



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 Children and Youth;
Nursery Childcare
- **11:45 a.m.**
Coffee and Conversation

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UUSC Joins UUA in Responding to Japan Disaster

The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee expresses utmost solidarity and sympathy with the people of Japan as they face the triple disaster of an earthquake, a tsunami, and the risk of nuclear meltdowns in four plants. The devastating 8.9-magnitude earthquake that hit four prefectures (districts) in northeastern Japan on March 11, 2011, caused a severe tsunami and has seriously endangered nuclear plants in the area. While Japan's disaster-relief capacity is strong, UUSC is joining with the Unitarian Universalist Association to respond to this humanitarian crisis through the new UUA-UUSC Japan Relief Fund.

Unitarian Universalists have long maintained close ties with progressive Japanese religious groups, often under the banner of the International Association for Religious Freedom (IARF) but independently as well. There is, for example, a Universalist Church made up of Japanese members in Tokyo. Progressive Buddhist and Shinto groups have often hosted visiting American Unitarian Universalists and worked closely on projects with the UUA and individual UU congregations. These historic ties make our concern for Japan especially acute. The UUA's long-term partners in Japan — which include Rissho Kosei-kai, Tsubaki Grand Shrine, the Konko Church of Izu, the Tokyo Dojin Church, and the Japan Chapter of the IARF — are all discerning the specific efforts they will be taking to support recovery work.

UUSC is pleased to join with the UUA in responding to the disaster through the new UUA-UUSC Japan Relief Fund. The UUA and UUSC will walk with partners on the ground in Japan in the directions that are ultimately chosen and will make all appropriate decisions about the distribution of the funds. **Visit the UUA's website for more information and donate to the UUA-UUSC Japan Relief Fund now. www.uusc.org.**

Date this position was adopted by UUSC: Monday, March 14, 2011.

Excerpted from article at UUSC Website, www.uusc.org.

March Sunday Services

April 3, 2011 - "What Do You Mean by 'GOD'?", Rev. Patrick Price.

April 10, 2011 - "Why Paying Taxes is a Religious Act", Rev. Patrick Price.

April 17, 2011 - "Call for Justice," Elena Westbrook, guest speaker .

April 24, 2011 - Multigenerational Easter Worship, Rev. Patrick Price.

More Upcoming Worship Dates and Services

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Patrick's Ponderings... "Who Is My Neighbor?"

We are living in interesting times, with natural and human-made disasters in Japan, and revolution in Libya and much of the middle east. Aside from our own self interests why should we care?

In recent years it has become something of a national and local obsession, especially by those in the conservative Christian and political communities, to talk about "family values" and "putting families first." Yet it is interesting to note what Jesus himself had to say about issues of families and on the topic neighbors as other than ourselves, something almost completely missing from conservative rhetoric.

In the three synoptic gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke the terms "family" or "families" are mentioned only four times, and none at all regarding the qualities of those relationships. Jesus did not embrace the traditional model of family and its obligations, rather choosing to create one from among his disciples and followers. Our families now a days have a wide range of manifestations, ranging from the more classic nuclear type all the way to created families based in differing affinities and loyalties. Families are part of an integrated system of relationships which run much farther afield than local kinship ties.

Within the larger time frame of human history, the concept of the nuclear family is a recent and fairly artificial development. It has come about as a consequence of the industrial revolution and colonization, with increased work force mobility as people moved from rural areas to more urban ones.

In my opinion, the way to enhance family life is not to idolize an outmoded notion of what they look like but rather to create and support healthy and vital communities in which all people, young and old, parents and children and those people without children will find support and nurturance as well as their responsibilities to their neighbors. Even though it has almost become trite in its over use, the African proverb that "it takes an entire village to raise a child" is still true. It is the community which supports families, and provides the needs which they cannot provide for themselves. It has always been so. With the increasing social changes we are encountering now, it becomes ever more necessary.

In the same three gospels of Matthew Mark and Luke, which are considered to be the most reliable witnesses, Jesus quotes the Hebrew scriptural commandment to "love your neighbor as your self," or some variant thereof, six (6) times, with four (4) other supporting and related comments about one's relations with a neighbor. Then there is the issue of who is my neighbor which the scriptures go to great lengths to describe through Jesus' parables, particularly in the story of the Good Samaritan, and in his relations with the socially marginal. For Jesus, our neighbors are everyone, not just those who are like us. In comparing this with his teachings around family, his emphasis on neighbors takes on even greater significance. What Jesus does clearly point to is an understanding that our focus is to be on loving our neighbors, and that our neighbors are not necessarily people like us.

The message of the religion of Jesus, as differentiated from the religion about Jesus, does not put families first. It puts God first and neighbors second. And the description of neighbor is radically challenging to those desiring any sort of cultural homogeneity. The "neighbor" is not just the person like us, but he or she is the person whom you and I encounter no matter how different they are from us.

He wasn't for traditional family values and he wants us to deal with people we would normally cross the road to avoid, as if... No, not as if, but because they are our

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The President's Corner

Sarah Reiling

Another spring is underway, with blustery winds and warmer weather. All we need is rain to have the perfect month. Like the old rhyme says, "April showers bring May flowers"; as a gardener I always want more rain! I do hope that the rain holds off for Spring Camp Out though. This year it is a combined event with Community UU Church, Horizon UU and Red River UU all taking part.

Spring is a time of renewal and rebirth. Do you have friends that could use a little of what we have here at our church? I have always thought that spring is a good time to invite a friend to church. The church's grounds look especially beautiful with the newly budded trees and the fresh growth in the Memorial Garden and the Community Harvest Garden. There is plenty of energy in the programs and activities. This year we have the added inducement of a minister back from sabbatical with new and exciting ideas. Why not make April the month you bring a friend to church?

We are all busy this time of year, but let's take some time to remember that "Love is the spirit of this church and service is its law." Every 3rd Saturday of the month, Community Church serves dinner at Samaritan Inn in McKinney. Samaritan Inn is the only homeless shelter in Collin County. Our Social Action group needs volunteers to serve dinner for the residents. If you want away to make a difference, it is as easy as being a part of this program.

Another way to serve is to pick up a few extra groceries when you do your shopping. The small grocery basket is always in the front foyer for your contributions of non perishable items. With the recent increase in fuel and food costs many families need the extra help your generosity provides.

Speaking of generosity, I want to personally thank all of you who have turned in your annual pledge as part of this year's budget drive. If you haven't turned in your paperwork yet, you still have time. Community UU Church is self supporting and our ministries depend on the time talent and treasure of our members and friends.

Peace and justice,

Sarah

Workshop "How to Prepare for Your Own Memorial Service"

Saturday, April 16th, 10:00 AM to Noon, Founders Hall.

As many of us know planning a memorial service/funeral is often complicated by simply not knowing what someone would want, or what would be truly representative of their life. This workshop by the Rev. Price will address many of the basic issues that come up regarding memorials and funerals, and how we can better prepare for own and/or for some one else's. The workshop is free and open to anyone wanting to know how to be better prepared for this important and inevitable rite of remembrance and celebration. So bring a friend or two. An RSVP to the church office is helpful for planning but not required. Child care is available if requested by April 12th. For further information contact Rev. Price. Revprice@communityuuchurch.org

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A Community of Gardeners

Spring is a happenin' time at Community Harvest Garden! You'll see gardeners preparing organic plots with compost and dried molasses. Lettuce and radish seeds, onions and potatoes sets are being put into place. The birds are singing, the breeze is blowing and buds are ready to open in our orchard.

We welcome new gardeners: **Betsy Friauf, Bryan Peters, Dave and Michelle Matthews, Heather Joy, Karen Hall, Kathy Smith, Monica and Kevin Brindza, and Vicky and Gary Sharpsteen.** **Nine gardeners from our larger community** also work alongside **Carrie Dubberley, Cathy Dempsey and Jon Baumgartner, Dawn Graham, Jim and Robin Gary, Jo Howser, Lexie McGrane and Valerie Gomes.** Any of these folks would be glad to answer your garden questions.

Our mission is to provide gardening space and fresh produce for our neighbors. This year we plan to donate 50% of our fresh, organic harvests to area food pantries and shelters.

If you're eager to work the land, join us any Saturday morning or Sunday afternoon for fresh air, exercise, and fun. Gardens are full of surprises, both the animal and vegetable variety. Gardens are habitats. Gardens give the gifts of color and fragrance. Gardens are the perfect spot for meeting down-to-earth folks always glad to share growing tips and plants, pest problem-solving and fascinating conversations. A year-round waiting list can hold the next available plot for you. Contact Deb Bliss

Patrick's Ponderings...(continued from page 2)

neighbors. You see Jesus taught in order to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable. This is a dangerous message to those of us who benefit from the status quo. What Jesus is doing is challenging our idea that religion justifies the status quo. Rather, religion is to be about the revealing of our primary relationships being not to kith and kin but to the Holy and to each and every other person as an expression of the Holy.

To love our neighbor is to recognize ourselves and the Holy in them and to respond in kind. It is to see their inherent worth and dignity as unique manifestations of the Holy, just like you and me, and to see the intimate and intricate interconnections we have with each other, and finally to respect those relationships as Holy. The religion of Jesus is not about families first, rather it is about neighbors. It is about our intimate and necessary relationship to the "other."

Are our families important to us? Of course they are and they should be. They are our point of origin and first vantage point on life. But we must be careful that we do not see them as the only vantage point, or even worse to idolize some version of them as the ultimate social unit. We are far too complex personally and collectively for such simplistic solutions. It may be well for us to keep in our hearts and minds some of what Jesus of Nazareth has offered us. Though we live in an imperfect world, the universe is ultimately meaningful, compassionate and in love with us. In turn let us respond by loving it back, with all our hearts, our souls and our minds. Let us make this concrete by trustingly, being a more vulnerable to the Holy manifest in our midst in the otherness of our neighbors, no matter how near or far.

Literary Ladies Book Club.

The April 12 discussion will focus on **Border Songs by Jim Lynch**, an insightful view of the war on terror told with humor and tenderness through the lives of the people who reside in small towns on each side of the US/Canadian border. The hero is a giant, dyslexic, naïve young man working for border patrol and more in tune with nature than the people he encounters.

We will meet at 7:00 at the home of Pam Reinke Walter. Contact Pam **by April 8 if you plan to attend.**

This group meets the second Tuesday of each month and welcomes women members and friends of Community UU Church.

May's selection is Cutting for Stone by Abraham Varghese: *Marion and Shiva Stone are twin brothers born of a secret union between a beautiful Indian nun and a brash British surgeon. Orphaned by their mother's death and their father's disappearance, bound together by a preternatural connection and a shared fascination with medicine, the twins come of age as Ethiopia hovers on the brink of revolution. Moving from Addis Ababa to New York City and back again, **Cutting for Stone** is an unforgettable story of love and betrayal, medicine and ordinary miracles—and two brothers whose fates are forever intertwined.* www.indiebound.com

The Annual Budget Drive Continues

Yes, we can do it if everybody gives. We had a successful and fun Commitment Sunday in March when we ended the day with over \$150,500 from 80 pledges. Since then, the Stewardship Team has been making follow-up contacts with those who did not commit that day. Many of you have already responded. Check the weekly e-blast and Sunday announcements for progress. If you have not yet completed a commitment form, don't delay. We are aiming for a 100% response. Only then will we know we have done our job. We want to make sure that every member and friend has an opportunity to consider their financial commitment in support of our church's budget for the coming year.

Thank you to all who have already made a pledge. Every pledge matters. By making yours promptly, you have made our job easier and helped us move closer to funding our budget for the coming year. Many thanks to the Stewardship Team, the luncheon cooks, the Visiting Stewards, the Board of Trustees and the Leadership Development Team who served us so well on Commitment Sunday. We also appreciate all the help from the Hospitality Committee, our video technician and everyone who helped with this effort during the last several months. And thanks to you, the congregation, for participating in our experiment on March 6 and supporting the Annual Budget Drive. We are all stewards of our beloved community.

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Community Harvest Garden

Samaritan Inn (Monthly dinner)

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Plano Food Pantries

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MLK Celebration

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

Quotes to Live By: From writer and educator Paulo Freire: "The purpose of education is humanization. ... To be fully human is to be a subject who acts upon and transforms the world, and in so doing, moves toward ever new possibilities of fuller and richer life, individually and collectively." From UUA religious educator Judith Frediani: "**To make meaning of our lives in religious community, we have to show up ... Let's accept busyness as a given and see it as a well-disguised gift – an opportunity to identify the essential purpose of the religious community – to help people develop spiritually and act religiously.**"

What'd You Learn, Kathy? Last month I attended my second Renaissance Module (continuing education for DREs) – Philosophy of Religious Education. I learned so much at this one module that it's hard to put it into words! We worked from *Essex Conversations*, written in 2000 by a group of 25 far-thinking individuals – ministers, DREs, youth, UUA officials – that challenges readers to identify what is at the core of our faith, what our vision of religious education goals should be, and what are the vital parts of UU curricula. (I will share my office copy with anyone who asks!)

The primary message I took away from this weekend: we are all religious educators. We work with the heart of our faith. We must lift up Unitarian Universalism in everything we do, as leaders, as individuals, and as a community of lifelong learners – by articulating our beliefs, living our values, and remembering that everything we do in our church must reflect the best of who we want our children to be.

Family Events in April:

Ostara (and Easter) Celebration 2-4 p.m., Sat. April 16 in Founders' Hall. Join us for games, activities, food and fun for all ages -- including an Egg Hunt! Sponsored by Earth Spirit and the RE Board.

Great American Clean-up Day AND PICNIC! 9-12 noon, Sat., April 23, Oak Point Park. Let's put on our work clothes and do our part to make Plano beautiful by cleaning up a small section of Oak Point Park. We'll clean from 9 a.m. until 11 and then have an old-fashioned family picnic with hot dogs and potato salad, games and playtime!

Easter Service 11 a.m., Sun. April 24. This will be a multi-generational family worship service, co-led by Rev. Price and DRE Kathy Smith.

Now recruiting for Hogwarts Academy of Fun! That's right – Hogwarts Academy, the great wizarding school of Harry Potter fame, will be opening a satellite school right here at 11 a.m. on summer Sunday mornings! You won't want to miss all the fun and learning – Transfiguration, Incantations, Defense against the Dark Arts, Care of Magical Creatures and MORE! How can you help? Be a Guide, House Professor, Visiting Professor, or Elf! Sign up for one day or come have fun every week! Contact: Kathy Smith, Headmistress.

Volunteer now to Teach This Fall! This fall we will be focusing on UU Identity for our children and youth. We are putting together our teaching teams. Contact: Kathy Smith or any member of the RE Board!

Where in the UU World is our DRE? I can be reached by email or cell phone (443-668-1336) from Wednesday to Sunday. I take my Sabbath time from Sunday afternoon to Tuesday afternoon. Non-emergency messages received during that time will be answered

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Wednesday morning. I am in the office on from 1-5 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, or by appointment during other times. I will be taking vacation time from March 28-April 3. From April 8-10 I will be at General Assembly Pre-Site Planning (Youth Caucus) in Charlotte, North Carolina. Although I will return phone and email messages during that time, my response time will be slower than usual.

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

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, April 16 – Ostara (and Easter) celebration, 2-4, Founders’ Hall.

Sunday, April 17 – Children’s Chapel

Sunday, April 24 – Easter Service, multi-generational family worship, 11 a.m.

Social Action News

April Calendar

Sunday, April 3 through Saturday, April 30 – Sign up for **New Orleans Rebirth Project**

Saturday, April 16 - 5:45 p.m. – **Samaritan Inn**: serve dinner to residents (Felicia Murray’s covenant group will be serving this month)

Sunday, April 17 – 10:30 a.m. – We will observe **Justice Sunday** at the morning service

Saturday, April 23 – 9:00 a.m. – **Great American Cleanup at Oak Point Park** – everyone is invited!

Saturday, April 23 – 4:00 p.m. – First Friday Folksingers perform at **Plano Community Home** (Paul Gandy’s covenant group sponsors refreshments for this event)

Great American Cleanup

For the past two years, Community UU has participated with the City of Plano in the Great American Cleanup by helping to clean **Oak Point Park**, which is just a few blocks from our church. We will meet at 9:00 a.m. to get equipment and instructions and then spend a few hours picking up trash. Contact Nelah McComsey nelahm@verizon.net for more information.

New Orleans Rebirth

Our second annual mission to New Orleans is being planned now. We hope to field two teams of fifteen people (one team from **June 11-18** and the second team from **June 18-25**) to assist the Lower Ninth Ward Village Community Center continue in their recovery from Hurricane Katrina in 2005. We will be lodged and fed by the Center for Ethical Living and Social Justice Renewal, housed at the First Unitarian Universalist Church of New Orleans. Cost for room and board is \$35/day (\$245 for the week); limited scholarship money is available. Visit our Social Action web page (<http://www.communityuuchurch.org/pages/nola>) for more information. If you are interested in participating, contact Dick Hildenbrand (neworleans@communityuuchurch.org).

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Simple Living Chalice Circle

Meeting time and place – The next meeting will be Saturday morning April 9th, 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.

Service project – We provided pies for Sunday hospitality in honor of our favorite “geek” holiday, Pi Day, March 14.

Facilitator – Ona Tannehill. Email simpleliving@communityuuchurch.org.

What is the future of Unitarian Universalism?

What do you mean? Are you asking:

“What is the future of this faith movement and organization that I participate in as a member or friend?” Yes, THAT is the question asked to all members by the leadership we call the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA).

Every year, the **UUA holds a General Assembly. GA 2011 will be in Charlotte, NC, June 22-26, 2011.** All the “delegates” at GA attend to the “business” of the collective Association of all the member congregations. Joe Sullivan*, a Texas UU member and a local, regional and national leader, said, “What constitutes the business of the Association and how do we participate in it and take it up effectively and sustainably?” in a report to the UUA Board of Trustees in 2010.

The answer to Joe's question is the answer to “What is the future of Unitarian Universalism?” AND that answer comes from us!

WHAT IS OUR BUSINESS? HOW DO WE PARTICIPATE IN IT? HOW DO WE TAKE IT UP EFFECTIVELY AND SUSTAINABLY?

Our business is our purpose. Our history has shown through our words and actions what our purposes have been. What is our purpose NOW and for our future? Our purpose and method of participation is the predominant issue now and especially at GA 2011.

Joe Sullivan will be a presenter at the NTAUUS Leadership Conference right here at our Church June 4th, 2011!

Written by Barbara Kostreva, Denominational Affairs Representative

More Upcoming Worship Dates and Services

May 8th - Annual Multigenerational Flower Communion – Mothers' Day Service and a Child Blessing and Dedication Service during Sunday worship. Please contact Rev. Price for details and to sign up.

The Annual Animal Blessing Service is being **moved to Saturday, October, 29th**, 11:00 AM. Stay tuned and/or see Rev. Price for more details.

Adult Religious Education

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 attempt to appeal to one's Mind, Body, and Spirit and we address Social Action issues.

We offer a range of classes of interest to adults and youth on weekday evenings throughout the year. Each evening classes begin at 7 p.m. and end no later than 9 p.m. Our programs include our continuing meditation group and a variety of topical classes.

All classes begin at 7 p.m. CHILDCARE is available for all classes.

Continuing Classes

Vipassana (Insight) Meditation: Monday nights, Annex, 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 Monday nights. We invite you, as a beginner or as a practiced mediator, 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."

Yoga: Tracy Rosipal, Course Fee \$5 per class, Wednesdays, Founder's Hall.

Tracy says, "In general, my yoga style is Hatha, which incorporates physical postures that work the body and, in turn, work the mind. A typical hour class flows as follows: breathing and warm up, sun salutations, twisting poses, a series of standing flowing poses, balancing postures, seated postures, stretches, and final relaxation. Each class offers various components of physical fitness, such as building muscular strength, increasing muscular endurance, improving cardiovascular endurance, increasing flexibility, and improving body composition. I present a range of levels in each class, offering options, such that members with varying amounts of yoga experience can feel successful. I also present modifications to accommodate participants that may have physical limitations.

The benefits of yoga are numerous; these are a few: posture improves, mood and well-being increase, joint range of motion increases, energy level increases, strength improves, balance improves, blood pressure decreases, cardiovascular efficiency increases, respiratory efficiency increases, sleep quality improves, and memory and concentration improve. Yoga classes are non-competitive and accommodate all levels of physical fitness." Attendance is strong and reviews are enthusiastic.

New Class: The History and Plight of Native Americans, Wednesday, Annex

Led by Anita Van Ouwerkerk. Videos, history, active discussions. This class will study the first inhabitants of North America from sometime before 12,500 B.C.E. to 1550 A.D. and bring those practices to modern times. The class will look at 4 broad questions: Who were the first Americans? Where did they come from? How did they get here? and What did they do after they got here? The class addresses Getting to North America - Native Americans' origins; Ancestors and Early Cultures of North America; The Mound Builders; Coastal North Americans Meet the Europeans - Columbus's diary

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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
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www.Habitat-scc.org

**Habitat ReStore of
SCCTX**

*www.restore.habitat-
scc.org*

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and more; Daughters of the Earth: the Lives and Legends of American Indian Women; and Native American Healing Practices related to Modern Medicine. Anita also is offering this class to large and appreciative audiences as part of the SAIL (Seniors Active In Learning) program of Plano, run by Collin County Community College Continuing Education Dept.

Adventures in Religion, Rev. Don Fielding, Thursdays, Annex

Coming Topics: Fundamentalism and Islamism, Faith, Suspicion and Modernity, New Atheisms, Religion and Rationality, Pluralisms – Religious and Secular, Enjoy: the social and intellectual connections.

Fourth Saturday of the Month. Creative Endeavors. Led by Clyde Grauke and Denise Dittmar.

This is an informal interest group that welcomes all those with creative interests, abilities, and/or skills. Come join us in room G of the Annex from 10 AM to 12 Noon on the Fourth Saturdays.

Please bring examples of your creative work to share and discuss with others. Possible areas of creativity that would be very welcome are: Art (painting, sketching, illustration, sculpture, ceramics, digital art, etc.), Photography, Writing (fiction, nonfiction, poetry, etc.), Designing (Interior Design, Graphic Design, creating designs for artistic crafts, etc.), Music (writing lyrics, music composition, etc.), and Creative/artistic crafts. If you have any questions, contact Clyde Grauke at cgrauketx@gmail.com or 972-495-6305.

The following Classes are Closed, but if interested, they will be offered again, soon.**Sex Education: It's Not Just for Kids Anymore!**

Led by Samantha Hall and Rob Saxon. Sam has received training from UUA in presenting the Our Whole Lives (OWL) for Adults class. Materials are from UUA. \$20 for 14 two-hour workshops. The focus: Sex and spirituality; Healthy Relationships; Healthy enjoyment of our bodies. Class is for anyone 18 to 80+ Class size limited. **Wednesdays**, in the Annex. **This class is full and not taking new members. However, if you are interested in attending the next series, please contact webguru@communityuuchurch.org**

Evensong for Families, Led by Director of Religious Education, Kathy Smith.

Want to parent more spiritually? Have better relationships with your children? Deepen friendships with other families? This program is for you. Set in a small group ministry format, this excellent program offers your family a chance to bond more deeply with each other and other families within the church ... ideas for deepening your rituals, traditions, and spiritual life within your family ... and an opportunity to share songs, readings, activities and discussions. Parents and children over age 3 will gather for 90 minutes on such varied topics as *Who Is Your Family?*; *Mealtimes, Bedtimes, Hellos and Goodbyes*; *Birthdays and Holidays*; *Things You Love to Do Together*; *Good Times and Bad*; *Your Family's Ten Commandments*; *Sharing and Privacy*, and *Celebrate Your Family*. Offered by DRE Kathy E. Smith. **If you would be interested in attending the next scheduling of this series, please contact dre@communityuuchurch.org**

Finance Committee

The church continues to do well as we start to prepare for the 2011-2012 budget year. With your help, we can keep our church financially sound this year and in the future. Please continue to keep your pledge commitments up to date, as every pledge makes a difference.

Judith Boyle, Treasurer

The financial information below is from our Profit and Loss Statement for February 2011.

Offering Income	Actual	Budgeted
Pledged Offering	\$16,039.07	\$17,298.75
Loose Offerings/Basket	1,081.00	1,537.33
New Pledges	<u>250.00</u>	<u>416.67</u>
Offerings Income	\$17,370.07	\$19,252.75

Income and Expense Report for February, 2011

	Income	YTD	10/11 BUDGET	o/o Total BUDGET
Offering Income	\$17,370.07	\$174,494.42	\$231,032.96	75.5
Fund Raisers	1,042.00	21,889.94	18,950.00	115.5
Building Usage	1,811.75	17,709.25	24,000.00	73.8
Misc. Income	5,338.36	29,173.50	34,100.00	85.6
Total Income	\$25,562.18	\$243,267.11	\$308,082.96	79.0
Expense				
Administration	\$ 3,249.26	\$28,879.01	\$ 41,505.92	69.6
Program/Worship	2,536.95	21,470.17	32,610.00	65.8
Religious Education	4,403.03	40,383.06	53,817.00	75.0
Facilities	6,659.47	57,663.35	77,292.00	74.6
Income generating exp.	39.99	2,354.67	2,300.00	102.4
Ministry	6,678.71	63,375.01	82,920.00	76.4
Denomination	1,449.00	12,176.00	17,638.00	69.0
Payroll Expenses	7.20	422.63	-0-	-0-
Total Expenses	\$25,023.61	\$226,723.90	\$308,082.92	73.6
Net Income/(Loss)	\$ 538.57	\$ 16, 543.21		

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My husband, David, and I would like to thank all who sent a card or emailed condolences following the death of his father.

David and Connie Meints, Church Secretary

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**

Wednesday and Thursday 1:00 - 5:00 PM, other times by appointment.

• **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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Deadline for the May newsletter submissions: April 5, 2011. Submit to newsletter@CommunityUUChurch.org.

The Community News

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