



The COMMUNITY News

Community Unitarian Universalist Church of Plano

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.

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Typical Sunday

- **9:15 a.m.**
Inquirer's Class
(1st Sunday of each month)
- **10:30 - 11:45 a.m.**
Worship
Religious Education for Youth; Nursery Childcare

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Come Laugh with Us at Summer Pops!

BRING ON THE LOVERS, LIARS AND CLOWNS! Our Summer Pops show, "Comedy Tonight!" is almost here, and we're busily rehearsing the silliest, most side-splitting acts around. Our director's one rule: "If it's funny, it's in!"

Come, see, laugh, and help raise funds—and fun—for **CUUC Saturday, August 28, at 7:00 on our big sanctuary stage.** Tickets for adults and children are \$10 each. In case the kids aren't completely captivated by the show (but don't worry, they will be!), babysitters will be standing by at no extra charge. Come early and check out the silent auction and home-baked refreshments!

"The show is a big laugh, literally," says show director Robin Coulonge, a CUUC member and a familiar face both on and behind many Metroplex stages. "We've been putting on a Summer Pops show for many years and each year I'm amazed all over again by the amount of talent that's packed into our little church."

"The show keeps getting better," adds music director Kelley Poché Rodriguez. "We still have room to squeeze in one or two more numbers. With talent this lively we want to include as many acts as we can."

Performers and audience from all over the Metroplex are invited. Acts can range from singing to slapstick to stand-up. Piano accompaniment will be provided, as long as performers provide sheet music by August 12.

If you love theater but are shy of the spotlight, you can still be a backstage star by working on the crew, distributing posters, donating or selling refreshments and silent auction items, selling tickets or ushering on the night of the performance.

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August Sunday Services

August 1, 2010 - "And Service It Its Law: Are we serving our community?", Nelah McComsey and Dawn Graham. A discussion of social action opportunities at Community UU.

August 8, 2010 - "Turning Points and Moments of Grace", presented by CUUC Harvest the Power Alumni Group

August 15, 2010 - Guest Speaker: Men's Fellowship. "UU Men Take a Stand".

August 22, 2010 - "This Is Our Great Covenant", Rev. Patrick Price. During fellowship following the service all are invited to participate in an brief covenant group sessions.

August 29, 2010 - Annual Ingathering of Waters Service. Rev. Patrick Price. To mark our ingathering of community at the beginning of the church's program year, we blend the waters of our lives. If you can, please bring a small, safe sample of water from places you visited or stayed over the summer.

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Patrick's Ponderings.....

"Covenant Groups"

Dear members, friends and visitors, as I began preparing for our next year of covenant groups, it occurred to me that many of you, especially our newer members and visitors, may not be acquainted with this very important way we get to know each other and minister with each other. So, here is our *Participant's Guide to Covenant Groups* for you to get a deeper understanding of what we are doing in this important ministry. **The service on August 22nd will explore covenanting as an essential part of our religious life, with sampler covenant group sessions afterwards.** See you in church. Blessings, Patrick

PURPOSE: The *Covenant Group* program is part of the *Church's* ministry—it provides a structure within which the members minister to each other. *Covenant Groups* encourage people in their spiritual growth and help them develop relationships of substance and depth. The subject matter of *Covenant Groups* is the members' lives. *Covenant Groups* are a spiritual practice and a sacrament of right relationship among the members and between the group and our *Church*.

Description

Covenant Groups have 6 -10 members and are led by trained lay people. Groups meet twice a month in group members' homes. Meetings last 1.5-2 hours.

Covenant Groups (CGs) serve to enrich our community with the sort of conversation and attentiveness that can be difficult in the busy life of a congregation. Group members listen to each other, but don't attempt to solve each other's problems. They are not therapy or encounter groups. Each group makes and abides by a covenant that defines the group's relationship to the church and to each other. The covenant includes listening without interrupting, starting and ending on time, regular attendance, and confidentiality.

Covenant Group members are supportive of each other, but CGs are not support groups. When a member is in need, the other group members may provide assistance as a way of connecting with each other. The *Caring Committee* or minister can fill in as needed. *Covenant Groups* are part of a religious community—the *Church*. Groups are expected to take on two service projects each year for the church and/or the larger community.

Session plans are provided for each meeting. Some topics are spiritual in nature (joy, trust, faith, prayer); others reflect universally human themes (mentors, loss, forgiveness, humor). Members respond to the topic questions by sharing personal experiences. *Covenant Groups* are not study groups or debate teams. The focus is on respectful listening, reflection, and creative interchange among group members.

Format of a Covenant Group Meeting

1. Opening Reading & Ritual – chalice lighting, for example.
2. Check-in - members share something of personal significance. It's OK to pass.
3. Discussion - topics include love, forgiveness, gratitude, mentors, faith, etc.
4. Check-out – a brief statement of how members experienced the session.
5. Housekeeping – logistics of the next meeting; service activity discussion.
6. Closing Reading & Ritual – extinguish chalice.

Expectations of a Covenant Group participant

1. To commit to participation.
2. To give attendance at *Covenant Group* meetings a high priority.
3. To commit to listening to other group members.
4. To participate in developing and confirming of the group's covenant.
5. To give church attendance a high priority.

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The President's Corner

Sarah Reiling

August in Texas is not for the faint hearted. My garden is holding its breath, waiting for cooler weather and my container plants require twice daily watering just to hold on. The cicada's chorus competes with the hum of air conditioner compressors on hot afternoons. Still, despite the feel of full on summer; students are preparing to go back to school and fall fashions fill the stores. This also is the time of year that we come back together at Community UU Church after our summer travels.

August marks my eighth year at our church, and every year I feel more and more at home here. As with anything, the more I put into the church the more I receive. The experience of having a faith community is unlike anything else. It is in this community that we find solace and the ability to reach out and comfort others. From our church community, we can look out into the larger world and work for the changes that our faith calls us make. It is in this place that we educate the next generation of Unitarian Universalists. It is in this place that we strive to become the people our UU faith calls us to be.

I think that Community Church is too good of a place not to share with others. Please remember to invite your friends to church. I know that there are many other people in our area who would be members of our church if they knew about us. Let's spread the word!

Peace and justice, Sarah

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Community UU Board of Trustees meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in Founders Hall. Members, friends and visitors are always welcome.

North Texas Association of Unitarian Universalist Societies (NTAUUS)

CUUC Representatives

Barbara Kostreva
 Celeste Kennedy

Come Laugh with Us at Summer Pops! (continued from front page)

"It's a tremendous showcase for local talent, and for the community to enjoy live live performance at a reasonable cost," says Coulonge. "Plus, when the performers are having fun, the audience will be too. And the audience is definitely going to have some fun."

Rehearsals are Sunday, August 22 at 6:30 p.m. and Friday, August 27 at 7:00 p.m. The show itself is Saturday, August 28 at 7:00 p.m. Doors open at 6:30. Silent auction items are being collected at the church from now until August 22.

Contact Robin Coulonge at *acoufamily@att.net*, or Kelley Poché Rodriguez at *cuucmusic@att.net* to get in on the show, by performing, volunteering or donating items.

Don't forget to take a poster or two and put them where they'll be noticed! They're by the door in Founder's Hall. See you at the show!

"Covenant Groups" (continued from page 2)

Covenant Group Sign Ups for 2010 - 2011

Covenant Group Sign Ups for this program year will open August 8th and close August 29th with sessions scheduled to begin mid September. In placing people in groups, the primary consideration is the day and time the participant is available. As new people sign up, they are welcomed into a group that has openings.

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Social Action

Thanks so much to all of you for your generous contributions to the food drive for **My Friend's House**, the children's shelter in Plano. We made 4 food deliveries in June and July.

As you begin to plan your calendars for the year, please be sure to include your personal contribution to the larger community. The Social Action Committee has scheduled the following events for 2010. We will also have a few more events in the Ethical Eating series, and we will be participating in the **Great American Cleanup** (for Oak Point Park) and **CROPWalk** in the spring.

Contact Nelah McComsey (nelahm@verizon.net) or a member of the Social Action Committee for more information or to volunteer for one of the events.

August

Every Sunday – Food drive for God's Food Pantry

Saturday, August 7 – August 14 – New Orleans Service Project

Saturday, August 21, 5:45 p.m. – **Samaritan Inn**: serve dinner to residents

Sunday, August 8, 9:45 a.m. – View the film *Ending U.S.-Sponsored Torture Forever*.

September

Every Sunday – Food drive for God's Food Pantry

Saturday, September 18, 5:45 p.m. – **Samaritan Inn**: serve dinner to residents

Sunday, September 19, 2 p.m. **Texas Freedom Parade** – a celebration of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender pride

October

Every Sunday – Food drive for God's Food Pantry

Saturday, October 16, 5:45 p.m. – **Samaritan Inn**: serve dinner to residents

Saturday, Date TBD – Program and refreshments for Plano Community Home residents

November

Every Sunday – Food drive for God's Food Pantry

Saturday, November 20, 5:45 p.m. – **Samaritan Inn**: serve dinner to residents

December

Every Sunday – Toy drive for **Children's Medical Center**

Every Sunday – Food drive for God's Food Pantry

Saturday, December 18, 5:45 p.m. – **Samaritan Inn**: serve dinner to residents

AUGUST FLICKS films are shown in founders hall starting at 7:00 pm.

Aug. 13 - THE MANCHURIAN CANDIDATE - 1962

People have called "The Manchurian Candidate" the greatest political thriller ever made. People would be right. It was for its time a bold, daring work, and it remains remarkably effective some five decades later.

Aug 20 - IT HAPPENED ONE NIGHT - 1934

It Happened One Night featured two of the most popular stars of its day and went on to win all five major Academy Awards; Best Picture, Best Director, Best Actor, Best Actress, and Best Screenplay.

We are showing IT HAPPENED ONE NIGHT on the 3rd Friday because the SUMMER POPS will be rehearsing on the 4th Friday.

Social Action Programs

UUInAction@communityUUChurch.org

Community Harvest Garden

Samaritan Inn (Monthly dinner)

Plano Make a Difference Day

Plano Food Pantries

CROP Walk

MLK Celebration

Hong Kong Partner Church

Dallas Area Interfaith

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 Ona Tannehill

Literary Ladies Book Club

On August 10 we will discuss the Brookhaven College Common Book for 2010-2011, [Picking Cotton: Our Memoir of Injustice and Redemption](#) by Jennifer Thompson-Cannino, Ronald Cotton and Erin Torneo. This link leads to a YouTube video about the book: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nLGXrviy5lw>. We'll meet in Nancy Barlow's home. **Contact Nancy by August 6 if you plan to attend.**

This group meets the second Tuesday of each month and welcomes women members and friends of Community UU Church. September's selection is a memoir [Lit](#) by Mary Karr. From an interview on Fresh Air with Terry Gross: When it comes to writing about the pain of growing up, author Mary Karr isn't one to hold back. Her memoir, *Lit*, describes Karr's early years as a writer, wife and mother, years that were marked by drug use, drinking and the dissolution of her marriage. Karr found escape from her self-made hell when she finally turned to religion, a topic that found its way into *Lit* at length. But even after her conversion, she understands why talking about her relationship with God might turn some of her audience away. "Talking about spiritual activity to a secular audience is like doing card tricks on the radio," Karr says. And it wasn't easy for the author herself to buy into religion.

Covenant Group Sign Ups for 2010 - 2011

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REACTIONS!!**Updates - Announcements - News
What's Going On For Children & Youth**

Only a Few Spots Left -- but we need YOU to fill them! Spend some time with Dr. Seuss ... turn a classroom into a rainforest ... find the answers to theological questions hidden in your favorite movies! Sign up now for ONE HOUR ONE SUNDAY THIS SUMMER. We need six adults every Sunday to help with our classes. All lesson plans and materials are prepared for you -- all you need to do is walk in and be the adult in charge. Sign-up sheets are available in Founders' Hall or we have an online signup calendar -- email ms.allisontaylor@gmail.com for a link! Our children and youth thank you!

Dr. Seuss: Pre-K through 3rd grade – Our preschoolers through 3rd graders are exploring Unitarian Universalist principles through lessons from Dr. Seuss. Fun stories and great activities!

Celebrating Rainforests: 4th - 8th grade - Celebrating Rainforests speaks to the UU 7th principle. Our fragile planet calls us to help children honor and care for it. This program is one answer to the call, and gives children a way to connect to our Earth and be empowered to help make a difference. We are experiencing tropical rainforest stories, video, discussions, meditations and hands-on activities to get to know rainforest animals, plant life, people, resources, and ways they can help.

Popcorn Theology: 9th - 12th grade – Our high-schoolers are watching movie clips and discussing our Unitarian Universalist principles as they reflect on the movies. Cool movies, great discussions, and fun supplemental activities!

Watch for our Rainforest Fundraiser on Ingathering Sunday!

Family Camp at SWUUSI! Looking for a great last-minute family vacation that offers fun programs for all ages, great activities for the family to do together, and lots of community with other UUs? There's room at SWUUSI! This year's theme is "Swimming in the Deep End" and will feature Rev. Susan Smith, Rev. Aaron White, and UU musician Nick Page, among others. It will be a wonderful week and it would be great to see you there! Visit www.swuuc.org for more information and to register.

Teacher Training Coming Up on August 21 Did you know that every year NTAUUS funds teacher training for all the churches in the North Texas area? It is coordinated by the North Area Texas UU Religious Educators (NATUURES). This year our **joint teacher training will be held on August 21 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. First Unitarian Church in Dallas has again graciously offered their facility for our training, and lunch and childcare are included.** The speakers this year are our own Rev. Susan Smith and Jennifer Nichols (District Executive and Director of Lifespan Faith Development, respectively), who will speak about UU theology as it applies to our children and youth. If you've ever been asked a question you couldn't answer ... if you've ever wondered about how to explain what we believe ... if you want to learn effective tools to pass on our wonderful faith to the next generation ... this is the workshop for you! Please plan to take advantage of this wonderful FREE resource provided by a NTAUUS grant for all of our religious education teachers and advisors.

Interested in Teaching? Of Course You Are! We are putting together our lists of teachers, helpers and advisors for next year's religious education classes. If you've taught

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before, if you've taught this summer, or if you've been wanting a chance to work with our wonderful children and youth, we have opportunities for you to volunteer this year. Watch the weekly emails and announcements for more information -- and please, just say YES!

Where in the UU World is our DRE? My office hours for the summer will normally be Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 2:00-6:00 p.m. Mondays are my day of rest. Other hours are available by appointment -- I can be reached at dre@communityUUchurch.org or by cellphone at 443-668-1336. I will be at SWUUSI (working with the middle school program) from August 1-6. I can still be reached by email or phone, but I may take a little longer to return calls or emails.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

August 21: Teacher Training, First Unitarian Church, Dallas.

For more information about any Religious Education activities, please contact me at dre@communityuuchurch or your RE Board at reboard@communityuuchurch.org.

I hope you enjoy the rest of your summer and I am looking forward to seeing you (or meeting you) soon!

In faith,

Kathy

Denise Dittmar Named "Outstanding UU of the Year"

Every year since 1995, Community UU Church has recognized an Outstanding UU of the Year. The award was developed to recognize people who serve the church devotedly, year after year. In fact, only those who have been members for more than 8 years are even eligible to be considered. This award is presented at the May congregational meeting

Award winners are selected based on a point system developed by honorees from the first five years. Points are awarded for various board, committee, and other volunteer service, and the most recent three winners form a committee that tallies, compares, and selects the new Outstanding UU of the Year.

CUUC is lucky to have many outstanding, long-term volunteers. This year, we honor someone who has served in practically every area: teaching religious education, tending the grounds and the gardens, singing in the choir, leading Women's Alliance, welcoming new members and helping them become part of the life of this church, leading Church Chats, and serving on the Program Board and Board of Trustees.

We at Community UU Church are fortunate to have such a devoted, capable volunteer as this year's Outstanding UU of the Year: Denise Dittmar.

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GLOBAL IMPACT!

Our Vision Statement says that we will "act for compassion and justice in the larger community." Want to make a difference? I mean REALLY make a difference? The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) can help you make an impact in trouble spots around the globe. Linda Frank is our representative to the UUSC and she and I want to get you excited about our 70-year-old social justice effort.

Here are the facts we found on their website:

[The UUSC] is a non-sectarian organization that advances human rights and social justice in the United States and around the world. It's an associate member of the Unitarian Universalist Association and receives no general financial support from them or from federal or state governments or institutions. This ensures its independent voice. It receives funds from those Guest at Your Table boxes you put on your table at Thanksgiving and from membership dues.

But enough dry facts. UUSC is about ACTION! They go to areas of conflict around the world. Working with local partner organizations, UUSC has a presence in,

- Uganda
- Haiti
- Gaza
- Kenya
- Darfur
- Sri Lanka
- Thailand
- India

What are they doing there? In Indonesia, they are helping widows claim rights to land or assets and supporting the rebuilding of conflict-affected villages. You can go to UUSC.org to find out about projects in each of the countries named above. And while you're there, why don't you join?

Your dues will help UUs walk the walk where it's really needed and you'll receive regular information about the UUSC's global efforts. This is a complement to or extension of the work of our Social Action Group. In this case, the rallying cry is "Act locally, support globally!"

PLEASE JOIN US!

COMING SOON!

Be on the lookout for a survey from the Music Committee. They want your feedback about the music program so they can make it EVEN BETTER!

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: SUMMER COURSES

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.

We provide a range of classes of interest to adults on weekday evenings throughout the year. **Classes begin at 7 p.m. and end no later than 9 p.m.**

Our summer lineup includes our continuing Meditation group and several topical classes. **All classes begin at 7 p.m. CHILDCARE is available for all classes**

Here are the August classes:

MONDAYS**VIPASSANA MEDITATION Clifton Rule**

Clifton says, "Vipassana means insight into the nature of reality. It is a way of self-transformation through self-observation and introspection. Vipassana meditation is often referred to simply as "insight meditation." This is the backbone of our studies in Meditation on Thursday nights. We invite you, as a beginner or as a practiced meditator, to join us on our exploration. We view Buddhism not as a religion but rather as learning the process of meditation to reduce the suffering in our lives and in the world around us. We explore through readings, dharma talks, questions and answers, group discussions and meditation. Join us and explore this process as we all grow together."

WEDNESDAYS**EYES ON THE PRIZE, PART 1 - Hosted by Robert Jackson**

Eyes on the Prize tells the definitive story of the civil rights era from the point of view of the ordinary men and women whose extraordinary actions launched a movement that changed the fabric of American life, and embodied a struggle whose reverberations continue to be felt today. Winner of numerous Emmy Awards, a George Foster Peabody Award, an International Documentary Award, and a Television Critics Association Award, *Eyes on the Prize* is the most critically acclaimed documentary on civil rights in America. **Video/Discussion - August 4, 11 and 18.**

THURSDAYS**REV. DON FIELDING (RET.) PRESENTS ADVENTURES IN RELIGION**

On July 1st Community UU Church initiated a new kind of Adult Religious Education (ARE) class. It is called *Adventures in Religion*, and it is made-up of multiple Teaching Co. courses (e.g., this first set of classes will be made-up of *Skeptics and Believers*, *Comparative Religion*, and *Philosophy of Religion*). These ARE classes will be divided into short sections, four to five weeks long, with breaks in between, which will allow participants to join and/or exit the classes depending on their interest. Of course, some may wish to participate in all of the classes.

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**UUSC—Unitarian
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www.uusc.org

**SWUUC—Southwest
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www.swuuc.org

NTAUUS
www.ntauus.org

**Community Website
Links**

**Collin County
Interfaith**

*www.setonparish.org/
Outreach/pai.htm*

**Habitat for Humanity
South Collin County TX
(Habitat for Humanity
SCCTX)**

www.Habitat-scc.org

**Habitat ReStore of
SCCTX**

*www.restore.habitat-
scc.org*

Adult Religious Education: Summer Classes (continued from page 9)

The classes will be a combination of videos (“Talking Heads”) and discussions, with emphasis on the discussion portion of each class. The discussions will be led by Rev. Don Fielding, a retired UU minister and a friend of Community UU Church. Each class will have one video to stimulate discussion, and will explore the thoughts and feelings the videos stimulate with the goal of better understanding the adventure that is religion in general and each participant's understanding of religion in particular. This will not only be a lasting adventure in education, but a wonderful opportunity for socially connecting and engaging with the church's members and friends as well. **Video/Discussion**

Three Special Presentations:

On three Thursdays in August, Amy Martin (known to her many friends as Moonlady) will enlighten us about three alternative approaches to a spiritual life.

August 12 - Animism: The Roots of Religion, the Future of Spirituality

August 19 - Taoism: Revealing the Mystery of Nature

August 26 - None of the Above: To Be spiritual Not Religious

Please see our website: communityuuchurch.org>education>adults for more information about Amy's presentations as well as our other courses. Those of us who were present when Amy Martin graced our sanctuary earlier this summer know we're in for a treat!

Adult Religious Education Presents: Finding the Voice Within

Cornell Kinderknecht's acclaimed Native American Flute Class returns to Community Church in September. In this four-session course, you will explore aspects of this beautiful, haunting, meditative, exciting instrument and its music. **The classes will be in our sanctuary on four successive Thursdays beginning September 9. The discounted cost is \$95 and you should register with Cornell by September 3. Go to www.cornellk.com to register or for more information. This is a wonderful opportunity.**

Simple Living Chalice Circle

Meeting time and place – The next meeting will be Saturday morning September 11, at 11:00, at Ona Tannehill's home. **There will be no meeting in August.**

Theme/topic – Learning together to live deliberately. We are currently reading Voices of Insight, edited by Sharon Salzberg.

Facilitator – Ona Tannehill. Email simpleliving@communityuuchurch.org

Finance Committee

The financial information below is from our Profit and Loss Statement for June 2010.

Offering Income	Actual	Budgeted
Pledged Offering	\$ 15,808.24	\$17,050.00
Loose Offerings/Basket	40.00	1,333.34
New Pledges & Prepaid	133.33	514.57
Total Offerings Income	\$17,270.57	\$18,897.91

Enjoy the convenience of electronic giving

Community Unitarian Universalist Church of Plano wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly or monthly offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for our members and much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. To set up electronic donations, simply complete an authorization form and return it to the church office. You may obtain an authorization form in the church office or from any Stewardship Committee member.

Judith Boyle, Treasurer

Income and Expense Report June, 2010

	Income	YTD	2009-2010 Annual Budget
Offering Income	\$17,270.57	\$17,270.57	\$226,775.00
Fund Raisers	0.00	0.00	18,950.00
Building Usage	2,240.00	2,240.00	24,000.00
Misc. Income	1,458.00	1,458.00	34,100.00
Total Income	20,968.57	20,968.57	303,825.00
	Expense		
Administration	3,124.09	3,124.09	41,506.00
Program/Worship	2,018.54	2,018.54	32,610.00
Religious Education	3,858.99	3,858.99	53,817.00
Facilities	5,940.35	5,940.35	77,292.00
Income generating exp.	0.00	0.00	2,300.00
Ministry	7,257.21	7,257.21	82,920.00
Payroll Expenses	9.76	9.76	
Denomination	654.75	654.75	17,638.00
Total Expenses	22,863.69	22,863.69	308,083.00
Net Other Income	12.46	12.46	
Net Income/(Loss)	\$ (1,882.66)	\$ (1,882.66)	(4,258)

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Staff Office Hours

• **Minister - *The Rev. Patrick Price***

Monday is the Minister's Sabbath (renewal time) available for emergencies only.

Tuesday - Thursday 12:00 Noon - 4:00 PM

Friday is for reflection, study and writing. Other times by appointment. Please contact Rev. Price for appointments and scheduling information.

• **Director of Religious Education - Kathy Smith**

Summer hours - Wednesday and Thursday 1:00 - 5:00 PM

• **Music Director - Kelley Poché Rodriguez**

• **Church Secretary - *Connie Meints* (out of the office July 29th thru Aug. 3rd)**

[Church office closed on Monday]

Tuesday 9am - 3pm

Wednesday 9am - 2:30pm

Thursday 9am - 2:30pm

Friday 9am - Noon

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