



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.

March 2011

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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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AS A RULE

Ian Rule

"Why do you want to talk to me? Really."

A myriad of contacts in a variety of media have alerted you to the coming Annual Budget Drive (ABD). The success of this drive will mean that we can continue, and hopefully grow, those programs that nourish our community and make participating in the life of Community Church rewarding for you and your family. Call me crazy, but the ABD is one of my favorite times of the year. It virtually crackles with possibility and opportunity. To me the best part is what we've called "stewardship conversations." Last year, we asked to meet with you to talk about what the church means to you and what you would like to see in the future. However, understandable caution led many of you to think "yeah, right! another canvass visit," and tell us "no thanks." That was discouraging. We are looking to make a culture change from pressure to an obligation-free sharing of interests and information. Those of you who know me, know that I like to talk about the church as well as hear about your passions and concerns. Some of the conversations I had last year were among my most encouraging and enlightening experiences in probably thirty years of Annual Budget Drives. Now we're back and this year you have an opportunity to bring your commitment form to church on March 6th, welcome Patrick back to the fold, and avoid face time with an eager and earnest visiting steward: case closed. However, I hope you'll consider requesting a visit. We've had a wonderful training session and the participants are all deeply involved in the work of the church. We are sincerely eager to talk with you about what's going on, where we're headed, and to find out how we can best meet your needs and expectations. I hope you'll check the "visit box" and we'll get together over a Vente White Chocolate Mocha.

We have been sending you messages descriptive of Community Church ministries, and we hope you have enjoyed these little reminders. We have focused on six:

- Religious Education for Children and Youth
- Adult Religious Education
- Music
- Social Action
- Worship
- Pastoral Care

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March Sunday Services

March 6, 2011 - "Standing by This Faith: Why I Am A Universalist",
Rev. Patrick Price

March 13, 2011 - "In Our Need and Praise: Prayer in Our Lives",
Rev. Patrick Price

March 20, 2011 - "Truly Believing What We Say We Believe",
Rev. Patrick Price

March 27, 2011 - "Guided by Love", Rev. Pamela Wat, guest speaker.

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Patrick's Sabbatical Ponderings**"Re-commitment"**

As I am preparing to return from a four month sabbatical, I am delighted with anticipation to be with you again. While it has been a time of rest and renewal in some ways, I am also hard at work learning new things, and renewing others. I am even more deeply committed or re-committed to our live-saving, world changing Unitarian Universalist religion and to living it with this congregation's ministry.

In these often difficult times, we are continually faced with choices about our priorities. Where and how do we direct our resources? What is worthy of the energies of our lives, whether is it in time, talent and/or treasure? For me, the choice is clear. This religion, this church, this Community, are the places I will lay up the precious energies of my life. I do this not only to be more fully who I am, and to minister with you and others to be the most of who we each are, but also to embrace and to nurture our magnificent world to be the most, the best and deepest joy to all who live here. I ask you to join me and so many others in committing or re-committing to this church and its life giving and sustaining ministries of affirmation, hope and transformation, and make it one of your priorities of time, talent and treasure in the coming year and beyond.

I look forward to seeing each and every one of you and catching up on each others' lives. With greatest hopes and deepest blessings, see you in church. Patrick

"New UU" Class - Saturday, March 5th from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Do you want to learn more about Unitarian Universalism or Community Unitarian Universalist Church of Plano? Maybe you would like to meet some of our leaders, or to hear about our programs and activities. Maybe you're thinking about becoming a member. If so, please contact Jay Hall or Samantha Hall and we will sign you up for the "New UU" Workshop and do our best to answer your questions.

Where? Community Unitarian Universalist Church, 2875 East Parker Road, Plano TX 75074. We'll meet in Founder's Hall (that's the coffee room on Sunday). When? Sat., March 5th --- 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. It's free, including lunch and child care but please sign up in advance. Register by calling Jay Hall and Samantha Hall sign up on one of the sheets in the church foyer, or talk to a Greeter in the foyer on Sunday.

We will need to know if you need child care and the names and ages of the children.

Nourish Your Inner Leader! Save the Date! Saturday, June 4, 8:30 - 5:00 pm Attend "Standing on the Side of Leadership", the NTAUUS sponsored Leadership Conference being held here at CUUC!

The cost to you is \$25. The Keynote Speaker is the reknown Rev. Meg Riley, speaking on "**21st Century Leadership**". Rev. Riley is Senior Minister of the largest UU congregation, the 3500 member Church of the Larger Fellowship. As Director of the UUA Advocacy Office, she helped develop the *Standing on the Side of Love* campaign. The Luncheon Speaker is District Executive Rev. Susan Smith, speaking on "**The Five Smooth Stones of Liberal Religion**".

All are welcome, you do not have to be in a current leadership role to attend. **More information at northtexasuu.org with online registration beginning in late March. Contact: leadershipconference@ntauus.org.** Volunteers will receive a free "Standing on the Side of Leadership" shirt. Celeste Kennedy, Barbara Kostreva are on the Steering Committee for the leadership conference.

The President's Corner

Sarah Reiling

Spring is on its way! That's good news after our icy February weather. I've been working on my garden plan in my spare time and fantasizing over my collection of seed catalogs. I love to see the new seeds break through the soil—what a time of new beginnings!

It's a time of new beginnings here at Community Church too. Our Minister, the Reverend Patrick Price, is back from his sabbatical. I can't wait to learn about all the new ideas his time of reflection and education has generated. Be sure to attend our March 6 worship service and welcome him back.

Another new beginning on March 6 is our celebration of commitment to our church's ministries. Yes, We Can Do It: Building Our Ministries is the 2011 budget drive theme. New this year, we will turn in our commitment forms as part of the service. The pledge amounts will be tallied and the total announced at the celebration lunch following the service. Would you like to have someone visit with you and take your pledge? You can schedule a stewardship visit by checking the box on the commitment form.

Please consider what this church and its ministries mean to you and the wider community before you make this year's pledge commitment. I am raising my pledge this year, and I invite you to also raise your pledge. When I think of all the value I receive from Community UU Church; my pledge is a bargain!

Enjoy the returning warmer weather and have a joyous spring.

Peace and Justice,

Sarah

GA 2012

A special "Justice General Assembly" will be held in Phoenix, AZ in June 2012. Wait a minute- what about GA 2011? And, what happened at GA 2010?
Well, OK...:

GA refers to General Assembly. GA is the annual gathering of all the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association. Our church is a member. GA 2011 will mark the 50th anniversary of the merger of the American Unitarian Association and the Universalist Church of America. It will be in Charlotte, NC June 22- June 26, 2011. Registration has begun. Contact: General Assembly and Conference Services, generalassembly@uua.org.

What did happen at GA 2010?

From the many GA2010 outcomes, a highly condensed summary is:

- UUA asks all member congregations to reach for Green Sanctuary certification;
- Congregational study/action issues and Statements of Conscience on Ethical Eating and Peacemaking and Immigration as A Moral Issue and others were adopted; and
- Change UUA to reduce number on board and staff: converting from 19 districts to 5 regions, shift in social justice work from national to local level, and make intentional congregational sharing (i.e. local publishing best practices & guides for growing, etc; stimulating knowledge and action through social media and technology with less reliance on UUA district or national staff).

What is the future for Unitarian Universalism? More next month.

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Women's Alliance**March 20, Sunday, Lunch at the Urban Crust in downtown old Plano. 1:00**

pm. See the roof top view of old Plano and enjoy feeling the real ice on the "ice bar". Delicious food, ambiance. Join us at: Urban Crust, Old Downtown Plano, **Urban Crust**, a Pizza Restaurant and Bar. Urban Crust offers the best Wood fired Pizza in the area and other luncheon items. It has the well known 32 Degrees Ice Bar. Contact person: Celeste Kennedy. Urban Crust is located at 1006 E 15th St., Plano, Texas 75074. (972) 509-1400. **Join us there after church, on Sunday, March 20, 1:00 pm.**

Annual Retreat. April 1st – April 3rd. Location: Texoma Christian Camp, 4558 Texoma Christian Camp Road, Kingston, OK. The price is \$75. Scholarships are available as needed. Just speak to Barb Salvo or Celeste Kennedy. Checks can be made out to Women's Alliance to reserve your place. Please mail your check to Barb Salvo, 1001 W. Park Blvd. apt 178, Plano TX 75075 or give to Barb or Celeste at church. If you would like to car pool, contact Arlene Bureson. Come join us for some fun and fellowship in the beautiful setting of Lake Texoma.

"Why do you want to talk to me? Really." (continued from front page)

A Unitarian Universalist Association questionnaire asked about the "glowing coals" that energize your congregation, and these six ministries are our answer. Your financial support keeps the coals glowing and I would like to add another beneficiary of your generosity:

We are in the process of transitioning from a traditional "nominating committee" format to a full-fledged Leadership Development Committee. This Committee will be larger than the Nominating Committee and will identify potential leaders, guide them to areas of the church that interest them, train them in leadership skills and, when they are ready, move them into leadership positions. This orderly process not only provides a ready pool of talent. It integrates new folks into our church community in areas that tap their talents and enthusiasm. A brief look at other successful churches tells us that this is key to a long-term commitment to the church. This is an essential "ministry" and your support will help make it possible.

Opportunities like this don't come along every day and I hope you will embrace this one and match your emotional investment with a comparable contribution. Please give until it feels good. **Yes, We Can Do It!**

The Leadership Development Transition Committee needs you! Let your "Inner Leader" out, Let your "Little Light Shine"!

Get involved in a committee or officer position. Getting involved in committees or some other kind of helpful activity at the church will help you grow and attain new skills, will offer you the chance to meet and work with some great people, and it's for a good cause.

Don't wait to be asked -- if you have an expertise area you'd like to offer, contact the Leadership Development Committee. You met us in the Sunday Service on Jan. 30. Being a leader has helped some of us in many ways, there can be something spiritual about it! Look for any of us: Celeste Kennedy, Robert Jackson, Dawn Graham, Lolisa Laenger, Andra Antillon, Stephanie James and Rick Brown.

We will be putting a slate of officers together for an end of March deadline. Contact us now. Committees needing members: Adult Religious Education, Membership, Caring, Social Action, Greeters and others.

Literary Ladies Book Club.

The selection for **March 8 is Cloud Atlas** by David Mitchell. The novel consists of six nested stories that take us from the remote South Pacific in the nineteenth century to a distant, *post-apocalyptic* future. Each tale is revealed to be a story that is read (or watched) by the main character in the next. All stories but the last one get interrupted at some moment, and after the sixth story concludes at the center of the book, the novel "goes back" in time, "closing" each story as the book progresses in terms of pages but regresses in terms of the historical period in which the action takes place. Eventually, readers end where they started, with Adam Ewing in the Pacific Ocean, circa 1850.
Wikipedia

We will meet at 7:00 at the home of June Bruns. Contact June by March 4 if you plan to attend.

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

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.

Community UU Church wouldn't be here today if it hadn't been for 65 individuals who took the courageous step of agreeing to create a new fellowship in 1975. In the 35 years since then, we've evolved into a church with more than 200 members, nearly 70 official "friends," over 100 children and youth in Religious Education, a building and grounds we can be proud of, and a stable presence for liberal religion in Collin County.

Some of those who signed the original membership roster are still active in our congregation. Others have moved away. Some have passed on. But to all of them, we owe a debt of gratitude. Now plans are in the works to show that gratitude in a concrete – or, rather, a brick – way. The original members, and a few others who contributed significantly to the church's earliest development, will be recognized in a special section of the Memory Garden planned on the west side of the church.

"The bricks that already pave some sections of the garden walkways have been dedicated primarily to loved ones of church members and friends," noted Linda Frank, who coordinates the project. "The opportunity to sponsor bricks for that purpose will continue. But we feel it is appropriate to also honor the pioneers to whom we owe so much by giving them special attention in this garden setting."

Plans call for having the new section installed by early spring. An existing fund is being used to purchase and personalize the bricks, but donations will also be appreciated. **If you'd like to contribute, contact Linda.**

Circle Suppers

Circle suppers meets at a host's house September through May typically on the first Saturday of the month. (unless there is a conflict with a holiday or church function). The host provides main dish and guests bring the rest.

If you would like to be added to the contact list, please email Diana Behannese at circlesuppers@communityuuchurch.org. This is a great way to get to know folks in a small group setting. Hope you can join us!

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

CityHouse

New Orleans Rebirth Program

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

Spring Break Special Guest – March 13 marks the beginning of Spring Break for many of our students. We will honor the occasion by taking a break from our regularly scheduled RE classes. CUUC member Mark Rachel will present a special program for all ages in Founders' Hall. (You may remember Mark's wonderful clowning and juggling skills from previous events.) He is also a gifted educator and will be sharing his brand-new program with us on March 13. It will be meaningful, it will be delightful, and most of all, it will be FUN. If your family will be in town on Sunday, March 13, your children will thoroughly enjoy this one-day, special event alternative to our regular classes! We are also looking for a few adult helpers that day to give our regular teachers a break, so if you are interested, please contact me to volunteer.

OWL Updates – Our 7-8 OWL class has just had its second lock-in event and the class is going strong. K-1 OWL will continue through the end of March. We had very low enrollment for 10-12 OWL and are looking to join with other area churches to offer OWL to this age group. For those of you with children entering 4th-5th grade next year, we will be offering 4-5 OWL next year.

Some people have asked, "why do we teach sexual education classes in church?" The answer is, "because human beings are sexual beings, and many of our most important decisions and life directions are influenced by our sexual needs, desires and choices. Where better for children (and youth and adults) to get accurate, thoughtful information about human sexuality than in church, where it can be addressed in a context that reflects our own values – respect, honesty, compassion, justice?" OWL was developed over the course of several years by highly trained consultants for the Unitarian Universalist Association in partnership with the United Church of Christ. It offers healthy, age-appropriate, scientifically accurate information that our children won't hear in school, won't find on the internet, and definitely won't learn from their friends – and it offers them the opportunity to reflect on that information in a Unitarian Universalist setting.

Where in the UU World is our DRE? My office hours are generally Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 1:00-5:00 p.m. Mondays are my day of rest. Other hours are available by appointment – I can be reached at dre@communityuuchurch.org or by cell-phone at 443-668-1336. From March 4-6, I will be attending a Renaissance Module (continuing education seminar for religious educators) on the Philosophy of Religious Education in Huntsville, Alabama. 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****Sunday, March 13** – Spring Break, Special RE Guest Mark Rachel (Founders Hall)**Sunday, March 20** – Children's Chapel

We've Been Busy!

We would like to bring you up to date on what we consider major progress.

1. We have a new Facebook page. You can access it by either clicking on the link on the Website Home Page or going to your Facebook page and typing in Community Unitarian Universalist Church of Plano. You can receive the latest info on classes, events, etc. If you would like an event posted, please contact Wendy Hanenburg or Ian Rule for general posts, Kathy Smith for RE posts, or Nelah McComsey for Social Action Posts.

2. We have a new calendar. This is truly worth a special trip to the website to click on one of the calendar links (top of the home page or under Events). This calendar has links to class descriptions, synopses of Friday Flicks, information on Sunday Services and more. If all the information makes your eyes go sparkly, you can click on a version that gives you (for example) only the Adult Religious Education classes. If you have additions to the calendar, please contact Connie Meints in the church office.

3. Jay Hall is the new chair of the Membership Council and has already distributed a draft of a new format for the church directory. It simplifies the information and eliminates such items as birthday and employment status.

4. Anita Van Ouwerkerk has taken on usher coordination and she and Ian Rule are revising the counter's sheet, simplifying counter and usher instructions, and planning an usher orientation workshop in March.

5. Denise Dittmar and Heather Joy are working on a map for the neighborhood network that would identify the various areas and perhaps include photos of the area coordinators.

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Social Action News

Calendar

March

Saturday, March 19, 5:45 pm – Samaritan Inn: serve dinner to residents. If you haven't volunteered at Samaritan Inn before, contact Nelah McComsey to sign up.

Sunday, March 29, Noon. – Common Read Book Review and Discussion, Room E

April

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

Reminder: Common Read Project

Many of you have already purchased copies of the Common Read book, *The Death of Josseline - Immigration Stories from the Arizona Borderlands*. This is a compelling book that presents many aspects of the immigration issue. If you haven't obtained the book, you may order one from the UUA Bookstore or from Amazon.

On **Sunday, March 27**, at noon (following the morning service), **Nancy Barlow** will present a review and discussion of the book in Room E. Plan to finish reading the book during March and attend this thought-provoking session.

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Simple Living Chalice Circle

Meeting time and place – The next meeting will be Saturday morning March 12, 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 donated new baby supplies to a young single mother of twins.

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

At the Recent **NTAUUS (North Texas Association of UU Societies) Recognition Awards luncheon, Dick Hildenbrand, was awarded the coveted Marty Robinson Award for Volunteer Service.** Dick and four other active volunteers were selected from a large number of worthy candidates to receive the Marty Robinson Award for their service to their congregations and for assisting the growth and development of Unitarian Universalism in the North Texas area.

Dick Hildenbrand is known as an innovator who "gets things done". A past-president of Community UU Church, he serves as a member of the South West UU Conference (SWUUC) Board . This is also called the District Board, and it sponsors the Summer Institute (SWUUSI), the Dwight Brown Leadership Experience, Spring and Fall District Conferences and other activities).

As our current Facility Chair, a Board of Trustees position, Dick has been a mover in maintaining and upgrading CUUC's facility. His bi-monthly work-parties (with pizza), are fun, productive and designed to allow all skill levels to contribute to the upkeep of the church. An avid organizer and "spreadsheet genius", some refer to him as "Dr. Data". Known for planning the outdoor adventure campouts, cookouts, and Katrina Clean-up and video programs, Dick is a retired engineer, skilled carpenter and talented musician. Offer Dick your congratulations when you see him around the building!

March Friday Night Flicks are shown in Founders Hall starting at 7:00 pm.

MARCH 11 - THE RED SHOES - 1948

This is a British classic about a young ballerina torn between love and success, shot in lavish Technicolor. The twenty minute ballet at the heart of the film is inspired by the Hans Christian Anderson fairy tale.

MARCH 25 - THE PRINCESS BRIDE - 1987

This film was directed by Rob Reiner. It is a modern update of the basic fairy tale. Great dueling scenes and offbeat satire of the genre make this fun for adults. Based on William Goldman's cult novel.

Adult Religious Education

All classes begin at 7 pm. Childcare is available.

Mondays

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 meditator, to join us on our exploration. We view Buddhism not as a religion but rather as learning the process of meditation to reduce the suffering in our lives and in the world around us. We explore through readings, dharma talks, questions and answers, group discussions and meditation. Join us and explore this process as we all grow together." **Annex**

Wednesdays

Intelligent Compassion: Taking on Global Poverty and Hunger

Led by Liz Lundeen, High School World Geography teacher and advocate for global human rights. This class is for those who are intent on creating solutions. Four sessions. Brainstorming, videos, individual games, introduction of facts and statistics. **Annex**

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. Sign up with Sam or Rob. 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**

Yoga: Tracy Rosipal, Course Fee \$5 per class

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. **Founders Hall.**

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www.uua.org

**UUSC—Unitarian
Universalist Service
Committee**
www.uusc.org

**SWUUC—Southwest
District**
www.swuuc.org

NTAUUS
www.ntauus.org

**Community Website
Links**

**Collin County
Interfaith**

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

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

www.Habitat-scc.org

**Habitat ReStore of
SCCTX**

*www.restore.habitat-
scc.org*

Adult Religious Education (continued from page 9)**Thursdays****Adventures in Religion - Rev. Don Fielding,**

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. The first set of classes consists of Teaching Company courses: *Skeptics and Believers*, *Comparative Religion*, and *Philosophy of Religion*. One of the innovative portions of these ARE classes is the fact that they are divided into short sections, four to five weeks long, with breaks in between, which will allow participants to join and/or exit the classes depending on their interest. Of course, some may wish to participate in all of the classes. 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 the adventure that is religion in general and each participant's understanding of religion in particular. The discussions will be led by Rev. Don Fielding, a retired UU minister, a friend of Community UU Church, who also has experience teaching at the college level.

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*. The program will be offered on Thursday evenings February thru April. Participants should plan to commit for the entire 10-week class and attend each week if possible. Free. Families with children of all ages are invited to attend; infants and toddlers are welcome to stay with their parents. **Meets twice a month in Founders Hall. This class is full and not accepting new members. If you would be interested in attending the next scheduling of this series, please contact dre@communityuuchurch.org**

Fourth Saturday of each 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 February 26th.** 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 webguru@communityuuchurch.org**

Coming in March. The History and Plight of Native Americans Led by Anita Van Ouwkerk. Videos, history, active discussions. Anita will also offer this class for the SAIL (Seniors Active In Learning) program of Plano, run by Collin County Community College Continuing Education Dept. **Class starts Wednesday, March 16.**

Finance Committee

The church continues to do well as we approach the end of the third quarter of our fiscal 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 and be sure to support the Annual Budget Drive in March. Every pledge makes a difference. Especially yours!

Judith Boyle, Treasurer

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

Offering Income	Actual	Budgeted
Pledged Offering	\$22,113.37	\$17,298.75
Loose Offerings/Basket	1,500.25	1,537.33
New Pledges	<u>250.00</u>	<u>416.66</u>
Offerings Income	\$23,863.62	\$19,252.74

Income and Expense Report for January, 2011

	Income	YTD	10/11 BUDGET	o/o Total BUDGET
Offering Income	\$23,863.62	\$157,124.35	\$231,032.96	68.0
Fund Raisers	1,069.68	20,847.94	18,950.00	110.0
Building Usage	1,811.75	15,897.50	24,000.00	66.2
Misc. Income	5,358.38	19,746.76	34,100.00	57.9
Total Income	\$32,103.43	\$213,616.55	\$308,082.96	69.3
Expense				
Administration	\$ 2,893.29	\$25,822.75	\$ 41,505.92	62.2
Program/Worship	2,321.23	18,933.22	32,610.00	58.1
Religious Education	4,759.95	35,980.03	53,817.00	66.9
Facilities	8,767.50	51,003.88	77,292.00	66.0
Income generating exp.	-0-	2,314.68	2,300.00	100.0
Ministry	6,973.34	56,696.30	82,920.00	68.4
Denomination	1,449.00	10,727.00	17,638.00	60.8
Payroll Expenses	334.07	415.43	-0-	-0-
Total Expenses	\$27,498.38	\$201,893.29	\$308,082.92	65.5
Net Income/(Loss)	\$ 4,605.06	\$ 11,723.26		

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Staff Office Hours

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

Monday is the Minister's Sabbath (renewal time) available for emergencies only
Tuesday - Thursday 12:00 Noon - 4:00 pm
Friday is for reflection, study and writing. Other times by appointment. Please contact Rev. Price for appointments and scheduling information.

• **Director of Religious Education - Kathy Smith (out of the office March 4 - 6)**
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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