



# The Community News

September 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.*

The poem below was written by **Adele Dorman** and was presented at the August 13 worship service. It was requested to publish it.

The Heart, a literal and metaphorical power.

In its beat, we hear a song, life goes on.  
In a beat we live, in a beat we will die.

Love grows and passion flames burn.  
Anger swells and peace prevails,  
Or so it must.

In a heartbeat hello mams hello sirs  
Forgets and devalues them,  
Won't use a pronoun, learn their name

It's more than grammar, it's not a "lifestyle"  
You wouldn't call a screwdriver a drill

If your church says yes and you say no  
It's not safe for our neighbors to go

Take it outside, a delivery service of the heart  
Trapped behind walls no one knows, this place is safe  
This place is sacred, you are welcome here

In a heartbeat we change the day.  
Maybe for all, maybe for one.

You break it you buy it.  
Right your wrongs.  
Praise your success.

Help welcome, them, us, your neighbor, your friend, your family.  
You never know, listen to your heart, being kind is not a cause of death.

Time heals wounds.  
Action heals hurts.

Your Heart, how will you wield it?

## September 2017 Sunday Services Theme - Vision

September 3- "Trans-  
cendence" Guest Speaker -  
Finnigan Jones. See page 2.

September 10 - "Texting  
While Driving Nearsighted" -  
Rev. Patrick Price.

September 17 - "Having  
Visions: Beyond Eden And a  
Shining City on a Hill" Rev.  
Patrick Price

September 24 - "A Vision for  
Climate Justice" - Guest  
Speaker - Aly Tharp. See page  
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## 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 "What Do You See?"

Yesterday was the total eclipse of the sun over a broad swath of the United States. Here in Plano, TX it was only 76% covered, give or take a few decimal points. Jen and I were home for our weekly day off, having just dropped the kids off at their first day of school that morning. For an hour or so before and after the local peak time around 1:20pm CDT we were out on the driveway, casting shadows to see if we could see the eclipse happening. We did with varying degrees of success. Without the right equipment, mainly properly tinted lenses, we could not look directly at the eclipse of the sun, without damaging our eyes. So we made due with shadows. The old pin hole in cardboard on paper worked just about as well as anything else we tried, giving us satisfying scallop shaped shadows processing across the sheet of paper. There were some, "Hey! That's cool!" moments like when Jen showed me the loosely packed sheet of crescent shadows on the lawn under our neighbor's shrubby tree. Also finding out that using a cell phone camera pointed at the solar eclipse, produced a secondary image above or below the sun, which revealed the eclipse event more clearly. Overall, we had a lot of fun playing with our shadows and perceptions of this rare cosmic event.

I find that much of our spiritual/religious experiences are like this too. We can rarely see clearly the sources or exact nature of what we encounter. We can see the different shapes and outlines of things, but we rarely are able to see or understand clearly or in total that which we have actually encountered. We cannot each, or even together, know the sum total of what is. Yet, together we can share our discoveries, observations and experiences of each other, the Universe and that which we call Holy.

What we see and how we see it depends in large part on our point of view relative to all else. Like the proverbial blind teachers, each mistaking a part of an elephant for the whole animal, we each can mistake our individual needs, desires, tastes and goals for those of our congregation and faith communities. No one person, and no one faith, or community can be all things to all people. This is a gift because it releases us to be more focused on our visions of who we are, and who we are trying to become. And without clear vision of who we want and need to be and become, we will never focus enough of our will and resources for that transformation of ourselves and our world to happen.

We see and understand more together than alone. And this is good, because we are not alone. You are not alone. You are the off spring of your family, the descendents of mammals, the progeny of fish and one celled animals. We are the children of this planet, her oceans, and the tidal churning of the moon and the sun's energetic embrace. We are far travelers, rare elements forged in the hearts of stars and blown into the fertile fields of creation. We are the Universe discovering itself. What do we do with this precious gift? Blessings, Patrick

### (From front page)

**September 3 - "Trans-cendence" - Guest Speaker** - Finnigan Jones is Executive Director and co-founder of Trans-Cendence International, Inc. <https://www.transcendint.org/> Serving as a leader in the DFW transgender community, Finn participates in social education and advocacy. He works closely with the ACLU, ACH, Excel, LGBTQ S.A.V.E.S., universities and surrounding GSA's to help further education on transgender and gender diversity issues and policy. Finn is a Transgender/Gender Identity Consultant and an Ally Training Consultant.

**September 24 - "A Vision for Climate Justice" - Guest Speaker - Aly Tharp.** Our planet is at risk. As Unitarian Universalists, what is ours to do in this crucial moment in history? What do justice, equity, and compassion in a climate-changed world look like? Our guest preacher, Aly Tharp, will share stories and lessons she has learned over the past 5 years as a grassroots activist and as the Coordinator for continental UU activist networks and the UU climate justice campaign, Commit2Respond.

Aly Tharp is a 27-year-old alum of Austin College and Plano Senior High School. She joined the resistance to the KXL pipeline in Texas in 2012 and has been organizing campaigns and programs for environmental & climate justice with the Unitarian Universalist Ministry for Earth since September of 2014.

### **What I Can Do to Participate In First Responders' Day??**

Every year on First Responders' Day which is 9/11, CUUC along with The Dallas Sai Center delivers containers of treats to our First Responders to let them know they are appreciated. Last year we delivered to 71 Fire Houses, Police Stations and a 911 Call Center in the area. This is our 9th year doing this and it is a lot of fun!!

**How can you participate?** We need lots of treats to put in our containers. It takes a lot of food to fill 71 containers!! Items to bring: Cookies, brownies, bar cookies, chips, pretzels, dried fruits, nuts, trail mixes, granola bars, fruit, candy. Homemade items are the best! Please nothing that needs refrigeration. If your donations are not perishable, there will be 2 large boxes in Founders Hall starting in Sept for donations.

We need people to help pack the containers. We will be loading the "goodie" containers on Sunday, September 10 starting at 5pm in Founders Hall. This should take about an hour.

We also need drivers to deliver them. This is the really fun part. Take the family along and the kids may get a tour of a fire station. This is our 9th year doing this and it is a lot of fun!! The only rule is they must be delivered on September 11 which is a Monday this year. You can go during the day, after school or after work.

**If you are interested in participating, please contact Barb Salvo. First ones to sign up to deliver will get the location(s) of their choosing.**

### **August Board Meeting Highlights**

#### **Land Sale**

Dick Hildenbrand and Cindy Hadden discussed with the Board the progress in negotiating the sale of 3 CUUC lots.

#### **Sponsorship of Cub Scout pack 61**

The Board approved CUUC sponsorship of Cub Scout Pack 61, which will not meet at CUUC, but will be involved in CUUC service projects of various types.

#### **August 26<sup>th</sup> Leadership/Board of Trustees Retreat**

President Zachary Hughes informed the Board that **Natalie Briscoe**, Congregational Life Staff, Southern Region in Unitarian Universalist Association Congregational Life, will facilitate the August 26<sup>th</sup> Leadership/Board of Trustees Retreat.

# September, 2017

## Simple Living Chalice Circle

The next meeting will be **Saturday morning September 9 at 11am.**

**Theme/topic** – Learning together to live deliberately. **Facilitator** Ona Tannehill at Email [simpleliving@communityuuchurch.org](mailto:simpleliving@communityuuchurch.org).

CUUC will be joining with our neighboring UU congregations to participate in the Dallas PRIDE festivities on **September 16 (festival) and September 17 (parade)**. There are many ways to get involved, both in front of and behind the scenes, to demonstrate our commitment to affirming our LGBTQ+ community. **Please reach out to Stephanie Dorman ([teacher@bestfx.net](mailto:teacher@bestfx.net)) to express your interest. Watch for additional information about PRIDE online and around the church.**

**August Share the Plate. Our Share-the-Plate offering on Sunday, September 24, will go the Minister's Discretionary Fund.**

**HELP WANTED!** Our web and communications team is looking for volunteers to help with A/V, computer, and web-related tasks starting immediately. Share your technical talents and support CUUC's communications and fundraisers. A lot of magic happens behind the scenes, and we need your help! **Contact Gene Verinder at [webguru@communityuuchurch.org](mailto:webguru@communityuuchurch.org)**

## Friday Night Flicks - 7pm.

**Sept 8 - The Zookeeper's Wife - 2017 - 2 hrs. - PG 13**

Based on the book by Diane Ackerman this is the story of what happened in the Warsaw, Poland Zoo when the Nazis came to power in 1939. Staring Jessica Chastain and Daniel Bruhl.

**September 22 - My Life As A Zucchini - 2017 - 1 hr. 15 MIN. - PG 13**

Nominated for an Academy Award for Best Animated Feature. After befriending a kind police officer, nine year old Zucchini is taken to a foster home filled with other orphans his age. You will meet a band of unforgettable characters you'll be cheering for.

**Genealogy Group. This group will start meeting again on the third Thursday of the month in Founders Hall at 2pm. The next meeting is September 21.**

**Come join us for the Women's Alliance Fall Garden Potluck Luncheon to be held at Jo Howser's beautiful home (1410 East 15th Street, Plano, TX 75074) on October 1st from 2-4pm.** This is open to all women in the church. Bring your favorite dish to share and expect to have lots of fun, conversation, a garden tour and a short planning meeting to cover the rest of the events of our fellowship for the coming year. **Please RSVP to Vicki Verinder at [women@communityuuchurch.org](mailto:women@communityuuchurch.org).**

## Literary Ladies Book Club

### Upcoming Meeting

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

**Date: September 19**

**Location: Nancy Barlow's home. Please reply to Nancy by Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> if you plan to attend.**

**Selection: My Name Is Lucy Barton: A Novel by Elizabeth Strout . #1 *New York Times* Bestseller and Longlisted for the Man Booker Prize .**

*A simple hospital visit becomes a portal to the tender relationship between mother and daughter in this extraordinary novel by the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of Olive Kitteridge and The Burgess Boy.*

**The Sai Center is doing a Shoe Drive (all sizes) for the Non-Profit Organization, <http://www.iwillstandintl.org>**

They help people in the Mid cities as well as People in Africa and will be making a trip to Rwanda and Kenya towards the end of September or early October when they will take as many shoes as they possibly can. **Sai Baba will leave a box with a Poster in Founders Hall until Sunday, September 17. Please donate your gently used or new shoes to this if you wish to help.**

**Deadline for the October newsletter is Friday, September 15. Email articles to [newsletter@communityuuchurch.org](mailto:newsletter@communityuuchurch.org).**

It's that time again! Yes, it's time for the **Plano Balloon Festival Parking Fundraiser** at Community Church on **Friday, September 22, and Saturday, September 23.**

This is one of our big fund raisers of the year. We are designated as an official parking site by the Plano Balloon Festival organization for the event, and throughout the weekend, we park cars on almost every conceivable parking space on our property.

To make this work, Sarah Reiling needs volunteers to help with this fun and profitable activity that benefits our church and the wider community. The key to making this a success is lots of volunteers working lots of shifts throughout the weekend. Volunteer shifts range from three to four hours long, and childcare will be provided for those who need it.

This is a great way for new members to volunteer and have a good time working with others in the church.

Look for Sarah Reiling in Founders Hall after Sunday service to sign up. Alternatively, you can contact Sarah and reserve your favorite shift. Together we can make this an enjoyable and successful event!

Thanks to CUUC participants in the latest Odds 'n Ends on Saturday July 30th. We had fourteen signed-in participants, including from CUUC: Dick Hildenbrand, Tom Brikowski, Duane Mortensen, Zack Hughes, Tara Hands and Donna Bening. The most important item was installation of solar screens on the west windows of the sanctuary, paid for and assembled by the Sai Baba congregation. **Next Odds 'n Ends is October 28. Come out and help maintain your church, plus you get free pizza for lunch!**

Tom Brikowski

### **Upcoming Calendar of Events at UBarU for SEPTEMBER 2017**

**1st UU San Antonio Middle School Retreat 15-17 September**

**SAAA Chuck Baker 22-24 September**

**Contact board member Bill Daffinee for more information.**

The September Men's Breakfast is **Saturday, September 16 8:30am, at Norma's Cafe in Plano**, in the former location of The Blackeyed Pea.

The address is 605 W. 15th. **If you plan to attend please let Bryan Bristol know by 3pm on Friday, September 15.**

## Social Action News

### **What's New in the Community Garden? New gardeners!**

Several choice plots are available for adoption and fall planting.

Wanted: A few enthusiastic folks to spend 4-6 hours/month helping to grow organic produce, harvest and deliver the bounty to local food pantries.

Benefits of gardening:

- Serve those who are hungry in your community

- Grow nutrient-rich food to serve at your table

- Connect with nature

- Work alongside friendly, experienced gardeners

- Enjoy physical activity (one hour of gardening can burn 337 calories)

- Experience bio-euphoria: studies have shown gardening has an anti-depressant and anti-anxiety effect. (Exposure to Vitamin D from sunshine helps regulate serotonin, the "happiness" neurotransmitter.)

Provided: Organic compost, fertilizer, and pest supplies, tools, water, mentoring, fun.

**Contact Deb Bliss at [harvest@communityuuchurch.org](mailto:harvest@communityuuchurch.org) with questions or to begin the adoption process.**

### **Hunger Initiative**

God's Pantry sends warm thanks for the donations from the Share the Plate for August and for the donations for the summer garage sale. The sale was slower than expected due to traffic patterns, but all unpurchased items will go back in our free storage unit for the fall sale. The volume of clients for July and August are the highest for year to date volume.

Light of Hope Immigration Law Center is located in East Plano. It has been visited several times to determine if our church could assist immigrants in our community. The Law Center works to join families back together and assist with documentation. Thanks to Pam and Jon Rinke-Walter, a flyer was created to explain the services of God's Pantry and their policy of not screening clients, but serving all clients. Jon did an excellent job with the map of how to reach the pantry. It was then translated into Spanish and distributed at the Law Center. Personal hygiene products have also been made available to the Law Center clients. Other ways of helping immigrants are being discussed with the Director of the Law Center. Your suggestions are welcomed. Please advise Linda Frank.

### **Donations Needed for Barron Elementary**

We are continuing our health supplies drive for Barron **through the end of September**. There is a collection box across the hall from the water fountain. Please bring tissues, alcohol-based hand sanitizer, Clorox wipes, and baby wipes for the drive. In addition, teachers have asked for plastic zip bags for the classrooms, so we are collecting gallon-size, quart-size, and snack-size ziplock bags. (**Please note:** we are not collecting clothing at this time.)

We will also continue our collection of Boxtops for Education to donate to Barron. There is a collection box in the hallway next to the grocery cart.

Thanks for helping with our support of Barron Elementary!

# Community News

## Connections

The Leadership Development Committee (LDC) is charged with identifying, nurturing, and supporting Community UU Church lay leaders. If you have been considering a leadership role at church we can help you make that role a reality.

## Service opportunities

Our esteemed Web Guru, Gene Verinder, is looking for an "apprentice" or two with the time and talent to take over a few of his weekly and monthly tasks, and to assist with the Service Auction planning, one of his major projects. This is a great way to support the church for those who are more comfortable "behind the scenes," or who may have more time and talent than treasure to give. **Email Gene and the communications team at [webguru@communityuuchurch.org](mailto:webguru@communityuuchurch.org) for more information.**

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 working to accomplish landscaping, mowing, interior and exterior projects?

Choose your area of interest and let the LDC know you want to serve our church community in this valuable way. **Contact the LDC at [ldc@communityuuchurch.org](mailto:ldc@communityuuchurch.org).**

~Your LDC Correspondent

Community UU is excited to be part of the North Texas UU Congregations (NTUUC) celebrations of PRIDE for our LGBTQ communities. All are invited to attend the **Pride Festival on Saturday, Sept. 16 from 11am – 7pm at Reverchon Park** at 3505 Maple Ave. in Dallas. \$10 admission is covered by NTUUC if you volunteer to work a one-hour shift at the NTUUC booth.

**Sign up for a volunteer shift by scanning the QR code below or contacting Stephanie Keener Dorman.**

Carpool together to First Church, Dallas, to take a bus to the park area for the **Freedom Parade on Sunday, Sept. 17.** Our UU contingent's theme is "Summer of Love." T-shirts for the parade (\$10) may be ordered after the worship service now through Aug. 26 – look for the sales person in Founders Hall.



## ***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](http://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.**

### **Thursday**

**Humanist Group meets at 6pm in Room G.** This group is beginning a new program.

Attendees are encouraged to read the book: "Voices of Humanism in Unitarian Universalism". Each week an attendee will lead a discussion on a chapter or two. This group's quest is to understand and discuss Essays on Humanism.

**Exploring the Roots of Religion in Room G at 7pm. Facilitator Don Fielding. Biological Anthropology: An Evolutionary Perspective: September 7 - The Mind of the Great Ape; September 14 – Models for Human Ancestors?; September 21 – Introducing the Hominids; September 28 – Lucy and Company.**

### **Committee on Ministry**

Committee members are John Hart, Bryan Bristol and Betsy Friauf. There will be 2 new members to replace Betsy Friauf and John Hart Thank you to these two for serving on this committee. Please bring us your thoughts and concerns by emailing [mincom@communityuuchurch.org](mailto:mincom@communityuuchurch.org)

**Circle Suppers** will start a new season in September. **On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month we gather at the home of one or more members for dinner.** The host makes the main dish and each guest brings a side dish. This is a great way to get to know other folks in the church in a smaller group setting. **Our next dinner is Sept 9<sup>th</sup>.** If you haven't previously attended Circle Suppers you may apply now to receive monthly email invitations. Just send an email to [CircleSuppers@CommunityUUchurch.org](mailto:CircleSuppers@CommunityUUchurch.org) and give your name (or names) and address and phone number and you will receive monthly invites.

**The Church office will be closed Tuesday, September 5.**

## July Financial Report

### *Finance Report by Cindy Hadden Treasurer*

The July financial summary for our operating accounts is listed below. The cumulative Net Income variance is currently \$10.9k, in large part due to donations (\$5.5 k) in addition to what has been pledged, and savings in different parts of the church's operating expenditures (\$3k for July). We can hope that some of these donations will be continued going forward. The savings in expenses are probably either temporary, or at least not likely repeatable, as we have already gotten the budget pretty much down to a minimum in regards to expenses. June was not very spectacular in terms of our finances, most of the income and expenses ran pretty close to budget. We ended June with a Net income variance of just \$328.

**Looking ahead:** Our Interim Director of Religious Education is with us at ¼ time for the month of August, and part of September. This will help some with the deficit budget we are working with. Early calculations put us at a savings of about \$10k for the year, reducing the possible deficit from \$27k to \$17k. We are still looking to increase donations or ways to fundraise money to close this gap.



### Upcoming *Share the Plate* Offerings

Date	Recipient
August 27, 2017	Barron Elementary School
September 24, 2017	Minister Discretionary Fund

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



July's *Share the Plates* netted \$238 for God's Food Pantry and \$315 for Human Rights Initiative of North Texas. Thanks!

**FREE MONEY!**

**Kroger:** Update your Kroger Plus card to link to organization 83309 at [www.kroger.com/communityrewards](http://www.kroger.com/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: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/75-1787256>  
*The church will get a portion of all purchase*

## INCOME & EXPENSE July 2017

	July 2017	Month Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget	% Annual Budget (FY 16.7% comp)
<b>INCOME</b>						
Total Offering Income	\$23,921	\$17,339	\$55,844	\$47,582	\$234,226	10.2%
Total Fund Raiser Income	\$ 128	\$ 190	\$286	\$225	\$ 24,900	0.5%
Total Building Usage	\$ 2,761	\$ 1,978	\$5,077	\$5082	\$ 29,430	9.4%
Misc. Income	\$ 854	\$ 469	\$932	\$938	\$ 10,992	7.8%
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 27,664</b>	<b>\$ 19,976</b>	<b>\$62,139</b>	<b>\$53,827</b>	<b>\$299,548</b>	<b>9.2%</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>						
Administration	\$ 3,950	\$ 4,131	\$8,326	\$8,403	\$ 57,324	6.9%
Programs	\$ 1,720	\$ 1,993	\$3,780	\$3,721	\$ 23,367	7.4%
Religious Education	\$ 5,183	\$ 6,715	\$10,713	\$12,980	\$ 66,461	7.8%
Facilities/Grounds	\$ 4,421	\$ 4,796	\$6,574	\$9,467	\$56,411	7.8%
Ministry	\$ 8,832	\$ 8,547	\$19,630	\$17,095	\$103,884	8.5%
Denomination	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$18,900	0.0%
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$24,106</b>	<b>\$26,182</b>	<b>\$49,023</b>	<b>\$51,666</b>	<b>\$326,347</b>	<b>7.4%</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 3,558</b>	<b>-\$ 6,206</b>	<b>\$13,116</b>	<b>\$2,161</b>	<b>-\$26,799</b>	

# September

For our September 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/calendar>.

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## UU Website Links

Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA): [www.uua.org](http://www.uua.org)

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**[www.uusc.org](http://www.uusc.org)**

Southwest District (SWUUC): **[www.swuuc.org](http://www.swuuc.org)**

North Texas Unitarian Universalist Congregations (NTUUC):

**[www.ntuuc.org](http://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.

**Interim DRE Jennifer Innis** call for 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.

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Please include your name on any news item submitted for The Community News. Items may be edited for clarity and brevity

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Community Unitarian Universalist Church of Plano



## On the Journey

Hello! It is a pleasure to serve with you this year for the benefit of children and youth programs at Community. As of September 22, I am full time as Interim Director of Religious Education for children and youth. Some of you know me as a parent, Rev. Price's seldom-seen spouse, an occasional pulpit guest, or more recently a Cub Scout leader. For 2017-2018 I have the privilege of collaborating with the Religious Education Board and the congregation for the sake of sustaining a great program and getting ready for the next chapter in professional staff for education. For this first column, I offer answers to some of the questions you might have and an outline of the stages in this program transition.

### **What is an Interim Director of Religious Education?**

I have two areas of focus. First, I am the staff person who oversees and manages the education program for children and youth. Second, I guide the church and its leadership in preparing to look for a settled director of religious education.

### **You're a Reverend, right?**

Yes, I am ordained and in fellowship with the Unitarian Universalist Association. My past ministries include interim and continuing roles in a parish such as Rev. Price's position and in religious education.

### **You and Rev. Price are married. Do married couples work together in church?**

Yes. Many committed couples serve the same congregation. Because so much of ministry is based in relationship, a couple can build on a foundation of trust and shared values when serving together. Bringing me in as a transitional person while Rev. Price is the settled minister is a little unusual. The care and awareness needed to clarify roles, authority, and responsibility will be integrated into assessing the congregation and the education program.

### **When might I call you?**

I am available for questions about children and youth religious education, for pastoral concerns related to the program, or just to get to know each other. I take a holistic view of the congregation's stewardship of programs for its young people. **The best ways to reach me are by email:**  
**[interimdre@communityuuchurch.org](mailto:interimdre@communityuuchurch.org)**.

Below is an outline of what we will explore over the course of the year as part of the search for a settled director of religious education. The first six tasks are that of the congregation. The second list is what I will do in the course of serving with you.

The Six Developmental Tasks of the Congregation in the Interim Period are:

1. Coming to Terms with History
2. Evolving a Unique Religious Education Program Identity
3. Leadership Changes During the Interim Period
4. Renewing Associational Linkages
5. Commitment to Future Program Vitality
6. Continuing to Create and Offer a Strong Religious Education Program

The Five Process Tasks of the Religious Professional in Transition Ministry:

1. Joining the System
2. Assessing the System
3. Connecting with the Denomination
4. Focusing and Assuming Responsibility
5. Exiting and Evaluating

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Over the next six weeks I want to get to know you and what makes the church work. Feel free to contact me for coffee, lunch, or just a visit.

Bowing to the Light Within, Rev. Jennifer Innis

## Religious Education News

### Coffee and Coaching for Religious Education Teachers

This year the RE Board is sponsoring a new 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. For this month we will meet on **September 17 in Room F at 9:15am. See Rev. Jennifer for information.**

### It’s Not Too Early!

Our annual Halloween Party is just weeks away! We’re already planning our tables, booths, and rooms. Do you have something special you’d like to do with our great community of kids – a new game, a Halloween craft, a fun activity? Or would you like to volunteer to help with something we’ve done before – the Sensorium, face-painting? Maybe you’d like to work with the teens to put on the Haunted House? Whatever your interest, we’d like to hear about it! Contact Brennan Hadden, RE Board Chair.

### Soul Work in the Sanctuary.

The tables at the side of the sanctuary are Soul Work: activities for all ages that engage the hands while allowing the brain and heart to connect with the worship service. You are welcome to work at the tables or take the work to your seat. The current work includes: electric candles to light, silk flowers to arrange, rhinestones and foam circles to make mandalas, printed mandalas and colored pencils.

### Looking for Help in Religious Education on September 3!

The first Sunday of September is Cooking Day! Children and teens will be preparing food to share during our Fellowship Hour. If you’d like to help, please contact any member of the RE Board: Brennan Hadden, Angela Hathaway, Danni Williams, or Lousinda Long.

### First Responder Appreciation Cards

In addition to cooking on September 3, the children and youth may make thank you notes for our local first responders. These notes will be added to the gifts that are prepared on September 10 and distributed on September 11. See Barb Salvo for information.

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

**Sunday, September 3** – Worship and RE, 10:30 a.m. (RE Special Day: Cooking Day)

**Sunday, September 10** – Worship and RE, 10:30 a.m. (First Day of Fall Classes!)