



The Community News

February 2017

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.

Upcoming 17-18 Budget Drive

We often talk, as a church, about living our values: About caring for other people... about ensuring that employees are paid fairly for their work... about the importance of providing decent medical care to everyone... about providing safe spaces for people to live and work in.

But do we live these values in our own lives? Community UU Church has staff members whom we are collectively responsible for paying fairly, including their health insurance. We have a building that has to be maintained properly so that it's a safe environment for our worship, classes and activities together.

If we're really going to live out the values we claim to believe in, we must provide adequate pledges to fund these priorities. We have to put our money where our mouths are. Our full-time employees have not had raises in many years, and we have repeatedly had to cut other areas (such as religious education expenses and choir music) just to keep funding their base salaries and insurance.

It's time for us to step up. This year, in particular, it's time to quit talking and actually live -- and financially support -- the things we say are important to us. Ideally we need about a 6% average pledge increase to fund our needs adequately. If everyone pledged at a "Fair Share" level we could add "wants" above and beyond the needs. Below are some hard facts about our financial situation for you to consider.

Staff Pay & Benefits: Our fixed and Fair Compensation costs continue to squeeze everything else. Unencumbered pay for our staff accounts for 45% of our budget; another 10% is for medical insurance premiums covering two members of staff; another 8% is all other staff benefits (FICA, pension contribution,...), totaling 63% of the budget. Medical premiums have been increasing an average of 11.5% per year for the last 4 years. While personnel costs are already 63%, they should be higher because we've had to constrain salaries to balance the past several years' budgets. Consider – one staff member has not had a salary increase in 8 years; two staff members in 4 years; and since our DRE received credentialing (last year), we haven't been able to get her up to the minimum level of compensation that the UUA considers fair. To increase salaries to the level that the Board of Trustees recommends will take \$5,725; an expected increase in next year's medical insurance premiums will take another \$3,550.

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February 2017 Sunday Services

Theme - Prayer/Spiritual Practice

Feb. 5- Guest Speaker - Larry Brumfield

Feb. 12—Evolution Sunday - Guest Speaker—TBA

Feb. 19 - "Discovering Islam" Guest Speaker - Robertus van der Wege

Feb. 26 - Rev. Mark Waltz

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 Sabbatical Ponderings **“Why Prayer and Spiritual Practice?”**

Spiritual practice and prayer are a big part of the bread and butter of religious community. Over the years I've found that we may mean several different things, often at the same time, when we speak of things being "spiritual" or of "spirituality." Prayer is a conversation with ourselves and the Universe, whether as a personified god or not.

They all must be experienced, referring to a connection with a trans-personal something beyond ourselves that will help us find context, coherency, and meaning for our lives. Some people find this in their relationships with each other in authentic community. Others may seek more individualized or personal experiences. Yet, no matter what forms our religious and spiritual experiences take, they are relational in nature. We find meaning and context in relation to the "other." We find ourselves with a deeper awareness of our relationships with other people, creation or some form of the cosmic "Is," the Holy.

However we engage with prayer or spiritual practices, they will not lead us to escape from our lives, though any practice can be abused to try to do that. Rather we are led into deeper connections and stronger commitments to our lives and relationships. No one innately knows how to do this and this is why we come together as a congregation, as study or meditation groups, and choirs, or drum circles, as communities; to learn together and share our journeys and our joys.

There is the matter of choice involved with spiritual practices. It is an internalized understanding that we cannot have it all, and that some things must be given up in favor of other things. *Sacrifice* means to “make sacred”; to set aside as important. Sometimes sacrifices are made on the altars of our better natures in order to be our better selves. Do I watch television or take a walk? Do I hold onto my anger and fear, or do I pray to forgive and let go. Do I more abundantly support my religious community and invite others to do so?

Years ago I was asked, “what is the most important thing to do for social justice?” and my answer holds for all sacred activities, “show up.” Ultimately, the important thing is to actually pray or engage in a spiritual practice. Intention is only helpful as a prelude to actually doing something. After that, the rest is not in our hands. We can act and we can pray. Beyond that is our practice of having faith in each other, and our liberal tradition, and the sacredness “in which we live, and move, and have our being.” See you in March! Blessings, Patrick

Upcoming 17-18 Budget Drive (continued from Front Page)

Facilities: On top of personnel costs, the cost of having and maintaining our building and grounds takes another 19% of our budget, and the current level isn't adequate. Some of the costs of the major repairs recently undertaken is due to not being able to fund all the maintenance requirements for several years. Note that we also just learned that the heat pump servicing the office needs to be replaced before the summer – this one wasn't replaced when replacing the roof units a few years ago as it had performed reliably for the past 19 years. Replacement carries a cost between \$7k-\$8k.

So that leaves only 18% that funds everything else: Administrative overhead; support of the UUA for services provided and a larger voice for our values; worship; music; religious education; child care;...

For next year an average pledge increase of 4% is necessary just for personnel; 6% is necessary to also adequately fund facilities costs; “Fair Share” by everyone allows us to better fund the program needs of the church.

As this is being written one hour before regime change on the Potomac, what the world needs now is US. Please help US by funding OUR church adequately. **Submitted by Dick Hildenbrand, Treasurer.**

President's Column

Here at Community UU Church we aspire to nourish spirits, work for justice, and transform lives. This is a noble goal and I believe it is who we are. If you agree that this is who we are, I ask you to think about how we demonstrate our commitment to be the church that fulfills these aspirations.

We are here to help and support one another, and we are also called to service in the wider community. We say it every Sunday when we recite our covenant. These words, while inspiring, may mean different things to each of us, but they are only words, until we transform words into actions. Actions that support our aspirations, and enable us to be the church we want to be.

What the world needs now is us. We also need each other. In order to be there for each other and for the wider world, we need to be a loving, vibrant, active community. But, to be whom we aspire to be takes commitment. That commitment involves sharing our time and our talent, and it also requires sharing our treasure. It is only through your generous sharing that we will have the capacity to nourish spirits, work for justice, and transform lives within our walls and in the wider community. To be a church that makes a difference in people's lives, we need to be strong.

In the upcoming weeks, we will talk about the importance of stewardship, and our individual pledge commitments. The theme for our upcoming Stewardship/Pledge Campaign is "What the World Needs Now." What that means to me is that we are living in a time when our actions are critical. I hope you agree.

Your generosity, and the success of our stewardship efforts this year will determine how effectively we fulfill our aspirations, and the impact we make in our world. Be generous.

Fondly,

Lexie

Board Highlights - January 17, 2017

Investment Loan Repayment Task Force Report

The Task Force is working on recommendations, and options will be presented at the Congregational Meeting in May.

2017-2018 Budget Planning

Dick informed the Board that the 2017 – 2018 budget planning process has begun.

Communications Chair Replacement

The Board unanimously approved the appointment of Alyssa Church as Communications Chair.

Pops Concert

The Pops Concert takes place on May 20.

February, 2017

Rummage Sale Fundraiser

Save your stuff! **The Coming of Age class will be hosting a rummage sale on March 9-10 to raise funds for their Heritage Trip to Boston.** We'll take anything that is still useable but just doesn't fit in your life anymore - clothing, books, furniture, toys, baby items, knickknacks, you name it! We are doing an early collection of items in a rented pod, although space is limited. We will be doing the major push for donations starting February 1 - so as you clean closets and sort through the garage, be sure to set those treasures aside for the Coming of Age class!

Attention All Women: Save the date for a stress free weekend!

Too much stress in your life. Need a break!!! **Yes, it is time to sign up for the Women's Alliance Annual Retreat. This year it will be held April 7, 8 and 9 at Glen Lake Camp and Retreat Center in Glen Rose, TX.** This retreat is open to all women over the age of 18. It is a time for getting away from our daily lives for a few days, a time for rejuvenation of spirit and relaxation of mind. And it is reasonably priced!! Just \$100 for a bed in a deluxe cabin with 8 others or \$150 for a semi private room. All prices include meals. Come join us! **For more information contact Barb Salvo.**

Friday Night Flicks

Founders Hall - 7pm.

Feb. 10 - Labyrinth of Lies.

Feb. 24 - Wish I Where There.

Investment Loan Repayment Task Force Update

Pursuant to our discussion at the Fall Congregational Meeting in November, the Investment Loan Repayment Task Force met on Thursday, January 12, to begin consideration of options for repayment of the \$102,000 loan from our Unrestricted Investment Fund. This loan was made to cover major repairs from the storm damage as well as mold remediation. We are currently exploring several options and are due to make a detailed recommendation to the Board of Trustees no later than March 31, 2017. Members of the Task Force are Elena Westbrook (chair), Jodie Zoeller Bloom, and Nelah McComsey.

Deadline for the March newsletter is Friday, February 17. Email articles to newsletter@communityuuchurch.org.

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: February 21, 2017

Location: Val Gomes will host us in Allen. Contact Val by Feb. 17th if you plan to attend.

Selection: The Train to Crystal City: FDR's Secret Prisoner Exchange Program and America's Only Family Internment Camp During World War II by Jan Jarboe Russell *The NY Times bestselling dramatic and never-before-told story of a secret FDR-approved American internment camp in Texas during World War II. "A must-read, compelling, thought-provoking, and impossible to put down." Star Tribune, Minneapolis* During WWII, trains delivered thousands of civilians from the U.S, and Latin America to Crystal City, Texas. The trains carried Japanese, German, and Italian immigrants and their American-born children. The only family internment camp during the war, Crystal City was the center of a government prisoner exchange program called "quiet passage." Hundreds of prisoners in Crystal City were exchanged for other more ostensibly important Americans-diplomats, businessmen, soldiers, and missionaries-behind enemy lines in Japan and Germany.

Simple Living Chalice Circle

Meeting time and place - The next meeting will be **Saturday morning February 11 at 11am.**

Theme/topic - Learning together to live deliberately.

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

Religious Education

Quotes to Live By: Why camp?

“The Magic Pool of Communion is a powerful ritual and a powerful spiritual experience. As far as I can tell, it is the UU conversion experience. Not only youth converts, but also young adults, ministers and lay leaders will tell you that intellectually, they think that UU ideas are nice, but that they first knew they were really UUs when they attended certain conferences, summer camps, assemblies, or retreats ... We know that once someone has been to the Magic Pool, chances are high that he or she will serve the movement for life. Even if they still can't explain what it is.”
~Kate Tweedie Erslev, *“Full Circle: Fifteen Ways to Grow Lifelong UUs”*~

So where can we find the Magic Pool for our children and youth? Here are some ideas for Unitarian Universalist summer programs. **If you're going to any of them, let us know! (And yes, I know it's early. But for parents, February is Register-For-Summer-Camp-Month. I just wanted to be sure you have the information you need!)**

For Families

General Assembly, the annual gathering of Unitarian Universalists from all over the country (and all around the world), will be in New Orleans this year! It runs from June 21- 25. The theme this year will be Resist and Rejoice, and the focus will be on social justice. Too many workshops to count, inspiring worship services, and service opportunities make General Assembly an amazing experience for all. Youth Caucus for ages 14-18 and separate programming for children and middle-schoolers make General Assembly a place where all can learn and grow in our faith. Information here: www.uua.org/ga

The Point (previously known as SWUUSI, the SouthWest UU Summer Institute) is a family favorite. Held from July 23-28 at Sequoyah State Park in Oklahoma, The Point is UU family summer camp. It's billed as a “customizable UU retreat in a resort setting. The 2017 registration isn't up yet, but you can check out www.thepointuu.org for general info.

Right here at CUUC

Don't forget that we run a summer program every Sunday morning! We're still planning what this summer will look like. If you'd like to help plan or produce our summer program, please talk to someone on the RE Board.

In faith – and here's to summer!

Kathy

Major Repair Update

All of our Major Repairs are now complete. A detailed financial summary is shown in the tables below. Funding in the amount of \$181,294.52 and uses totaling \$180,400.94 are broken out in the tables below. There remains \$893.58 in the fund to pay for Line of Credit interest for the next four months.

Details for all but one of the projects (Class) were already published in the October newsletter (click [here](#) if you want to review). The latest (and last) project – replacement of the Annex floors is also now complete. They look great – take a look next time you’re at church!

A loan repayment task force, consisting of Elena Westbrook (chair), Nelah McComsey and Jodie Zoeller Bloom, has been tasked by the Board of Trustees to look at final financing of the Line of Credit as well as the restoration of the money “we borrowed from ourselves” – the Dedicated Funds Temporary Pull and Unrestricted Fund. **Their recommendation is due on March 31, to be presented to the congregation at the May 21st Annual Meeting for a congregational vote to approve. Sources of Fund**

Sources of Fund	Class	Total
	Dedicated Funds Temporary	\$26,500.00
	Insurance Claim Balance	\$794.52
	Line of Credit	\$49,300.00
	Unrestricted Fund	\$100,000.00
	Donations	\$4,700.00
	Grand Total	\$181,294.52

Uses of Funds

Description	Total	Note
Annex Divider	-\$469.42	Rooms F & G
Annex Floor	-\$8,158.45	Rooms F & G
Annex Ramp	-\$2,783.71	
Entryway	-\$295.48	
Flooring	-\$9,283.03	Nursery, B & Minister’s Study
Furniture	-\$1,432.54	Replacement for damaged
Hail Damage	-\$131.95	A/C fins
Handrails	-\$3,465.00	Sanctuary stage
Line of Credit	-\$1,565.97	Fees & interest
Mold Remediation	-\$29,151.13	Throughout
Mold Testing	-\$5,012.50	Throughout
Playground	-\$1,500.00	Shade sails
Plumbing	-\$8,969.00	Urinal, main line from meter
Reconstruction	-\$92,453.39	Throughout
Roof Leak	-\$11,178.50	Fixes prior to insurance claim
Temporary Storage	-\$3,041.87	Pod & storage for Minister’s office
Window Tint	-\$1,509.00	Sanctuary
GRAND TOTAL	-\$180,400.94	

Community News

Connections

The Leadership Development Committee (LDC) is charged with identifying, nurturing and supporting Community UU Church lay leaders. If you have been considering a leadership role at church, we can help you make that role a reality. Part of being a leader is learning how to shake things up. You may enjoy this replay of NPR's popular *Ted Radio Hour*. It features five Ted Talks on changing the status quo. <http://www.npr.org/programs/ted-radio-hour/261084166/disruptive-leadership>.

The first step to being a church leader is being involved. 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. Joining a committee can be the next step on your leadership journey. The LDC can guide you to a committee that fits with your talents and interests or one that will give you a chance to stretch and learn new skills.

Right now 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

“Great Decisions 2017”: Discussions of U.S. Foreign Policy

Two discussion groups started meeting January 20 and will meet every other Friday up to and including April 28, at 1:30pm.

The 8 topics are found in a soft-cover book available from the Foreign Policy Association for a cost of about \$30 including postage/handling. **For questions about the group that meets in the church annex room G, contact donnabening@verizon.net; for questions about the group that meets in various homes, contact Grace Morrison (morrisongrace286@gmail.com). Dates and topics below.** Feb. 3, “Trade & Politics”; Feb. 17, “Conflict in the South China Sea”; March 3, “Saudi Arabia Transition”.

What's New in the Garden?

Five new gardeners and 3 returning gardeners will be tending Community Harvest Garden plots in our 11th year. Church friends include: **Jeff Hagerhorst, Loretta Reiter, Jo Howser, Nindha Nosavan, Lexie McGrane, Tricia Lewandowski, Kathy Smith and the high school group, Mike and Mary Ann Owens, Katie Kabage, Debbie White, Kimberly Meadows and Deb Bliss.** Start up a garden conversation the next time you see one of these hardy souls at church. We are pleased to have the Sai congregation working two plots for the seventh year and seven other gardeners from our larger community.

2600 pounds of fresh, organic produce was delivered to area pantries for the second year in a row! Harvest is 8am every Saturday morning and we welcome volunteers. **Seeds to plant in your home garden in February include: radish, parsley, beet, carrot, kohlrabi, sugar snap pea, kale, Swiss chard, turnip, lettuce, and spinach.** This is also a good time to plant potato eyes and sets of onions and leeks in North Texas. If you have excess produce from your home garden, bring it to the garden on Saturday morning and we will include it with our delivery.

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.

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.**

Wednesday New Class: Last Chance to Join!

The Artist's Way- Facilitated by Dorayne Breedlove, (Based on the book, *The Artist's Way*, by Julia Cameron. **The class will meet on the 4th Wednesday of each month 7-9pm (with the exception of April 19, Nov. 15, Dec. 20), cost is \$20/class. You must call Dorayne to register for class. There is a minimum of 5 needed to make class. RSVP by February 20 for the next class on February 22. Theme for the February meeting is: Discover a Sense of Identity: This month addresses self-definition as a major component of creative discovery. You may find yourself drawing new boundaries and staking out new territories as your personal needs, desires, and interests announce themselves.**

Connect with your creativity! *The Artist's Way* is a spiritual path, initiated and practiced through creativity. Creative discovery and exploration are achieved through readings, exercises, tasks, and heart-connected support with each other. This 12-part series taken once a month is for anyone interested in practicing the art of creative living. Come every month or any month you can. Based on the chapter for that month, each class is designed to be self-contained. It is strongly encouraged to come every month for there is immense value of consistent participation.

Connect with your creativity. Create pathways in your consciousness through which the creative force can operate. We are creative beings, our lives are our work of art...*The Artist's Way*.

Dorayne Breedlove is a spiritual coach, professional storyteller, singer/song-writer, drum circle facilitator, ceremonial artist, and mother of 4. Her mission is to teach, inspire, and be love in the world. *The Artist's Way* is a profound spiritual path that has opened doors of opportunities for Dorayne to express greater creativity. She shares her stories and experiences to inspire others to discover their creative selves. Join us as we take this year-long journey of discovery.

Thursday

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

Exploring the Roots of Religion in Room G at 7pm. Facilitator Don Fielding. Reconstructing Ancient Rituals; February 2 - Chalice of Blood in Ancient Peru. Feb. 9th – Decoding Rituals at Palenque, Feb. 16th - * BREAK ***. Lost Gods and Fallen Temples Feb. 23rd – Temple of the Goddess on Malta.**

December Financial Report

Finance Report by Dick Hildenbrand, Treasurer

The December financial summary for our operating accounts is listed below. Even though we're about \$10,000 short of where we should be at this point in the year, much of this gap will close and we currently see about a \$3,500 gap by the end of the year. Stay tuned on how we're looking at closing that gap.

Budget: We've begun the process of budget planning for next fiscal year (6/1/17-5/31/18). Please read the article elsewhere in this newsletter to learn about the church's financial needs in the upcoming year.

Major Repairs: All projects are complete. Please read the article elsewhere in this newsletter about what we spent and where the money came from.



Upcoming Share the Plate Offerings

Date	Recipient
Jan. 29, 2017	Community Harvest Garden
Feb. 26, 2017	UU Service Committee
Mar 26, 2017	Texas UU Justice Ministry



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

December's Share the Plate netted \$210.50 for the Minister's Discretionary Fund. A late December appeal also brought in another \$4,400.00. Thanks!

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 December 2017

	Dec. 2016	Month Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget	% Annual Budget (FY 58.3% comp)
INCOME						
Total Offering Income	\$25,242	\$29,216	\$156,008	\$158,711	\$258,402	60.4%
Total Fund Raiser Income	\$ 7,790	\$ 3,035	\$ 17,220	\$ 20,985	\$ 24,900	69.2%
Total Building Usage	\$ 2,686	\$ 2,819	\$ 14,554	\$ 15,874	\$ 27,900	52.2%
Misc. Income	\$ 1,921	\$ 1,238	\$ 8,878	\$ 6,964	\$ 12,824	69.2%
TOTAL INCOME	\$37,639	\$36,308	\$196,660	\$202,534	\$324,026	60.7%
EXPENSE						
Administration	\$ 5,224	\$ 5,600	\$ 33,320	\$ 33,752	\$ 54,929	60.7%
Programs	\$ 1,710	\$ 1,698	\$ 12,938	\$ 13,261	\$ 22,739	56.9%
Religious Education	\$ 4,783	\$ 4,795	\$ 35,694	\$ 33,564	\$ 63,552	56.2%
Facilities/Grounds	\$ 6,102	\$ 6,704	\$ 33,780	\$ 33,899	\$ 60,742	55.6%
Ministry	\$ 8,348	\$ 8,504	\$ 61,920	\$ 59,531	\$103,276	60.0%
Denomination	\$1,708	\$1,708	\$ 10,248	\$ 10,248	\$18,788	54.5%
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$28,205	\$29,469	\$191,856	\$187,475	\$324,026	59.2%
NET INCOME	+\$ 9,434	+\$ 6,839	+\$ 4,803	+\$ 15,059	\$0	

Social Action News

Welcoming Congregation Survey

With the leadership of Stephanie Dorman, Welcoming Congregation Committee invites all to the Feb 7 workshop in Plano Community Unitarian Universalist Church's Founders Hall at 7-8:30pm..

Leslie McMurray, Director of Transgender Services is one of the Dallas area participants on the information sharing speaker panel. With recent research and legislation Gender and Identity are hot topics.

Consider this meeting a Call to Action.

If you have additional comments about the work of the Welcoming Congregation Committee, please speak to Anita Van Ouwerkerk (committee chair) or to one of the members of the Welcoming Congregation Committee.

Texas UU Justice Ministry Legislative Action Day

Those who were inspired by the recent Women's March on Washington will have an opportunity to participate in an action of much smaller scale (but also important!) at the **Texas UU Justice Ministry Legislative Action Day** on **Wednesday, February 15**, in Austin. There will be a bus from First Unitarian in Dallas and you may also travel on your own.

You can find the schedule and details of this event here: <http://txuujm.org/txuujm-legislative-action-day-2017-schedule-logistics/>

You can register to attend the event here: txuujm.org/LAD

These documents are also posted in Founders Hall and on our web site! **If you have additional questions, please contact Nelah McComsey.**

Hunger Initiative

Collin County Homeless Coalition count of the homeless will be conducted **January 26** by **volunteers**. Each volunteer will have bags of food and hygiene products for distribution. Each team will have local police support available. **Last year the homeless count located was 501 people with 33% children. This is up 24% from last year. The results for this year will be available by March. A separate survey last year conducted by the public schools found 2289 students identified as homeless.**

God's Pantry distributed 311 **Holiday Baskets** to local Plano families this year. Our donations were much appreciated. Also appreciated were the generous gifts for the children on the Pantry Angel Tree this year. Every child was "adopted" and received gifts.

As always, generous donations were also made to Meals on Wheels and Samaritan Inn. Linda Frank

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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 Friday: 9:15am - 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

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UBarU Camp and Retreat Center: Upcoming Events

January-August, 2017

For all events, visit UBarU.org for more information and to register

Feb. 17-19: Needle and Fabric Arts Retreat

COME join us for our 1st annual **UBarU Needle Arts Retreat**, a fun and peaceful weekend of creativity.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

When: Friday, 17 February thru Sunday, 19 February

What: Two nights of cozy accommodations, five delicious meals and an opportunity to enjoy your passion in community in the beautiful Texas Hill Country.

Early Bird Pricing: Weekend Rate: \$130.00 Saturday Only Rate: \$75.00 (lunch & dinner included). After Feb 3, price is \$150/\$85.



Men's & Women's Retreats

Retreats for men and women provide an opportunity for rest, relaxation, community building, and communion with nature in a beautiful hill country setting. Each retreat is led by a Unitarian Universalist minister, who provides spiritual direction for the weekend.



2017 Retreat dates:

Men's Retreat: March 31 –April 2

Women's Retreat: April 28-30

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June 7-11, For Young Adults: Meaning Makers

Meaning Makers is a year-long spiritual development program for young Unitarian Universalists (UUs). Through in-person retreats, virtual small group ministry and mentorship, emerging adults will explore the central questions “Who am I and how can I live my Unitarian Universalist (UU) faith in the world?”

This program is designed for emerging UU adults, ages 18-24.

For more information, just google “UU meaning Makers.”



May 26-19: Family Camp

Spend time with your family in the beautiful Texas Hill Country! This long weekend will offer opportunities to earn, grow, and share as a family, as well as some time for parents to enjoy some free time and activities designed just for them.

Camp fire*Sing-alongs***Family Worship ***Nature events and activities***Swimming***Geocaching***Star Party**

UBarU Summer Camps for Children and Youth

A week of camp at UBarU is a time to make new friends and reconnect with old friends. We will swim in the beautiful limestone swimming tank, ponder the Milky Way on clear evenings, do some community service, walk the labyrinth, and take field trips to enjoy the gorgeous Texas Hill Country. And of course, we spend time having fun while we deepen our UU faith.

June 11-17: Sojourners, rising grades 3-5

June 25-July 1: Olympia, rising grades 6 & 7

July 2-8: Seeger, rising grades 8 & 9

July 9-15: Reeb, rising 10th grade through 2016 high-school graduates



February 2017

For our February 2017 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/>

Family Events at CUUC in February

Sunday, February 5, 10:30am –Worship and RE
Sunday, February 12, 10:30am – Worship and RE
Friday, February 17, 6:30pm – PDG (Potluck Dinner & Games)
Saturday, February 18, 3-9pm – Minecraft Party
Sunday, February 19 – 10:30am - Worship and Religious Education,
Sunday, February 26, 10:30am - Worship and Religious Education,