



The Community News

January 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.

Our Church of Respite and Action

There are those of us who prefer that our church not engage openly and directly in hot-button political matters, that our church serve primarily as a weekly oasis of peace that transcends the turbulent world. On the other hand, there are those of us who think our church is no more than a well-meaning club, if we are not passionately and actively working toward social justice in the wider community. These two visions of what our church "should be" are points on a spectrum, which is to say that there is middle ground, that these ideals are not mutually exclusive.

Me, I generally seek external peace in places of worship or meditation in the hope of alleviating internal strife and retreating from societal stressors. A kind meditation teacher I once knew explained the folly of this mindset with the analogy of a mountain and valley: We go up the mountain to get away, to be spiritual, to be near the eternal; however, our everyday lives take place in the valley. The point is that, for most of us, there is no permanent escape to the mountain, and that whatever we cultivate on the spiritual mountain must be brought with us to the mundane valley, and whatever we experience in the mundane valley must inform our time on the spiritual mountain.

I remembered this analogy during the discombobulating despair I felt after the presidential election, and it helped me see light through the darkness. It occurred to me that I must, more than ever, embody our great church and internalize and act according to our covenant and principles. It occurred to me that our great church is, at its best, a microcosm of these United States, at their best. We are pluralistic and we are democratic, because we have faith that all people have inherent worth and dignity, and that we must work for peace, liberty and justice for all.

So whether you prefer bringing the valley to the mountain or the mountain to the valley, be in accord with our covenant and principles. And when you or I inevitably fail, let us hold one another to account in the spirit of love and kinship.

In faith,
Zack Hughes
President-Elect

January 2017 Sunday Services

Theme - Grace

Jan. 1 - Guest Speaker - Sarah Reiling

Jan. 8 - "What is UU grace?"
Guest Speaker - Tom Kellner

Jan. 15 - "Grace and

Responsibility:

Transference and Acceptance

of Merit"- Guest Speaker -

Tashi Nyima

Jan. 22 - Harvest The Power
Class

Jan. 29 - The Grace That
Issues Peace - Guest Speaker
- Rev. Mark Walz

Typical Sunday

10:30 - 11:45 a.m.: Worship,
Religious Education for Children
and Youth, and Nursery

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Patrick's Sabbatical Ponderings "An Abiding and Abundant Grace"

The beginning of this New Year gives us the chance to reflect on and reprioritize our desires and commitments. We want to make our lives better. We want to re-frame our lives more in line with who we can be and what we can accomplish. This is the yearning behind New Year's resolutions. We feel there is a chance to shake the Etch-a-Sketch of our perspectives and start over. I find that a desire such as this creates the possibility for "**grace**," a blessing for the renewal and transformation of our lives.

My understanding of "**grace**" is it is our experience of the abundance of the universe. **Grace** is the experience of receiving that "not of our own making; that which we have not earned." **Grace** is about that which we have not earned and in fact cannot earn, even if we want to. **Grace**, in my understanding, cannot be earned, either by works or by faith. Either of those approaches turns our relationship with Goddess/God, the Holy, our Ground of Being, or our experience of the Universe into a type of material and/or metaphysical exchange of goods and services. Our Christian Universalist forbears clearly rejected this bartering with God for **grace**, as seen in their belief in the universal salvation of all souls, regardless of achievement, because all are inherently worthy.

For many of us when we hear "**unearned**" we also hear an implied "**undeserved**." Neither the acquisition of income, nor the possession of wealth is the same as **earned**, and none of these is an indicator of being deserved. This is the very "wealth equals holiness" theology of the Prosperity Gospel movement, and the very same mistaken idea of what **grace** is that our Universalist ancestors turned aside by declaring the "inherent worth and dignity of every person." It is the same toxic, idolatrous world view that Rabbi Jesus of Nazareth rebuked and transformed when he preached "Blessed are the poor, for they shall inherit the earth."

The **grace** of the Universe is all around us in our living, in our breathing, in our touching, and in our very being. Whether we believe in a personal God/dess or not, our faith proclaims that.

"Liberalism holds that the resources (divine and human) that are available for the achievement of meaningful change justify an attitude of ultimate optimism." (*On Being Human Religiously*, "Guiding Principles for a Free Faith" by **James Luther Adams**, pp. 12-20).

We experience this **grace** when we become aware of it, when the "ears of our ears are awake, and the eyes of our eyes are opened." The openings for **grace** especially reside in our opportunities to struggle for what is better in the world. When we do what is right with no expectation of reward or recognition, we create openings for **grace** in our lives and the lives of others. Does this mean we should ask for help from the Universe? Yes, we should ask, even if only clarifying our situation for ourselves. We must be aware that we are not able to dictate the terms, and may not be answered in the ways we might hope or expect to be answered. We cannot command or bargain for **grace**, but we can risk being open to its possibilities.

May our New Year be **graced** with love, hope and many blessings. Patrick

Board Highlights - December 2016

During the December 20th Board of Trustees meeting the board approved the creation of the Investment Loan Repayment Task Force.

The following church members are appointed to the above named task force: John Crowley, Nelah McComsey, Elena Westbrook, and Jodie Zoeller. At its first meeting, the task force will appoint its chair.

This task force is charged with developing and evaluating options to pay back \$102,000.00 to our Unrestricted Investment fund including advantages and disadvantages of each timeline for each option and a recommendation of the preferred option. The timeline of completion of any option shall not exceed ten years (a more compressed timeline is preferable if seen as feasible and piratical). The task force may also consider the options of for forgiving all or part of this debt.

The task force's options and recommendations are to be published and available for the Finance committee's and Board of Trustees review by March 31, 2017. Progress reports are requests by the second Thursday of each month beginning in January [2017].

President's Column

Happy New Year! I hope that you enjoyed a wonderful holiday season with your friends and family. Last year seemed to race by, and here we are in January 2017. This is the time of the year when many of us organize, plan, and take action on those things we identify as important. This year those things take on extra significance.

In 2016 we made progress in the following areas:

Church Building

Our roof is new and, thankfully, that has solved our roof leak problems

Mold remediation was completed

We have a lovely, remodeled nursery, minister's office, and one of our classrooms

Increased Congregational Diversity

New members were welcomed to our congregational family

Social Action Outreach

We continue to serve God's Pantry in various ways, and the rainbow flag is flying proudly from our sign on Parker Road

The Welcoming Congregation Renewal Committee presented several educational programs that raised our awareness of issues that need to be addressed in the wider community

The Community Garden continues to "grow" nutritious, organic vegetables that are shared with various food pantries in our community, and to welcome gardeners from within our church and from the wider community

Resiliency

As a congregational family, we discussed several challenging issues and are working together to build the future for our church

So what will 2017 bring? New challenges and new opportunities are what every New Year brings. I'm sure that 2017 will be no exception. What I am confident about is that regardless of what we face in 2017 and beyond, we will do it with enthusiasm, grace, and a commitment to be the loving, welcoming congregational family that we have always been.

Fondly,

Lexie

Rummage Sale Coming This Spring – You Can Donate Starting This Month! As the holidays turn into the colder, slower days of January, we often turn to sorting and cleaning and neatening up our things - spring cleaning looms! This year, as you come across items that are still useable but just don't fit in your life anymore, remember that the teens will be sponsoring a rummage sale very soon! Donations of all sorts will be welcome – clothing, books, furniture, toys, baby items, knickknacks. Thank you for saving your goodies to support our Coming of Age youth as they prepare for their Heritage Trip to Boston this summer! We will have storage available starting January 15. If you have questions, please contact Kathy Smith.

January, 2017

Minecraft Party Postponed until February 18! We've changed the date but not the fun. If you're interested in helping (either with supervision during the party or with setting up and running the technical side of things), please contact Angela Hathaway of the RE Board or Kathy Smith, DRE.

“Foreign Policy Association – Great Decisions 2017:

If you have advance ordered a **Great Decisions 2017 background book last October, please meet Friday, Jan. 6, 1:30pm in Founders Hall, to pick up your ordered book & pay (\$28.25) for the book, and to choose meeting dates/ host locations and to sign-up to lead topic discussions.** In 2016 with two groups of participants, we met every two weeks on a Thursday or a Friday to watch a video and discuss foreign policy topics in January - April. **Please contact Donna Bening if you have questions or to arrange an alternate time to pick up your book. To see the eight 2017 topics, click http://www.fpa.org/news/index.cfm?act=show_announcement&announcement_id=408.**

Friday Night Flicks Founders Hall - 7pm.

Jan. 13 - Finding Dory- 2016 - G - 1 hr. 50 min.

The friendly but forgetful Blue Tang fish begins a search for her long-lost parents, and everyone learns a few things about the real meaning of family along the way. Animated with the voices of Ellen DeGeneres, Albert Brooks, Ed O'Neill, Ty Burrell and Diane Keaton.

Jan. 27 - Café Society - 2016 - PG 13 - 1 hr. 36 min.

Set in the 1930's, a young Bronx native, (Jesse Eisenberg) moves to Hollywood, where he falls in love with the secretary (Kristen Stewart) of his powerful uncle (Steve Carell), an agent to the stars. After returning to New York, he is swept up in the vibrant world of High Society Night Club life. Directed by Woody Allen.

Common Ground Street Choir Social Justice Sing!

We are a holler-along street choir - no requirement that you know the music, read music, or sing beautifully. We sing to join in community, lift our spirits, and sing to further the cause of social justice. As a side benefit, we practice songs and develop a mailing list to invite folks to sing at social justice events when we are asked to participate. We have sings about once a month in different parts of the Metroplex, and in January it's CUUC's turn to host! Friday, January 20, 7-9 p.m. Questions? Ask Kathy Smith, Common Ground Street Choir Music Director.

Literary Ladies Book Club Upcoming Meeting

Women members and friends of Community UU Church are welcome to join us on **the third Tuesday of the month from 7 – 9pm.**

Date: Tuesday, January 17

Location: Janet Belden's home. Contact Janet by Friday, January 13 if you plan to attend.

Selection: The 100 Year Old Man Who Climbed Out of a Window and Disappeared by Jonas Jonasson

A reluctant centenarian much like Forrest Gump (if Gump were an explosives expert with a fondness for vodka) decides it's not too late to start over . . . After a long and eventful life, Allan Karlsson ends up in a nursing home, believing it to be his last stop. The only problem is that he's still in good health, and in one day, he turns 100. A big celebration is in the works, but Allan really isn't interested (and he'd like a bit more control over his vodka consumption). So he decides to escape. He climbs out the window in his slippers and embarks on a hilarious and entirely unexpected journey, involving, among other surprises, a suitcase stuffed with cash, some unpleasant criminals, a friendly hot-dog stand operator, and an elephant (not to mention a death by elephant). Amazon

Simple Living Chalice Circle

Meeting time and place – The next meeting will be **Saturday morning January 14 at 11am.**

Theme/topic – Learning together to live deliberately.

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

communityuuchurch.org for location.

Religious Education

Quotes to Live By:

**“Grace isn't just something we receive;
it's also something in our power to give.”**

— *Chance Hunter, UU World, Spring 2011*

The Gift of Grace in our Sanctuary

By Kathy E. Smith, DRE

Grace is, at its heart, an undeserved gift. In a family, it is learning, as children and again as adults, to trust in the love that surrounds us. To be responsible for our actions and simultaneously to know that despite our mistakes and shortcomings, we will be loved and forgiven. To live with the purpose of making our own small corner of the world a place that is full of light and laughter and gentleness, and to act out of generosity to our siblings, our cousins, our parents. The miracle is that when each of us gives more (more forgiveness, more gratitude, more cheerfulness) than we think our errant and confused family member(s) “deserve” – when we give beyond what we think we “ought” to give – we create a home that is a more generous and loving place to live. And homes that are generous and loving beyond reason allow us to be emotionally and spiritually equipped to live with grace.

You may have noticed that there are some additions to our sanctuary space – several tables near the front of the room for contemplative activities during worship services. You might think these are for kinesthetic learners who learn best when their hands are busy. The truth is, many people benefit from having handwork to do while they are listening.

Neurologically, the soothing rhythms of sewing, knitting, crocheting, stringing beads, laying a mosaic, or coloring a repetitive design actually do help us focus on what we're hearing and help us self-regulate our emotional state. Knitting, sewing, and mandalas create the same brain patterns as those found during deep meditation, which stimulates the production of dopamine. When we do something pleasurable, the reward center in our brain releases a neurotransmitter called dopamine, a natural antidepressant. The repetitive motions of knitting or sewing activate the parasympathetic nervous system, which quiets the flight or fight response. Handwork elicits something called flow, which offers a natural way to regulate strong emotions or blanch an internal chaos. Mastering repetitive spatial-motor tasks stimulates the brain's reward system, promotes relaxation, and counters stress hormones. Increased activity and cerebral blood flow in the left prefrontal cortex lowers anxiety, lifts the mood, and improves response to environmental stressors. What activates that part of the brain? Repetitive, soothing activities like handwork, as well as activities that require the translation of codes and symbols – such as knitting, sewing, painting, or coloring.

We're trying these new contemplative activities, or “soul work”, to see if we can bring another path of spiritual engagement into our sanctuary. We can do this with grace – trusting ourselves and others, acting responsibly and purposefully, living generously despite chaos and discomfort with what we cannot control. To again quote Chance Hunter: “There is always more than enough grace to go around ... We receive grace, not because we deserve it, but because the universe is fundamentally a generous place.” See you in church! Kathy

UBarU Corner

It is never too early to be thinking about summer camp at UBarU!
Our UBarU Summer Camp ONLINE registration is up and running.
Camp information can be found on our website at
<http://ubaru.org/home/SummerCamp>.



Seasoned UBarU Camper family?

Click the REGISTER NOW button in this email to be taken straight to the registration page.

Looking forward to seeing you and your campers this summer at UBarU. For more information contact **William R. Daffinee, UBarU Board Trustee.**

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

The Artist's Way- 12 part series (Based on the book, The Artist's Way, by Julia Cameron). Facilitated by Dorayne Breedlove starting in January 25, 2017, meeting once per month 7:00-9:00pm. Cost of \$20 per session. Monthly Theme for Jan. 25 class: Discover a Sense of Safety. This month initiates your creative discovery. We establish a sense of safety which enables us to explore our creativity with less fear.

(Re)Connect with your creativity! The Artist's Way is a spiritual path, initiated and practiced through creativity. The premise: Creativity and Spirituality come from the same place. Creative discovery and exploration are achieved through readings, exercises, tasks, and check-ins. This 12-part series taken once a month is for anyone interested in practicing the art of creative living. Come each month or any month you can. Connect with your creativity. Create pathways in your consciousness through which the creative force can operate. We are creative beings, our lives become our work of art. Practice through Morning Pages, and The Artist's Date. You can learn to overcome the negative human tendencies of jealousy, fear, addiction through connecting to your creativity.

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. His video intros are always followed by lively discussions, and participants can benefit from his wealth of knowledge of the subject matter.

Social Action News

Welcoming Congregation Survey

The Welcoming Congregation Committee conducted a survey of the membership in August and September of 2016. We had 55 responses to our survey. Most responses were submitted through the online survey, but a few people completed paper surveys.

Some analysts would suggest that for a group of 200 people (our approximate membership), you should have over 100 responses in order to have a high level of confidence in the survey results, so it is possible that our results are skewed, but we wanted to share some of the responses with you and invite you to give additional feedback.

Most of the respondents (88%) either agreed or strongly agreed that our congregation is inclusive and welcoming to LGBTQ people.

A smaller percentage (58%) agreed or strongly agreed that we reach out to the LGBTQ community through advertising or active support. It is important to note, however, that 14% of respondents answered disagree or strongly disagree in response to this statement.

About 74% believe that we work to promote justice, freedom, and equality in the larger society. About 10% disagreed or strongly disagreed with this statement.

In the comments section, members expressed concern that we don't have gender-neutral restrooms and that some LGBTQ persons who come to our church don't stay very long (suggesting that perhaps they do not feel welcome).

If you have additional comments about the survey or 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.

Mark Your Calendars for Texas Legislative Action Day: Wednesday, February 15

We will have more detailed information as the date approaches, but this is an opportunity for UUs to go to Austin and make their concerns known to legislators. There will be a bus going from First Unitarian in Dallas, some individuals will travel on their own, and we hope to have some carpools available.

Last month, House Speaker Joe Straus laid out his priority list for the 2017 legislature:

- Fixing Child Protective Services
- Cutting budgets
- Public education funding
- Improving state's approach to mental health
- Encouraging entrepreneurship in Texas
- Cost of higher education

Some of these are certainly issues that UUs want to weigh in on, but Texas UU Justice Ministry will continue to lobby for these issues of primary concern: Reproductive justice, Affordable Care Act implementation, and economic justice/income inequality.

In addition, TXUUJM works closely with Texas Impact (our Executive Director serves on their Board), and Texas Impact has already laid out a more detailed agenda for the 2017 session. You can see that agenda here: <https://texasimpact.org/content/texas-impact-announces-2017-legislative-agenda>

For more information about how you can be involved, contact Nelah McComsey.

January News!

Social Action News (continued)

God's Pantry sends their thanks and warm appreciation for all of the donations from our church. The Angel Tree for low income Plano children 12 and younger was a success with every child receiving at least one gift. We also donated many non perishable foods and cash to feed families during the Holiday Season.

Family Events at CUUC in January

Sun. 1/1 – Worship/Religious Education classes, 10:30am (RE Special Day – Resolutions)

Sun. 1/8 – Worship/Religious Education classes, 10:30am

Fri. 1/13-Sun. 1/15 – YRUU Rally (Houston area)

Sun. 1/15 – Worship/Religious Education classes, 10:30am

Fri. 1/20 – PDG (Potluck Dinner & Games), 6:30pm

Fri. 1/20 – Common Ground Street Choir Sing, 7pm

Sat. 1/21 – Teacher Appreciation Dinner, 6pm (Temple Beth Shalom)

Sun. 1/22 – Worship/Religious Education classes, 10:30am

Sat. 1/28 – Odds ‘n Ends Day (bring your child and come help!)

Sun. 1/29 – Worship/Religious Education classes, 10:30am (children’s chapel K-7th)

Teachers! Don’t Miss the Annual Teacher Appreciation Dinner on January 21! RSVP before January 11 to reserve your space. Your area DREs are your hosts at this delicious, catered, sit-down dinner followed by a short speech by UU minister Meg Barnhouse from Austin, TX (with music from her partner, Kiya Heartwood). Childcare is included. And it’s all free to you – as long as you tell us you’re coming. Hope to see you there!

The Eighth Annual NTUUC Recognition Awards

Plan to attend the NTUUC Awards Luncheon to honor our leaders. All are invited. The Recognition Awards and Grants to Congregations are presented at this annual Awards Luncheon, held at UU Church of Oak Cliff on January 28, 2017.

The event honors the service by our ministers, lay staff members, and volunteers. Community UU has submitted leaders from our congregation and hopes they will win. We are also hoping to be awarded a grant from NTUUC to further Community UU's good works.

Tickets are \$20 per person and soon they can be paid for on the NTUUC.org website. **Your contact is NTUUC Representative, Celeste Kennedy**

Attention all Women: Save the Date for a Special Weekend!

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!

November Financial Report

Finance Report by Dick Hildenbrand, Treasurer

The November financial summary for our operating accounts is listed below. Income is down due primarily to delayed Service Auction payments (which are being caught up now). Year-to-date expenses are still over budget and we expect the gap to close over the remainder of the year. Pledges remain on track; thanks for keeping up with your pledge payments.

Service Auction: Financially, the auction beat expectations; yay! Thanks to Tracy and Tommi – and we’ve invited them back for next year. And thanks to everyone who donated and/or participated. \$15k net was budgeted and once all the income is in, we’ll have netted over \$16k. If you haven’t paid your bill, please do so ASAP and if you can’t pay it all at once, talk to Dick about the EZ Pay plan.

Major Repairs: The last of the repairs have now been completed. We will have spent about \$182k on these repairs. In next month’s newsletter there will be a final, separate article on what has been done and how we will have paid for it.



Upcoming Share the Plate Offerings

Date	Recipient
Dec. 25, 2016	Minister’s Discretionary Fund
Jan. 29, 2017	Community Harvest Garden
Feb. 26, 2017	Minister’s Discretionary Fund



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

November’s Share the Plate netted \$159.65 for the Plano Community House.

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 November 2016

INCOME	Nov. 2016	Month Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget	% Annual Budget (FY 50% comp)
Total Offering Income	\$17,825	\$18,319	\$130,765	\$129,495	\$258,402	50.6%
Total Fund Raiser Income	\$5,181	\$12,000	\$9,430	\$17,950	\$24,900	37.9%
Total Building Usage	\$2,409	\$2,224	\$11,868	\$13,055	\$27,900	42.5%
Misc. Income	\$327	\$738	\$6,957	\$5,726	\$12,824	54.2%
TOTAL INCOME	\$25,741	\$33,281	\$159,020	\$166,226	\$324,026	49.1%
EXPENSE						
Administration	\$6,070	\$6,486	\$28,096	\$28,152	\$54,929	51.1%
Programs	\$1,680	\$1,887	\$11,228	\$11,563	\$22,739	49.4%
Religious Education	\$4,511	\$5,255	\$34,500	\$31,529	\$63,552	54.3%
Facilities/Grounds	\$3,906	\$3,497	\$27,678	\$27,195	\$60,742	45.6%
Ministry	\$9,271	\$8,504	\$53,572	\$51,026	\$103,276	51.9%
Denomination	\$1,708	\$1,708	\$8,540	\$8,540	\$18,788	45.5%
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$27,147	\$27,337	\$163,651	\$158,006	\$324,026	50.5%
NET INCOME	-\$1,405	+\$5,944	-\$4,631	+\$8,220	\$0	

JANUARY 2017

For our January 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/>

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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 Friday: 9:15am - 11:30am.

Church Secretary Connie Meints

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

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