



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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Who Are We Kidding?

Everyone!

Ourselves, for starters. You too, we hope, plus scores more eager laugh-seekers, as we present **this year's Summer Pops show: "Just Kidding! Celebrating the Kid in All of Us," at 7:00 Saturday, August 27.**

"The world is a pretty serious place these days," says **the show's director, veteran North Texas thespian Robin Coulonge.** "We're all surrounded by so many grown-up problems. We wanted our show to give people a break by **bringing back some of the simple laughter we knew as kids.**"

Music Director Kelley Poché Rodriguez points out that *child-like* doesn't necessarily mean *childish*.

"Though we have kids performing who will no doubt steal the show, Summer Pops won't be performed only by children," she says. "And it won't be a kiddy show either, though children will love it. The grown-ups will have a blast channeling their inner prodigies, but **we're not all going to dress up like Dick and Jane and earnestly sing nursery rhymes, right, Robin? ...Robin?**"

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August Sunday Services

August 7: Guest speaker, Rev. Don Fielding, "Spirituality".

August 14: Guest speakers, Paul Westbrook and Samantha Hall, "Green Sanctuaries".

August 21: "Covenant Sunday", Rev. Patrick Price

August 28: Rev. Patrick Price, Water Communion. Remember to collect water during your summer trips for our Annual Ingathering of Water Service

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Patrick’s Ponderings... “Do We Have a Prayer?”

Rev. Patrick Price

I feel it is right and good to pray for the wellbeing of our officials and public servants, at the same time I pray for them to embrace reason and wisdom in the execution of their offices. Prayer is an important part of the religious experience for most people. Even if we do not believe in its effectiveness, it has strong symbolic value in our national mind. So when any elected or public official connects themselves publicly with prayer, I am careful of what is intended by their actions. There is reason for our nation’s founders to be suspicious of the co-mingling of the state and religion. They can become implicit or explicit endorsers of each other, rather than checks against the potential abuses of the other. So, when Texas Governor Rick Perry announced a day of prayer and fasting at Reliant Stadium in Houston, I felt it prudent to look a lot closer.

Prayer should be something we do first as a way to focus our attention on an issue, and then done last, as a way of letting go of something after we do everything that can be done. Prayer is not a replacement for our own human agency. As UUs we believe that “good must be consciously given form and power within history.” In other words, we cannot leave it up to anyone else, even God, to do what is ours to do. When Gov. Perry called for this event, “The Response: a call to prayer for a nation in crisis”, the event was challenged by various groups in court. In an interview with the Family Research Council, Perry responded to these efforts, saying, “Isn’t it just the type of intolerance to say that we can’t gather together in public to pray to our God? That is amazing to me.” The governor added: “I can’t wait until the 6th of August rolls around and we fill up Reliant Stadium with people who are Christ-loving and realize that our country has gotten off track. Just like back in days of old, God is the same God we had from the days of Israel, and in the book of Joel it said to blow the trumpet and assemble the people and go into a day of fasting and prayer to ask for God’s direction ... it’s nothing more than that.”

In reply to the planned event, the interfaith Houston Clergy Council issued a letter saying it supports a “healthy boundary between church and state.” Signed by pastors and ministers from Houston and across Texas, the letter says the event materials imply an exclusion of people who are not Christians of a certain type. And it says it is inappropriate for the governor to organize an event funded by the American Family Association, a group they note the Southern Poverty Law Center has labeled a hate group for its anti-gay and anti-Muslim statements.

If one of the major effects of public prayer is purely symbolic, the Governor is endorsing the stances of some very radical individuals and groups, on the fringes of American religion and society, whether he says he agrees with them or not. I fear that many of the publicly declared beliefs of those sponsoring and headlining Governor Perry’s Day of prayer are so toxic that Reliant Stadium is in peril of becoming the spiritual equivalent of a hazardous waste super fund site. I am not sure what will happen on August 6th in Houston, but I do know that it is not the answer to the prayers of the unemployed, of seniors, or of school children and their families in this state, and across the nation. I will be praying for Rick Perry and so many others, but I am also signing the Houston Clergy Council’s letter, and making phone calls and writing e-mails and letters to his office and all my elected representatives to do

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The President's Corner

Tom Reid

Leadership/Membership - What's All the Flap??

So who are you in your life? You're a mom, dad, grandparent, sibling, friend...you work; you're retired; you volunteer. In all these relationships you express your ideas and suggestions to make that relationship work better for you. How do you make yourself known? How much influence do you have?? More than you imagine, I'll bet!

Who are you at Community Church? Where do you fit in? How do you feel about our church, our services, activities, our philosophy, vision and goals? If you have an opinion, where do you put it? How do you register it so it will be heard? Here are some ways to answer those questions.

Are you a Community Church Member or a Friend? We want you to become a Member because it has meaning. It means you have accepted some responsibility for what we do here, for our vision and direction; you have agreed to share your time, talents and treasure. So, to figure who you are at Community Church and how you fit it, becoming a Member is a great start!

But wait...there's more. Where you fit depends first on getting the lay of the land and that can sometimes take a while. What goes on here? Who's who and who can answer questions? How does this place work? Check out the bulletin board in Founder's Hall, watch who stands up every Sunday at the welcome announcement, look for a blue name tag -- all those people want to know you. They want to know what Community Church is doing that catches your fancy, or inspires your spirit and heart. They know that, like themselves, you have come here to be part of a larger community and they know how to help you cross that bridge.

After a while there is a pull to be more than a spectator, a need to give something back. That urge to offer yourself is huge! It's where the rubber meets the road in determining who you are at Community Church. When you find a place to be a participant instead of just a spectator, when you invest in your spiritual community -- your identity, self-definition, ownership, and satisfaction increases proportionally.

What if you just have an idea or if someone asks if you will help with a job at Church....uh oh, the thought of it makes you want to run in the other direction... What if it's more than you want to do or what if you can't figure out how to do it? That's not a problem, I promise.

We understand the old "Bait and Switch" game at Community Church and are committed to avoid it. We promise to make space for you to do what fills you and makes a contribution to Community Church without trying to enroll you in a lifetime of meetings and service. We offer you the opportunity to join a "brainstorming" or "task force" activity without committing yourself to a year of implementation. Because you are willing to help "think tank" a problem does not mean you have to serve until the problem is solved. You have the option for further involvement at many points.

Conversely, we need and appreciate folks who just want to give an afternoon or evening to a task and go home not ever to think about that again, if that's what you want. Just because you help park cars at the Balloon Festival does not mean you have to be on the planning committee for next year's fund raiser.

But wait...there's still more. When do you get to the Leadership Thing? Recognize that
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Cyn Blanco

Leadership/Membership - What's All the Flap?? (continued from page 3)

you are already a member (with a small m) and a leader in some facet of your life, sometimes formally, sometimes just by virtue of the gift of your presence, support and ideas. In our lives, we "take turns" being the leader. Sometimes we are excited to do so...sometimes we are called by necessity or circumstances. Sometimes the call comes from within, sometimes we are asked by those who see something within us that can make a difference in the lives of others. So if you subscribe, even a little, to my thinking here...then consider how you might become better prepared for the call whether from inside or out.

Did you know that Community Church has a Leadership Development Committee (LDC)? They have a broad vision and mandate, and one of their tasks is to have conversations with Community Church Members and prospective Members who have ideas and questions about how to derive meaning from their time here and make their ideas and influence felt in the congregation. As you grow in your commitment and service, there are opportunities for more training and direction both within and outside of Community Church. You may remember the North Texas Association of Unitarian Universalist Societies (NTAUUS) hosted a Leadership Conference here at Community Church on June 8th of this year. Lots of Community Church people including our LDC attended along with representatives from many other District UU Congregations. Not everyone who attended has a current leadership role in their individual churches, but we all learned something about congregational life and how to be members who can find ways to make their ideas known and considered and to deepen our spiritual lives.

You got ideas to offer, a little time for fellowship, any spare opinions? You need a place to put 'em? We got some places for you... TR

Patrick's Ponderings... "Do We Have a Prayer?" (continued from page 2)

jobs, to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, to shelter the homeless, and to educate our children. If they do otherwise, all the public prayer in the world is only cheap grace, and a political abuse of the sacredness of religion itself.

Blessings, Patrick See you in church.

<http://houstonclergycouncil.org/>

<http://www.sunherald.com/2011/07/18/3280813/perry-says-he-doesnt-back-all.html>

<http://content.usatoday.com/communities/Religion/post/2011/07/prayer-rick-perry-christian-1>

<http://www.mysanantonio.com/community/bulverde/article/Gov-Perry-s-call-to-prayer-doesn-t-foster-1436417.php>

<http://www.goddiscussion.com/68388/houston-clergy-council-opposes-gov-perrys-prayer-rally/>

Who Are We Kidding? (continued from the front page)

“Well, actually” Coulonge adds, “We *will* hear some funny poems. And **Dick and Jane would be, what, in their seventies by now? Who knows, they might turn up at the show** with their grandkids! And if they do, we’ll make sure they all go home with big goofy grins on their faces.”

Dick and Jane will also be glad to know that, if their grandchildren get too fidgety, they can make their own escape to the nursery, where **child care will be provided with each child’s paid admission.**

This year’s show will feature a whole new guest star: a big-ticket-prize raffle.

That’s right, on top of our traditional silent auction and bake sale, this year’s show will also feature a raffle. **We’re still gathering donations of really tempting prizes, such as sports and event tickets, upscale gift cards, travel vouchers and luxury items.** The better the prizes, the more fun—and funds—we can bring to our church, so **bring on the goodies, folks!**

Our enthusiastic production company also has openings for helpers to work backstage, distribute posters, and sell tickets and refreshments, plus donate items for and coordinate the silent auction and raffle.

It’s also not too late to get on the program! Just contact our fearless director, Robin Coulonge, **by the end of the first week of August** and let her know what you plan to perform.

Mandatory dress rehearsals are Sunday, August 21 and Friday, August 26.

The curtain goes up Saturday, August 27, at 7 pm.

Ticket price will be \$15 for adults, and \$5 for kids under 12 and performers.

Contact Robin Coulonge or Kelley Poché Rodriguez to volunteer, donate, or kid around onstage.

Coulonge concludes: “Summer Pops is a high point in our church year. **Last year we raised almost \$2,000, which was a record.** This year, I know we’ll break that record, while having even more fun. So come join us, support our church, and feel like a kid again! **See you at the show!**”

Attention Religious Education Teachers!

Our annual training will be held on August 20 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The first half of the day will be presented by a guest speaker, who will focus on the latest information on child development, as it can best be used in a Unitarian Universalist classroom setting. The second half of the day will focus on our work as teaching teams at CUUC. Participation is strongly encouraged – you will gain invaluable information as well as set your calendar for the year with your teaching team. **The training will be held at First Unitarian Church in Dallas and delicious meals will be provided, as well as free childcare! Please RSVP to Kathy Smith, DRE.**

Social Action Programs

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Community Harvest Garden

Samaritan Inn (Monthly dinner)

Plano Make a Difference Day

Plano Food Pantries

CROP Walk

MLK Celebration

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

Quotes to Live By: It matters not what someone is born, but what they grow to be. - Prof. Albus Dumbledore, through the pen of J. K. Rowling

Hogwarts Academy of Fun continues to draw record crowds! Our satellite school, Hogwarts Academy of Fun (which teaches UU values through the magical lens of the world of Harry Potter), seems to be a great hit. So far we've had eight successful lessons.

We opened with a discussion of Magic and learned that magic has many meanings – one of which is what happens when people work together to create a community. Our Charms lesson had us making pens and writing notes, in keeping with our values of respect for others and offering kindness by saying kind things to and about them. In Defense against the Dark Arts we talked about virtue and play-acted what it means to make a virtuous decision – virtue is, after all, the best defense against the dark arts!

Our Muggle Studies professors led us in games that illustrated how muggles (humans) succeed best when they work cooperatively. On Quidditch Sunday we practiced being good sports (as contrasted with the tactics used by those Slytherin players!). Why? Because if we UUs say we have certain values – like fairness, respect and honesty – we need to live those values whether we are at church or at home or out on the playing field. Our Transfigurations lesson taught us that hard work by human hands is what will change the world – in this case, fruit into smoothies and milk into ice cream.

In Care of Magical Creatures, we extended our web of life to include all living beings – even imaginary ones! – and talked about what all creatures need to live. Our Potions professors helped us see that, as Unitarian Universalists, we are on a quest for truth, and two of the tools we use in our search are science and reason. We used those tools to figure out why our potions worked!

In August we are looking forward to lessons in Herbology and Quidditch, and our final closing celebration on August 21. Please join us!

As a reminder, Hogwarts is open for children and youth of all ages. Potter Tots is for children who have graduated from nursery but have not yet entered school (ages 3-5). Older children (ages 6-13) are sorted into houses (Stone Dragon and Wave Rider). High schoolers are our Elfs – we have ways for them to help and play along with us. Questions? Call or email Professor Sunshine (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 still in need of a few people to round out our teaching teams. Want to play with preschoolers? Learn through stories with young elementary age? Build, take apart, act, and learn with our older elementary children? Dramatize the difference between right and wrong with our middle schoolers? Work on Coming of Age with our high-schoolers? Contact: Kathy Smith or any member of the RE Board!

Summer Fun Events for Families! The children's playgroup sponsored by the RE Board is going strong and serving three to five families every week. Come and join the fun! Friday mornings from 9:30-noon in the nursery and playground. Bring your children to play with each other and enjoy the opportunity to socialize with other parents. This non-structured playgroup is purely for fun!

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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 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 attending the UU Musicians' Network conference in Virginia from July 26 to July 31, on vacation from August 1 to August 6, and at DBLE from August 7 to August 13. Although I will return phone and email messages while I am away, 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

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Social Action News

Calendar

Saturday, August 20, 5:45 p.m. – Samaritan Inn: serve dinner to residents (Advance signup required - Contact Nelah McComsey).

Sunday, August 28, 10:30 a.m. – Ingathering Sunday – bring rice and beans for **God's Pantry**

Thank you!

Thanks to all who contributed to our *Guest at Your Table* drive earlier this year. The UUSC has thanked our congregation for its contribution of **\$990.68** to the program!

Food Drive for God's Pantry

As you get ready for back-to-school, please remember that many in our community do not have enough food for their children. To help the pantry restock its shelves, please bring a bag of rice or a can of beans to donate on **Sunday, August 28 (Ingathering Sunday)**. Contact Linda Frank for more information.

CUUC Choir Notes

Regular choir rehearsals will **resume Wednesday, August 17th. Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 7-8:30pm in the sanctuary. Childcare is available.** We usually have a social after rehearsal on the first Wednesday of each month. Please feel free to come check out a rehearsal. Ages high school and up are welcome. We generally sing two Sundays a month.

This fall we will be preparing music from Handel's "Messiah" to sing in collaboration with Turtle Creek Chorale's "Partners in Harmony" concert at the Meyerson on October 23. For questions or more info, please contact CUUC Music Director, Kelley Poché Rodriguez at cuucmusic@att.net.

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Simple Living Chalice Circle

Meeting time and place – The next meeting will be Saturday morning August 13th, 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.

Coming this Fall!

Adult Faith Development Series: This fall, we are excited to offer a new series for adult faith development led by Rev. Patrick Price and our Director of Religious Education Kathy Smith. The series will consist of three classes (*We Are Unitarian Universalists*, *Owning Your Religious Past*, and *Spirit in Practice*) which will bring Unitarian Universalist practice and belief into focus for newcomers and longtime UUs alike. *We Are Unitarian Universalists* meets for six sessions in October and early November to take an in-depth look at Unitarian Universalist worship, music, theology, history, governance and education. *Owning Your Religious Past* meets for five sessions in January to encourage participants to take a look at their personal religious background to sort through what to leave behind and what to take forward. *Spirit in Practice* meets for ten weeks in the spring and offers the opportunity to explore different spiritual practices common to Unitarian Universalism.

Each class will meet on Thursday evenings from 7-9 p.m. There is no charge for these classes and childcare will be provided. Participants can choose to take one class or all three in series.

One movie will be shown at **FRIDAY FLICKS** in August in founders hall starting at 7pm. **GETTYSBURG** - 1993 - 4 hours 15 minutes

This movie will be shown on two Friday nights. Part One: August 12. Part two: August 19

Based on Michael Shaara's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel "The Killer Angels." This film marks the first time the battle has been committed to film and the first time a film crew has been allowed to film battle scenes on the Gettysburg National Military Park Battlefield. The greatest battle of the war and the bloodiest in U.S. history is realistically staged by more than 5,000 Civil War re-enactors. Starring;

TOM BERENGER - Lt. Gen. James Longstreet, **MARTIN SHEEN** - Gen. Robert E. Lee **STEPHEN LANG** - Maj. Gen. George E. Pickett, **JEFF DANIELS** - Col. Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain, **RICHARD JORDAN** - Brig. Gen. Lewis A. Armistead, **SAM ELLIOTT** - Brig. Gen. John Buford

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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.

Vipassana Meditation - Clifton Rule, Mondays

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." **Meditation will not meet on August 15**

Adventures in Religion - Rev. Don Fielding, Thursdays

Community UU Church has initiated a new kind of Adult Religious Education (ARE) class. It is called Adventures in Religion, and it encompasses multiple courses. Each class will have one video to stimulate discussion, and will explore the thoughts and feelings the videos stimulate with the hopes for better understanding of the adventure that is religion in general and each participant's understanding of religion in particular. The lectures are now coming out of a curriculum called "Comparative Religion." The lecturer is Charles Kimbail a professor of Religious Studies at the University of Oklahoma. Everyone agrees, his lectures are "Excellent." Here are some upcoming topics":

Aug. 4th - *Sacred Texts for Hindus and Buddhists*

Aug. 11th - *** BREAK ***

Aug. 18th - *Polytheism, Dualism, Monism, and Monotheism*

Aug. 25th - *From Birth to Death - Religious Rituals*

COMING IN THE FALL!

We Are Unitarian Universalists – an Adult Faith Development series presented by Reverend Patrick Price and DRE Kathy Smith. Please see the article on page 8 of this newsletter for details.

CORNELL KINDERKNECHT RETURNS!

Cornell will once again offer his acclaimed course, **Finding the Voice Within: Learn the Native American Flute** at Community Church. **The four sessions will take place in our sanctuary on Thursdays, September 8, 15, 22 and 29 at 7 pm. The course costs \$95 and a quality Native American Flute is available for an additional cost. Register after August 1 at www.cornellk.com.**

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www.Habitat-scc.org

**Habitat ReStore of
SCCTX**
www.restore.habitat-

Literary Ladies Book Club.

The selection for discussion on Tuesday, August 9 will be *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett. Placed in Mississippi in 1962, this first novel tells the story of African American maids working in white households. It is a universal story about the lines we abide by and the lines we don't. If you've already read *The Help*, *Uncle Tom's Cabin* by Harriet Beecher Stowe has been selected to accompany the discussion. **Nancy Barlow will host the meeting in her home at 7pm. Contact Nancy by August 5 if you plan to attend.**

Literary Ladies is a book club for women friends and members of Community UU Church and meets the second Tuesday of each month from 7 - 9 pm .

The **September book is *Seabiscuit: An American Legend* by Laura Hillenbrand.** This sports biography falls in the history genre, and is a memorable read about a racehorse who won against all odds.

AS A RULE

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GRAPHICALLY INCLINED?

We are in the market for our very own, distinctive chalice logo. We have a number of talented graphic artists in our midst, and possibly a few I don't know about, so we're sponsoring a competition of sorts. I say of sorts because there's no prize other than seeing your genius displayed on a wide variety of church media. The chalice logo needs to show well in both color and black and white (which may require two separate versions of the same design). Each contributor may offer up to three designs, and they are due by September 1. At that time, we will post what we have and the congregation will vote for the one they prefer. Designs should be sent to me at webguru@communityuuchurch.org. To see what our neighbors are using, go to,

www.dallasuu.org

www.pathwaysuu.org

www.oakcliffuu.org

For additional research, go to Google Images and type in Unitarian Chalice. It will blow your mind. If you have the gift, help us out. It's about time we had a logo to call our very own.

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

Offering Income	Actual	Budgeted
Pledged Offering	\$16,183.82	\$23,818.00
Loose Offerings/Basket	1,547.25	1,250.00
New Pledges	<u>.00</u>	<u>65.00</u>
Offerings Income	\$17,731.07	\$25,133.00

Finance Committee.

The budget has been input after a lot of effort being made to spread pledges as specified by members and expenses based on how they have historically occurred. There is a higher % of income in some months due to some annual pledges paid in total at these times. Other income and expenses fluctuates due to timing of events such as the Service Auction, and other timing issues. We will have to watch our cash flow by keeping our expenses down in the months of lower income, and ensuring that income occurs as budgeted, to accommodate these fluctuations.

June showed a net income below budget of \$6,496 primarily due to prepaid income of \$2,882 budgeted in June but occurring in July, and \$4,570 of June pledges received in July. Expenses in total were very close to budget for the month. We all need to help in keeping the church financially healthy.

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Income and Expense Report for June, 2011

	Income	YTD	2011/2012 BUDGET	o/o Total BUDGET
Offering Income	\$17,731.07	\$17,731.07	\$229,022.00	7.7
Fund Raisers	25.34	25.34	24,900.00	.1
Building Usage	2,773.75	2,773.75	35,000.00	7.9
Misc. Income	1,676.34	1,676.34	11,302.00	14.8
Total Income	\$22,206.50	\$22,206.50	\$308,082.96	7.4
Expense				
Administration	\$ 4,195.74	\$ 4,195.74	\$ 40,993.00	10.2
Program/Worship	2,168.69	2,168.69	28,745.00	7.5
Religious Education	5,995.38	5,995.38	56,031.80	10.7
Facilities	5,910.43	5,910.43	75,277.00	7.9
Income generating exp.	0.00	0.00	2,850.00	0.0
Ministry	7,296.53	7,296.53	90,509.00	8.1
Denomination	499.18	499.18	17,420.00	2.9
Payroll Expenses	11.74	11.74	-0-	-0-
Total Expenses	\$26,077.69	\$26,077.69	\$245,369.31	10.6
Net Income/(Loss)	\$(3,871.19)	\$(3,871.19)		

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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