Service Auction

It’s getting closer! The 2019 Service Auction “It’s a Mystery” is coming Saturday, November 16. Whether you’re planning to host a table, donate items, or simply have fun attending, mark your calendar and get ready. It’s important to know we’re doing things a little differently this year! We’re asking that donors submit all items and services to the auction committee for consideration no later than Nov. 10. No items will be accepted late or last minute! There are a few reasons why:

- We need ample time to make sure the auction catalog is organized, neat, and complete.
- In past auctions we’ve had a great deal of merchandise left over after the auction- if your item(s) would be more appropriate for the rummage sale, please save them for that occasion.
- Please do not donate large appliances or furniture: we don’t have storage room for it, or for keeping it if it doesn’t sell. Transporting it becomes its own issue.
- Excess “stuff” hanging around can create safety and accessibility issues, keeping us (and our renters) from getting the best use out of our classrooms and meeting areas.

The auction committee reserves the right to turn down items that may create storage and transportation issues or that are unlikely to bring in a reasonable return to the church. If you’re unsure whether your donation would be a good fit, please ask! You can contact Sarah Reiling at reilingsarah51@gmail.com with any questions.

Here are some things to keep in mind when considering items to donate:
- Is the item new or very gently used?
- Is the item a current or classic style?
- Would you give this item as a gift?
- Would YOU want to bid on this item?

Services, events, gift certificates, and tickets don't take up much room and are

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very popular- keep your mental gears turning and work your network! Your favorite hobby can become lessons, your signature dish a delightful dinner party, and perhaps your favorite lunch spot would donate a gift certificate. You never know! **If you have additional questions or need more information, contact serviceauction@communityuuchurch.org.**

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**November, 2019 services (from front page)**

**November 10** - Please come to the church at 10:30 a.m., as usual, for an hour of singing and prayers with our friends from the Sai Center. Check the Community website for more details.

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On **November 3** at church there will be a **Message For All Ages** kicking off our **annual fund drive for the Guest At Your table program** (part of the UU Service Committee's mission). Come hear all about this vital donation project that will continue through the holiday season led by Anne Smith with help from our children and youth during the presentation.

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**Daylight Saving Time Ends Sunday, November 3.** Be sure to **turn your clocks BACK ONE HOUR** on Saturday, November 2.

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Our Share The Plate offering for November which happens **Sunday, November 24** will go to the **Plano Community Home**. Plano Community Home provides premier affordable housing and a continuum of services for low income seniors. They are in the process of building a new facility for veterans with services for them. The board meets quarterly and provides supportive assistance to the staff. If anyone is interested in this program please contact Beverly Fleming at 972-333-4566. Give generously for this great service.
**President’s Column**

November is the month for Thanksgiving and gratitude. It’s also the on-ramp to the busy holiday season. Our Church calendar is packed with activities for fun, fellowship and service.

I’d like to point out the following highlights – be sure to mark your calendars and plan to attend:

**November 3** – We have a special guest speaker, Rev. Kristen Cervantes who currently serves as Lead Pastor at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Waco. We look forward to having her in our pulpit!

**November 10** – This year, instead of the Service in the Park, we will join Satya Sai Center in their 24-hour Global Prayers for Peace (Akhanda Bhajans). We will join them from 10:30 – 11:30 am. Watch the weekly email for additional details about this special service.

**November 16** – Our Annual Service Auction! This is a fundraising event where the emphasis is on the Fun! Don’t miss out – you can participate by hosting a table, joining a friend’s table, donating a service, volunteering to help with necessary activities both before and after the event and, of course, spending generously!

**November 17** – Our Fall Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 17, the Sunday after the service auction. We have several important items to consider, including how our Church will respond to recent changes in Texas gun laws pertaining to houses of worship. The Board has decided to present options available to our Congregation, then schedule a series of Cottage Meetings before holding a vote on the issue. Please plan to attend the service (Edwin Robinson is the speaker!) and stay afterward for the meeting.

We all have much to be thankful for, and a feeling of gratitude can anchor us through the hectic holiday season. How will you participate in this month of thanksgiving?

Blessings, Kimberly Schramm

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**October Board of Trustee Highlights**

- Service Auction - Plan to get new software to manage auction.
- Two applicants interested working with us part-time
- Fall Congregational meeting – Nov 17th (day after Service Auction).
- Website functional and getting feedback from members/friends. Need more volunteers to work on website team.
- Board approved use of a 15-passenger rental van for use transporting youth to rallies this church year.
- We are looking into electronic access for exterior doors.
Simple Living Chalice Circle
The next meeting will be Saturday morning November 9 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, November 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.

The Church office will be closed Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29.

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

November 8 - “Bohemian Rhapsody”.

November - 22 - “Princess Bride”.

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: November 19, 2019
Location: Nancy Barlow home. Contact Nancy by Friday, November 15.
Selection: My Beloved World by Sonia Sotomayer
The first Hispanic and third woman appointed to the United States Supreme Court, Sonia Sotomayor has become an instant American icon. Now, with a candor and intimacy never undertaken by a sitting Justice, she recounts her life from a Bronx housing project to the federal bench, a journey that offers an inspiring testament to her own extraordinary determination and the power of believing in oneself. From Amazon Review:

Deadline for the December newsletter is Friday, November 15.
Email articles to newsletter@communityuuchurch.org.
Social Action

What’s New in the Community Garden?

Now that some cooler days have finally arrived, the garden area is even more welcoming to our gardeners and visitors. One of the delights at Community Harvest Garden is watching for various migrating birds and butterflies. Many will make a stopover at the garden, and it’s fun to identify the visiting species. On your visit, see if you can find the abandoned bird’s nest under the grape arbor and look for our new resident chickens!  (Hint: Northeast corner of garden, down the hill toward the tomato cages and behind the tree).

Fall crops are flourishing. Try to identify the cilantro, broccoli, cabbage, radishes, snap peas, kale, turnips and beans! We are happy to announce there are several plots available for adoption. And we can provide a mentor for you if you are new to gardening and would like some assistance. If you have considered joining (or rejoining) our happy group of gardeners, now is the time! For more information, please contact Deb Bliss at harvest@communitychurch.org.

Barron Elementary School Opportunities

Many thanks to all the other volunteers who have spent service hours in the school library and in the teacher resource/workroom so far this year. If you would like to become a volunteer at Barron, you must pick up an application form in the church foyer and/or email the two counselors at Barron in order to be approved. The counselors are Veronica Carreno (Veronica.Carreno@pisd.edu) or Maria Duvall (maria.duvall@pisd.edu) and would both love to have more volunteers working with them and the students at Barron. Anne Smith, coordinator for CUUC at Barron.

We deposited the latest gathering of health and school supplies to Barron and will continue collecting these items for the school: hand wipes, hand sanitizers (alcohol-based only), Kleenex/tissues, and plastic bags from sandwich to quart to gallon sized ones. Also in the Social Action alcove across from the drinking fountains there is a box to collect box tops that will be given to the school personnel.

Barron’s Fall Festival is set for Thursday night November 14th from 5:30-7:30pm at Barron Elementary School. The school could use help with setting up the stalls and displays for this event from 3-5pm that day. They also may need some cupcakes to give out for their cake walk. Please let me know if you can help out that day! Anne Smith.
**UBARU News**

**Murder Mystery Weekend**

**November 8-10, 2019**

Weekend includes solving a murder, games, costumes, good and fun! Cost is $110 until Oct 6, 2019. ($130 per person through Nov 5). For full information and to register visit [https://ubaru.org/home](https://ubaru.org/home), or contact Bill Daffinee.

**Winter Family Camp**

**December 27-30, 2019**

This camp will be featuring Rev. Skwarek as the chaplain. Details, registration and more can be found at [https://ubaru.org/home/](https://ubaru.org/home/).

UBarU Camp & Retreat Center, in the beautiful Texas Hill Country, is pleased to announce the accomplishments of the recent Capital Campaign. Our primary goals of the recent campaign were to expand the long-term capacity of the UBarU infrastructure to continue to host diverse groups of visitors over the long term and to improve the usefulness of the facilities for all guests.

We have accomplished these in several important ways. First, we have successfully expanded the septic capacity of the basic campus and improved the driving access to the recently added Youth Observatory and Ham Radio Shack. Second, we have expanded the meeting and break-out space available for camps and retreats by enclosing and air-conditioning the formerly open patio at the south end of the Rev. Dwight and Marie Brown Center. Third, we have improved the accessibility of the core campus by providing a two-space accessible parking pad and adjoining ramp to the Meeting House and mostly-shaded walkway to the fire circle including a pad suitable for wheelchairs or walkers.

While we accessed a number of funding sources for these projects, we are especially grateful to the contributors of the 2018-2019 UBARU Capital campaign for septic and meeting space expansion, to a Foundation in San Antonio for funds for road improvements adjacent to the Youth Observatory and to the many UU Congregations, Fellowships and generous individuals who contributed to UUA Southern District’s Chalice Lighters campaign for funding the accessibility improvements.

We are personally grateful to the generous donors to the Capital Campaign and wish to remind you that we will be installing a number of ceramic tiles to acknowledge your gifts. Please consult [http://ubaru.org/home/tileProgram](http://ubaru.org/home/tileProgram) to see the details associated with securing a personalized commemorative tile at no additional cost to you.

While we celebrate these recent accomplishments and milestones, we have not relented in our vision to continue to expand and improve the facilities at UBarU. Still on our radar are upgrading the water well nourishing the entire property, expanded lodging for couples and families, and adding an amphitheater for open air artistic performances under the Hill Country skies.

We appreciate your recent support and look forward to your continued, ongoing support in accomplishing these goals. One of the primary ways we receive ongoing support is through annual Membership with UBarU. Please join us today or renew your annual membership at [https://ubaru.org/home/MembersOfUBarU](https://ubaru.org/home/MembersOfUBarU).

Thank you for being a member of the UBarU community.
Community Unitarian Universalist Church
Fall Congregational Meeting
Sunday, November 17, 2019
12:00 pm to 1:45 pm

Agenda

I. Call to order and Chalice Lighting    Kimberly Schramm, President
II. Quorum Verification    Jodie Zoeller-Bloom, Secretary
III. Adoption of Process

No person may speak for more than 3 minutes on any one item
No person may speak more than once on any item as long as anyone else wishes to speak
After the initial presentation, debate time for each item shall be 15 minutes. After 15 minutes, the question will be called unless a motion is made to extend the debate another 10 minutes.
A majority vote will determine if debate will be extended.

Vote on Minutes from Annual Congregational Meeting held May 19, 2019

President’s Report    Kimberly Schramm
Financial Report    Cindy Hadden
Religious Education Report    Brennan Haden
Facilities Report    Tom Brikowski
Extinguish Chalice    Kimberly Schramm

Saturday Yoga
A Yoga class happens on Saturday at 11am in the sanctuary. The class is led by Kassandra Bursch- Gupta, Certified Hatha Yoga Instructor, and therapeutic yoga teacher from Baylor Scott & White Hospital in Frisco. It is a low intensity, relaxing beginner’s yoga class. Donations accepted.
Crafty UUs Fellowship Night

A group is meeting at the Church, **Crafty UUs Fellowship Night.** We meet in Founders Hall the first and third Tuesday evenings of every month from 6 – 9. This is an outreach activity, open to members and nonmembers alike. Friends are always welcome. Bring your current project, a snack to share and perhaps, a friend for unstructured and chatty fellowship. **For more information, please contact Katey Eubanks at katey.communityuu@gmail.com or join us on Facebook@craftyUUs.**

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**
Tibetan Buddhism – 7pm – in the sanctuary. Meditation and Mind Training. Please join us for guided meditation and a skillful approach to developing mental peace and clarity. **Facilitated by the Ven. Tashi Nyima.**

**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. **November topics: TBD.**

Exploring the Roots of Religion in Room G at 7pm. Facilitator Don Fielding. Big History: The Big Bang, Life on Earth and the Rise of Humanity. November topics: Nov. 7 - The 20th Century; Nov. 14th The World That the Modern Revolution Made; Nov. 21st - Human History and the Biosphere; Nov. 28 - THANKSGIVING.

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President – Brennan Hadden  Members: Jack Dorman, Eric Schnurr and Angela Hathaway.
Finance Report by Cindy Hadden Treasurer

The September financial summary for our operating accounts is listed below. September did not see much excitement. The church had tried to replace the floor in classroom C, but because of an issue with how level the floor was, the building materials (shown under facilities and grounds) have been returned, and we will see a full refund in October.

Balloon Festival Fund Raiser: The fund raiser we ran in September, providing parking for the balloon festival, was a great success. We earned gross just over $4K. When we sold a portion of our land a couple of years back, we knew we had reduced our ability to park cars. We just didn't quite know how much, as the event rained out last year. This year was probably a good measure of our parking capacity unlike last year due to rain. Therefore I will be reducing the amount budgeted for this event to $4K in the future.

### 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.

September’s Share the Plate netted $277.50 for Minister’s Discretionary Fund. Thank you!

FREE MONEY!

**Kroger:** NOTE: It’s time to renew you 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!*

### INCOME & EXPENSE September, 2019

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November

For our November 2019 calendar, go to our website at:
CommunityUUCchurch.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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Monday: church offices closed  
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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.