



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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TAILGATIN'

The CUUC 2010 Service Auction

WOW!...Who knew Fundraising could be so much fun? Now that the Balloon Festival parking event is in the rear-view mirror, we get to look ahead at what's on the horizon.

Over the past umpteen years, CUUC has hosted a Service Auction which has been both great entertainment and a major source of fundraising revenue for Community Church. It has always been a highlight event and this year promises to be at least as big a hit as any before.

On Saturday night, November 6th the 2010-11 version of the Community Church Service Auction will take place with the theme of "Tailgatin" As has been the tradition, many interesting items will be offered both in Silent and Live Auction Formats. Things that have been offered in the past cover a wide range of categories and any examples I mention should not be used to limit your imagination when considering offering and item to be included.

Past offerings have included: original works of art, beautiful crafts, wonderful parties and dinners hosted by congregants, vacations, repair and personal organization services and lessons in music and art, jewelry, artificial flower displays, meals prepared in someone else's home, even orthodontic services...I can't recount all the great ideas that people have had. So no limits to creativity here.

The evening will **start at 6PM** and for the paltry sum of **\$10 per person**, attendees will be treated to a sumptuous dinner prepared by Carrabba's Italian Grill and entertainment offered by Auctioneers Tracy and Tommi Homuth, worth the price of admission by themselves.

Here's what you can do, right now! Think of a really neat idea that represents some skill,
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October Sunday Services

October 3, 2010 - "More Than You and I". Association Sunday, Rev. Patrick Price

October 10, 2010 - "The Failure of Suffering as Redemption", Rev. Patrick Price

October 17, 2010 - "You Feel A River Moving In You", Rev. John Buehrens, Preaching, with the Rev. Patrick Price. See article on page 3.

October 24, 2010 - :Guest speaker, Nancy Barlow, "Give it all . . . Give it now . . . "

October 31, 2010 - Annual All Souls Service, Rev. Patrick Price

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Patrick Ponderings ...

Flexing the Universe's Elbow

The late Danaan Parry, an atomic scientist turned psychologist turned international conflict mediator, was asked why he left his therapeutic practice to be in very dangerous places with dangerous people? He replied that he realized he was spending his time helping mostly healthy people adapt to an unhealthy world. And the best he could do was to change the world.

More and more over recent years I often feel like Danaan did, that I am trying to help myself and others to better cope and adapt to an economic, political, social and moral environment that is basically toxic to the long term well being of people and society. I am now more convinced that the historic role of liberal religion to call in to question the assumptions of the inherited status quo, is essential for our health and even our survival as individuals and families, as a congregation and a faith, and as a society.

While I believe that the moral arch of the universe does bend toward justice, I also know that sometimes we have to help flex its elbow a little. This can mean social action and outreach on behalf of those who are struggling to keep their economic and spiritual heads above water. It can mean writing letters, making calls and organizing groups to meet with our elected officials. It means voting for those candidates and causes, with our ballots and our bucks, that will best represent those whose voices are not heard. It means casting a ballot not in fear or anger, but in love for the best that we can be as a community, a state, a nation and a world. It is up to each of us, and all of us collectively, to use the powers and resources of our lives to help change an unhealthy world to one that sustainably supports our lives as the Beloved Community of All Souls.

See you in church. Blessings, Patrick

TAILGATIN' (continued from front page)

service or product you would like to showcase and fill out a Donation Form ASAP so it will be included in the Auction. You can find Donation Forms at the Hotlink for Service Auction on the CUUC Website or go to the Table in Founder's Hall after any upcoming Sunday Service to be staffed by Lexie McGrane and fill out a form there.

Secondly, you could offer to Host a Table **for Eight** at the dinner by speaking to Leslie Harper and indicating that you would like to do so. This involves decorating your table for Tailgatin' and inviting six or seven other congregants, friends or folks from outside the congregation who would appreciate a good time to join you at your table.

Finally, you can say Yes if you receive an invitation to join a table at the Auction, if you are not hosting a table yourself. There is a list of CUUC Volunteers who are organizing this event published on the aforementioned CUUC Website Hotlink.

And, by the way, you can always email, call or simply stop me in the hallway at CUUC for a chat about the "Tailgatin' at the Game" or anything else goin' on at CUUC.

The President's Corner

Sarah Reiling

The official start of autumn is in September, but I always feel it really starts in October. It is not the weather, since usually it is still warm. It is not the colorful leaves, since in the Dallas area the leaves are still green at this time of year. It is because I know that my favorite holiday is at the end of October. As a child, I had a great time trick or treating until my parents suggested that 12 was too old to roam the neighborhood collecting candy. Luckily for me and for you, we have a Halloween party right here at Community Church. The party is Saturday, October 30, from 2 to 4 P. M. and is sponsored by Earthspirit and Religious Education. Parents should attend with their children, but you do not need a child to attend. This all church party is for everyone that enjoys the delights of the fall season. Wear your costume and remember to bring your decorated pumpkin to enter in the pumpkin contest. Earthspirit will host a Samhain ritual at 4:30 following the party for all who wish to participate. To volunteer to help with the Halloween festivities contact Cheri Remily, Nancy Steed or Laura Eckert.

Happy Halloween!

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)

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Sunday, October 17th, 2010—9:00 to 10:00 AM

Discussion with Special Guest the Rev. John A. Buehrens, co-author of *A House For Hope: The Promise Of Progressive Religion*

Beacon Press John Buehrens will discuss his new book, *A House for Hope*, co-authored with Rebecca Parker. He served as President of the Unitarian Universalist Association from 1993 to 2001. He is now Minister of First Parish in Needham, MA, and an adjunct member of the faculty at Harvard Divinity School. Veteran UUs in North Texas know John from his tenure as Sr. Minister at First Unitarian Church of Dallas from 1981 to 87. Copies of his book will be available for sale and signing.

10:30 Am Worship - "You Feel a River Moving In You"

The Rev. John A. Buehrens, preaching, The Rev. Patrick Price, Liturgist.

The poet Rumi says, "When you do things from your soul, you feel a river moving in you, a joy." But often to reach that river, one has to draw from a deeper well. Our spiritual disciplines for doing that will differ, but we can learn from one another and support one another in the process. Patrick Price will conduct the service. Afterward John's books, including his earlier book, *Understanding the Bible: An Introduction for Sceptics, Seekers, and Religious Liberals*, will be available for sale and signing.

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WHO-O-O-O-O-O! Great Fun for All Ages!

CUUC will be holding a **Halloween Party** for children of all ages on Saturday, **October 30**, from **2 to 4 p.m.** There will be Games! Prizes! Food! Unicef Boxes! Haunted House! Please feel free to come in costume -- and this is a great time to bring a friend, or two or three or more! Parents are requested to attend with their children. And if you'd like to help, we have jobs for you! To help with food, please contact Cheri Remily, Earthspirit coordinator. To help with games and activities, please contact Laura Eckert, RE Board Member. The party will be followed by a family-friendly Samhain celebration hosted by EarthSpirit. Happy Halloween and a Blessed Samhain!

Social Auction News**Every Sunday – Food drive for God’s Food Pantry**

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

Saturday, October 23, 4:00 p.m. – Friday Folksingers program for **Plano Community Home** residents; Refreshments provided by Social Action Committee.

Contact Nelah McComsey or a member of the Social Action Committee for more information or to volunteer for one of the events.

Community Outreach**Restocking the Pantry**

Thanks to those who helped with the special delivery for God’s Food Pantry on August 21: Linda Frank; Clare Fisher; Jay and Samantha Hall; Dick, Steven, and Janice Hildenbrand; Jim Hinton; Robert Jackson; Nelah McComsey. We purchased 1,000 cans of food from Costco and delivered to God’s Pantry to restock their shelves.

First Friday Folksingers at Plano Community Home

Our own First Friday Folksingers will be performing for the residents of Plano Community Home, East campus, on Saturday afternoon, October 23, at 4:00 p.m. If you would like to assist with the refreshments for this event, please contact Nelah McComsey or a member of the Social Action Committee.

UUSC News (Unitarian Universalist Service Committee)

Pakistan Flood Relief. An estimated 17.2 million people have been affected by the flooding from the Indus River and its tributaries. This is nearly one fifth of the country's population. The flood water has destroyed 1.2 million homes, thousands of roads and bridges and 8 million acres of crops. As the flood waters recede in some areas, people still need rescue, food and medicine. Huge health issues such as diarrhea, malaria and respiratory disease are emerging.

UUSC and UUA have launched a Pakistan Flood Relief Fund to respond to the crisis in that country. The focus is on the needs of women and unaccompanied children. They are the most at risk people in the disaster and often the most overlooked. For more information, go to: www.uusc.org/content/pakistan .

October Flicks are shown in founders hall starting at 7:00 pm.

OCT 8 - WALL STREET - Michael Douglas - He won the Academy Award.

OCT 22 - GOSFORD PARK - A Robert Altman film.

So what does the Stewardship Committee do the rest of the year?

The purpose of the Stewardship Committee is to nurture a culture of giving that will enable our church community to actualize its vision and values in our community and the wider world. To that end, we ask those who affiliate with this church and its ministries to make a significant, committed annual financial contribution.

The Stewardship Chair works closely with the Finance Committee in the preparation of the annual budget. The Stewardship Committee is responsible for the planning and execution of the Church's Annual Budget Drive when we solicit financial commitments from all members and friends to fund our church's budget. The bulk of our budget is funded by these pledges. We also invite new members to pledge throughout the year. Additionally, through periodic communications and presentations, the Committee encourages all members and friends to be good stewards of our beloved church community by giving of their time, talent and treasure.

It is never too late to make a pledge, we are happy to accept your gift any time of the year. Perhaps your situation has changed since the last time we asked. If you wish to know more about making a pledge of financial support.

"New UU" Class. A "New UU" orientation will be held on **Saturday, October 30th, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 AM at the church.** The class is designed for anyone who'd like to know more about Unitarian Universalism and our congregation. It is especially recommended for those considering membership in CUUC. Even long-time UUs transferring from other congregations can benefit by attending the final hour of the program. Attendees, along with a few church members, will first have a chance to talk about their personal beliefs and spiritual backgrounds. Our top Spiritual Leader will be available to explain the minister's role and answer questions. Next will be a segment on the histories of Unitarianism, Universalism and the combined denomination, as well as the 33-year history of our congregation. Participants will also explore the Seven Principles of UU and their significance in our lives. Over lunch, some church leaders and active members will discuss the variety of programs and activities available at CUUC. The process of becoming a member or a "friend" of the congregation will also be explained.

The workshop is free, including lunch and child care. If you'd like to attend, please sign up on one of the at the Visitors desk in the church foyer or contact Tye Alexander.

Social Action Programs

UUsInAction@communityUUChurch.org

- Community Harvest Garden
- Samaritan Inn (Monthly dinner)
- Plano Make a Difference Day
- Plano Food Pantries
- CROP Walk
- MLK Celebration
- Dallas Area Interfaith

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

Registration – We've now received registration forms from 29 families representing 60 children and youth. If your family is not among them, please turn in your registration forms as soon as possible. Registration is required for children and youth to participate in church classes and events. (Newcomers and visitors should register their children for Religious Education after the first three visits.) Registration information is what helps us keep appropriate class sizes, assign enough teachers, and make arrangements for allergies and special needs. Please do your part and register your babies, toddlers, children and youth! There is a supply fee of \$20/child with a maximum of \$40/family; if this is an issue for your family, please talk to Kathy Smith or to our minister, Patrick Price.

WACS Rally Coming Up Quickly – 9th-12th graders are invited to participate in the first District rally of the year on October 15-17, 2010 at Live Oak UU Church in Austin. The registration fee is \$30 and there will be an additional cost of approximately \$20 for shared carpooling expenses. If you are attending, register online at <http://swuuc.org/> (click on the link for the WACS Rally at the bottom of the page). You will also need to print out the paper forms and have them signed by the DRE no later than Sunday, October 2. The theme this year is "Doctoring Our Souls" and it should be a wonderful opportunity for members of our youth group to bond and grow!

Special Message from Robin Coulonge, our Holiday Pageant Director – What!?! You say it's way too HOT to be thinking Christmas?? Well, think again! This year's Holiday Pageant is *The Dragon Who Never had a Christmas*. There are lots of fun characters for everyone to play. Children and youth who are 5 years old (or in Kindergarten) or older are invited to audition October 3rd after church till 1:30. Rehearsals will be held after church every Sunday, until the performance on Dec. 12th. We'd like to include anyone under 19 who wants to be in the show! We will need volunteers to help with sets, costumes, wrangling and Stage Managing too (these are for parents and older kids too). We'd like volunteers for the various parts parts of the service as well -- chalice lighting, special music, readings, etc. Contact Robin Coulonge if you have questions or can't be there on Oct. 3. Looking forward to playing with ya'll!

Grade 7-8 OWL Starts This Month! – We will hold our parent orientation session on Sunday, October 17 from 11:45 – 2:00 p.m. This orientation is mandatory for your child's participation in OWL. Classes will begin on Sunday, October 24. Classes will run from 12 noon to 2 p.m. weekly through May. Lunch will be included. There will be a registration fee of \$40 to cover costs, including lunch. I'm truly excited to be offering this program to CUUC this year. I believe that OWL is probably one of the most important classes that we UUs offer to our children and youth.

To quote the UUA, "Grounded in a holistic view of sexuality, *Our Whole Lives* not only provides facts about anatomy and human development, but also helps participants clarify their values, build interpersonal skills, and understand the spiritual, emotional, and social aspects of sexuality." Want to know more about OWL? Talk to me or go to <http://www.uua.org/religiouseducation/curricula/ourwhole/>.

RE Games Day – On Sunday, October 10, children and youth will meet in Founders' Hall to play games. This is a long-standing tradition on weekends where there is a church camping trip. If you'd like to play games with our kids, please let me know – all hands are welcome!

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(Want more information about the Church Camping Trip? Talk to Dick.

Where in the UU World is our DRE? My office hours are generally 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 cell phone at 443-668-1336. From October 8-10, I will be attending the church camping trip, and from October 22-26 I will be attending the national LREDA conference in New Orleans. During these times, I can be reached by email or by phone, but my response time will be slower than usual.

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

In faith, Kathy

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, Oct. 2, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. – Middle School RUUmpUUs

Sunday, Oct. 3, 12 noon-1:30 p.m. – Holiday Pageant Auditions

Friday, October 15-Sunday, October 17 – WACS Rally (YRUU)

Sunday, October 17, 11:45 a.m.-2:00 p.m. – Parent orientation for 7-8 OWL (mandatory)

Sunday, October 24, 12 noon-1:30 p.m. – OWL begins for 7-8 graders

Saturday, October 30, 2-4 p.m. – Halloween Party!

Sunday, October 31, 11 a.m. – Children's Chapel

Literary Ladies Book Club

The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot is the **October 12** selection. The discussion will be held at the home of **Valerie Gomes at 7:00 p.m.** Contact Val by **October 8** if you plan to attend. Eric Roston of the Washington Post says: "Vivid...Reads like a novel... A Deftly crafted investigation of a social wrong committed by the medical establishment as well as the scientific and medical miracles to which it led." Her name was Henrietta Lacks, but scientists know her as HeLa. She was a poor Southern tobacco farmer who worked the same land as her slave ancestors, yet her cells—taken without her knowledge—became one of the most important tools in medicine. The first "immortal" human cells grown in culture, they are still alive today, though she has been dead for more than sixty years.

This group meets the second Tuesday of each month and welcomes women members and friends of Community UU Church. November's selection is Dead Until Dark by Charlene Harris

Dead Until Dark is the first book in Charlene Harris's series *The Southern Vampire Mysteries* novels. In this first installment, the author introduces Sookie Stackhouse, a 27-year-old telepathic waitress in the fictional town of Bon Temps, Louisiana, and her world, an alternate history where vampires, shapeshifters and other supernatural beings coexist with humans. In Dead Until Dark Sookie begins a romantic entanglement with her vampire neighbor and is faced with a series of murders in town. Wikipedia

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Community Unitarian Universalist Church
Fall Meeting
Sunday, November 21, 2010
12:00 pm to 1:45 pm

Draft Agenda—Subject to Change

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| I. | Opening Words | Reverend Patrick Price |
| II. | Call to Order and Chalice Lighting | Sarah Reiling, President |
| III. | Quorum Verification | Secretary |
| IV. | Adoption of Process | |
| | No person may speak for more than 3 minutes on any one item | |
| | No person may speak more than once on any item as long as anyone else wishes to speak. | |
| | After initial presentation, debate time for each item shall be 15 minutes. After 15 minutes, the question will be called unless a motion is made to extend the debate another 10 minutes. A majority vote will determine if debate will be extended. | |
| V. | Vote on Minutes from Annual Congregational Meeting held May 23, 2010 and Special Meeting held on June 13, 2010 | |
| VI. | President's Report | Sarah Reiling |
| VII. | Overview of By-law changes | Denise Dittmar |
| VIII. | Vote on By-law changes | Congregation |
| IX. | Stewardship Report | June Bruns |
| X. | Financial Report | Judith Boyle |
| XI. | Strategic Planning Committee Report | Shirley Houston |
| XII. | Program Board Report | Denise Dittmar |
| XIII. | Religious Education Report | Kathy Smith |
| XIV. | Communications Report | Ian Rule |
| XV. | Personnel Report | Sandy Farlow |
| XVI. | Facilities Report | Dick Hildenbrand |
| XVII. | Minister's Report | Reverend Patrick Price |
| XVIII. | Extinguish Chalice | Sarah Reiling |
| XIX. | Benediction | Reverend Patrick Price |

Memory Garden Bricks

This fall we will add another section to the Memory Garden Brick Path. The bricks can be engraved with up to three lines of 16 characters or three lines with 13 characters per line and a Chalice or other logo. Bricks are \$65.00 each.

See Linda Frank for order forms or with questions.

Fall Courses are in full swing! Stress Reduction through Community UU Church's ADULT RE CLASSES! All classes begin at 7 p.m. CHILDCARE is available for all classes

MONDAYS - Vipassana Meditation lead by Clifton Rule

Vipassana, which means to see things as they really are, is one of India's most ancient techniques of meditation. It was rediscovered by Gotama Buddha more than 2500 years ago and was taught by him as a universal remedy for universal ills, i.e., an [Art Of Living](#). This non-sectarian technique aims for the total eradication of mental impurities and the resultant highest happiness of full liberation. Healing, not merely the curing of diseases, but the essential healing of human suffering, is its purpose.

Vipassana is a way of self-transformation through self-observation. It focuses on the deep interconnection between mind and body, which can be experienced directly by disciplined attention to the physical sensations that form the life of the body, and that continuously interconnect and condition the life of the mind. It is this observation-based, self-exploratory journey to the common root of mind and body that dissolves mental impurity, resulting in a balanced mind full of love and compassion.

WEDNESDAYS

"Inner Journeys", facilitator Clyde Grauke. First and third Wednesdays. This popular interactive course assists participants in finding their inner voice or spiritual guide. Through guided imaging, discussions, and exercises, Clyde models the process and guides participants in their Inner Journeys.

Best price in town, \$5 -- Yoga on Wednesdays - feel refreshed and energized after an hour with instructor Tracy Rosipal. All levels of experience are welcome. She takes you from where you are - to where you hope to go! Bring a mat if you have one.

New Class: Eyes on the Prize Part 2: Robert Jackson presents part two of this class starting on Wednesday October 13. Eyes on the Prize, Part 2, covers the time period from 1964 to the mid-1980s. This series will start with Stokely Carmichael and Malcolm X and move to the election of black mayors in large urban cities. It shows the movement changing from "Freedom Now" to "Black Power". This part of the course will have videos which address the Black Panther Party, the anti-Viet Nam War movement, the Poor People's Campaign of 1967-68, the assassination of Martin Luther King (1967-68 period), the evolution of Cassius Clay to Muhammad Ali (1964-72), black activism, affirmative action, and the installation of Maynard Jackson as Atlanta's first black mayor (1974-1980 era) and Harold Washington as Chicago's first black mayor (1979-mid-80s).

The class concludes with discussions of the modern civil rights movement and its impact on other movements. See the links cited in this information. Come and join the discussions beginning Wednesday, Oct. 13.

THURSDAYS

"Adventures in Religion" by Rev. Don Fielding (Ret.) Adventures in Religion is focusing on "Skeptics and Believers" this semester. The class views a video each session and discusses the video and associated ideas. The class returns Oct. 21 and continues until November 25.

Juggling - discontinued until further notice.

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 with video and discussions. **These classes can be of interest to persons age 12 and up and are held on weekday evenings throughout the year.** Check our website for flyers and more information on the Adult Religious Education classes and instructors. www.CommunityUUChurch.org

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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*

Women's Alliance

The **Women's Alliance** also wants to **invite all people in the congregation for a trip to the Dallas Zoo on October 2nd**. People interested in carpooling can meet at the church parking lot at 10:00 AM. The DART train has a stop right at the zoo, if people are interested in that. The new Giants of the Savannah attraction is open as well as many improvements. The cost of tickets is as follows: Adults and children 12 and older-\$12.00. Children 3 to 11 and seniors-\$9.00. Children under three are free. For more information contact Valerie Gomes.

Outdoor Adventure - Expanding Our Horizons

Many of you have heard me talk about doing more things with other UU congregations and I present for you here several opportunities

Our **Fall Campout** will probably be 100% booked by the time this is published, however, if you're interested, ask me about any last-minute cancellations or the possibility of sharing a shelter with another family (with their permission, of course). The **Fall Campout will be held at Tyler State Park on the weekend of October 8th – 10th**. I have invited members of the UU Fellowship Tyler to join us even if it is just to visit for a while.

Fort Parker Weekend is an annual outing hosted by the UU Fellowship Waco at Fort Parker near Mexia. This year it is scheduled for the **weekend of October 29th – 31st**. It has a similar "feel" to our campouts, except that sleeping is in bunk beds in dormitory cabins and music, games and general camaraderie is pretty much non-stop in the lodge. I went last year and thoroughly enjoyed it. This event has a following beyond the Waco congregation. Many "regulars" come from Austin, Dallas and Fort Worth. Contact me if you want more information or want to sign up.

Our **Spring Campout** is on the calendar for **April 8th – 10th at Eisenhower State Park**. This will be our first truly multi-congregational campout. It is being organized by both Community and Horizon and Red River is also being invited. We will have pretty much the entire shelter area booked. If you're interested, mark this on your calendar now. -Dick Hildenbrand, outdooradventure@communityuuchurch.org

Simple Living Chalice Circle

Meeting time and place – The next meeting will be **Saturday morning October 9, at 11:00, at Ona Tannehill's home**.

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

Editorial Policy: In order to be included in our publications an event must be church-initiated, or at the very least officially co-sponsored by an established church committee or organization. Events run by individual members or by other organizations in which individual members play prominent roles, do not qualify.

Finance Committee

Good News! Our budget for this fiscal year is balanced!

The first quarter that ended 8/31 was a good one for this church. Income was 23.2% of budget and expenses were 24%. This slight loss is good for the first quarter where historically the pledge income has been low

Not this year! Pledge income was 25.2% of budget. The quarter was further enhanced by a very successful and entertaining music concert that exceeded the budget by 12.7%. Thanks to all that participated. If you missed it you missed a very entertaining evening. Put it on your calendars for next year as a must see evening

The second quarter got off to a good start with the balloon festival exceeding budgeted income (more on that next month)

All people listed in the directory will be receiving a first quarter pledge status letter. Please review and contact the treasurer if we have made some clerical errors

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Income and Expense Report for August, 2010

	Income	YTD
Offering Income	\$20,451.33	\$ 56,749.02
Fund Raisers	1,767.86	1,793.89
Building Usage	1,258.00	4,814.00
Misc. Income	15,000.00	15,100.00
Total Income	<u>38,477.19</u>	<u>\$ 78,456.91</u>
	Expense	
Administration	3,010.90	9,589.36
Program/Worship	1,868.88	5,711.73
Religious Education	6,531.53	13,581.74
Facilities	6,166.65	19,517.17
Income generating exp.	0.00	0.00
Ministry	7,420.02	18,894.32
Denomination	1,449.00	3,352.75
Payroll Expenses	11.31	33.07
Total Expenses	<u>26,459.19</u>	<u>70,680.14</u>
Net Income/(Loss)	<u>\$ 12,018.00</u>	<u>7,776.77</u>

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

Offering Income	Actual	Budgeted
Pledged Offering	\$18,148.57	\$17,298.75
Loose Offerings/Basket	2,262.76	1,537.33
New Pledges	<u>40.00</u>	<u>514.59</u>
Offerings Income	\$20,451.33	\$19,350.67

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***

[Church office closed on Monday]

Tuesday 9am - 3pm

Wednesday 9am - 2:30pm

Thursday 9am - 2:30pm

Friday 9am - Noon

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