Longtime Community Church member Betty Moore passed away recently. We’d like to share the following remembrance from church members and friends, compiled by Chet Smith, and presented at Betty’s service by Bill Daffinee.

I met Betty when my family and I joined the church in 1982. I was immediately impressed with how nice a lady she was, and how much she did around the church! Nothing was too large or too small for Betty to take on. She just wanted to help, preferably without credit or recognition.

Before I tell you what she did for the church, I have a couple of personal comments. She had a bumper sticker that said she was “spending her kid’s inheritance.” That was 36 years ago; I now follow that plan myself. We both had a higher calling on Sunday mornings: mine was the Dallas Cowboys, and hers was sailing with Tom, her husband.

Betty loved her dogs. I remember at church campouts that her collie, Lady, walked around with a leash dragging on the ground. I guess the Texas leash laws don’t require a human at the other end. Lady was always very well behaved.

So what did she do for her church?

Taught religious education classes to elementary school children for over 20 years.

Worked on the church newsletter for over 30 years.

Served as a mentor and role model to others in the church.

She was often a greeter at the front door of the church on Sunday morning.

Watered the flowers and plants in and around the church to keep us “green.”

Donated “seed money.” Heck, she backed up a dump truck full of seeds to start our memorial garden, though she preferred to call it a “memory garden.” After the garden was finished, Betty was not happy that she could still see parked cars. I tried to explain to her the young plants would grow, but it took too many years to satisfy Betty. One period before the garden was mature, and Betty had some health issues, I was considering a fence to meet the

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not-seeing-cars objective… I was glad she lived to see her garden vision achieved.

Betty made cards with pressed flowers for our annual bazaar.

She hosted the church food cooperative out of her garage for several years.

Drove a “car pool” for others who wanted to attend church.

Steam cleaned the fabric on over 200 of the chairs in our sanctuary. She would take several home each week, then next Sunday she would do a few more. That is commitment!

Took pictures of new members.

Donated the chalice that we light every Sunday, in memory of her husband Tom. Betty's name has now been added to that chalice, and was used in service for the first time on Sunday, January 13th.

Though she shunned credit for her works, after more than 20 years the church started awarding a long term service award honoring an “Outstanding Unitarian Universalist.” Betty Moore was the first to be recognized.

The entry arch to our memorial garden was given in recognition of her service to the church.

Betty lived up to the idea of serving others and making a difference in the world, here and now.

Community Unitarian Universalist Church and I will miss Betty.

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Share the Plate for February is Texas UU Justice Ministry.

This statewide justice ministry works to promote Unitarian Universalist values in the public arena and seeks to have those values enacted into Legislation and public policy.

The 86th Texas Legislature is open and TXUUJM Executive Director Rev. Chuck Freeman with Mike Phillips TXUUJM President have been hard at work in Austin to bend Texas toward justice. Rev Freeman will speak to the congregation later this year with an update as to the progress being made. **Share the Plate Sunday is February 24.**

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January Board of Trustee Highlights

The Board discussed the schedule for the upcoming Stewardship Weekend.

The Board is researching tax regulations and best practices to develop guidelines for the Benevolence Fund.

The Board is looking into concerns expressed by renters about accessibility issues. Many issues were the result of how the renters set up their event. The board discussed ways to address the limited accessibility of the bathrooms, including looking for grants to fund any changes.

The current members of the Board whose tenures are ending are willing to stay another term, though all expressed the desire to attract more, especially younger, members.
February 9, 2019 10:00am–4:00pm Pathways UU Church
481 West Harwood Road, Hurst, TX 76054

Preparing us for TXUUJM Advocacy Day, March 20. We’ll have a bus or two going to Austin from the DFW area – invite your friends!

SCHEDULE

10:00 Welcome — What is TXUUJM and how are we involved?
10:15 Introductions — TXUUJM Issues: Top three plus two
  Immigration Justice
do
  Reproductive/Gender Justice
  Economic Justice
  Monitor/engage on Environmental Justice and Public Education
11:00 A Look at the 2019 Legislative Session and our Issues Representatives from partner and ally organizations
12:30 Lunch — in geographic/district groups
1:00 More on the 2019 Legislative Session and our Issues
2:00 Tactics
  Creating plans for contacting legislators
  Developing strategies on TXUUJM issues
Role Play — in smaller groups, one for each TXUUJM issue so we can develop common talking points. We’ll practice with supportive, receptive non-supportive, and hostile audiences.
3:30 Confirming Plans
4:00 Going Home
Facilitator - The Rev. Chuck Freeman, Executive Director of TXUUJM
Along with NTUUC members who attended the October TXUUJM training in Austin.

Please register at NTUUC.org/Advocacy, no later than February 4
Send questions to Advocacy@NTUUC.org

No charge - we really want you to participate! Lunch provided, love offerings accepted. Childcare available upon request; please let us know names and ages before February 1.
February, 2019

Simple Living Chalice Circle
The next meeting will be Saturday morning February 2 at 11am.
Theme/topic – Learning together to live deliberately.
Facilitator Ona Tannehill at Email simpleliving@communityuuchurch.org.

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, February 16 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, questions and to RSVP, contact Vicki Verinder at membcom-chair@communityuuchurch.org.

Friday Flix. Snack, beverages and conversation at 6:30pm with the movie starting at 7pm in Founders Hall.
February 8 - “Our Souls at Night” - with Robert Redford and Jane Fonda. Addie Moore and Louis Waters, a widow and widower, have lived next door to each other for years. When Addie tries to make a connection with her neighbor, the two begin sleeping in bed together platonicallly, with the innocent goal of alleviating their shared loneliness. As their relationship deepens, however, they each deal with grief and loss, and a real romance begins to blossom.
February 15 - “Film Stars Don’t Die in Liverpool”. Starring Annette Bening, Jamie Bell. Vanessa Redgrave. Hollywood actress Gloria Grahame finds romance and happiness with a younger man, but her life changes forever when she is diagnosed with breast cancer in the 1970s. (May- December romance)

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: February 19
Location: Nancy Barlow’s home. Please contact Nancy by Feb. 15 if you plan to attend.
Selection: The Alice Network by Kate Quinn:
In an enthralling new historical novel from national bestselling author Kate Quinn, two women—a female spy recruited to the real-life Alice Network in France during World War I and an unconventional American socialite searching for her cousin in 1947—are brought together in a mesmerizing story of courage and redemption. Goodreads

The Men's Fellowship Breakfast is Saturday, February 16, 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, February 15.

Deadline for the March newsletter is Friday, February 15. Email articles to newsletter@communityuuchurch.org.
President's Column

We just finished a successful Next Steps Weekend with Liz Coit. Thank you to all who came to the sessions to share your wisdom. I hope everyone enjoyed the celebration lunch on Saturday and our time with Liz on Sunday. Liz is now working on the information she gathered and will present a report to the Board soon. We will share the report with the congregation once we receive it. The Board and the Stewardship team is excited to put this new information to use in this year's budget campaign. Our ultimate goal is to serve you, and the wider community.

We will have opportunities in a few months to do some dreaming and visioning with the congregation. This is a time of cultural change for our church. We are losing members of our founding generation and the ranks of the boomer generation are also thinning. We need to find ways to be relevant to those of you in your 20’s to 50’s. Everyone on the Board is excited to learn your ideas and suggestions, so please share them with us. You can tell us in person, or email us at board@communityuuchurch.org. We want to hear what you have to say.

Finally, I want to emphasize how much is at stake in the climate of selfishness and bigotry that is being proclaimed by so many today. There was a time, not so long ago, when people would have been ashamed to even whisper some of the views that are now being openly declared. As for me, I believe Unitarian Universalism is the cure for this breakdown of decency and the lack of concern for the common welfare. We need to proclaim the saving message of our faith to all who would hear. Please remember, our church is vital in this part of Texas. Join with me in my commitment to support this church and its message of the worth and dignity of all.

Blessings, Sarah

A Path to Membership

Interested in learning more about Unitarian Universalism or Community UU Church, Plano? Considering membership with our congregation? Want to learn more about our religion, church or activities?

Come to our next “A Path to Membership” class being held on February 10th at 9am in the Library (Room D).

For more information and to RSVP (required for childcare), contact Vicki Verinder at membcom-chair@communityuuchurch.org.
What’s New in the Community Garden?

Good morning from our wintertime community garden! Gardens and gardeners are busy year round. We have some good news to share:

There is an attractive new harvest shed from Habitat Restore. We are so thrilled to have a safe place to house our harvesting supplies and tools. Our Eagle Scout candidate is working on cold frames so we can start our own seedlings. February plantings will include beets, potatoes and onions. Willow Meadows’ Girl Scout Troop will be coming out for a tour and helping with a project this spring.

Gardening is an excellent family activity. Please consider adopting a plot with your children. Remember, children who help grow healthy food are much more likely to eat it! We have two plots open for adoption.

You are welcome to wander in our garden any Sunday after service. This is truly a community garden, for growing healthy food for families and food banks as well as nourishment for our souls. We are so fortunate to have such a lovely area and want to share its beauty with the congregation. Visit often and watch the seasons change with us.

For more information, contact Deb Bliss at harvest@communityuuchurch.org.
UBarU

The 2019 Fiber Arts weekend will be February 15-18!

Our 3rd Annual Fiber Arts weekend has been extended to include Monday, President's Day to offer more time for sharing, working on projects, relaxing and enjoying time with each other. (Although there is a 2 day option if that works better for you).

Information and registration also available at http://ubaru.org/home/FiberArts

You may stay 2 or 3 nights (your choice) which will include meals and lodging as well as the fun, friendship, learning and creating! Fiber artists of all levels, abilities and experiences are welcome! Cost is $180 until 1/15/19 for 3 days ($200 after the end of Early bird pricing). The 2 day option is $150.

Check-in on Friday Feb 15 from 4-5:30 p.m. Check-out on Monday Feb 18 at 10:30 a.m.

The Astronomy Weekend March 1-3, 2019

Lectures and viewing for adults and supervised children.

In answer to many requests for a winter-sky star party, this weekend offers a night sky that is almost exactly opposite to that seen at our 2018 Labor Day Weekend star party. This will offer a good time for star gazers of all ages and expertise to view and/or image objects not seen in the summer under the beautiful dark skies at UBarU. There will be a late-rising, waning Moon to set the stage for brilliant views, of deep-sky objects such as the Andromeda Galaxy, the Orion Nebula, the Pleiades and other winter treasures. Astronomer-guided viewing at the UBarU Youth Astronomical Observatory telescopes will be offered as an option both nights. Additional telescopes will also be available for viewing and learning as well as light-protected locations for attendees who wish to bring their own scopes to use for self-directed viewing and/or imaging. The weekend will also feature a workshop on astrophotography with DSLR cameras led by John Phelps, who conducted the workshops on nightscape photography at the Labor Day Weekend star parties in 2016 and 2018.

Reserve a bunk in the Suites or bring a gang to Hermitage House (until it is reserved)! There are lots of details available at www.ubaru.org regarding lodging, meal options, and to register. We will have the cottages available (with or without a meal plan), camping, private rooms in the Suites building (meals included) and bunks. Meal plans can be purchased if you are camping, just coming out for the day or staying in the cottages. Feel free to email Director@ubaru.org with any questions or suggestions. http://ubaru.org/home/AstronomyWeekend for detailed pricing of the various options.

Join us at SWUUCON 2019: Peace and Healing in the Valley of the Vapors. The Southwest UU Women’s Conference this year in Hot Springs, AR, February 22-24, will be a time of community, peace, and healing for those who attend. The Keynote Speaker will be Kathy Webb, Vice-Mayor of Little Rock, AR, with music by Christine DeMeo and Cassie Lea Ford as well as Laura Lee Williard.

Eleven workshops will be presented themed around self-care in community and solitude.

For more information go to https://www.swuuw.org/conferences/2019 or contact Vicki Verinder.
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. January 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.

November topics: February topics: February 7 - The Early Earth - A Short History; February 14 - Plate Tectonics and the Earth’s Geography; February 21 - Threshold 5 - Life; February 28 - BREAK.

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The December financial summary for our operating accounts is listed below. The cumulative Net Income gap is $43.4K above budget. Next month this number will take a big hit due to lower than expected earnings from the endowment. The board has elected to request the endowment earnings be paid out to supplement the pledges in funding our operating cost. While pledges are by far the largest source of income, to the tune of 75%, we are also getting income from a few other sources. Our renters, Sai Baba, and the fundraisers (service auction and balloon festival) are usually a steady source of income. In addition, the board has the option to request the income from the endowment fund be paid out to make up for any shortfalls, or to help get us ready for other situations, like hiring a new minister.

Looking forward: We are continuing to set ourselves up to be in a good place to hire a new minister, and even be able to pay moving costs, and other required incidentals that come with hiring a new clergy member. We are getting ready to start planning for next year. Work on the 2019/2020 budget will begin very soon.

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

December’s Share the Plate netted $297.65 for Ministry Discretionary Fund. Thank you!

FREE MONEY!

**Kroger:** NOTE: It’s time to renew your Kroger Community Rewards - just follow this link: [https://www.kroger.com/communityrewards](https://www.kroger.com/communityrewards)

**Amazon.com:** Use this link for purchases: [http://smile.amazon.com/ch/75-1787256](http://smile.amazon.com/ch/75-1787256)

*The church will get a portion of all purchase amounts!*

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February

For our February 2019 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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Church Office Hours

**Monday:** church offices closed  
**Tuesday:** 9 am to 3 pm  
**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

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**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.