



The Community News

November 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.

The annual Service Auction is coming up on November 19! This is our final fundraising event for 2016, so mark your calendars and please plan to participate (**doors open at 5:00 p.m., dinner begins at 6:00, and the live auction starts at 7:00**). The Service Auction is not only a time to support our Church financially, it's a time of fun and fellowship, not to mention a great opportunity to take advantage of one-of-a-kind services offered by the talented, generous members of our congregation. **Long-time members will be thrilled to hear that Tracy and Tommie Homuth will be returning as our auctioneers!**

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 at pirth13@verizon.net**

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 complete the Service Auction Donation Form: <http://bit.ly/ServiceAuction2016>.** If you know a business that might like to make an auction donation, email serviceauction@communityuuchurch.org with the details.

For general questions, email serviceauction@communityuuchurch.org. Let's make 2016 our most memorable auction ever!

**Daylight Savings Time Ends Sunday, November 6.
Turn your clocks BACK ONE HOUR Saturday
night, November 5.**

November 2016 Sunday Services

Nov. 6 - "LGBT Human Rights: An International Perspective" - Guest Speaker - David Overton

Nov. 13 - Worship in the Park at Bob Woodruff Park in the North Shelter.

Nov. 20 - "Parallel Lives" - Guest Speaker - Elena Westbrook

Nov. 27 - "Covenant" - Guest Speaker - Rev. Mark Walz

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 "Be Missing You., But Not For Long"

Dear Ones,

It's the beginning of November and we've just had our Halloween Party for the community, our Annual All Souls service at Community UU Church, and we are into the more chaotic "in-between-ness" of the Holiday Season. Our rainbow colored Welcoming Congregation renewal process is in full bloom on the 5th. The Fall Congregational Meeting is on the 6th, with Election Day on the 8th, and our Annual Service Auction is November 19th. Our building is cleaned and tidied up, and our religious education/faith development programs are going full steam. The Pastoral Care Team is making its rounds, and our Worship Team has engaging worship and diverse speakers lined up. And I am going to miss you all while I am away on ministerial sabbatical, but just for four months, and I'll be back with you March 1st.

In our UU faith tradition a ministerial sabbatical is a time for study, pilgrimage, growth, reflection, enrichment, and renewal. It is part of our covenant in our "Letter of Agreement" with each other that the minister accrues one month of sabbatical leave for each year of service with you. After my first four years I took a four month sabbatical. Now, in our eleventh year in ministry together, it's time for another. I will be taking four (4) months of sabbatical leave from Nov. 1st, 2016 through the end of February 2017. The Board of Trustees, and Program Board have been planning with me and the staff for some time and have set up resources and procedures to deal with daily matters and any emergencies that may arise.

What are the benefits of a Sabbatical?

For the Rev. Patrick,

- *Time for professional and personal growth.
- *Time to gain new ideas for sermons and programs.
- *Time to be renewed and refreshed.
- *Time to gain a deeper perspective on his ministry.

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For Community Church,

- * A chance to explore new ways of ministering together.
- * A chance to experience different speakers, programs, and ministries.
- * A minister returning with new ideas and deepened religious experiences of our faith and others.
- *A minister who is renewed and re-energized upon return.
- *Renewed commitment to our ministry together and with the Minister.

What will I (Rev. Patrick) be doing?

Principally I will be studying **Bowen Family System Theory**, (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=so2F_KK4E7g) which includes genealogical research, and in depth multigenerational family psycho-social histories. This is to identify patterns of relationship and behavior in one's families, over three or more generations, and to address how one functions in that system. A person's behavior is the only thing they can change in any system, but must first understand one's own functioning in it. This then provides insight in to how other systems function, everything from work settings, to nations. I hope to be able to better use this understanding to further improve my ministry with you, and to help all of us better engage with how we function in systems of oppression; racial, economic, ideological, etc.

More specifically my plans include visiting with spiritual mentors and family, attending the Glen Rose Fall Leadership Conference; Spiritual Direction Classes scheduled at SMU; the SW Conference UU Ministers Retreat; a five day Emotional Intelligence & Human Relations (EQ-HR) Workshop ; and a Symposium: "Being Human: – lessons from Nature, Science, and Bowen Theory".

I will also offer some *pro bono* consulting for a small UU congregation as a way of giving back to our faith. While some distance travel is involved, for the most part I will not be far from home. However, in order to get the optimal benefit from the sabbatical, I will not be available except if mutually agreed upon with the Board. I "thank you" in advance as this will include all forms of electronic communication. I will stay in touch with the congregation through words and pictures in newsletter columns, Facebook postings and others.

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President's Column

Throughout this year, and in several of my articles, I have called your attention to the work of the Welcoming Congregation Renewal Committee. We have been a Welcoming Congregation for more than 20 years, and the renewal process that is taking place strengthens our commitment to affirm and promote the 7 Principles which we hold as strong values and moral guides. As Rev. Barbara Wells ten Hove explains, "The Principles are not dogma or doctrine, but rather a guide for those of us who choose to join and participate in Unitarian Universalist religious communities."

1st Principle: The inherent worth and dignity of every person;

2nd Principle: Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;

3rd Principle: Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;

4th Principle: A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;

5th Principle: The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;

6th Principle: The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;

7th Principle: Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

In keeping with the spirit of these Principles, the Board voted unanimously to display the Rainbow Flag in a prominent position affixed to our monument sign in support of the LGBTQ community. It is an action that speaks directly to our belief in "The inherent worth and dignity of every person. Justice, equity and compassion in human relations. ...and Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations."

In taking this action, we lovingly join other UU congregations in our cluster who express their support for the LGTBQ community in similar ways.

Fondly, Lexie

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What happens afterwards?

After the end of February I will return and resume my duties, sharing my experiences and ideas from the sabbatical. As is standard, I and the congregation, through its elected Board, have "mutually pledged themselves to work with each other for a period of not less than one full year following the end of the sabbatical." ("Sabbatical Leave Agreement")

What can you do to help?

For Community Church much will continue as always but with opportunities to explore new ways of doing things as well. Remember that with growth comes change and sometimes that means discomfort. So, basically, if you notice that something needs to be done, contact the appropriate leader. Volunteer to help when asked, and if not asked, offer. Be involved and participate as much as possible.

I cannot express enough my gratitude for the opportunities that a sabbatical offers, and the rest and renewal that can come from it. I will be thinking of you, worshipping, serving, witnessing, and playing together creating and living the Beloved Community of hope and justice. Be in touch soon, Blessings and love, Patrick

November, 2016

Fall Congregational Meeting

Please join us on Sunday, November 6, at our Fall Congregational Meeting. We will meet in the sanctuary at 12:15pm, so get your cup of coffee and snack in Founders Hall immediately following the worship service and come back into the sanctuary for the meeting.

At this meeting, information about our finances, facilities, religious education program, and membership will be provided. We will also consider a motion to consolidate our existing debt through prudent refinancing. Your participation and your input is vital, and we hope to see you there.

On Nov. 6 we will be kicking off our annual Guest At Your Table campaign during The Message For All Ages part of the worship service. This campaign is part of a UUSC (Unitarian Universalist Service Committee) fundraising effort to raise funds to help support both national and international projects helping people less fortunate and in need of food, shelter and clothing. Come hear the campaign kick off, pick up your family box, and "feed" this box over the next two months. All monies will go directly to the UUSC in January. **Any questions, consult Anne Smith or our Social Action Committee at CUUC.**

The Church office will be closed November 24 and 25.

Friday Night Flicks Founders Hall - 7pm.

November 11 - Remember - 2016 - 1 hr. 35 min. - R

Remember is the contemporary story of Zev (Christopher Plummer) who discovers that the Nazi guard who murdered his family some 70 years ago is living in America under an assumed identity. With the help of Max (Martin Landau) he sets out on a mission to deliver long-delayed justice with his own trembling hand.

November 25 - Hail Caesar! - 2016 - 1 hr. 45 min. - PG13

Hail Caesar! follows a day in the life of Eddie Mannix (Josh Brolin), a Hollywood fixer for Capitol Pictures in the 1950s, who cleans up and solves problems for big names and stars in the industry. But when studio star Baird Whitlock (George Clooney) disappears, Mannix has to deal with more than just the fix. Directed by Joel and Ethan Coen.

Hey, RE Teachers! Coffee and Coaching! 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. **We'll look for you in Room F at 9:15am on November 6** to talk about what works, what doesn't, and how to keep the energy going in class!

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, November 15

Location: Nancy Barlow's home: Contact Nancy by Nov. 11 if you plan to attend.

Selection: The Soul of an Octopus: A Surprising Exploration into the Wonder of Consciousness by Sy Montgomery

Holiday Decorating Party! Please join us for a Holiday Decorating Party on November 26 from 9am to 2pm.

Come help make the church more festive for the holiday season as we hang the greens and decorate the sanctuary. Enjoy refreshments and holiday music as we work and fellowship together. Stop by for just a while, or stay for the whole time!

Contact Kimberly Hughes if you plan to attend or with any questions you may have.

Simple Living Chalice Circle

Meeting time and place – The next meeting will be **Saturday morning November 12 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

Words to Live By

“The world of church is changing. And why not?”

The world of medicine is changing. The world of journalism is changing.

The way we govern, teach, communicate, learn, the way we buy and read books is changing. There’s no good reason to believe that changes would not also impact the way we understand worship and Sunday School and every other aspect of congregational life.”

Full Week Faith, a project of the Fabs Collaborative at Meadville Lombard UU Seminary

We are UU – All Day, Every Day

By Kathy E. Smith, Director of Religious Education

You may have noticed the change in our bulletin boards. You may be wondering about the weekly questions (*Ask Your Child*) in the Order of Worship. Or you may have heard the words “family ministry” and wondered what that means.

Your Religious Education Board has voted on “a focus on family ministry” as one of our religious education goals for this year. As DRE, I often get requests for resources to support families in raising Unitarian Universalist children and teens. It’s often a struggle to make it to church every Sunday. And even if you do, that’s still only an hour or two out of the week. Children, teens, and families want and need ways to live our values and principles in their everyday lives. After all, being Unitarian Universalist isn’t just something that happens on Sunday mornings. It’s part of who you are.

As the UUA website says, “Religious education can help us grow in faith, at any age. Yet faith development happens outside of our faith communities, too...especially at home. Parents and caregivers are our children's primary religious educators, and not only because we give explanations and advice. Every day, we model attitudes toward faith, meaning, and purpose that children will notice and copy.” This is just as true for families of all configurations, with or without children at home. Our attitudes towards faith, meaning, and purpose drive our decisions about how we spend our money, what we do with our leisure time, how we participate in our democracy – virtually every aspect of our lives.

We’ve made some small steps in this direction already. Our bulletin board in Founders Hall has information about the monthly theme, including a quote to learn and a handout with suggestions for activities. The weekly questions in the Order of Worship are an opener to conversations with your children (or among the adults – meaningful conversations are important for all ages!). We’ve started adding posts about the monthly worship theme on our church Facebook page, including memes and links that you can discuss with your children or share with family and friends. There are also numerous resources available through our denominational offices (see the list at the end). Stay tuned for more! Feel free to talk with me about what other things would be helpful to you. We are Unitarian Universalist – all day, every day – and our church stands in support of your ongoing quest to do and be and learn more, every day, all your life long.

See you in church! In faith, Kathy

Resources available through the UUA Bookstore (known as InSpirit) at www.uuabookstore.org:

Welcome: A Unitarian Universalist Primer (teens and adults, \$5)

Sunday and Every Day: My Little Book of Unitarian Universalism (ages 5-12, \$5)

A Cup of Light: All About the Flaming Chalice (ages 5-9, with illustrations to color, \$5)

Everybody is Important: A Kids’ Guide to our Seven Principles (ages 5-7, with examples of how to live our values in everyday life, \$6)

Three books for ages 7-11 about Unitarian Universalist beliefs on important topics: *About Right and Wrong*, *About Death*, and *About God* (ages 7-11, \$14.95 each)

Come Sing a Song with Me (25 songs from both hymnals in simplified form) (\$14)

Seven UU Principles and Six UU Sources Activity Booklets (ages 3-6) (\$3 for one set – the more expensive set you will see contains multiple copies for institutional use) **(Continued on Page 6)**

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Other Resources:

The family pages in *UU World* (quarterly publication for members, current issue available online at uua.org, archived issues at www.uua.org/re/families/uu-world-family-pages) – as an example, the Fall 2016 issue includes an explanation of our fifth principle (democracy), a children’s story about leadership, and a parent reflection on taking your children to the polls.

Call and Response, essays from the UUA Faith Development Office at: www.uua.org/re/blog

Weekly inspirational emails including a blog post and a brief prayer grounded in Unitarian Universalism (adults) at *Braver/Wiser*: www.uua.org/worship/braverwiser.

Deadline for the December newsletter is Friday, November 11. Email your articles to newsletter @communityuuchurch. org

Who, Me?

Yes, You. You’re the Elf.

Every night, a gang of elves descends on Community UU Church and spends all night cleaning, polishing, vacuuming, emptying the dishwasher, and folding Orders of Worship for Sunday?

No? You don’t believe in elves ... or at least elves who do all our work for us?

Well, you’re right. Community UU doesn’t have a sexton, just an occasional cleaning service. And we don’t have staff who make sure that everything is ready for Sunday morning, or manage communications, or plan events. If any of those things are going to happen, we have to do them.

Our elves are people like Sandy Farlow, who organized a recent cleaning day to scrub and polish our church from top to bottom. Did you smell the lemon oil?

They are people like the magnificent Jo Howser, who has made coffee and washed dishes in Founders Hall for as long as I can remember. With a hat tip to Nindha Nosaven and Will Huebel, who’ve helped in the kitchen for several years.

And we NEED a horde of little elves to take care of all the tasks that keep this church running smoothly. Needs run small to large, ranging from lots of interaction with people to very little. These are a few of our more urgent needs right now. If you’d like to be our elf, please contact Sarah Reiling or email ldc@communityuuchurch.org and we’ll tell you more about it.

Facilities Team Leader/Board Trustee — Duane had to step down for job-related reasons, so we need a board member who can help organize volunteer workers and the occasional hired contractor to keep the building in good repair. Some knowledge of facilities is helpful, but the main skill is organizational.

Communications Trustee — Another board member lost, this time Rob Saxon to a long-term out-of-state assignment. We have people who put together the newsletter and manage the website, but right now we’re short one communications strategist and point person. This is your chance to make a mark, if you’ve been thinking of ways you would do it better!

Elves can contact any member of the Leadership Development Committee (Tarcia Johnson, Vicki Sharpsteen, June Bruns, Ian Rule, Elena Westbrook, or Sarah Reiling, the chair) to find out more about what the church needs and how they can help.

Social Action News

Welcoming Congregation Renewal

Sat. Nov 5 and Sun. Nov. 6-- Members of the Welcoming Congregation Renewal Committee are excited about speakers Mary and David Overton.

Saturday morning 10am-12pm: Mary's Workshop will focus on **UU International LGBT Human Rights Work in the sanctuary.**

David's Sunday morning service topic is **LGBT Human Rights - an International Perspective.**

David and Mary Overton, members of First UU Church of Austin, have been long been active in international human rights work. Mary as a past Board member of the UU-United Nations Office, and David currently the Advisory Board Chair.

In 2012, David and Mary visited educational programs operated by the UU-UNO in Ghana in West Africa with UUA President Peter Morales and UU-UNO Director Bruce Knotts. Both have been active on the UU Service Committee. David currently serves on the board of Mercy Ships, a global health non-profit organization.

In 2017 the WC Committee will host monthly programs on the first Tuesday nights on topics related to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer issues of legalities, health, and personal challenges. Save the dates.

GOD'S PANTRY

The Pantry is busy collecting items for their Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets to be distributed to the families in Plano registered to receive them. 600 families will receive the baskets. You can see the list of items needed for Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets on our website.

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.

Social Action News (continued)

October Stand Up for Racial Justice meeting at First UU Church, Dallas: Reverend Dr. Michael W. Waters spoke about ways to address racism and support our communities of color: get involved with public schools serving populations in need whether it's helping provide basic needs, mentoring or tutoring; register voters, then be a presence at the polls to challenge misinformation about voting ID's, polling location requirements, and prevent early closings; elect enlightened candidates for the State Board of Education and join the Texas Freedom Network's work on accurate textbooks <http://tfn.org/>. Read "From White Racist to White Anti-Racist" by Tema Okun (PDF) to ponder your journey in becoming anti-racist www.csworkshop.org/pdfs/CARC/White.../4 Life Long Journey.PDF

What's New in the Community Garden

Have you seen all the butterflies in the garden? Last week, there were so many monarchs that folks were bumping into them as they walked through the plots! Come out to the garden anytime to enjoy beautiful native plants and the benches dedicated to Christopher Tennyson.

If you're interested in joining the garden, there will be plots available for adoption in January. Talk to Deb Bliss this month or next to be "on the list"! Some of the benefits of joining the garden are:

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, experience the satisfaction of doing good in the community.

And the regular opportunity to commune with earth, sun, and sky!

If you would like to learn more about the Community Garden, come out and chat with us any Sunday after church. Visitors are also welcome at the monthly socials – second Saturday of the month from 10-12 noon. Contact Deb Bliss for location and more information.

UBarU Corner

Thank you to all who made contributions to UBarU corner on the last Sunday of October during the Share the Plate Program. Check out the web site at <http://ubaru.org/home> for details of our facility & programs.

William R. Daffinee, UBarU Board Trustee

Southwest UU Women's Conference. Conference is February 10-12, 2017 at the Magnolia Hotel Dallas Park Cities in Dallas. Registration is \$190 before January 1, 2017, \$225 from January 1 through January 27. Final deadline January 27. To register go to: www.swuuw.org.

Helen Bond, is the keynote speaker. She is a percussionist of intricate melodies and polyrhythms of West African music/teacher/storyteller/humanitarian and winner of 2015 Jack Benny Arts and Humanities Award and is the Co-Founder of Benkadi Project.

Entertainment will be Going Native, a terrific new vocal group with three awesome women at its heart. Lisa Mensing– lead singer/rhythm guitar, True Turner – multi-keyboardist and LaDonna Goetz – lead guitar/vocals will make you want to Rock and Roll.

Join us for an inspiring weekend in Dallas with great speakers, music, worship, workshops, vendors, fellowship and fun.

September Financial Report

Finance Report by Dick Hildenbrand, Treasurer

The September financial summary for our operating accounts is listed below. Bad weather caused the Balloon Festival parking income to fall well below budget and all other income was slightly down from budget. Monthly expenses were in line, but earlier expenses (explained last month) are keeping us “overspent” for the fiscal year. Overall, we’re over \$10,000 shy of where we should be, of which about \$5,000 is “recoverable”. The Finance Committee is looking at ways to close the gap.

Congregational Meeting motion: All voting members have been sent a letter discussing a motion to consolidate all our debt, including the money borrowed internally from our investments for major repairs, into a new mortgage. This will have a big impact on future budgets as it adds about \$10,000 annually to our expenses. Please read this letter to understand the proposal, the situation and what is needed going forward.

Service Auction coming up: Due to the shortfall from Balloon Festival parking income, the November 19th Service Auction needs to exceed its budgeted income of \$17,000. Please submit your donations (especially dinners, parties, services & timeshares) ASAP.



Upcoming Share the Plate Offerings

Date	Recipient
Nov. 27, 2016	Minister's Discretionary Fund
Dec. 25, 2016	Plano Community Home
Jan. 29, 2017	Community Harvest Garden



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

September's Share the Plate netted \$225.00 for the Minister's Discretionary Fund.

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 September 2016

INCOME	Sept. 2016	Month Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget	% Annual Budget (FY 33% comp)
Total Offering Income	\$17,859	\$19,294	\$90,541	\$92,262	\$258,402	35.0%
Total Fund Raiser Income	\$3,921	\$5,535	\$4,130	\$5,760	\$24,900	16.6%
Total Building Usage	\$1,659	\$2,076	\$7,655	\$8,640	\$27,900	27.4%
Misc. Income	\$845	\$1,738	\$3,501	\$3,951	\$12,824	27.3%
TOTAL INCOME	\$24,284	\$28,643	\$105,827	\$110,613	\$324,026	32.7%
EXPENSE						
Administration	\$5,524	\$5,387	\$17,815	\$17,556	\$54,929	32.4%
Programs	\$1,675	\$2,127	\$7,293	\$7,429	\$22,739	32.1%
Religious Education	\$4,840	\$5,255	\$24,713	\$21,020	\$63,552	38.9%
Facilities/Grounds	\$5,121	\$4,975	\$21,100	\$19,485	\$60,742	34.7%
Ministry	\$8,519	\$8,504	\$34,550	\$34,018	\$103,276	33.5%
Denomination	\$1,708	\$1,708	\$5,124	\$5,124	\$18,788	27.3%
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$27,441	\$27,956	\$110,676	\$104,631	\$324,026	34.2%
NET INCOME	-\$3,157	+\$686	-\$4,849	+\$5,982	\$0	

Family Events at CUUC in November

Sunday, November 6, 9:15am – Coffee and Coaching
Sunday, November 6, 10:30am – Worship and RE
Sunday, November 6, 12:15pm.– 5th-6th grade OWL
Sunday, November 6, 12 noon – Congregational lunch (fundraiser for our teens)
Sunday, November 6, after service – Congregational meeting (childcare provided)
Sunday, November 6, 1:30-7pm – YRUU field trip (Dallas Museum of Art)
Sunday, November 13, 10:30am – Annual Service in the Park (no RE)
Sunday, November 13, 12:15pm – Coming of Age Class
Sunday, November 13, 12:15pm – 5th-6th grade OWL
Friday, November 18, 6:30pm – PDG (Potluck Dinner & Games)
Saturday, November 19, 6:00pm – Service Auction
Sunday, November 20, 10:30am – Worship and RE
Sunday, November 27, 10:30am – Worship and RE
Sunday, November 27, 12:15pm – 5th-6th grade OWL

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.

PDG – Potluck Dinner and Games! November 16 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.

Boxtops for Barron

Barron Elementary is having a Boxtops for Education drive and has asked for our assistance. Boxtops 4 Education provides extra dollars to schools in exchange for product boxtops. This is an easy way for everyone to help out Barron Elementary.

All you have to do is save the boxtop coupons from General Mills products! You can find the list of products posted on the bulletin board in Founders Hall.

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Trustees meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month at 7pm in the Annex. Members, friends and visitors are always welcome.

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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

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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

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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.

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.

Quest for the Afterlife: Nov. 10th - Towers and Tombs of Sumeria Nov. 17th – Tomb of the First Emperor of China Nov. 24th - * THANKSGIVING *** Dec. 1st – Feasting with the Dead at Petra**

Saturday

The Artist Colony @ CUUC has been cancelled.

For our November 2016 calendar, go to our website at:
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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/>