The Community News
July 2018

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.

“In The 4th of July Picnic is Back!”

Wondering what to do with the family this Fourth of July? Look no further than Community Church! All are welcome to join us on July 4th in our own backyard from 6:30pm-10:30pm as we bring back our annual Fourth of July Celebration and kick off summer with fun, fireworks, and fellowship.

Shake out those picnic blankets, pack up your folding chairs, and get ready for a great view of the City of Plano’s fireworks after dark! This event is BYOCD: bring your own cold drinks; coolers and ice are recommended, of course! We’ll be grilling up burgers and hot dogs, and if you’d like to contribute to our picnic table, feel free to bring snacks, sides, fresh fruit or other treats to share.

Can you pitch in for setting up, taking down, clean up or grill duty? Contact Katey Eubanks at katey.communityuu@gmail.com to volunteer, or for any additional information.

July 2018

Sunday Services
Theme - Work for Justice
July 1 - “When Hope and History Rhyme” - Guest Speaker - Bill Holston.
July 8 - “Diversity: The Devil in the Details.” Guest Speaker - Annie Foerster.
July 15 - Guest Speaker - Edwin Robinson.
July 22—TBA
July 29 - Book Sunday.

Typical Sunday
10:30 - 11:45 a.m.: Worship, Religious Education for Children and Youth, and Nursery Care
11:45 a.m.: Coffee and Conversation
Making a STEAMY Summer
The summer curriculum for pre-K through grade 8 will include STEAM-based stories and activities. STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math. Angela Hathaway put together a program with a wide range of topics and activities. If you missed last week’s bottle rockets, join us for bioengineering, juggling, robotics, and more. We need several adults for each Sunday to run the classes. Most materials will be prepared ahead of time. Classes run on Sundays thru July 29. See Angela Hathaway for information.
Also – the activities for this summer are based on supplies that may be around your house. Please donate if possible. Here are the supplies we need this summer:
- Water bottles – clean and rinsed
- Talc powder or cornstarch
- Clear packing tape
- Lead pencils
- Pencil sharpener
- Sand – playground or similar
- Gravel
- Cotton balls
- Activated charcoal
- Bleach developer – 40%
- Yeast
- Dish soap
- Food coloring
- Robot kits or ideas for how to make simple robots
See Angela Hathaway for information about supplies and scheduling. (Thank you, Angela!)

June Board Meeting Highlights
The Board discussed the sources for pulpit supply (speakers) and pastoral care available during the time without a minister and ways to ensure this was communicated to the congregation.
The Board provisionally approved to charter Boy Scouts of America Venture Crew 3466 pending a review of the official charter at the next Board meeting.
Efforts are under way to recruit a new Member Coordinator and Interim DRE.
The decision was made to move the July Board meeting to July 7th so more members can attend.
Presidents Column

Community UU is using this year to focus on what we want to become. What is your vision for Community UU Church? Everyone on the Board would love to hear your ideas, your hopes and your dreams for our church.

We have a great location in one of the wealthiest communities in the country. We have great wealth and also poverty within 5 miles of our door. Our programs with God’s Pantry and Barron Elementary give some relief from the material poverty that is in our neighborhood. Our Community Harvest Garden gives fresh vegetables and fruit to those that can not afford to buy fresh produce. How can we do more to help our neighbors who have few resources? What can we do to alleviate the spiritual poverty that affects poor and rich alike. What programs do you want to see here at Community Church to help our congregation and the wider community?

We also want your ideas on ways to increase stewardship. If you did not donate this year please let us know why. We want to understand your situation. We realize that everyone is not in a position to give much money. Is there something you can do for the church instead of or in addition to giving money? We need everyone to contribute their time, talent and treasure to make this a successful religious community. We are concentrating on stewardship this year in order to be able to hire an interim minister next year. The simple truth is that ministers cost money. Buildings, utilities and engaging programs also cost money. In order to be an attractive, vibrant church, we need to have ways to raise the money we need to fund your dreams.

Please let me know your thoughts and ideas. Remember, you are the community in Community UU Church!

Blessings,

Sarah

USHERS NEEDED!

We are currently in need of some more volunteers to join the Usher Team. The job is for one Sunday per month and involvement in the Choir is not a problem just a scheduling issue. We need Ushers now for the 1st, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays. Training will be provided. This is a vital job for the success of our services. If you would like to be an alternate Usher, contacted only when a scheduled usher cannot attend their scheduled Sunday, that would be greatly appreciated. Contact Mike Robinson.
**July, 2018**

Simple Living Chalice Circle
The next meeting will be **Saturday morning July 14 at 11am.**
Theme/topic – Learning together to live deliberately.
**Facilitator** Ona Tannehill at Email simpleliving@communityuu.church.org.

Friday Flix. Snack, beverages and conversation at 6:30pm with the movie starting at 7pm in Founders Hall.
**July 13 - The Greatest Showman.**
**July 27 - TBD.**

Women’s Fellowship Breakfast.
To all the women of the Church:
We’re having a fellowship breakfast gathering of all the women of the Church on **Saturday, July 21 at Poor Richard’s Café, 2442 K Ave. in Plano,** starting at 8:30-9am and ending around 9:30-10am. Come join us for a morning of good food and fellowship to meet other women in the church. **For more information and to RSVP, contact Vicki Verinder at women@communityuu.church.org.**

Literary Ladies Book Club
**Upcoming Meeting.** Women members and friends of Community UU Church are welcome to join us on the third Tuesday of the month from 7 – 9pm.
**Date:** July 17
**Location:** Pam Reinke-Walter’s home. Contact Pam at if you plan to attend.

Selection: **Miss Jane** by Brad Watson. Brings to life a forgotten woman and a lost world in a Southern pastoral. Inspired by the true story of his own great-aunt, Watson explores the life of Miss Jane Chisolm, born in rural, early-twentieth-century Mississippi with a genital birth defect that would stand in the way of the central “uses” for a woman in that time and place—namely, sex and marriage. From the country doctor who adopts Jane to the hard tactile labor of farm life, from the highly erotic world of nature around her to the boy who loved but was forced to leave her, the world of Miss Jane Chisolm is anything but barren. Free to satisfy only herself, she mesmerizes those around her, exerting an unearthly fascination that lives beyond her still.

The March Men’s Fellowship Breakfast is Saturday, July 21, 8:30am at Poor Richards Café, 2442 K Avenue, Plano, TX 75074. If you plan to attend please let Tom Bieg know by 6pm Friday, July 20.

Coming Attractions for Grades 4-7. Plans are forming for creating a great program for Grades 4-7 in 2018-2019. Inspired by the success of our senior high group, the RE Board would like to offer a social and educational program informed by the class interests. See Rev. Jennifer or a member of the RE Board.

The Genealogy Group will meet in Founders Hall on July 19 at 2pm.

The church office will be closed Wednesday, July 4th.

Deadline for the August newsletter is Friday, July 20.
**Email articles to newsletter@communityuu.church.org.**
Summer 2018

U-U News

UBarU Camp & Retreat Center
Source of transformation...direct experience

For some families, attending a Sunday morning church service is not a regular part of the week. For my family, other events often conflict with Sunday morning church time. For some families, there might be a lack of agreement on where to attend to meet the needs of all the members of the family. For some folks, the nearest church is too far away even if it does satisfy everyone. In light of the obstacles to “doing church” in a more traditional way, I have been considering other ways to help my family members find spiritual experiences and have opportunities for faith development. UBarU Camp & Retreat Center camps have offered my children experiences where they grow spiritually, see our Principles modeled, learn how to live with and learn from other adults and kids in the structured and unstructured time. They have been challenged to decide when to lead and when to follow, how they fit in, how they compare, that they are part of a larger movement while at UBarU. I would call these experiences spiritual and transformative creating a foundation of belief based on the first source—direct experience. Participants at UBarU have been blessed with generous chaplains to serve at our retreats and camps. The combination of chaplains creating intentional spiritual growth opportunities, the beauty of the land, the community of people and the comradery can build a spiritual foundation where transformation occurs.

Upcoming Events:

Youth Summer camps June 16-July 14
Youth Astronomy Camp Aug 3-5
Labor Day weekend Star Party Aug 21-Sept 3
Women’s retreat Sept 2-3
Men’s retreat Sept 15-16

- Private Cottage rentals can be arranged by emailing Robyn at director@ubaru.org
- Become a Member of UBarU with an annual or monthly tax-deductible gift! Thank you!
- Think UBarU! www.ubaru.org

Astronomy Youth Camp Aug 2-5

Our inaugural astronomy camp is coming in August! In collaboration with astronomy educators, UBarU Board member and astronomer, Roy Elszey has planned an educational and fun camp for youth ages 12-18. The campers will be supervised by counselors while learning about astronomy and enjoying an overnight camp experience from Thursday to Sunday Aug 2-5, 2018. www.ubaru.org
Our mission is to provide a welcoming, peaceful place to gather for spiritual, educational, and recreational purposes in harmony with our Unitarian Universalist Principles and the Land.

Thanks to H-E-B for their funding to put solar panels on Sojourner & Hermitage Houses at UBarU as well as past support for cedar cutting.

DID YOU KNOW that donations to UBarU are TAX DEDUCTIBLE?

UBarU Camp and Retreat Center is a privately owned and operated, non-profit 501c3 organization. We receive no outside funding or grant money. We rely solely upon usage fees and donations to operate our UU sanctuary in the Texas Hill Country.

Please consider donating to UBarU today. With your generosity we can continue to improve our beautiful 142 acre sanctuary in the Texas Hill Country, for all to enjoy.

Thank you for your generosity.

Star Party Weekend Aug 31-Sept 3

This multi-day event will include:

* Star parties each night (bad weather = optional indoor activities) Comfortable lodging & FANTASTIC meals including a Texas BBQ Saturday night, featuring the award winning Go'Shen Point BBQ and local libations from Ranger Creek.

* Formal presentations by professional astronomers: Dr. John Barentine of the IDA, Dr. Amanda Bayless of the Southwest Research Institute, Dr. Kim Arvidsson of Schreiner University, and Robert Reeves author, and astrophotographer.

* Great outdoor activities including swimming, hiking, labyrinth walking; table tennis, bocce ball, and horseshoes. Offsite activities abound in near-by Kerrville, Fredericksburg, and Junction.

* Full Event DETAILS and Registration available at http://ubaru.org/home/starParty

See you at UBarU!
Social Action News

What's New in the Community Garden?

Gifts and Gratitude. We have been blessed as of late with many wonderful surprises! JimAnn Oliver has donated six self-watering grow boxes. They are at the gate in black bags and are there for the taking to use at the garden or at your home. (She would especially like to have them used with children.) The North Texas Food Bank has generously provided a gift of tools: a new root cutting tool as well as a pair of bypass pruners. They also provided volunteers to help with our work day. Thank you NTFB! Our members generously provide us with flattened cardboard boxes, which we use continually to create mulched pathways.

And a huge thank you to Cindy Burgess and her family for their generous donation to our coffers! She came along at a perfect time to help us replenish our funds, just like a guardian angel.

The blackberries are ripening, and the summertime harvest of tomatoes, cucumbers, and beans are filling our food bank deliveries. We are so grateful for the experience of our garden. From the planting and care of seedlings to the miracle of delicious fresh vegetables we can share with others, the Community Garden is a gift to us all.

It's not too late to start gardening this year! We still have a few plots available for adoption. Come join us.

Contact Deb Bliss at harvest@communityuuchurch.org.

Texas Unitarian Universalist Justice Ministry (TXUUJM) identified their three top priorities to focus on for 2018.
1. Economic Justice/Income Inequality
2. Reproductive Justice
3. Immigration/Refugee Reform/Rights

Jackie Darnell and Linda Frank represent Community Unitarian Universalist Church on the Advisory Board of TXUUJM.

Barron Elementary School Opportunities

No summer isn't over yet, but thought it was a good time to let folks know about one of our social justice opportunities for this fall. We have been involved in supplying Barron Elementary School with tutors, library workers, teacher's workroom helpers and mentors for several years. We also will continue our school supplies drive in August to help the students and teachers there. As a former teacher this has been a wonderful experience to give back to an elementary school in a predominantly low income community of Plano. I will be taking over the role of communications and guidance to our church members and friends who have been or would like to be involved in this program that Nelah McComsey previously chaired. More information will be coming as the new school year ramps up, but wanted folks to know about these amazing volunteer positions that are available. Any questions see Anne Smith at and watch the church newsletter for more details.
Adult Religious Education Classes

The Mission of the Adult Religious Education Program is to nurture and stimulate the religious and personal growth of the adult church community. We offer a varied and cohesive program within the context of the living Unitarian Universalist tradition and principles. The church website has been updated with the latest classes and class descriptions - check it out at www.CommunityUUChurch.org, under Adult Religious Education. CHILDCARE is available for all classes, upon request. To reserve childcare call the church office (972-424-8989) at least 48 hours in advance.

Tuesday

Thursday
Humanist Group – New Direction meets at 6pm in Room G. The Humanist Group continues to meet prior to The Meaning of Life: Perspectives from the World’s Great Intellectual Tradition class led by Rev. Don Fielding. Each week different group members plan the discussion on a Humanist-oriented topic which helps us learn more about Humanism, its history, its relationship to UUism, and its applications to our lives and spiritual/personal development. July topics: to be TBD.

Exploring the Roots of Religion in Room G at 7pm. Facilitator Don Fielding. The Meaning of Life: Perspectives from the World’s Great Intellectual Tradition, Professor Garfield has put together an intellectually gripping course that is every bit the equal of the monumental subject it sets out to explore. July topics: July 5 - Zen—The Moon in a Dewdrop & Impermanence; July 12 - Zen - Being - Time & Primordial Awakening; July 19 - BREAK; July 26 - Taking Stock of the Classical World.

NTUUC Summer Conference - August 11, 2018 - First Unitarian Church of Dallas at 4015 Normandy Avenue, Dallas, TX. 75205.


Opening Speaker: Rev. Annie Foerster - “Jumping In On Time”. In the sport of jump rope, “on time” is the highest skill.

Upcoming Activities in Religious Education

Sunday, July 1 – 10:30am: Worship and Religious Education
Wednesday, July 4 – 6:30pm: July 4th Potluck and Fireworks
Sunday, July 8 – 10:30am: Worship and Religious Education
Sunday, July 15 – 10:30am: Worship and Religious Education
Sunday, July 22 – 10:30am: Worship and Religious Education
Sunday, July 29 – 10:30am: Worship and Religious Education
May Financial Report

Finance Report by Cindy Hadden Treasurer

No report available this month.

FREE MONEY!

Kroger:  NOTE: It’s time to renew you Kroger Community Rewards - just follow this link: https://www.kroger.com/communityrewards

Amazon.com:  Use this link for purchases: http://smile.amazon.com/ch/75-1787256

The church will get a portion of all purchase amounts!

Upcoming Share the Plate Offerings

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If you forget your checkbook on a Share the Plate Sunday, remember you can always donate online.

May’s Share the Plate netted $308.50 for UBARU. Thank you!

Donate Now

July Share the Plate Opportunity.

God’s Pantry supports the needy in our East Plano Community by offering food and support to everyone who comes to their door. They are the only food pantry in Collin County open to everyone without restrictions or conditions. First established in 1997, their volume of clients grows every year. Our Community Garden donates from their harvest every Saturday and we have a dedicated fund that helps with their utility bills, but cash donations for their modest overhead are always in short supply and our support is appreciated. July Share the Plate offering is Sunday, July 29.

Where in the UU World Are the Youth?

Thank you to everyone who has supported the youth service trip to New Orleans and trip to the UUA General Assembly in Kansas City. We sent 15 youth and 7 adults to New Orleans for June 12-17. We sent 6 youth and 3 adults to General Assembly on June 20-24. When they return they will be happy to share their experience with the congregation during worship on August 5.
July

For our July 2018 calendar, go to our website at:
CommunityUUChurch.org

Events listed on the calendar are subject to change. For more information and confirmation of these events, please visit the church calendar at http://www.communityuuchurch.org/pages/calendar.
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Trustees meetings are held the third Saturday of each month at 10am in the Annex. Members, friends and visitors are always welcome.

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UU Website Links
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Southwest District (SWUUC): www.swuuc.org
North Texas Unitarian Universalist Congregations (NTUUC): www.ntuuc.org
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Church Office Hours

Monday: church offices closed
Wednesday: 9 am to 2:30 pm
Friday: 9 am to Noon

Tuesday: 9 am to 3 pm
Thursday: 9 am to 2:30 pm
Noon to 2:30 pm
9 am to noon.

Reverend Patrick Price
Monday: Available for emergencies only.
Tuesday through Thursday: Noon to 4 pm
Friday: Available for emergencies only.
Other times by appointment. Please contact Reverend Price for appointments and scheduling information.

Interim DRE Jennifer Innis call for appointment.

Bookkeeper John Elder Tuesday & Thursday: 10:30am - 2:30pm
other times by appointment.

Church Secretary Connie Meints
Tuesday 9am to 3pm, Wednesday & Thursday 9am to 2:30pm, Friday 9am to noon.

Music Director Christopher Wolff

The Community News

The Community News is distributed to Members and Friends of this church. Visitors who complete a visitor card receive issues for three months. To continue receiving issues, sign the “Welcome Back” book on each visit. Others may subscribe for an annual donation of $25.00.

The editor encourages and appreciates submissions and on-time submissions are especially delightful. The Community News is published once a month.

Email articles to newsletter@CommunityUUChurch.org

Please include your name on any news item submitted for The Community News. Items may be edited for clarity and brevity.