



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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The Community Church Coffeehouse Is Up and Running!

Several times over the past few years Community Church has toyed with the idea of Coffeehouse Concerts and we've had good success with a few one-time shows featuring local talent. Then this spring and summer, motivated by a budget gap and a very successful Coffeehouse Concert by Austin UU singer-songwriter Steve Brooks, several of our members decided the time has come to offer our own Coffeehouse Concert series.

The Coffeehouse team checked out regular Coffeehouse-style venues in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. Two of our sister UU congregations already host monthly coffeehouses: the UU Church of Oak Cliff holds its Labyrinth Walk Coffeehouse on the 4th Saturday of every month and First Jefferson UU in Fort Worth holds its Jefferson Freedom Café Coffeehouse on the 3rd Saturday of every month. Because of their schedules and the schedules of other non-UU coffeehouses, Community Church plans to have our coffeehouse concerts on the first Saturday of the month. By choosing an open Saturday, we can attract UUs from other churches to our concerts and also make it possible for our members to attend their concerts.

The Coffeehouse Planning Team consists of Sandy Brackmann, Bryan Bristol, Valerie Gomes, Dawn Graham, Dick Hildenbrand, Celeste Kennedy, Lexie McGrane and Elena Westbrook. Valerie will head up the volunteer coordination effort, finding people who will prepare food and others to work the kitchen and take admission on the nights of the concerts. Elena will head up the publicity effort.

As of this publication, the Coffeehouse Concert series is shaping up as follows:

- September 24, 2011: E-Flat Porch Band (**see insert**)
- December 3, 2011: Tech Tones and Heart of Dallas choirs (Holiday Concert)
- January 7, 2012: TBA

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September Sunday Services

**September 4: "A Question Box Sermon, Without the Box",
Rev. Patrick Price**

**September 11: "Tragedy and Renewal: from 9/11 to Today"
Rev. Patrick Price**

September 18: Guest Speaker, Reverend Mark Kiyimba from Uganda; his topic is "Unity in Diversity." He will share the worship with Rev. Patrick Price. See page 2 for more information on Rev. Mark Kiyimba.

**September 25: "Michael Servetus: Our 500th Year Old Contemporary"
Rev. Patrick Price** In celebration of the 500 anniversary of Servetus' birth, September 29th, our UUA President, the Rev. Peter Morales writes, "...the religious controversy that cost Servetus his life is all too modern. ...the central problems of religious authority, religious freedom and the search for common understanding across different religious traditions are very much with us today. And, sadly, conflict fuelled by religious differences kills people every day."

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Patrick’s Ponderings... “When Standing on the Side of Love is Not Enough”
Rev. Patrick Price

Our very prominent and successful UU social justice/awareness campaign these last few years is called “Standing on the Side of Love.” The bright yellow t-shirts with a larger LOVE on the front have given rise to our participants in public events being called “the Love People” by other participants. Not a bad way to be known in a political and issues environment that often exhibits less love and more loathe for each other. I am a strong supporter and a local media contact for the Standing on the Side of Love campaign. But there are times I wish we had a different verb than “standing.”

Standing is good and can be a very powerful statement. I have stood in silent and not so silent protests on many issues over the years. There is a great strength and solidarity in doing that with others. I am reminded of the pictures from the civil rights movement of the mid 20th century, and the image of the man standing in front of Chinese Army tanks at the Tiananmen Square prodemocracy protests in 1989. Standing up and against can take a lot and is frequently a major victory all by itself. But I often feel that there is more that can and needs to be done beyond standing.

Maybe it’s because I am the father of a small child but I frankly find myself sometimes wanting to give people a “time out” on the side of love. Let them think about what they are doing or saying, so they can be nicer and play better with others. Other times I have to give myself a time out for having less than loving thoughts about what other people are doing and saying.

Sometimes I want to run on and at the side of love, to move it forward, to give it fleet winged sandals to carry its message far and wide as fast a possible; to move the mountains out of its way and make smooth the road. Often I want to shout and to sing and dance on the side of love, so that the side of love can be heard and seen and felt by everyone everywhere.

I guess doing all of these things are all about taking a stand, and carrying our Standard of Love into all the fields of conflict and hope that lie all about us in our world. I know we will prevail, love will prevail, as long as we sing, dance, shout and especially stand together on the Side of Love.

See you in church. Blessings, Patrick

Sunday, September 18th Rev. Mark Kiyimba will share the worship with Rev. Patrick Price and offer a message about his ministries in Uganda in the face of social and legal persecution for welcoming people who are bisexual, gay, lesbian, and transgender. He is being hosted by All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church in Tulsa, OK to escape arrest and to raise awareness and funds for the important work of the church. Rev. Kiyimba founded the only Unitarian Universalist Church in Kampala, Uganda in 2004. His church has 150 members who come faithfully every Sunday. It is one of the few congregations in Uganda that openly welcomes and is inclusive of LGBT people. The Church sponsors social action missions such as an Orphanage School of 550 children who lost their parents due to HIV/AIDS. The Orphanage Home is for 23 children who are living with HIV/AIDS. Negative stereotypes about those who are gay being associated with children make their work even more difficult and that much more important. A special collection will be taken to support these ministries.

The President's Corner Let Your Mind Take Flight! Tom Reid

Have you seen them? In the early morning mist, they rise above the trees. Sounds stop and start as they regulate their height. The winds blow gently catching them as they glide toward the heavens. Majestic, breathtaking, curious, funny...just beautiful! The Balloons of the Plano Festival are breathtaking to behold. It's time again for one of our biggest fund raisers of the year as we host the Balloon Fest Parking Concession. This year's event is scheduled for **Friday September 16 – Sunday September 18, 2011**. Sarah Reiling, our illustrious Past President is coordinating this year's volunteer effort.

Participating in this event is a wonderful way to meet new congregation members, renew old acquaintances and enjoy good fellowship while giving service to our church. If you don't know much about the festival, here is the website address so you can learn about it, <http://www.planoballoonfest.org/>

Each year on Friday afternoon a small group of Community Church volunteers mark off parking lanes in our back lot, erect tents for the volunteers to be shaded during the warmer hours of the day, put up signs announcing our parking concession and generally get ready for the beginning of the festival that evening. Usually, around 4PM or a little after, the aficionados of ballooning begin to arrive to get the best parking spaces closest to the cut through on our back lot that leads to the Balloon Festival grounds. We have remained the best bargain on the street charging only \$5 per session.

Sometimes Festival attendees will tailgate in our lot and even some of our own volunteers and congregants have been known to share refreshments as well. The activities for volunteers are always shared and duty on each assignment is rotated among those on each shift. No one gets overworked and we always make time for the good fellowship part. Shift Captains organize the volunteers, set up rotation schedules and make sure everyone has the equipment they need to do their jobs efficiently. Street Tenders hawk prospective parkers from the median and driveway, Cashiers collect the money from parkers, Traffic Guides direct cars to appropriate parking spaces. This year our own Vendors will sell water to thirsty attendees. Folks often hang around until 9 or 10PM to guide parkers back into traffic and share a look at the moon and stars while attending to their duties.

Saturday morning is my favorite time. I have already told Sarah that I want to be Team Captain. It's early, I know, but I'm a morning person and 5:30AM doesn't scare me. It's usually dark when I get there and begin to set up the entrance equipment. I like the quiet, the solitude, the anticipation of balloons at sunrise. Sometimes one of the other volunteers arriving after I do will kindly bring me a breakfast sandwich or sometimes we pool a few dollars and someone makes a "breakfast run". Parkers begin to arrive pretty early, usually around 6:30AM, as excited as I am to see balloons in the air.

They go up shortly after sunrise; you often hear the sounds first then a balloon over the trees, sometimes it drops down again...then it's up.. for real this time and drifts through the sky. More appear over the trees. Last year they floated north but I suppose it depends on the winds. No matter which way they go, they are majestic, mystical, and breathtaking to me. Writing this column makes me a bit wistful. Hmmm, not so like me but I welcome it. There are some nuts and bolts to talk about though, so guess I'll get to it.

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Let Your Mind Take Flight! (continued from page 3)

Volunteers share several shifts on Saturday, usually our biggest revenue day. Drink lots of water, bring sunscreen, a hat, a flashlight and bug spray if you work evening shifts on Friday or Saturday. Dick Hildenbrand's Chuckwagon Dinner is the big social event on Saturday evening, not to be missed. Many volunteers are there with bells on. It's a BIG DEAL! Some volunteers may be needed for Sunday morning as well but usually it is a shorter session. Sunrise balloons can't be beat, believe me.

Sarah will be making announcements and asking you to volunteer for this event. You can short circuit her call by emailing her to volunteer or talking to her after Sunday services. It is one of our very important Fundraisers for Community Church. We need you and you'll enjoy the experience or you get your money back. Oh, I forgot you didn't pay any money -- you'll just have to take my word for it. See you there!

Fall Campout, Tyler State Park, October 14th – 16th and beyond

Don't delay, shelter reservations are being gobbled up quickly. This fall's campout is for our church only. For information about the campout, go to http://www.communityuuchurch.org/pages/outdoor_adventure. To make a reservation, go to <http://communityuuchurch.org/pages/CampoutReservation>. Campouts are a relaxed, family-friendly affair that take you away from the frenetic pace of life for a couple of days. Mostly people stay in shelters (often shared among individuals or families) that have electricity, water and a fire pit (\$30 for one night; \$50 for two nights); breakfast is provided Saturday and Sunday at a bargain \$2.50 per meal; Saturday afternoon sing-along and Saturday evening pot luck dinner. For more information, contact Dick Hildenbrand at outdooradventure@communityuuchurch.org.

Tyler State Park is about a two-hour drive east of here, via Interstate 20. As the date draws closer, maps, directions and a checklist will be sent to all who have signed up. In mid-October, the lake at the park is usually still warm enough for swimming and it's a beautiful small lake suitable for canoeing, kayaking, fishing and hiking around its entirety. The smell of pine is always present.

For future consideration, our Spring 2012 campout will be held at Eisenhower State Park on Lake Texoma sometime in April (date TBD). This will be our second annual inter-UU-church campout, with invitations going out to Horizon, Red River, Pathways, Denton and First Jefferson UU Churches. Our plan is to reserve all 35 shelters.

Simple Living Chalice Circle

Meeting time and place – The next meeting will be Saturday morning September 10, 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.

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- February 4, 2012: TBA
- March 3, 2012: TBA (Irish or Celtic theme)
- March 31, 2012: Cary Cooper & Tom Prasad-Rao
(formerly known as the Dreamsicles)
- May 5, 2012: TBA

We hope to present a variety of musical genres in our concerts, including folk, easy rock, blues, poetry, Cajun, bluegrass, Texas Swing,... If you know of an artist that may be interested in performing, please pass that contact information on to someone on the planning team.

Concerts will run from 7:00 to 9:00 pm, with two 45-minute sets and an intermission during which everyone can enjoy (non-alcoholic) beverages, snacks and fellowship. Performers' CDs will also be available for sale.

Both the E-Flat Porch Band and the Dreamsicles have performed at Community Church in the past and those of us who have been to their concerts will be glad to share our enthusiasm. Tech Tones Choir is a group of TI employees, retirees, ex-employees and friends who come together annually to perform at TI holiday parties and other venues. You may have heard them perform either at the Richardson Holiday Festival or the Plano Dickens Festival. Their holiday music is varied – some a cappella, some with accompaniment and some just plain funny.

So, start telling your friends about our new exciting Coffeehouse Concert Series and remember to mark the dates on your calendar.

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

New UU Friends/Members Classes

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.

Where? Community Unitarian Universalist Church, 2875 East Parker Road, Plano TX 75074.

When? Saturday, September 17th from 9:00am-1:30pm in Founders Hall

It's free, including child care (and lunch during the Saturday session) but please sign up in advance. Register by calling or emailing Jay Hall or 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.

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REACTIONS!!**Updates - Announcements - News
What's Going On For Children & Youth***Quotes to Live By: from Antoine de St.-Exupery**In a house which becomes a home,
one hands down and another takes up
the heritage of mind and heart, laughter and tears, musings and deeds.
Love, like a carefully loaded ship,
crosses the gulf between the generations.**Let us bring up our children.**It is not the place of some official to hand to them their heritage.
If others impart to our children our knowledge and ideals,
they will lose all of us that is wordless and full of wonder.**Let us build memories in our children,
lest they drag out joyless lives,
lest they allow treasures to be lost
because they have not been given the keys.*

Parents are the first and primary religious educators for their children. What children do day in and day out, morning into afternoon into evening into the next morning, builds the foundation for the kind of people they will become. What happens at home affects them far more deeply than any one hour a week at church.

And yet, if you are reading this page, you are bringing your child to Community UU Church for religious education and spiritual growth. We who work in religious education know that we only provide the seeds – the families of our children provide the soil and the water and the sunshine that nurture those seeds into a garden.

So what can you do as parents and family members to help our children integrate what they see and hear and learn at church into their daily lives?

- Make it a family priority to come to church on Sunday mornings. EVERY Sunday morning. *If sports or rehearsals or scouts schedule something on Sunday mornings, say, "I'm sorry, we can be there by 12:30, but church comes first."*
- Start young. Three- and four-year-olds are ready for the weekly ritual of church and eager to begin making friends.
- Build family rituals that echo the rituals at church. Light a chalice at meals. Say grace together. Talk about the day's joys and sorrows at bedtime. Sing chants and choruses in the car.
- Sing "when I breathe in, I breathe in peace, when I breathe out, I breathe out love" when people are tense or tired.
- Make some of our stories a part of your family life. Buy a copy of Stone Soup or Ferdinand or Hide and Seek with God and read them at bedtime.
- If you hear a story during the sermon or the Message for All Ages that you want to retell at home, just ask! Patrick and I are happy to share.
- Talk about setting aside some of the family budget for pledges or donations.

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- Talk about their everyday moral dilemmas – and reinforce that our UU principles give us good guidelines on how to act.
- Use UU symbols around your house. Put a chalice and altar cloth on your table. Magnets on your fridge. A print of our Principles on the wall.

Come to church every Sunday. Come to church for fun events too. Go on church camping trips. Help your children build a community of friends at church. Encourage them to invite church friends home to play.

There's a bonus in this for you parents, too. Children who have strong UU identities and good friends at church are eager to come to church. They are less likely to be affected negatively by the "child evangelists" they meet at school and at play. And they are more likely to rely on our values of respect, compassion, kindness, fairness and environmental stewardship in making decisions.

See you at church!

In faith, Kathy

Family Events at CUUC in September

Sun. 9/4 – Water Play Day during RE time!

Wed. 9/7 – RE Props Night

Sun. 9/11 – Family Orientation, 9:30 a.m. – First Day Fall RE 10:30 a.m.

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 Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, or by appointment during other times.

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Coty and Lizzie Take the Plunge!

Coty Kennedy & Lizzie Warren, who became members of The CUUC last summer, will be tying the knot on October 7th. The wedding will be held at Old Glory Ranch in Wimberley, TX. Reverend Brian Ferguson of The San Marcos UU Fellowship will be officiating. The ceremony will be held along the Blanco River and the couple will be serving homemade wine (made with love) at the reception following. UUs are welcome to attend. Please call Lizzie if you'd like to RSVP or have any questions. The couple would like to thank everyone from the congregation for being so welcoming over the last year and for giving them a place where they feel at home. They are looking forward to their many years together and in the UU Church "

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Social Action News

Calendar

Sunday, September 11, 10:30 a.m. – **First Responders Appreciation Day** – bring cookies and cakes for baskets

Saturday, September 17, 5:45 p.m. – **Samaritan Inn**: serve dinner to residents (Advance sign-up required - Contact Nelah McComsey).

Saturday, September 17, 7:00 p.m. – **A Conversation with Rev. Mark Kiyimba**

Sunday, September 18, 2:00 p.m. **Texas Freedom Parade** – a celebration of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender pride (Contact Nancy Steed to sign up)

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First Responders Appreciation Day – Sunday, Sept 11

The Social Action Committee would like to invite you to participate in the 2nd annual First Responders Appreciation Day, September 11th, 2011.

It has been 10 years now since the tragedies of 9/11. In honor of those first responders who sacrificed their lives, and those who continue to today, please join us in making baskets of appreciation, a.k.a. home made treats, for the men and women on the job today. This year, September 11th falls on a Sunday so we'll be doing the compiling of baskets and making deliveries just after service. **Please bring your home baked goods of cookies, cupcakes, muffins and other individual treats to church** with you that day. We also need delivery drivers to bring the baskets to police and fire stations in the area.

On this important anniversary, help us to say 'THANK YOU' to the people who go into those burning buildings to save lives, while the rest of us are running out.

First Responders Appreciation Day - September 11th - Join Us. Contact Samantha Hall to volunteer as a delivery driver.

A Conversation with Rev. Mark Kiyimba – Saturday, Sept 17

On Saturday evening, September 17, at 7:00 p.m., Community Unitarian Universalist Church hosts “*A Conversation with Rev. Mark Kiyimba*”. Rev Kiyimba, the pastor of The Kampala Central Unitarian Church in Kampala, Uganda, will discuss the development of Unitarian Universalism in Africa and Uganda as well as his involvement in human rights issues in Uganda, including the recent anti-homosexuality bill. Following his discussion, Rev. Kiyimba will respond to questions from the audience.

Love Where You Live – Saturday, October 1

Community UU is joining a new program in Plano called **Love Where You Live**. This neighborhood revitalization program joins church and civic groups with neighbors who need assistance in maintaining their homes or yards. The next work day is scheduled for **Saturday, October 1**, and will target the neighborhood around Meadows Elementary School (near 14th and Jupiter Rd), which is quite near our church! This is a great way to show our neighbors that we care and want to help! Contact Nelah McComsey

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or Dick Hildenbrand to sign up.

Don't forget your Community UU Tee Shirt!!

Remember to buy your church tee shirt! We want everyone to have one, but especially those who are going out on community service projects. Wear your shirt and let people know that Community UU is there to help! **Shirts are on sale in Founders Hall following the service each week. Just \$10.**

RE Props Night – What's That? Come join in the fun on the first Wednesday night each month from 7-9 p.m. in Founders' Hall. We'll be playing with paint and glitter, clay and cloth, to make story baskets and posters and bulletin boards for our RE classes. Come one, come all – whether or not you have children in RE this year! Childcare is available, but children and youth are also welcome to participate.

Women's Alliance

Fall Garden Lunch. Come join us for fun, friendship and good eats! Help kick off our 2011-2012 season. All women are invited. You do not need to be a member of Women's Alliance to attend. Please bring a dish to share.

Date: **Sunday, September 25**, Time: **1:00 pm**, Place: **Jo Howser's beautiful backyard at 1410 East 15th Street, Plano**

Directions: Just East of downtown Plano, right next to the First Baptist Church. Feel free to park in their big parking lot. Contact Person for the Garden Party is Barb Salvo.

Women's Alliance has planned an October Outing to the hilarious musical at the Eisemann Theater "Motherhood - the Musical". If you accompanied Women's Alliance to the wonderful version of "Menopause - the Musical" at the Eisemann, this is the same kind of show!

Hold the date: Saturday, October 8, 2:00 pm Matinee. \$45 per ticket. Contact person: Celeste Kennedy.

Details to come: regarding carpooling and possible lunch prior to the theatre.

With musical theater, it's all about the delivery and in 'Motherhood the Musical', it's about the delivery and everything after. The show spotlights songs written by Sue Fabisch, a Nashville-based songwriter and mother of three (four if you count her husband, which she does.) The 90-minute show features four characters at various stages of motherhood, including one who is pregnant with her first. "It could come across as something that's only geared to women who are mothers," Director Lisa Shriver says, "but it's really a remarkably wonderful thing to share with the men in your life, because nobody does this alone. This sort of thing speaks to [mothers] and they're going to laugh about the craziness of motherhood," she says. "But at the end of the musical, we bring it all together, and they're running home and kissing their kids while they're sleeping. Motherhood is hard, but it's the best job in the world."

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Literary Ladies Book Club.

The Sept. 13 topic of discussion is Sea Biscuit, An American Legend by Laura Hillenbrand. Described as first-rate story telling, this sports story reveals a slice of American history. We'll meet at Deb Bliss' home. Contact Deb by Sept. 9 if you plan to attend.

This group meets the second Tuesday of each month from 7 – 9 p.m. and welcomes women members and friends of Community UU Church. Lisa See's Shanghai Girls is the selection for October.

*Shanghai Girls a rich work, one that portrays an immigrant experience as well as plumbing the relationship of sisterhood, with its friction as well as its support...See brings their experiences to life with thoughtful and deft prose. The result is as compulsively readable as it is an enlightening journey.
--Sunday Denver Post*

Friday Night Flicks start at 7:00 PM in founders hall.**Sept. 9 - HARRY POTTER AND THE SORCERER'S STONE - 2001**

This film will be shown in the sanctuary as part of the Howarts Academy Religious Education program.

This is the first film in the Harry Potter series based on the novels by J. K. Rowling. It is the tale of Harry Potter, an ordinary 11 year old boy serving as a sort of slave for his aunt and uncle who learns that he is actually a wizard and has been invited to attend the Howarts School for Witchcraft and Wizardry. Harry is quickly thrown into a world completely foreign to both him and the viewer. Famous for an incident that happened at his birth, Harry makes friends easily at his new school. He soon finds, however, that the wizarding world is far more dangerous for him than he would have imagined, and he quickly learns that not all wizards are ones to be trusted.

Sept. 23 - TEMPLE GRANDIN - 2010

Claire Danes won an Emmy for her performance as Temple Grandin. The film is about Temple Grandin, an autistic woman who overcame the limitations imposed on her by her condition to become an expert in the field of animal husbandry. She developed an interest in cattle early in life while spending time at her Aunt and Uncle's ranch. She did not speak until age four and had difficulty right through high school, mostly in dealing with people. She is noted for creating her "hug box," widely recognized today as a way of relieving stress and her humane design for the treatment of cattle in processing plants, even winning an award from PETA. Today, she is a professor at Colorado State University.

"What is Earth Spirit?"

Earth Spirit is an open-minded group of pagans whose members follow a variety of spiritual paths. The new co-coordinators, Bill Branch and Janie McDermott, are soliciting feedback from members and friends of the congregation to help with meeting the needs of those who follow a pagan path - or want to know more about pagan spirituality - and to develop an agenda for the upcoming year. The group meets the third Sunday of every month. If you have suggestions or comments for Earth Spirit, please contact Janie via email. You may also join our Yahoo email group, http://groups.yahoo.com/group/cuuc_earth_spirit/
Thank you, Bill Branch and Janie McDermott – Earth Spirit.

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

Offering Income	Actual	Budgeted
Pledged Offering	\$16,607.98	\$14,370.00
Loose Offerings/Basket	678.61	1,250.00
New Pledges	<u>125.00</u>	<u>130.00</u>
Offerings Income	\$17,411.59	\$15,750.00

Finance Committee.

June showed a net income over budget of \$987 primarily due to June pledges received in July. Expenses in total were over budget by \$1,144, resulting in a Net Income of \$157 under budget. Our cash flow will still be a concern through October even with everyone paying their pledges on time. Don't forget to put the Coffeehouse on your calendar in September. Look for the article about it in this newsletter for date and time. Enjoy an evening of entertainment (and bring friends) while supporting your church.

Janice Hildenbrand, Treasurer

Income and Expense Report for July, 2011

	Income	YTD	2011/2012 BUDGET	o/o Total BUDGET
Offering Income	\$17,411.59	\$37,060.16	\$229,022.00	16.2
Fund Raisers	33.00	58.34	24,900.00	.2
Building Usage	1,151.75	3,925.50	35,000.00	11.2
Misc. Income	1,288.17	2,388.17	11,302.00	21.1
Total Income	\$19,884.51	\$43,432.17	\$300,224.00	14.5
Expense				
Administration	\$ 3,140.21	\$ 7,335.95	\$ 40,993.00	17.9.
Program/Worship	3,029.46	5,198.15	28,745.00	18.1
Religious Education	4,941.66	9,930.04	56,031.80	17.7
Facilities	6,465.89	12,376.32	75,277.00	16.4
Income generating exp.	648.52	648.52	2,850.00	22.8
Ministry	7,195.93	13,916.12	90,509.00	15.4
Denomination	0.00	465.75	17,420.00	2.7
Payroll Expenses	13.07	24.81	-0-	-0-
Total Expenses	\$25,434.74	\$49,895.66	\$311,825.84	16.0
Net Income/(Loss)	\$(5,550.23)	\$(6,463.49)	\$(11,601.84)	55.7

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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**

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

• **Music Director - Kelley Poché Rodriguez**

• **Church Secretary - *Connie Meints* (will be out of the office September 21,22, and 23rd)**

[Church office closed on Monday]
Tuesday 9am - 3pm
Wednesday 9am - 2:30pm
Thursday 9am - 2:30pm
Friday 9am - Noon

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