Side with Love: Special Guest Rev. Mark Kiyimba

This October, Community Church welcomes a guest from the other side of the globe: the Rev. Mark Kiyimba, a Unitarian Universalist minister who founded the UU Church of Kampala, Uganda. He will join us for worship services on Sunday, October 13, to discuss his work advocating for human rights, fighting discriminatory legislation, and supporting the community at large: among its works, the UU Church of Kampala runs an orphanage and school for children living with HIV/AIDS.

The Rev. Kiyimba was a staunch opponent of Uganda’s anti-homosexuality bill, organizing conferences and protests while traveling the world to gain support for his efforts. Even though the Ugandan law was passed but eventually repealed, the LGBTQ community still faces severe prejudice today and homosexuality remains a crime, punishable by life in prison. These harsh attitudes stem in part from past efforts by American evangelicals with a vision to stamp out homosexuality worldwide, who sowed devastating seeds of hatred against the community in Uganda.

Rev. Kiyimba will also be on hand to host a free screening of the documentary God Loves Uganda on Saturday, October 12 at 8pm in our Sanctuary. The film tells the story of the American Christian Right’s efforts to spread conservative values in Africa, including anti-LGBTQ beliefs. Members, friends, and the community are invited, but be aware the film is not appropriate for all ages.

Please join us in giving a warm UU welcome to Reverend Kiyimba!
Service Auction

Save the date! **Saturday, November 16** is our annual service auction. It’s not just a fundraiser, it’s a party! Join us for an evening of fun and fellowship while you bid on goods, events, and services donated by members and the community, in both live and silent auctions. Your ticket price includes dinner!

Get your creative juices flowing now for table ideas, because our theme this year is “It’s a Mystery”! Perhaps you’re an Agatha Christie fan with a table of witnesses and suspects, or an aspiring Sam Spade surrounding by hard boiled toughs and dubious dames. Maybe the mysteries of life, the universe, and everything that intrigues you- what lies beyond the edge of our solar system? What lurks in the murky unexplored depths of the oceans? Who or what awaits us in the afterlife? What are they hiding at Area 51?

There are many ways to support this event: donate goods and services, host a table, help with planning and setup, number-crunching, and more. If you’d like to get involved, please contact Sarah Reiling- this is our biggest fundraiser of the year and it takes many hands to make magic!

COMING SOON: Our new and improved CUUC website! The web guru and team have been hard at work updating and upgrading our church website. Stay tuned for more details on our “go live” date and watch your emails for important information on what’s new and different.

Our Share The Plate offering for October goes to the Meals on Wheels Fund and the time is critical. They just learned they have had severe funding cuts and will have to cut 38,005 meals in the coming months if they cannot raise additional funds. This service helps so many housebound members of our community with food and human contact. Social Action will match dollar for dollar the Share the Plate contributions to help this very worthy Program. Please be generous. Thank you. **Half of the collection on Sunday, October 27 will go to this fund.** You can also donate to this cause all month long via the CUUC web page by selecting the Share the Plate option. You can make a directed donation at any time by writing “Share the Plate” in the memo line of your check.

**Daylight Saving Time Ends Sunday, November 3. Be sure to turn your clocks BACK ONR HOUR on Saturday, November 2.**
President’s Column

It's with excitement that I write this month's Presidents Letter!

At Community UU, we have much to celebrate as we move seamlessly from the Dog Days of summer to the cooler nights and shorter days of autumn.

First of all, the Plano Balloon Festival was a success! In its 40th year, the Balloon Festival is a major fundraiser for our church. This year, we had a capable team of both seasoned and new volunteers who welcomed our "customers" collected the parking fee, sold water, directed traffic and provided the support needed for this important fundraising event. As Immediate Past President, Sarah Reiling was the lead in recruiting volunteers and working with Dick Hildenbrand and Bill Daffinee on everything that happened behind the scenes to make the event a financial success and an opportunity for service for our volunteers. Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make the event a success.

With the Balloon Festival over, it means that the Service Auction is almost here. Mark your calendars for November 16 for “It's a Mystery!” Be prepared for an evening of food, fun and fellowship and come prepared to shop for services and solve mysteries!

The second weekend in October, we will welcome a very special guest, Reverend Mark Kiyimba, Senior Minister for the Unitarian Church of Uganda. Reverend Kiyimba was with our congregation in 2011, and we are all looking forward to his visit. In addition to the Sunday service on October 13, there will be a special Movie Night on Saturday, October 12 featuring God Loves Uganda. The movie describes how American evangelicals and missionaries created and fueled anti-LGBT fervor in Uganda, by making it a crime punishable by life imprisonment to be gay or lesbian. Reverend Kiyimba will lead a discussion after the movie.

While the movie is not suitable for young children (child care will be provided), it represents an opportunity to learn about and discuss an important issue around social justice and would be suitable for older teens. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Elena Westbrook at elena@enerjazz.com.

Last, but not least, the Fall Camp Out is October 18-20 at Tyler State Park.

In addition to planning and/or participating in all these Fall events, the Board is reigniting the search for a Minister, Director of Religious Education and a part-time Membership Coordinator.

There are so many opportunities to be involved in all of these Fall happenings, from donating services for the auction, hosting a table, volunteering for set-up and clean-up or simply showing up to have a good time. How will you participate? Blessings, Kimberly Schramm
October, 2019

Simple Living Chalice Circle
The next meeting will be
Saturday morning October 12
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, October 19 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 membcomchair@communityuuchurch.org.

The Men’s Fellowship
Breakfast is Saturday, October
19, 8:30am at Poor Richard’s
Café, 2442 K Avenue, Plano, TX
75074. If you plan to attend,
please let Tom Bieg know
by 6pm Friday, October 18.

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

October 11 - There will be the
music videos of Elton John -
Rocket Man.

October 18 - Queen- Freddy
Mercury - Bohemian Rhapsody.

Worship in the Park will be
Sunday, November 10.

Fall Campout, is just around the
corner. Please join us, for a meal,
a night, or for the weekend, at
Tyler State Park, October 18-20,
2019. If you haven’t been to one
of our campouts, learn more by
following this link https://
www.communityuuchurch.org/
pages/outdoor_adventure. Cost
of a shelter for the weekend is $60,
payment does not include $5 park
entrance fee per day for persons
over 13 years of age. You will pay
that directly to the park upon
arrival. Cost of breakfast is $3 per
head/per morning. Dinners are
potluck and everyone is invited to
participate. Members of other
NTUUC congregations are also
invited to attend. Please pay as
promptly as you can. For more
information, please contact
either Katey Eubanks or Dick
Hildenbrand.

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 15, 2019

Location: Pam Reinke-Walters
home. Contact Pam by Friday, Oct
11 if you plan to attend.

Selection: Homegoing: A
Novel by Yaa Gyasi

The unforgettable New York Times
best seller begins with the story of two
half-sisters, separated by forces beyond
their control: one sold into slavery, the
other married to a British slaver.
Written with tremendous sweep and
power, Homegoing traces the
generations of family who follow, as
their destinies lead them through two
continents and three hundred years of
history, each life indelibly drawn, as the
legacy of slavery is fully revealed in
light of the present day.

Deadline for the
November newsletter is Friday,
October 18. Email
articles to
newsletter@communityuu
church.org.
Social Action

What's New in the Community Garden?

Late summer and fall brings more visitors to our butterfly preserve. Many flowers in our garden are pollinators for butterflies such as Greg’s mist, Lantana, Zinnias, flame Acanthus, carrots, fennel, Echinacea, Cosmos and butterfly bush. Black swallowtails love fennel, dill and parsley. Monarchs need at least a couple of varieties of native milkweed plants (not tropical milkweed). Eating the milkweed makes the Monarch caterpillars distasteful to the birds while the butterflies like the nectar of the plant. They will only lay their eggs on milkweed.

Christina Hill has shared some advice for anyone wishing to cultivate and support butterflies in their gardens: “Please keep in mind that when you plant pollinator and host plants for the butterflies they will get eaten. Don't dismay. This is a good thing. You have contributed to the food chain and biodiversity. You might consider making half the grass area of your yard a native plant garden with a variety of pollinator plants. It's important to have a variety of plants that flower at different times from spring until fall.”

Please take the time to visit your Community Garden. It is a contemplative and peaceful place to observe the changing of the seasons and the diversity of life. For more information, please contact Deb Bliss at harvest@communitychurch.org.

Barron Elementary School Opportunities

In September we had three mentors/tutors attend the counselor’s meeting at Barron Elementary School and shortly we will begin visiting our mentees at the school this year. 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.

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.

Immigration Support

The Law Center has a stable stock of Welcome Kits and a second group of immigrants has been located. The Human Rights Initiative of North Texas has an increased volume of new immigrants from the border and is in need of personal hygiene products for them. Bill Holston is the Executive Director of HRI and has been one of our favorite guest speakers. Our donation was delivered September 27.
UBARU News

Women’s Fall Retreat
October 11-13, 2019

This is a weekend to recharge your body, mind and spirit in the companionship of other Unitarian Universalist women, to sing, dance, meditate, write, draw, read, talk, hike our gorgeous 142 acre campus, walk the UB&U labyrinth, lounge on the Meeting House porch or do just what your spirit needs. This is a weekend free from compulsory workshops and classes, although opportunities for worship, spiritual practices, and other group experiences will be offered. Rev. Addae A. Kraba Minister from UU New Braunfels will be our chaplain again.

Men’s Fall Retreat
October 25-27, 2019

We will begin gathering Friday afternoon to share an evening meal and end mid-morning Sunday. Activities may include poker playing, volunteer projects, music, hiking around UB&U’s beautiful rugged 142 acres, and fellowship. As anyone who has attended one of these retreats during the past decade will tell you, the event offers a pleasant, relaxing time to unwind and just get away for a couple of days while enjoying fellowship with other men Look at UB&U.org for more details.

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, or contact bill daffinee@972-985-0486, wrdaffinee@aol.com.

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/.

UB&U Capital Campaign update. The enclosing of the end of the Brown Center is underway and near completion. With this additional meeting space for use at all events, we hope to facilitate opportunities for sharing, for community and for connection. Your generosity is very much appreciated and the campaign is ongoing as we move into the final phase. http://ubaru.org/home/InfrastructureCapitalCampaign.

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UBarU Board President—Michael West
Michael West joined the UBarU Board in the summer of 2012. He’s been committed to the success of the Camp and Retreat Center since his first visit many years ago. He’s attended many Central Texas Men’s Fellowship Retreats and lopped many a cedar over the years. He recently began a project to digitally identify the vast array of wildlife species at UBarU. Michael and his wife, Lynda, are long-time members of the First UU Church of Austin, having served on FUUCA Board of Trustees from 2009-11. Michael is retired from the Texas Department of Agriculture where he served as Rural Economic Development Finance Programs Coordinator. Michael follows the Texas Economic Development Council and holds BA and MA degrees in Economics from the University of Texas at Austin. He and his wife have an amazing son who graduated from St. Edward’s University and two very special Cavalier King Charles spaniels.

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.

Please join us at camp for an event, for a personal retreat, for a work weekend or for a week long camp. All are welcome!

UBarU Camp & Retreat Center
277 U - Bar - U Dr
Mountain Home, TX 78058
830 - 460 - 6002
director@ubaru.org
Think UBarU!

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.**
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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!

Will you help? There are several ways you can help. First of all, we need volunteers! We are actually looking for people to join the finance committee. You do not have to have a financial background or even understand finances. You do have to be interested in the finances, how we facilitate the running of the church, and willing to learn how it all works together. You can also help by using Amazon Smile, and linking your grocery store card to benefit the church, and each time you buy something, you help fund the church. Ask if you need help to set it up.

INCOME & EXPENSE August, 2019

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| EXPENSE                              |             |              |            |            |               |                                 |
| Administration                       | $3,171      | $4,258       | $9,792     | $12,865    | $58,227       | 16.82%                          |
| Programs                             | $2,152      | $2,401       | $6,706     | $6,853     | $33,462       | 20.04%                          |
| Religious Education                  | $541        | $5,787       | $7,541     | $18,411    | $64,326       | 11.72%                          |
| Facilities/Grounds                   | $3,768      | $6,259       | $13,358    | $14,113    | $57,004       | 23.43%                          |
| Ministry                             | $2,807      | $2,807       | $7,614     | $8,421     | $44,242       | 17.21%                          |
| Denomination                         | $1,168      | $1,810       | $1,168     | $3,620     | $18,100       | 6.45%                           |
| **TOTAL EXPENSE**                    | **$13,607** | **$23,321**  | **$46,179**| **$64,282**| **$275,361**  | **16.77%**                      |
| NET INCOME                           | $7,489      | -$2,577      | $28,685    | $12,939    | $0            |                                 |

The August financial summary for our operating accounts is listed below. August was a fairly quiet month for the church, financially. We just about made budget on income, and were some under budget on expenses, but nothing significant. The board has agreed with the finance recommendation to invest a portion of our money market balance in low risk, highly liquid investments, enabling us to receive a higher rate of return than the money market account.

**Upcoming Share the Plate Offerings**

- October 27  Minister’s Discretionary Fund
- November 24 Plano Community Home

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

August’s Share the Plate netted $321.95 for Barron Elementary School. Thank you!
For our October 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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www.uusc.org

UUA Southern Region: www.uua.org/southern

North Texas Unitarian Universalist Congregations (NTUUC):
www.ntuuc.org

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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

The Community News

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Email articles to newsletter@CommunityUUChurch.org

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