



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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Church office will be closed July 5th

AS A RULE

Ian Rule

"WHUT WE HAVE HEAH IS A FAILYUH TER COMMUNYCATÉ"

Movie buffs will recognize this as a quote from the classic Paul Newman film, "Cool Hand Luke." It is rendered in a pitiful attempt to imitate a redneck dialect. I'm just using it here to get your attention. As a church, our problem is not that we fail to communicate (as stated on an excellent church communication blog) "in the language and imagery of our founders." Our website gets enthusiastic reviews from visitors. Our newsletter could use some pizzazz, but pizzazz costs money and creates an electronic file too large to comfortably snuggle into many folks' computer memory.

We're reaching our traditional constituency fairly effectively. However, it is clear that, in reaching out to potential new members, we need to come to grips with reality. Today, many people do not have land lines (phones that sit on a desk or table), do not look at newspapers (mine hits my front doorstep every morning) and are even without TVs, getting all their media exposure via laptop computers, smartphones and iPads. They communicate via tweets and texts. In order to engage these folks, we have to have a presence where they will find it and express our message in a way that will get a positive response.

At the NTAUUS Leadership Conference we hosted on June 4th, there were two sessions on the new media. As is often the case, the presenters, who do this stuff for a living, swamped us with talk of RSS feeds and individual twitter lines for different interest groups. Even those in attendance with more media savvy agreed that it was far too much for us to tackle at once. Thanks to Wendy Hanenburg, we have a wonderful, if fledgling, Facebook page up and running, but it is clear that we need to do more. I had a moment there where I was feeling like an old fossil and thought that I needed to either step up or get out of the way. I say here before witnesses that I am stepping up! However, as I am technically

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July Sunday Services

July 3, 2011 - Steve Brooks, Austin musician; "For Pete's Sake: The Life and Songs of Pete Seeger"

July 10, 2011 - Dorayne Breedlove; "Running through the Fire: Facing Our Fears to Achieve Breakthroughs"

July 17, 2011 - Jo Howser; Book Sunday.

July 24, 2011 - Mike Ghouse, local interfaith activist; "Finding the Truth is Your Own Responsibility: Respecting Otherness and Creating Cohesive Societies"

July 31, 2011 - Ramiz Gilada, St. Philopateer Coptic Orthodox Church; "Religion and Politics in Modern Egypt."

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Patrick’s Ponderings...

What is “hospitality?” What do you think of when you hear that word, “hospitality?” ...Martha Stewart, Rachel Ray, ?

Hospitality is the spiritual practice of genuinely welcoming others as an embodiment of the holy. To greet the holy in our midst in the form of the stranger, the traveler, of those we have yet to know. Practice by Hindus and Buddhists of bowing to greet the holy in each other. Namaste.

The experience of hospitality is about putting people at ease. In a religious community that is important because much of what a healthy religious community does properly, is to challenge us and to transform us, in some fundamental ways.

Putting people at ease is not for some ulterior motive, but as a genuinely open handed greeting. To be liberal is to be generous and open handed, not just to those we know, but to everyone we meet. This allows greater relationship with others and with our selves, which is a fundamental of religious life; to experience a sense of re-connection with others, with the holy, and with our selves. The reality of hospitality makes the effort of spiritual or religious discipline more possible, attractive and sustainable.

Make no mistake – strangers are awkward, and may feel awkward, as each of us knows from personal experience. So, each of us is the stranger, too. Each of us needs this welcome, too. The Rule of St. Benedict, the basic pattern of western monasticism, insists that if you want to be a whole person, you have to let others in. (p. 14 *Radical Hospitality*)

Where does this hospitality come from?

“Hospitality is born in us when we are well-loved by God and by others.

A whole person to open up.

A secure person to be available.

A strong person to give yourself away.” (p. 20.)

The choice is neither easy nor elegant. The stranger is not always easy to love. Nor are we. We can be the presence of the larger hope to someone who is hopeless, even when we don’t feel that hopeful ourselves.

One of the keys to deeper spiritual life is to listen. For some of us, we think we are listening to others, but we are only hearing them so we know what to say next. Yet in listening, in truly welcoming the other, we welcome ourselves. Burdette Backus, Unitarian minister and signer of the original Humanist manifesto, taught that we are "at once children of (the Beloved Community) and builders of the Beloved Community."

And, while we provide a comfortable environment and good eats, we as a religious community are not about offering sugar coated assurances, chocolate Jesus or chicken soup for the soul. We offer a place to explore what it means to be more of who we are as children of the Universe, made in the *imago dei*, the image of the divine.

The Quaker author, Parker Palmer talks about the problems religious communities have with practicing radical hospitality.

He writes:

“...If the church is to serve as a school of the spirit, and as a bridge between

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The President's Corner

Tom Reid

If you missed the May 22nd Congregational Meeting, then you missed a highly energized congregation looking forward to its future. I want to fill you in about and continue to discuss some of the ideas that were introduced at that meeting in this month's column.

First we elected two new members of the Board of Trustees, Cyn Blanco as Vice President for Programs and Janice Hildenbrand as Treasurer. Dick Hildenbrand was reelected as Facilities Trustee. On the Program Board: Joan Mortensen was reelected to Worship Chair, Jay Hall elected to the Membership Committee, Amanda Mille elected as RE Chair, and Lexie McGrane as Fellowship Chair. Seana Saxon, Stephanie James. Rick Brown, Andra Garcia and Alice Mayo were elected to the newly formed Leadership Development Committee.

We passed by-laws language modifications authorizing our newly created Leadership Development Committee. They are off to a running start enlisting prospective leaders and planning training opportunities to help more members realize their potential for doing meaningful and satisfying work in our congregation. The NTAUUS leadership conference held here the first weekend in June was a boost to all our attendees who are beginning a new year of service.

Our congregation saluted Nelah McComsey as our Community Church UU of the Year. She remains invaluable to us for her wonderful leadership experience and perspective and of course for her work managing various aspects of communications and social justice programs within Community Church.

We passed a new budget for 2011-12 in the face of continuing economic hardship for many of our members and for our congregation as a whole. We know there are tough times ahead but the Board of Trustees has created some ideas for how we can continue our growth, maintain our programs and services and still pay the bills. I am going to tell you again and/or for the first time, what lies ahead and how much we need you to play your part.

First, as many of you know, our pledges have declined markedly over the past two years and we know this is due to economic hard times because our membership has remained steady and steadfast. We did reasonably well toward our pledge goal of \$220,000 in our Annual Budget Drive this spring. However, at the Congregational Meeting the Board of Trustees all agreed to increase their initial pledge by 4% or more. We asked the Congregation to join us in that effort and many have -- yielding a current pledge total of about \$210,000. We are extremely grateful to all those members who renewed or increased their pledges on that day of since then.

Here is your chance to play your part. If you have not made an initial pledge, or wish to join those of us who have increased our commitment for 2011-12, please go to www.commuunityuuchurch.org and click on the pledge button now.

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challenged, I need your help. All you posters taggers and tweeters, all of you who make often bizarre contributions to my Facebook page and morning coffee (for an example, Google "Old Gregg" and take a look at the video), we need to gather for a brainstorming session. If you are willing to help, please contact me at webguru@communityuuchurch.org. We'll get some crispy crèmes and coffee and figure out just how much of this new media we can/should take on.

By the way, last Spring's SWUUC Conference and the NTAUUS Conference just concluded were marvelous ways to reach out to other UUs. Prior to these events,

We weren't even on the radar. Well, they know us now!

**BRAINSTORMING THE NEW MEDIA AND WHAT WE SHOULD BE DOING!
PLEASE HELP US OUT. THANKS!**

Literary Ladies Book Club.

The **July 12 discussion will focus on Farm City** by Novella Carpenter. *Urban and rural collide in this wry, inspiring memoir of a woman who turned a vacant lot in downtown Oakland into a thriving farm.* Barnes and Noble We will meet in **Tricia Lewandowski's home in Richardson. Contact Tricia by July 8 if you plan to attend.**

The **selection for August is The Help** by Kathryn Stockett. *It is about African American maids working in white households in Jackson, Mississippi during the early 1960s.* Wikipedia Uncle Tom's Cabin by Harriet Beecher Stowe is an alternative choice for those who have already read The Help.

This group meets the second Tuesday of each month from 7 – 9 p.m. and welcomes women members and friends of Community UU Church.

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the private and the public realms, it must find ways of extending hospitality to the stranger. I do not mean coffee hours designed to recruit new members for the church, for these are [often] aimed at making the stranger "one of us." The essence of hospitality – and of the public life – is that we let our differences, our mutual strangeness, be as they are, while still acknowledging the unity that lies beneath them."

Hospitality is an attitude; it is a spiritual practice and a journey. We will not be perfect in our practice, but we can renew our awareness and our efforts to be more welcoming. Hospitality is a way to keep our covenant with each other as UUs and as human beings, here and now at this feast we call life.

I hope you find rest and renewal in your summer and always. Blessings, Patrick

PS. I will be out of the office for most of July on vacation and attending the South Western UU Summer Institute in OK. Patrick

Just Kidding! Celebrating the Kid in All of Us

This year’s Summer Pops show will take you to a place where everyone is young at heart and the air bubbles with laughter and song.

It won’t be a kiddie show, though children will love it. And it won’t be a show performed only by children, though kids are encouraged to get onstage along with their big-kid parents. **Performers (and that means you!) are encouraged to use their imaginations** and their own memories to create acts that bring childlike delight to everyone, regardless of age.

What songs made you roar with laughter when you were a kid? What gives your children or grandchildren the giggles? How about a rendition of “Mairzy Doats” or “Barney Google,” “Gimme That Thing,” “Mahna Mahna,” or “In the Mood” sung by chickens?

You could sing a popular or Broadway song that takes you back to that magical childhood moment whenever you hear it, or your favorite lullaby. YouTube, Nick Junior, Disney and PBS Kids are also rich sources for sweet and silly songs that today’s kids—and their parents—love.

You could read (or re-enact with sock puppets!) a children’s book that still charms you, **revive a skit** from your favorite TV variety or children’s show, **tell funny knock-knock jokes, dress up, make balloon animals, clown around** and just have a good time. The possibilities are only limited by your inner child’s imagination!

Participants have until August 1 to let our fearless director, Robin Coulonge, know what they plan to perform. Mandatory dress rehearsals are Sunday August 21 and Friday August 26.

The curtain goes up August 27 at 7 pm.

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

Our enthusiastic production company also has openings for helpers to work on the crew, distribute posters, sell tickets or refreshments, usher, donate items for or coordinate the silent auction and (new!) raffle.

That’s right, in addition to our traditional silent auction and bake sale, **this year’s show will also feature a raffle.** We’re looking for donations of really tempting prizes like sports and event tickets, trips and luxury items. **The better the prizes, the more fun we can have** while raising money for our church, so bring on the goodies, folks!

Remember, **Summer Pops is one of our congregation’s most fun and anticipated annual events**, and anyone in the Metroplex can join in. So get all your hammy friends together and let’s get this show on the road!

Contact Robin Coulonge at acoulfamily@att.net, to volunteer, donate, or reserve your place in the show as a performer.

Remember to collect water during your summer trips for our Annual Ingathering of Water Service August 28th.

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

Dallas Area Interfaith

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New Orleans Rebirth Program

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

Quotes to Live By: "Tell me one last thing," said Harry. "Is this real? Or has this been happening inside my head?" "Of course it is happening inside your head, Harry, but why on earth should that mean that it is not real?" ~Albus Dumbledore, via the pen of J.K. Rowling

Hogwarts Academy of Fun off to a great start! We opened our satellite school on Sunday, June 12, after an intense week of preparations. Thank you to the 57 people, young and old, who came together to transform our church into Hogwarts – magic happens when everyone works together! We were delighted to welcome 50+ children to the school on Sorting Day ... plus an additional 12 babies and toddlers in the nursery. It's going to be a full and wonderful summer!

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.

Why Harry Potter as a Summer Curriculum? What are Our Children Learning?

"Differences of habit and language are nothing at all if our aims are identical and our hearts are open." ~Albus Dumbledore

J.K. Rowling is credited with bringing a love of reading back to children's lives. The seven books in her Harry Potter series are a cultural phenomenon, best-selling books that have spawned such diverse tie-ins as movies, action figures and even an entire theme park. Unitarian Universalist churches have opted in on this wave of popularity – I know of at least two dozen churches that have used Hogwarts as summer programming. Why?

The first answer is the easiest – riding on the coattails of such a popular cultural phenomenon means children want to attend! Parents and adults in the community have a wonderful opportunity release their creative juices, either by playing a professor or creating the school atmosphere. It's full-out, imaginative, playful FUN.

The underlying answer is by far more important, though. J.K. Rowling has also brought something else back into fashion – the open discussion of ethics, good and evil, right and wrong. We use this springboard to talk about our own UU values – respect, kindness, compassion, eagerness to learn, growing together, justice, peace, fairness, valuing the earth. For instance, when we talked about magic on the first day, we listened to the children's excitement about magic wands and transforming people into frogs. Then we pointed out what happens when people come together to make a community, when they reach down deep and work on being virtuous individuals in that community, maybe helping somebody littler than you, or working to be cheerful when things don't go your way. They GROW. That kind of growth is real magic, and it lies inside each one of us.

When children are eagerly engaged in playing and imagining and enjoying the curriculum, the doors to their hearts and souls are wide open for to absorbing our lessons. So this summer we will learn about how to be kind in what you say, how to stand up for someone else, how to fight your fears with laughter, how to be fair in making decisions,

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how to stay cheerful and determined when learning a new game with nonsensical rules, and a whole host of other UU value-laden lessons, layered between all the Harry Potter fun. I hope that you will enjoy the fun and the learning with us!

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 now. Contact: Kathy Smith or any member of the RE Board!

Summer Fun Events for Families! There are several opportunities coming up this summer for families to play together. First, don't forget our fabulous Fourth of July party! We'll have games and activities out for children and families to do, along with being serenaded by wonderful music and enjoying a great meal, followed by fireworks! Bring your own chair – all the fun happens right on our own grounds, on the field next to the Community Garden.

Second, the RE Board is sponsoring a children's playgroup morning every Friday from 9-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!

And third, keep an eye out in your email for Family FUUN days sponsored by NATUUREs. Dates and locations to be determined, but there will be at least one opportunity for families from all the DFW churches to gather at a water park or other fun activity for reduced rates.

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 away the last week in June (following GA), returning in time for the Board Retreat on July 2. I will be attending the UU Musicians' Network conference in Virginia from July 26 to July 31, with another brief vacation the first week in August. 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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We received a check from the Albertson's Community Partners Program for \$25.34.

Please do not bring any food or beverages into the sanctuary except for special occasions.

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Simple Living Chalice Circle

Meeting time and place – The next meeting will be Saturday morning July 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.

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

Annual Budget Drive Results

The 2011-12 Annual Budget Drive has drawn to a close with a total pledge commitment of \$213,527. At the end of April, we projected a shortfall in the amount needed to support our budget responsibly. We asked ourselves to dig a little deeper, targeting an increased pledge of \$17,000. In response, we have collectively committed an additional \$13,500 to date. This exceeds the initial budgeted pledge amount of \$200,000 and reduces the "increase" goal to \$3,500.

It is never too late to make a financial commitment to your church. Stewardship is an on-going endeavor and we hope and trust that during the coming year many of us will see improvement in our personal financial situations. Go to the church website and make a new or increased pledge anytime you feel you can. It will feel good and make our budget stronger.

This is my last message as Stewardship Chair. My thanks to the wonderful Stewardship Committee, the Board of Trustees and everyone who has supported this effort during the last two years. It has been an honor serving and witnessing the amazing generosity and grace that permeates this congregation.

June Bruns

The **Community Harvest garden** has burst into life and is producing bountifully, thanks to the loving care shown by our volunteer gardeners. As of early June, we've harvested 195 pounds of vegetables and herbs and donated 174 pounds of that to local charities. Our goal for the season is 500 pounds, so we're well on our way. To find out more about this ministry, drop by the garden after church on Sundays or visit the church's Facebook page to see photos of the garden's progress.

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - Summer Classes

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

AN ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Steven Denson presents: An Indian's Summer Evening, July 13 and 20

Steve Denson is the Director of Diversity and Lecturer for Southern Methodist University's Cox School of Business and a member of the Chickasaw Nation. He will be speaking about contemporary Indian culture, touching on Modern Indians, "traditionalists" who remain on the reservation living a stereotypical Indian life, and the influence of casinos on Indian culture. He will discuss current issues and struggles of American Indian identity as well as economics and education in Indian Country. Denson has previously served as a Trustee of the American Indian College Fund and as an advisor to former Secretary of Labor Elaine Chou and current Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis. He is a graduate of Carnegie Mellon University and East Central University and a Woodrow Wilson Fellow of the Wilson Foundation of Princeton.

WE WILL CONTINUE TO OFFER:

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."

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":

- July 7th - *Sacred Signs, Analogues, and Sacraments*
- July 14th - *Creation Myths and Sacred Stories*
- July 21st - *From Sacred Stories and Letters to Doctrine*
- July 28th - *Sacred Texts - The Bible and the Qur'an*
- Aug. 4th - *Sacred Texts for Hindus and Buddhists*

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www.swuuc.org

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

**Habitat for Humanity
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www.Habitat-scc.org

**Habitat ReStore of
SCCTX**

www.restore.habitat-

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ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - Summer Classes

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

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

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

The discussions are led by Rev. Don Fielding, a retired UU minister and friend of Community UU Church, who also has experience teaching at the college level.

Friday Night Flicks show in founders hall starting at 7pm.**JULY 8 - THE GHOST WRITER - 2010**

This film will keep you guessing till the very end. When a gifted ghostwriter, (EWAN MCGREGOR), is hired to write the memoirs of former British Prime Minister, Adam Lang, (PIERCE BROSNAN), he quickly finds himself trapped in a web of political intrigue. It is a taut and shocking thriller from acclaimed director ROMAN POLANSKI.

JULY 22 - THE QUEEN - 2006

Winner of the Academy Award for best actress, DAME HELEN MIRREN, gives a spellbinding performance in this provocative story behind one of the most public tragedies of our time - the sudden death of Princess Diana. The film takes you inside the private chambers of the Royal Family for a captivating look at a vulnerable human being in her darkest hour.

Child care is provided - please contact Alice Mayo if needed.

Membership Task Force

The membership task force is drafting a proposal for a covenant that addresses the normal expectations of membership and the minimum expectations of membership in terms of participation, time, talent, and treasure. The task force is soliciting input from friends and members of the congregation. If you would like to share some written thoughts, you can email us at: **memb-task@communityuuchurch.org**

Finance Committee.

May showed a net loss of \$11,553 primarily due to the following: Income pledges was \$617.65 under budget, NTAUUS Grant for DRE of \$1,250.00 not recorded (correction in June), new church database cost of \$ 1,440.50 not budgeted, Speaker Honoraria of \$755.15 budgeted in prior months, \$2,353.19 of HVAC repairs not anticipated, electricity expense of \$609.76 over budget, UUA Annual Program Fund expense of \$769.25 budgeted in prior months and several smaller timing issues.

Most of this is due to expense and budget occurring in different months, and expense incurred that was not anticipated at the beginning of the year. At year end, we have a year-to-date loss of \$3,504 which is .6%, a very small variance from budget. The report below of YTD and 2010-2011 totals show that the variances to the budget were right on target in all line items. The biggest variance was on fundraising and that was positive! This was a great year, financially due to everyone's effort to stay in budget.

Janice Hildenbrand, Treasurer

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

Offering Income	Actual	Budgeted
Pledged Offering	\$16,442.25	\$17,298.75
Loose Offerings/Basket	1,567.85	1,537.33
New Pledges	<u>625.00</u>	<u>416.67</u>
Offerings Income	\$18,635.10	\$19,252.75

	Income	YTD	10/11 BUDGET	o/o Total BUDGET
Offering Income	\$18,635.10	\$226,245.99	\$231,032.96	97.9
Fund Raisers	189.53	23,445.55	18,950.00	123.7
Building Usage	3,058.50	25,115.25	24,000.00	104.6
Misc. Income	00	31,755.58	34,100.00	93.1
Total Income	\$21,883.13	\$306,562.37	\$308,082.96	99.5
Expense				
Administration	\$ 5,474.99	\$42,117.10	\$ 41,505.92	101.5
Program/Worship	4,756.16	30,760.15	32,610.00	94.3
Religious Education	5,460.83	54,084.35	53,817.00	100.3
Facilities	8,771.53	79,528.34	77,292.00	102.9
Income generating exp.	62.52	2,417.19	2,300.00	105.1
Ministry	6,678.71	83,411.14	82,920.00	100.6
Denomination	2,218.25	17,292.25	17,638.00	98.0
Payroll Expenses	13.07	455.97	-0-	-0-
Total Expenses	\$33,436.06	\$310,066.49	\$308,082.92	100.6
Net Income/(Loss)	\$(11,552.93)	\$ (3,504.12)		

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

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• **Music Director - Kelley Poché Rodriguez**

• **Church Secretary - *Connie Meints***

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