. – 5th-6th grade OWL
Saturday, October 29, 2-4 p.m. – Halloween Party
Sunday, October 30, 10:30 a.m. – Worship, RE (Children’s Chapel for K-7th)

UBarU Corner

For those of you who have not had the opportunity to attend the UBarU camp & retreat Center, please use the following link to view pictures from the very successful Star gazing weekend the first part of September

<https://www.flickr.com/x/t/0097009/photos/76840121@N07/sets/72157673399571656/>

William R. Daffinee, UBarU Board Trustee

NTUUC Award Luncheon

The North Texas Unitarian Universalists (NTUUC) are hosting an Award Luncheon on January 28, 2017. This is an event not to be missed!

Grants for congregations and prestigious awards for Leaders are awarded at this annual gala occasion. Nominations will soon be accepted for our Volunteer Leaders. Consider who you might nominate! Nominations for our hard-working staff are also encouraged, as well as nominations for Ministers.

To recommend someone in our congregation for an Award, **please contact Celeste Kennedy, NTUUC Representative.** The Nomination forms will be online at the NTUUC website in early October. Nominations are due by December 2, 2016.

August Financial Report

Finance Report by Dick Hildenbrand, Treasurer

The August financial summary for our operating accounts is listed below. Pledges are caught up to budget; total income is right on target, however, expenses have run ahead of budget by about \$6k, due primarily to early spending of DRE Professional Expenses, greater than expected Child Care and excessive water use due to a leak that has now been repaired..

Major Repair financial status: At its August meeting, the Board voted to fund a few additional projects from our Line of Credit (LOC): Railings for the stage, thermal film for the Sanctuary windows, replacement of playground shade sails and the annex floors. These projects constitute the final draw on the LOC. At the end, we will have borrowed \$171,500 on major repairs (not counting the \$103,000 insurance claim for the roof) in the past year: \$100,000 from our Investment Funds, \$26,500 from our Dedicated Funds and \$45,000 from the LOC. We also owe \$43,700 to our Investment Funds for loans over the past few years (HVAC replacement; payoff of prior LOC). The Finance Committee and Board of Trustees recommend that we refinance our current mortgage and roll all these loans into a new mortgage in the spring of 2017. This will result in an increase in debt service of \$10,000 annually, which will be put to a congregational vote at our November meeting. More details will be communicated soon.



Upcoming Share the Plate Offerings

Date	Recipient
Oct. 30, 2016	U Bar U
Nov. 27, 2016	Minister's Discretionary Fund
Dec. 25, 2016	Plano Community Home



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

August's Share the Plate netted \$442.54 for Barron Elementary

FREE MONEY!

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>

The church will get a portion of all purchase amounts!

INCOME & EXPENSE August 2016

INCOME	August 2016	Month Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget	% Annual Budget (FY 25% comp)
Total Offering Income	\$21,733	\$21,544	\$72,681	\$72,968	\$258,402	28.1%
Total Fund Raiser Income	\$27	\$0	\$209	\$225	\$24,900	0.8%
Total Building Usage	\$1,899	\$1,747	\$5,996	\$6,564	\$27,900	21.5%
Misc. Income	\$1,168	\$738	\$2,656	\$2,213	\$12,824	20.7%
TOTAL INCOME	\$24,827	\$24,029	\$81,543	\$81,970	\$324,026	25.2%
EXPENSE						
Administration	\$4,387	\$3,955	\$12,225	\$12,169	\$54,929	22.3%
Programs	\$1,428	\$1,629	\$5,618	\$5,302	\$22,739	24.7%
Religious Education	\$5,218	\$5,255	\$19,488	\$15,765	\$63,552	30.7%
Facilities/Grounds	\$6,139	\$4,938	\$15,941	\$14,509	\$60,742	26.2%
Ministry	\$8,376	\$8,504	\$26,030	\$25,513	\$103,276	25.2%
Denomination	\$1,708	\$1,708	\$3,416	\$3,416	\$18,788	18.2%
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$27,256	\$25,989	\$82,719	\$76,675	\$324,026	25.5%
NET INCOME	-\$2,428	-\$1,960	-\$1,176	+\$5,296	\$0	

CUUC Construction Finished

Thank you for your patience over the last few months as we removed the mold and fixed up the church.

We knew we had roof leaks that were caused by age and the general construction practices of how the air conditioning units were installed. What we did not know was the original gutters were installed incorrectly and that the 35 year old stucco wall not only had cracks but was porous. Heavy rain with strong west winds would drive moisture into our building.

A \$7,000 mold remediation contract turned into a \$25,000 contract. It seemed every wall we opened had mold spreading further, resulting in more wall removal. We were fortunate to have RestoPro as our mold remediator. They were consistent on the pricing for extra work, communicated well and did a high quality job. Due to the amount of mold found in one area, the project had to be reported to the State as well as our insurance company.

Since State law requires a different company to put the building back together we hired Lowe's Lone Star Remodel & Delta E.

We had to replace three floors, nursery, ministers' office & classroom B. We used a bamboo product that was purchased from and installed by a Lowe's contractor. They look great.

The other renovations were done by Lone Star Remodel a small business that had done extensive work at both Anita van Ouwerkerk's and the Daffinee's residences.

This work included insulating, wall board replacement, painting as well as replacing the outside wall of the main building storage area and the out building.

During the project we had a golf ball size hail storm that resulted in our main building roof as well as the annex and the storage building roofs being declared replaceable on the insurance company's dime.

Lone Star Remodel put us in touch with Delta E Foam Construction Inc. Delta E replaced all three roofs with the appropriate material for each building. They also facilitated the addition of gutters on the annex and replaced all gutters on the main building properly sized and installed.

Delta E had a contact that was a wall sealing specialist. They caulked all cracks and painted the whole outside of the building with two coats of a water sealer and one coat of paint for UV protection.

During the building rehabilitation we were able to solve some life safety issues by replacing the ramps to the annex as well as fix the front door issues. The rug in front was removed and replaced with slip resistance strips. The concrete porch was sanded and painted with slip resistance paint

We also made our stage safer and more accessible with a new railing. It looks great!

We also have two more projects in the planning stage. Put a solar film on the sanctuary windows to improve the afternoon comfort and reduce operating costs.

Again thank you for your patience while we made these repairs and upgrades to our facility

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UU Website Links

Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA): www.uua.org

Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC):

www.uusc.org

Southwest District (SWUUC): **www.swuuc.org**

North Texas Unitarian Universalist Congregations (NTUUC):

www.ntuuc.org

CUUC Representatives, Celeste Kennedy and Grace Morrison

NTUUC@CommunityUUChurch.org

UBarU Camp and Retreat Center, Trustee, Bill Daffinee

Wrdaffinee@aol.com

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 Christopher Wolff

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**

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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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. 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 own yoga mats.
Facilitators: Karen Ditsch, Kimberly Meadows, George Norwood. If you have questions contact karenditsch@gmail.com.

Tuesday

Tibetan Buddhism – 7pm – in the 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.

Sept. 29 - Transcendentalist's view of Conformity - Does it Relate to Crowd Psychology? What is Crowd Psychology? Led by John Crowley

Oct. 6 - Calvin - How to teach in a State University and not Violate Separation of Church and State - Led by Anita VanOuwkerk

Emerson, Thoreau, and the Transcendentalist Movement in Room G at 7pm. Facilitator Don Fielding.
Article to read to prepare for the new Origins class on "The Roots of Religion," **beginning Thursday, Sept. 29.** "Should we thank god for civilisation? - New Scientist". Read the link and join us Thursday nights for video and discussions <https://www.newscientist.com/article/mg22530142-800-should-we-thank-god-for-civilisation/>

Sept. 29 - The Roots of Religious Experience

Oct. 20 - Myth of the Shaman

Oct. 6 - Neanderthal Burials at Shanidar

Oct. 22 - BREAK

Oct. 13 - Hunting Magic in Sacred Caves

Oct. 27 - Realm of the Mother Goddess

Saturday

The Artist Colony @ CUUC meets in Founders Hall 10am to noon, 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. Calling all Artists and "Wanna Be" Artists!** 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.

**For our October 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>.