The Service Auction is Coming!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 3 and our annual Service Auction! Get ready for a night of fun with fellow members and friends. This is typically our biggest and best fundraiser for the church, so start thinking about ways you might contribute! Not only can you support by attending, but we also need a variety of goods and services to bid on! The only limit is your imagination, and that goes for our theme as well—“The Places UUs Go.” You can host and decorate a table! Are you a well-heeled world traveler, or do you prefer flights of fancy to fictional realms? A favorite destination, a cherished travel memory, a preferred mode of travel, or an imaginary place you’d like to visit—what inspires you?

What do people offer? Goods and services of all sorts, to be bid on during either the live or silent auction. For services, think of what you love to do, what you’re best at, or what you’d like to give—chances are it will be well worth it to someone—and to Community Church!

Can you offer your time? Babysitting, tutoring, music lessons, or professional coaching. Home organization, yard work, house cleaning, or helping hands with fixit projects. Portrait photography, custom artwork, or design services. Pet-sitting, dog walking, or grooming.

If you love to host events, what types of occasions are your favorite? Many of us set up our social calendar at the Service Auction to enjoy a variety of delicious gatherings throughout the year, such as wine tastings, afternoon teas, game day celebrations, backyard BBqs, pool parties, sushi making, and more! Is St. Patrick’s Day near to your heart? Are you a genius at French cuisine? Anything can be the basis of a fun themed gathering. If hosting isn’t for you, maybe you can offer a monthly “subscription” of homemade goodies to a lucky recipient. Did your garden grow well this year and you have jams, preserves, or pickles to share? Do you love to bake, just not for yourself? This is a chance to let your culinary chops shine.

For the silent auction: do you know a local business that would donate a gift certificate? Do you have a connection for event tickets? Are there treasures in

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your house that need a new loving home, such as new or gently used home furnishings, decorative items, clothing, or jewelry? What about putting together a gift basket: items for a family game night, spa essentials for relaxation and pampering, bartending kits, or arts & crafts? On that note, we’d love a chance to see (and own) your handiwork! Paintings, photography, ceramics, jewelry, garments, woodworking- no matter the medium, you matter!

Stay tuned for more details as we get closer to the event! If you have any questions or would like to get on board to help right away, please contact Kimberly Schramm.

Holiday Play – Rehearsals start soon!

Come one, come all between the ages of 6 and 18 who would like to be in our holiday play, “The Dragon Who Never Had a Christmas.” There are parts both big and small for all levels of acting ability, so come join in on the fun! We will meet for rehearsals after church in the Sanctuary each Sunday, from 12pm -1pm up until the show on December 16. We’ll take the Sunday after Thanksgiving off, November 25, but otherwise please be available for most if not all Sundays! We’re also looking for parent (or adult) volunteers as well. Please contact Robin Coulange if you are interested.

October 14 Sermon: Sermon title is "Death is an Invitation for the Living". The sermon is inspired by a quote from Naomi Shihab Nye “Before you know kindness as the deepest thing inside/you must know sorrow as the other deepest thing”

Speaker: Aimee Ribo Bell is a Grief Guide and Wayfinder with the sole focus of helping people after loss or a catastrophic experience find healing and a new way forward. When she recognized the healing in her life and accepted that her late husband’s death was an awakening, the Wonder&Flow concept was born. She’s combined her personal experience (61,000+ hours of grief + recovery work) and The Martha Beck Life Coach Training to offer Grief Guidance and Wayfinding sessions that are the perfect combination of real life + science + magic. Aimee believes grief is an opening to beauty and despite the most destructive and devastating circumstances, we can rise. When we share our stories we connect, we heal + we learn that we are never alone on this journey.

October Share the Plate - Meals on Wheels of Collin County. This agency serve hot nutritional lunchtime meals to homebound elderly and disabled citizens of our county every Monday through Friday. Some clients also qualify for weekend and breakfast meals. They also provide shelf stable packages due to unpredictable weather, etc. Pet Meals are also provided to ensure their clients are sharing their meals with their pet companions. This organization is always in need of volunteers. If interested, call 972-562-6996.

Half of the collection on Sunday, October 28 will go to Meals on Wheels of Collin County. You can also donate to this cause via the CUUC web page by selecting the Share the Plate option.

A Summit, what can we do together that we can’t do along? How will we shape our future? All UUs are welcome to First Unitarian Church in Dallas, Saturday, November 10th, 8:30am to 12 noon. Please RSVP so they know how many people to plan for via email at RSVP.Summit@NTUUC.org. If you need childcare, please RSVP by November 2nd. This summit will help decide the future of Unitarian Universalism in North Texas. Questions contact president@ntuuc.org or executive@ntuuc.org.


**Presidents Column**

It is starting to feel like fall around my house. The weather is a little cooler, and my neighbors have fall decorations on their porches. **Kick off a fun fall by coming to the Service Auction on November 3rd!**

We are signing up volunteers now, so see Kimberly Schramm to help out with this fun and profitable activity. It’s the party that starts Community UU’s social season, so don’t miss it!

Also in November is the **NTUUC summit at First Unitarian Church in Dallas. Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 10th, 8:30am to 12 noon.** Please RSVP so they know how many people to plan for via email at RSVP.Summit@NTUUC.org. If you need childcare, please RSVP by November 2nd. This summit will help decide the future of Unitarian Universalism in North Texas, so please come and take part in the discussion.

**Save the dates January 25 through 27** for another exciting event! Liz Coit of Stewardship for Us is coming to our church to meet with members at a “next steps” weekend. She and her associates will develop a comprehensive plan for funding our church for the future. Her visit is made possible by a grant from NTUUC. If you are asked to speak with Liz, please say yes. We need as many people as possible to speak with her so we can best learn what we are doing right and what we need to improve.

I wish you all a bountiful fall season,

Blessings, Sarah

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**A Path to Membership**

Interested in learning more about Unitarian Universalism or Community UU Church, Plano?

Considering membership with our congregation?

We’re not just a Sunday Service. Learn about: Our Social Action Programs, The Community Garden, Religious Education and more.

Come to “A Path to Membership” class being held at **9am on two Sundays in October, 7th and 21st, in the Library (Room D). Childcare provided.**

For more information and to RSVP (not required), contact Vicki Verinder at membcom-chair@communityuuchurch.org.

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**Social Action News**

**What’s New in the Community Garden?** Max Tennyson and Lee Hoover’s Boy Scout Troop braved the rain one September Saturday morning to lay a new path. A deep-rooted grass called vetiver was planted alongside it as a screen for our neighbors, which will make mowing less treacherous on the north slope. They also used salvaged pallets to create a cardboard crib just inside the gate. Now it will be easier for you to drop off your flattened corrugated boxes to help us with weed abatement, while avoiding creating a habitat for pests.

Plots are being prepped and planted for fall and winter crops. We’re expecting some pie pumpkins this year, and our hazelnut bushes are producing for the first time in five years! There are two shared herb gardens on the east end of the garden. You are welcome to bring a bag and pair of scissors to snip some fresh herbs for your dinner! You’ll find parsley, sage, rosemary, thyme, chives, oregano, and spearmint.

We welcome new gardeners year round to help us supply local food pantries with fresh organic produce. Garden mentors are eager to help those who wish to learn about organic vegetable gardening! **Contact Deb Bliss at harvest@CommunityUUChurch.org for more information.**
October, 2018

Simple Living Chalice Circle
The next meeting will be Saturday morning October 13 at 11am.
Theme/topic – Learning together to live deliberately.
Facilitator Ona Tannehill at Email simpleliving@communityuuchurch.org.

Friday Flix. Snack, beverages and conversation at 6:30pm with the movie starting at 7pm in Founders Hall.

October 12 - Chicago: is a 2002 American musical crime comedy-drama film based on the stage-musical of the same name, exploring the themes of celebrity, scandal, and corruption in Chicago during the Jazz Age.


VOLUNTEER NEEDED - to collect weekly donations from God’s Pantry Cart and place in a car in the parking lot. The help will be much appreciated. See Linda Frank.

The Genealogy Group next meeting is Thursday, October 18, 2pm in Founders Hall.

The Men's Fellowship Breakfast is Saturday, October 20, 8:30am at Poor Richards Cafe, 2442 K Avenue, Plano, TX 75074. If you plan to attend, please let Tom Bieg know by 6pm Friday, October 19.

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: October 16.

Location: Nancy Barlow’s home. Please contact Nancy at by Oct. 12 if you plan to attend.

Selection: Killers of the Flower Moon by David Gann. In the 1920s, the richest people per capita in the world were members of the Osage Indian nation in Oklahoma. After oil was discovered beneath their land, they rode in chauffeured automobiles, built mansions, and sent their children to study in Europe.

Then, one by one, the Osage began to be killed off. The family of an Osage woman, Mollie Burkhart, became a prime target. Her relatives were shot and poisoned. And it was just the beginning, as more and more members of the tribe began to die under mysterious circumstances.

In this last remnant of the Wild West—where oilmen like J. P. Getty made their fortunes and where desperados like Al Spencer, the “Phantom Terror,” roamed—many of those who dared to investigate the killings were themselves murdered. As the death toll climbed to more than twenty-four, the FBI took up the case. It was one of the organization’s first major homicide investigations and the bureau badly bungled the case. In desperation, the young director, J. Edgar Hoover, turned to a former Texas Ranger named Tom White to unravel the mystery. White put together an undercover team, including one of the only American Indian agents in the bureau. The agents infiltrated the region, struggling to adopt the latest techniques of detection. Together with the Osage they began to expose one of the most chilling conspiracies in American history.

Deadline for the November newsletter is Friday, October 19. Email articles to newsletter@communityuuchurch.org.
September Board Meeting Highlights

The Board discussed the need to encourage nomination of Church members for NTUUC Awards to make sure that members are recognized for their impact, especially in relation to projects that are replicable across congregations.

The UUA has put forth a challenge to raise money for Black Lives Matters of UU, at $10/head or approximately $2,000 for our congregation.

The Board discussed potential ideas for NTUUC grants (or NTUUC assistance in general) including, but not limited to, an electronic sign, mortgage assistance, a bus for the next GA, or a contract minister.

The Board discussed the strength of the High School RE program, and how to expand the reach into a young adult RE group as well as into the lower grades.

The Board discussed implementing an approved form and process for the use of Church credit cards.

The Board approved moving forward with a Stewardship weekend.

The Service Auction on November 3rd theme is ‘travel.’ Service-type contributions are encouraged.

Children and Youth Religious Education Ministry

The Board of Religious Education (RE) is excited about the upcoming Halloween Party. Save the date for October 27th.

The high school Our Whole Lives (OWL) class is in session, and has twelve students and four teachers.

Kindergarten & 1st grade Our Whole Lives (OWL) will be in the spring; watch for more updates.

Coming of Age (COA) has seven students this year, and is appreciative of the help with the recent lock-in.

Over 20 youth advisors attended the Dallas Pride Parade on September 16 and marched with the North Texas Unitarian Universalist Congregations (NTUUC) crew.

Watch for upcoming youth fundraisers! We will be auctioning off youth labor at the Service Auction, and the Pie Fundraiser will be coming up. The youth will bake a variety of fresh Thanksgiving pies so you don’t have to!

We’ll be putting on a holiday pageant- see page 2 for details! The talented Robin Coulonge will be making it fun and fabulous for those watching and those participating.

The youth will once again be doing their annual Rummage Sale in the spring; remember is as you clean out your closets- please save your donations for us!

Want to help in Religious Education? Do you have an extra hour or two a month or free time during the week you can offer? A desire to make bulletin boards look great, time to make copies, or organize a box? Please contact the RE Board to volunteer at reboard@communityuuchurch.org.
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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 UU ism, and its applications to our lives and spiritual-personal development. October topics: 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. October topics: October 4 - Gandhi - The Call to a Supernormal Life; October 11 - Lame Deer - Life Enfolded in Symbols; October 18 - Lame Deer - Our Place in a Symbolic World; October 25 - BREAK.

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Thank you to everyone who helped make First Responder’s Day a success. Along with help from The Dallas Sai Center, we delivered our baskets of treats to 72 locations this year. They were appreciated by everyone. Barb Salvo.
August Financial Report

Finance Report by Cindy Hadden Treasurer

The August financial summary for our operating accounts is listed below. The cumulative Net Income gap is $20.1K above budget. Current year pledges have appeared to catch up to what was budgeted ($2.6K). Loose offering is a bit above budget ($0.9K) and RE Registration has started to come in, but has not been budgeted until September. Expenses have been coming in quite a bit below budget, partially due to the continued search for a new membership coordinator and director of religious Education.

Looking forward: In September we have the balloon festival coming up. By the time you read this, we will know how it turned out for us this year, but at the time of this writing, we have just reached the balloon festival weekend. However, it looks like it will be rainy this weekend, so we much hope for the best, but fear for the worst. Our next fundraiser will be the well loved service auction, November 3rd. Stay tuned for more details!

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 on line.

August’s Share the Plate netted $457.65 for God’s Food Pantry. Thank you!

INCOME & EXPENSE August, 2018

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October

For our October 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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Wednesday: 9 am to 2:30 pm:  Thursday: 9 am to 2:30 pm
Friday: 9 am to Noon:  Office Phone: # 972-424-8989

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.