

# The Community News

## May 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.

#### A President who is female

At this year's Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) General Assembly (GA), which runs from June 21 to 25 in New Orleans, attendees will worship, witness, learn, connect, and make policy for the UUA through the democratic process. GA is a time for UU's to come together and become reinvigorated by the synergy of our larger faith community.

This year, delegates of UU congregations from across the country will, without a doubt, elect a UUA President who is female for one six-year term, since this election will be the first with female candidates only: the Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray, lead minister of the UU Congregation of Phoenix, Arizona; the Rev. Alison Miller, minister of the Morristown, New Jersey, Unitarian Fellowship; and the Rev. Jeanne Pupke, senior minister of the First UU Church of Richmond, Virginia. In the last four UUA presidential elections, male candidates have been elected over female candidates. I'd say, then, that it's about time for a change in senior leadership, especially considering our religion's mission to act and behave in accordance with our values that promote inclusivity and diversity.

Community Church has been allotted four voting delegates to GA, and the Board recently approved Jo Howser, Gene Verinder, and Dick Hildenbrand to serve in that capacity, and gave our Rev. Patrick Price the authority to appoint the fourth delegate. Our annual New Orleans Service Project will take place the week after GA. The Board warmly appreciates the dedicated youth and the intrepid adult-chaperones who have committed to representing our church at GA and to working on the annual Service Project.

If you are interested in attending GA this year, please speak with Zack Hughes.

For more information...

General Assembly <a href="https://www.uua.org/ga?">https://www.uua.org/ga?</a>
<a href="https://www.uua.org/ga?">utm medium=uua.org&utm source=story3&utm campaign=homepage</a>

<u>Presidential Candidates</u> <u>http://www.uua.org/uuagovernance/elections/president</u>

Recent UUA Controversy https://www.uuworld.org/articles/peter-morales-resigns

May 2017 Sunday Services Theme - Truth

May 7 – "Coming of Age Service" Coming of Age Class, Kathy Smith & Rev. Patrick Price.

May 14 - "Annual Flower Communion and Mother's Day Service For All Ages" Rev. Patrick Price

May 21 - "Critical Thinking in Unthinking Times" or "Truth, Reason and Baloney Detection" - Rev. Patrick Price

May 28 - Guest Speaker - Annie Foerster.

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 "Truth, Truthiness and Anxiety"

The issue of "what is true?" or "how do we know what is true" is one of, if not <u>the</u> fundamental area of social and intellectual struggle for our time and beyond. This is not unusual in history, but this time it reflects a bigger divergence from a collective agreement on "what is true" and "how we know the truth" than in the recent past.

Satirist Stephen Colbert picked the word *truthiness* just moments before taping the premiere episode of *The Colbert Report* on October 17, 2005, when he decided that the previously planned word – "truth" – was not absolutely ridiculous enough. His exploration of *truthiness* then is now considered a major reference point and definition in the larger conversation about what is true. He said, "We're not talking about truth, we're talking about something that seems like truth – the truth we want to exist," he explained... "Truthiness is 'What I say is right, and [nothing] anyone else says could possibly be true.' It's not only that I *feel* it to be true, but that *I* feel it to be true. There's not only an emotional quality, but there's a selfish quality."

There is also the aspect of certainty. The more certainty the asserter of a *truthiness* conveys, the more believable it becomes to many, regardless of facts. This reflects a deep desire for many to want more certainty in their lives when the pace of change provides just the opposite. I would say "certainty of truth" is like most things, if you want it in the worst way, that's how you will get it.

I also believe that most of this rejection of reason and facts is due to the prevailing anxiety in our global society that has been building since the 1970's. Anxiety literally makes its difficult if not unlikely that we can be reasonable or use reason, (located in our prefrontal cortex). Instead we revert to our mammalian and reptile brains which operate solely on emotional or even instinctive levels to have needs/wants met and danger addressed.

"...when anxiety reaches certain thresholds, 'reasonableness and honesty' no longer defend against illusion, and even the most learned ideas begin to function as superstitions." (From "Introduction" of <u>A Failure of Nerve</u> by Edwin H. Friedman) At this point it becomes futile to attempt using reason to influence anxious emotional systems. In this situation, the primary focus of leaders in maintaining good self differentiated boundaries is to be the less anxious presence, to better resist and deescalate the anxieties in our communities.

Also, we need more critical thinking in order to discern truth and facts, and working with them, rather than a doubling down on irrational certainties that are the equivalent to putting our fingers in our ears, singing patriotic hymns and putting our heads in the sand. The facts are that the world is changing fast, both in good ways and in really bad ways. As religious liberals we are called to be "present" to the realities of the past, and especially the current moment of now, in order to be able to better shape the future for the good of all. And that's the truth. See you in church. Blessings, Patrick

# The Congregational Meeting is Sunday, May 21.

The Congregational Annual Meeting is **Sunday, May 21, 2017, following worship**. Besides voting on Board of Trustee and Leadership Development Committee seats, there will be voting on the 2017-18 budget as well as approval of the Program Board Renewal Plan and by-law changes. For more specific information, such as the proposed by-law changes, and annual reports go to this website <a href="http://www.communityuuchurch.org/pages/2017-05-21">http://www.communityuuchurch.org/pages/2017-05-21</a> Congregational Meeting. Please plan to attend this important meeting that will shape the future of Community Church!

# President's Column

It's hard to believe that two years have already gone by since I assumed the role of your congregational president on June 1, 2015, and when I think about the fellowship we share and the challenges we faced in the last two years, I am inspired and grateful. It has been my pleasure and honor to serve in this role and I want to express my gratitude to all of you. Our new congregational president, the very capable Zack Hughes, will take on this role on June 1st.

Some very special people have mentored, coached, supported and even schooled me during my tenure as president. Their help and encouragement has been invaluable to me, so a very special thank you goes out to Dick Hildenbrand, Elena Westbrook, Chet Smith, Duane Mortensen, and Tom Reid. I also want to thank Connie, whose gentle reminders about article deadlines, and many other things has kept me on track and on time (more or less!).

We have something very special here at Community Church - our shared promise to help each other and our commitment to make the world a better place. Let us continue to do so. Fondly,

Lexie

#### **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.

#### Service opportunities

- 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.
- We are rebuilding our Technology Team. If you love all things tech, we have a place for you on the team.
- 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? Would you rather work with your hands? We also need people who want to do the work on 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. Contact the LDC at <a href="mailto:ldc@communityuuchurch.org">ldc@communityuuchurch.org</a>. ~Your LDC Correspondent

# May, 2017

Simple Living Chalice Circle Meeting time and place – The next meeting will be Saturday morning May 13 at 11am. Theme/topic – Learning together on the streets of Calcutta, to live deliberately.

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

The NTUUC Leadership Training is June 10 at First Jefferson UU Church, 1959 Sandy Lane, Ft. Worth Texas 76112. Bishop Carlton Pearson is the Keynote speaker. There are three tracks of sessions from which to select, Growing our Congregations, Extended Leadership Session and Racial Justice. Early Bird cost: \$25, June 3. Lunch provided. For details go to the NTUUC.org website.

Congregational Meeting Lunch Fresh hot bread! Breakfast casseroles! Scrumptious desserts! You don't have to go to the congregational meeting hungry - or skip it because the family wants lunch. Our fabulous teens will have lunch prepared for you right after church. All donations will go to the Coming of Age class for their Heritage Trip to Boston. Just a reminder to parents – childcare is available for children of all ages so you can attend the meeting.

Friday Night Flicks - 7pm. May 26 - LION - 2016 - 2hrs. -PG-13

A five year old Indian boy gets lost thousands of kilometers from home.

He survives many challenges before being adopted by a couple in Australia.

Twenty five years later he sets out to find his lost family. Nominated for 6 Oscars: Best Supporting Actress, Nicole Kidman, Supporting Actor, Dev Patel, Best Picture, Adapted Screenplay, Cinematography and Original Score.

Candy Sale Our high schoolers will be selling homemade candy for Mother's Day! They will take orders on May 7 and deliver on May 14. (Some boxes will also be available for last-minute purchase on May 14.) Small boxes \$5, large boxes \$15, several delicious varieties of candy! All proceeds go to fund our New Orleans General Assembly Trip and the following Service Trip.

**Share the Plate.** The offering for May is designated for the Minister's Discretionary Fund. This fund helps many members of our congregation and the community at large. Half of the collection today will go to Minister's Discretionary Fund. You can also donate to this cause all month long via the CUUC web page by selecting the Share the Plate option.

#### 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: May 16, 2017

Location: June Bruns' home. Contact June at by May 12 if you plan to attend.

**Selection:** *Gilead:* A Novel by Marilynne Robinson Gilead won the 2005 Pulitzer for Literature. Nearly 25 years after Housekeeping, Marilynne Robinson returns with an intimate tale of three generations, from the Civil War to the 20th century: a story about fathers and sons and the spiritual battles that still rage at America's heart. In the words of Kirkus, it is a novel "as big as a nation, as quiet as thought, and moving as prayer. Matchless and towering." Gilead tells the story of America and will break your heart. Amazon

> **Deadline** for the June newsletter is Friday, May 19. **Email articles to** newsletter@ communityuu church.org.

# Religious Education

"...the free and responsible search for truth and meaning..."
Unitarian Universalist Association Covenant of Congregations, Fourth Principle

#### Truth, Fantasy, and the Open Canon

By Kathy E. Smith, Director of Religious Education

It's often said that Unitarian Universalists can find meaning in any writings, from a comic book to a philosophy treatise. We can do this because Unitarian Universalism encourages us to find truth and meaning in many sources. Theologically, we say that "revelation is ongoing" – that is, we are continuously learning, there is no one set of sacred writings that overrides the rest, and each of us connects to the divine in our own way.

But what does that mean when you are dealing with a small child who wants to know, "Is that story true? Really?" With their questions about the deeper meaning of life, children can really hold the mirror up to our own religious insecurities!

How you answer the "is it true?" question depends on the child's age. Very young children cannot clearly delineate the boundaries between fact and fiction. That knowledge comes with their growing experiences of family, friends, pets, gardens, chores, the natural world – all the true-life experiences that help ground human beings in daily reality. Adults often feel the need to answer the "is it true?" question before a young child even asks it, but the best way for a very young child to learn what is fact and what is make-believe is through experience, not words.

"Truth" is actually deeper than "is it real?" or "did it happen?" Those are actually different questions than "is it true?" One of the essential steps to maturity, and one we take over and over again as we grow from child to youth to adult, is learning to differentiate between truth and Truth. That is, a story may not be literally "true" – it may not be real, or it may not have happened just that way – but it still may transmit a deeper, underlying Truth.

Take the classic story "The Velveteen Rabbit", for instance. A very young child will hear the story and imagine that his stuffed animal, too, comes to life at night and talks to the other toys. An adult might say, "No, that doesn't really happen", but the child will insist that it does. That child is not developmentally ready for the "is it real?" question – he is tuned into the deeper Truth that the world is an amazing place with wondrous happenings that he cannot explain. A somewhat older child knows that stuffed animals can't really talk, but she still cherishes the idea that her own favorite animal is somehow more real than not. Her Truth may be that comfort and security are embodied in the familiar objects in her everyday environment. A teen may reject the story as baby-ish fantasy, but be ready to hear the Truth that love makes us real to each other. And an adult can hear the story anew, and look at the historical truth of the frightening or disturbing parts – the scarlet fever, the threatened burning of the nursery toys – or the metaphorical Truth of the beauty in the Skin Horse's words.

The difference between "true" and "Truth" is where the open canon plays a role in parenting. In helping our children see that Truth can be found in many places – but not all – we are helping them find the spiritual meaning in the everyday. Why did this character do what he did? What happened when she said that? Which character do you want to be like? What do you think is most important about this story? Is there a part that makes you think? Why do you love that story? What part of it do \*you\* think is true, or real, or Truth?

----Here's to the ongoing search for Truth and Meaning, for all of us! In faith, Kathy

#### **Social Action News**

#### **Hunger Initiative**

God's Pantry has a new website thanks to Bryan Peters. It is in the final draft stages now and his work is so appreciated. Bryan and his family are well known to our community. Due to a grant from the City of Plano, the pantry has been able to add fresh milk and eggs for all Plano Residents. The 2017 grant application to continue this effort has been submitted and results will be available in June.

Gender Revolution! Join us on Sat. May 13, 2017, 10am.- 12:00 noon at Community Unitarian Universalist Church. GENDER REVOLUTION! Is a National Geographic 90 minute documentary hosted by Katie Couric. Please join the Welcoming Congregation Committee and Katie Couric as we explore, through interviews, the rapidly evolving complexities of gender identity. By hosting GENDER REVOLUTION we are creating a safe space for everyone - straight, male, female, bi, gay, cis, trans. All are welcome! See you there! Learn more at <a href="https://www.NatGeoTV.com/GenderRevolution">www.NatGeoTV.com/GenderRevolution</a> or email <a href="https://gender.com/GenderRevolution">GR@picturemotion.com</a>.

#### Join with Texas UUs to Hold Legislature Accountable

Our church works with the **Texas UU Justice Ministry** to make legislators and their committees aware of our concerns about issues before the legislature. The TXUUJM recently received a \$15,000 grant from the UUSC in support of their advocacy work in Texas.

A small group of our members attended our Legislative Action Day in Austin on February 15 and another made a special trip to Austin on March 8 to register opposition to the "bathroom" bill.

This is a troubling time for immigrants and minorities and it is important for those of us who believe in "the inherent worth and dignity of every person" and "justice, equity and compassion in human relations" to speak out in support of those values.

The current legislative session runs through May 25, so we still have two months ahead and there's still time for you to get involved by writing and phoning our legislators.

Some issues currently before the legislature:

- A bill that would establish a bipartisan Texas Redistricting Commission (HJR 32)
- An anti-sanctuary cities bill (SB 4)
- A "bathroom" bill that restricts use of public bathrooms by transgender persons (SB 6)

A school voucher bill to divert public funds to private schools (SB 3)

We currently have a small rapid-response phone team who have agreed to make calls to legislators when a particular bill comes before committee or comes up for a vote. If you are interested in joining this team, please contact our TXUUJM representative Nelah McComsey. We can provide you with a short script to help you make calls.

# Community News

#### **UBarU Family Camp**

**UBar U Family Camp is May 26 thru 29.** Spend time with your family in the beautiful Texas Hill Country! This Memorial Day weekend of camp will offer opportunities to learn, grow, and share as a family, as well as some time for parents to enjoy free time and activities designed just for them. Activities include camp fire, talent show, family worship, nature education, swimming, clogging, star party and much more.

The price is \$150 for adults and \$70 for children 5-18 (**slightly more after May 1**) includes seven meals and bunkhouse accommodations for three nights. Children under five are free.

Check in is 4:30pm Friday and check out 10:30am Monday. For more information and to register, visit ubaru.org and look under "events".

UBarU is an International Dark-Sky Park, certified by the International Dark-sky Association.

#### "Notes from the Garden"

Where will you find 8th graders, girl scouts, high school RE students, young families, and happy, busy folks of all ages? The Community Garden, of course!

Come out to the garden and you may meet an 8th grade volunteer earning service hours for National Honor Society, our high school RE students helping with maintenance once a month, the Meadows family working together on prepping and planting, the three Kabage kids who love to water and help harvest, the Count girls who plan to help paint our new storage area, and members of Dawn Graham's girl scout troop who have adopted plots 23 and 24 and plan to plant tomatoes, peppers and eggplants, as well as plants that attract butterflies and are edible too! Thanks to all of our gardeners, young and not so young!!!

The Community Garden is truly an intergenerational ministry and a place where big and little hands work

If you would like to help harvest once in a while or have excess food from your garden to donate, you will find us in the garden on Saturday mornings at 8am. Come out, join us, and you'll find us

together to produce healthy, organic produce that we enjoy and share with the wider community.

busily planting and harvesting. For questions contact: harvest@Communityuuchurch.org.

#### **Calendar of Upcoming Family-Friendly Events:**

Sunday, May 7 – Worship and Religious Education, 10:30am. (Coming of Age service)

Sunday, May 14 – Mother's Day Homemade Candy Sale (support our youth!)

Sunday, May 14 – Worship (Flower Communion Service), 10:30am.

Sunday, May 21 – Worship and Religious Education, 10:30am.

Sunday, May 21 – Congregational Meeting, 12 noon

Sunday, May 28 – Worship and Religious Education, 10:30am.

## 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 <a href="https://www.CommunityUUChurch.org">www.CommunityUUChurch.org</a>. under <b>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.

#### **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. Lost Gods and Fallen Temples: May 4th – Skywatchers at Chaco Canyon May 11th – Mountain of the Gods at Angkor May 18th – The Stone Heads of Easter Island May 25th - \*\*\* BREAK \*\*\*. Communities of the Spirit June 1st – Tending Zoroaster's Sacred Fire in Iran.

#### Committee on Ministry

Committee members are John Hart, Bryan Bristol and Betsy Friauf. Please bring us your thoughts and concerns by emailing <u>mincom@communityuuchurch.org</u>

#### **Recent Activities:**

Oct. 30, 2016: Organized and hosted send-off for Rev. Patrick Price on the eve of his sabbatical.

**March 5, 2017:** Led rededication ceremony during church service for Rev. Patrick Price's return from sabbatical; and organized planting of fig tree dedicated to his return and to church growth.

#### NTUUC Registration Assistance

Available for you! Upcoming options include:

#### Let Love Lead

NTUUC's Leadership Conference, June 10 at First Jefferson Church in Fort Worth.

#### **UU College of Social Justice**

Trainings this summer for Youth and Young Adults, and work opportunities at RAICES in San Antonio.

#### The Point

UUA Southern Region's Summer Camp, formerly SWUUSI; July 23-28 in NE Oklahoma. Priority is given to Youth and Young Adults, and to first-time attendees.

NTUUC normally provides half the early registration cost, and sometimes additional travel expenses. We do ask that **all recipients** submit reports afterwards, and visit various NTUUC groups to share what they learned. Please apply at www.NTUUC.org/RegAssist.

Celebrating more than a century of liberal religion in North Texas

# MAY

For our May 2017 calendar, go to our website at: Community UUChurch.org

Events listed on the calendar are subject to change. For more information and confirmation of these events, please visit the church calendar at <a href="http://">http://</a> www.communityuuchurch.org/pages/calendar.

#### May Financial Report

#### Finance Report by Dick Hildenbrand, Treasurer

The March financial summary for our operating accounts is listed below. The cumulative Net Income gap has been reduced from \$12.7 in February to \$9.4k in March. As of this writing, I'm projecting ending the year at between a \$5k and \$6k deficit. Expenses are expected to stay below budget, but income will be more so below budget due to lower than expected pledge income, loose offering and the rainy weather during the Balloon Festival weekend.

# Looking forward to 17-18 (Begins June 1): We have an extremely challenging year ahead of us finance-wise. Pledges are going to be well below target, even less than this year's total. Expenses, most of which we have little control over, have risen about \$10k. The budget has a \$32k deficit, plus we need an additional \$5k-\$6k to cover this year's

most of which we have little control over, have risen about \$10k. The budget has a \$32k deficit, plus we need an additional \$5k-\$6k to cover this year's deficit. For more information, you can attend a meeting on the budget discussion after church either on Sunday, May 7th or 14th.



#### Upcoming Share the Plate Offerings

Date	Recipient
April 30, 2017	New Orleans Initiative
May 28, 2017	Minister's Discretionary Fund



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

March's Share the Plate netted \$439.05 for Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) Thanks!

#### FREE MONEY!

**Kroger:** Update your Kroger Plus card to link to organization 83309 at <a href="www.kroger.com/">www.kroger.com/</a> communityrewards. NOTE: It's time to renew you

Kroger Community Rewards - just follow this link: https://www.kroger.com/communityrewards

Amazon.com: Use this link for purchases: <a href="http://">http://</a>

smile.amazon.com/ch/75-1787256

The church will get a portion of all purchase amounts!

### **INCOME & EXPENSE March 2017**

						% Annual
	Mar.	Month	YTD	YTD	Annual	Budget
INCOME	2017	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	(FY 83.3% comp)
Total Offering Income	\$21,136	\$19,929	\$212,486	\$221,169	\$258,402	82.2%
Total Fund Raiser Income	\$ 798	\$ 35	\$ 20,756	\$ 23,210	\$ 24,900	83.4%
Total Building Usage	\$ 2,494	\$ 2,185	\$ 21,191	\$ 22,524	\$ 27,900	76.0%
Misc. Income	\$ 626	\$ 787	\$ 11,072	\$ 9,324	\$ 12,824	86.3%
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 25,054	\$ 22,936	\$265,505	\$276,227	\$324,026	81.9%
EXPENSE						
Administration	\$ 3,879	\$ 3,951	\$ 45,627	\$ 46,544	\$ 54,929	83.1%
Programs	\$ 1,845	\$ 1,817	\$ 18,222	\$ 18,941	\$ 22,739	80.1%
Religious Education	\$ 5,020	\$ 5,354	\$ 53,717	\$ 52,845	\$ 63,552	84.5%
Facilities/Grounds	\$ 5,293	\$ 5,452	\$ 49,399	\$ 50,362	\$ 60,742	81.3%
Ministry	\$ 8,092	\$ 8,749	\$ 86,183	\$ 85,778	\$103,276	83.4%
Denomination	\$1,708	\$1,708	\$ 15,372	\$ 15,372	\$18,788	81.8%
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$25,836	\$27,030	\$268,520	\$269,841	\$324,026	82.9%
NET INCOME	-\$ 782	-\$ 4,094	-\$ 3,015	+\$ 6,386	\$0	

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Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC):

www.uusc.org

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North Texas Unitarian Universalist Congregations (NTUUC):

www.ntuuc.org

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# **Church Office Hours**

Monday: church offices closed: Tuesday: 9 am to 3 pm Wednesday: 9 am to 2:30 pm: Thursday: 9 am to 2:30 pm Friday: 9 am to Noon: Office Phone #: 972-424-8989

**Reverend Patrick Price** 

Monday: Available for emergencies only. Tuesday through Thursday: Noon to 4 pm

**Friday:** Available for emergencies only.

Other times by appointment. Please contact Reverend Price for

appointments and scheduling information.

Director of Religious Education Kathy Smith Wednesday and

Thursday: 1pm to 5 pm, other times by appointment.

**Bookkeeper John Elder Tuesday & Thursday:** 10:30am - 2:30pm

other times by appointment.

Membership Coordinator Cindy Pilcher 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

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

