Up, Up and Away!

It's time once again for one of our biggest fundraising opportunities of the year- the Plano Balloon Festival is September 20-22! Willing hands are needed to make this year's fun festive weekend a success. Interested parties should see Sarah Reiling at church, or email her at reilingsarah51@gmail.com.

What's involved? CUUC opens up our big backyard as a designated parking area to Balloon Fest attendees. This is huge! Not only is it an infusion of external funds, it lets our neighbors know who and where we are! Volunteers work in four-hour shifts over the weekend to collect payments and direct cars. **There are busy times, such as late Saturday afternoon and evening, when we'll need extra coverage, so if you're able to pitch in, contact Sarah today.**

What's in it for me, you ask? Aside from the satisfaction of helping CUUC take in some cash, plenty! You'll get your dose of vitamin D and exceed your step goal in no time, helping guide traffic. We'll provide bottled water to keep you going. You'll potentially greet many new Plano neighbors and friends. Sign up if you're most effective working in the shade or being able to set for a spell? We need folks to take payments and make change too! If planning, organizing, or motivating volunteers is your forte, now's when you can shine! **The time will fly when you're doing good and having fun with your Community pals, so reserve your preferred shifts as soon as possible.**

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**September, 2019**

**Sunday Services**

**Theme -**

September 1 - “In Unity There Is Strength” - Guest speaker Mary “DJ” Garza, Dallas Organizer, Workers Defense Project. See page 2.

September 8 - “Annual Ingathering/Water Communion.” See page 2.


September 22 - Guest speaker - Kristian Rush

September 29 - Guest speaker - Kiya Heartway.

**Typical Sunday 10:30 - 11:45 a.m.:** Worship, Religious Education for Children and Youth, and Nursery Childcare
Sunday Services:

**September 1** - The WDP is a membership-based organization that empowers low-income workers to achieve fair employment through education, direct services, organizing and strategic partnerships.

**September 8** - All attending are offered the chance to share a small amount of water gathered from places of personal meaning during the last year, and the significance. Water is available to be shared symbolically if you do not have some of your own with you. All are welcome.

**September 15** - On Friday, September 20th, people from all around the globe are going to participate in a Global Climate Strike. These are people declaring their frustration and demanding that world leaders act. As Unitarian Universalists we are in a position to call more than 100,000 people to participate in climate action. On Sept 15th, UU Services around the world will highlight this international effort to encourage meaningful and ongoing involvement in combating this global problem. The title of our service is “House on Fire: What is Happening to Our World?“

It is important for Community Church members to know that 1% of our entire denomination- 1,500 people – showed up in NYC for the People’s Climate March in 2014. We had the 2nd largest faith contingent in the entire march even though we were likely the smallest denomination. Participation in this action is far more low-impact because it can be done right where you are. We are powerful when we are committed.

**Join us on September 15 as Tom Reid and fellow congregants present a service highlighting this world crisis.**

Our Share The Plate offering for September goes to the Minister's Discretionary Fund. Half of the collection on Sunday, September 29 will go to this fund. This fund helps many members of our congregation and the community at large. 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.
President’s Column

August has been a great month here at Community UU!

First of all, I'm happy to announce that Jodie Zoeller has come back on the Board to serve as Secretary, completing the term of Kerry Liu who has moved to Richmond.

This past Sunday, we had the Pancake Breakfast and the Blessing of the Backpacks that marks the beginning of a new school year and the winding down of summer.

Every weekend, the Community Garden volunteers are hard at work, harvesting and delivering fresh vegetables to God's Food Pantry.

This past weekend, the Board of Trustees spent all day Saturday setting three important goals for our Church. The Board is committed to serving the needs of our community by developing opportunities for people of all ages to participate in the life of the Church.

Religious leadership and education are the key to the success of our Church and our congregation. As we make our decisions about where to spend our time, talent and treasure, it is critical that we are grounded in our own Unitarian Universalist principles.

With that in mind, the Board of Trustees set our first goal as finding and hiring professional staff (minister, DRE and part-time membership coordinator). This will support our other two goals of developing a strong Religious Education program with OWL as the cornerstone and offering multi-generational family activities.

I've been in conversations with Christine Purcell, who manages transitions for the UUA, about our search. The first phase of our search will be for a Contract Minister, who will serve while we do the work necessary to find a settled minister. While the search process can seem slow, it is also a time for us to think seriously about who we are and the difference we want to make in the lives of the people we touch.

At the same time, we will be continuing the search for a Director of Religious Education. In order to help keep our Religions Education program on track in the absence of a full-time DRE, we are looking for an Administrative coordinator to support our RE volunteers in the interim.

Filling the DRE position will allow us to achieve our highly important goals of developing a strong RE program for youth and adults. A strong RE program that covers the lifespan will set a firm foundation for the continued growth of the Church to which we are all committed.

As Unitarian Universalists, we have strong curriculums of which to take advantage. The OWL program answers a need in our community. Like the name says, it's for Our Whole Lives. Your Board has a goal of cultivating an OWL program that makes this lifesaving education available for children, youth, teens and adults. To do that, we will need to recruit and train more teachers.

We are committed to having more family-friendly activities. While we have many activities with childcare provided, there is also a need for activities that include the kids. As we move in this direction, we will need input (and volunteers!) to make the program a success.

Because we already have a good Circle Supper program in place, we would like to add Multi-generational Circle Suppers to our schedule. If you are interested in participating, please contact Jodie Zoeller.

Doing good work in the world is the outward expression of our Unitarian Universalist faith. Our Church is the place we come to renew our spirits and get ourselves ready for the work we do in our world.

Blessings, Kimberly Schramm
Simple Living Chalice Circle
The next meeting will be Saturday morning September 14 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, September 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, questions and to RSVP, contact Vicki Verinder at membcom-chair@communityuuchurch.org.

The Church office will be closed Tuesday, September 3.

The Men’s Fellowship
Breakfast is Saturday, September 21, 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, September 20.

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

September 13 - The Visitor
The Visitor is a 2007 American drama film. A college professor travels to New York City to attend a conference and finds a young couple living in his apartment. The screenplay focuses on a lonely man in late middle age whose life changes when a chance encounter with an immigrant couple forces him to face issues relating to identity, immigration, and cross-cultural communication in post-9/11 New York City.

September 27 - Echo in the Canyon
Echo In the Canyon celebrates the explosion of popular music that came out of LA’s Laurel Canyon in the mid-60s as folk went electric and The Byrds, The Beach Boys, Buffalo Springfield and The Mamas and the Papas gave rise to the California sound.

We will have a CUUC and Friends Labor Day Picnic, Monday, September 2 from 2 - 6pm on Church grounds. We will need grill chiefs, servers, trash duty, decorations etc. If you would like to contribute your time, please contact Katey Eubanks via text. Please make sure to give your name when you text her. 214-909-2999.

Deadline for the October newsletter is Friday, September 20. Email articles to newsletter@communityuuchurch.org.

Connie Meints, Church secretary, will be out of the office Tuesday, September 17 thru Friday, September 20.
Social Action

What’s New in the Community Garden?

It’s time to think about fall gardening! With the temperatures hovering around 100, it’s a welcome relief to look ahead. In our gardening zone (8a or Zone III in Texas), we can plant seedlings from now through October for fall and winter harvests. Watering is essential, of course, and our garden crews are diligently watching our plots to keep them healthy. Thank you to all our harvesters in this hot weather. We are still producing! Last week’s harvest weighed in at 106 pounds, all happily delivered to God’s Food Pantry.

As our children head back to school, it’s an excellent time to bring them to the garden and let them see nature in action. Drop by any time, there are lessons everywhere! As gardeners begin to plant again, children can watch the cycles of life first hand. In our Little Free Library, there are scavenger hunt sheets and pencils. It’s a fun way for children to explore the garden! Children’s author Gail Gibbons has created several easy to understand and colorful books for young children: From Seed to Plant and The Vegetables We Eat. Up and Down by Kate Messner cleverly illustrates what happens below the ground as we watch what grows above it!

Our community gardeners welcome you to visit any time and watch our garden grow!

For more information, please contact Deb Bliss at harvest@communitychurch.org.

Barron Elementary School Opportunities

Barron Elementary School is right down the street east from our church at Parker and Ave. P and we have been part of its volunteer program for many years. Many of our church members and friends have taken on roles as tutors, mentors, librarians, and teacher resources working in the teacher workroom and we are again looking for more people to step up and be willing to join with us in this vital Social Action project. One person can also volunteer for a special event like the 5th graders camping trip, field trip, or the Fall Festival. You will need to fill out a volunteer sign-up form if this will be your first involvement and these forms will be available in the church foyer or ask Anne Smith, our Barron Coordinator (smithannenmh@gmail.com). Folks must go online to register as a volunteer at: https://oea.pisd.edu/volunteer/EntryPointHomeAction.do

Another way to help out at Barron is to donate supplies in August and September including plastic zip-lock bags of varying sizes, health supplies such as tissues, hand wipes, and hand sanitizer (alcohol-based only) for use in their classrooms. We will have a box to collect these supplies which will be in Founders Hall. Our donations help out as then teachers do not have to spend their own salary on these items. We also have a Dedicated Fund to use for purchasing these items and/or to help defray costs of our End of Year Teacher Appreciation Luncheon that we host for the staff and teachers at Barron. We also are accepting box tops that can be placed in an envelope on the bulletin board in the Social Action alcove across from the drinking fountains at Church.

So far we have collected 8 boxes of plastic sandwich bags, 3 boxes of quart size ones, and 4 boxes of gallon size ones. We also have 4 large bottles of hand sanitizer and two tiny bottles. As far as tissues go, we have 22 boxes of these and 8 small packages. And we have 11 containers of hand wipes. All of these supplies will be taken to Barron Elementary School within the next week or so as donations from our church members and friends. Many thanks! Anne Smith

Jody Reed is on dialysis and seeking a kidney transplant, hoping for a living donor. Medicare pays all surgery expenses. If anyone would like more information, they can call Jody at 972-398-1765.
**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 UBArU 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 UBArU’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 UBARU.org for more details.

**August Board of Trustee Highlights**
- Motion to appoint Jodie Zoeller as Board of Trustees Secretary to fill the term of Keary Liu, passed unanimously.
- Keys – long-term solution being pursued for electronic lock for front and back doors.
- Update on Consulting/Contract Minister Search. Discussed with Christina Purcell (UUA) the change to seek a developmental minister.
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- Balloon Festival fundraiser will be September 20-22 and Service Auction: 3rd weekend of November 16.
- New website in work with technical consultant.
- Strategic Planning workshop led by Virginia Wells.

**Save the date! Women’s Alliance Garden Party and Luncheon**
- **When:** Sunday Sept. 29 @ 1pm
- **Where:** The lovely vintage home of Jo Howser, 1410 east 15th Street, Plano
- **Bring a dish to share. Membership not required to attend.**
- **Questions contact Diana.**
First Responders’ Day

Every year on First Responders' Day which is 9/11, CUUC along with The Dallas Sai Center delivers containers of treats to our First Responders to let them know they are appreciated. Last year we delivered to 70 plus Fire Houses, Police Stations and a 911 Call Center in the area.

This year there is a change: We will be packing the containers on Saturday, Sept 7 at 10 am in Founders Hall. It takes about an hour. Drivers can choose to deliver their baskets on Saturday, Sept 7 or Sunday, Sept 8. We hope that packing and delivering on a week end, will enable more individuals and families to get involved with helping and deliveries.

How can you participate? We need lots of baked treats to put in our containers, people to help assemble the “goodie” containers and drivers to deliver them. This is our 11th year showing our support for our First Responders and it is a lot of fun!! Items to bring: Cookies, brownies, bar cookies, chips, pretzels, dried fruits, nuts, trail mixes, granola bars, fruit, candy. Homemade items are the best! Please nothing that needs refrigeration.

Thank you cards to put in the baskets are always appreciated too. A fun project for the family is to sit down and create one or several thank you cards. The First Responders enjoy reading them!!

Please bring all food to Founders Hall before 10am on Saturday, Sept 7. If your donations are not perishable, there will be 2 large boxes in Founders Hall starting August 17 for donations.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Barb Salvo. First ones to sign up to deliver will get the location(s) of their choosing!! This is an opportunity to take the kids to a firehouse. They might get a tour!

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.

CIRCLE SUPPERS is in full swing for the Fall session. We meet the 2nd Saturday of each month for dinner and try to keep about 8 to 10 people in each dinner group. Each month we email all the people who signed up for CIRCLE SUPPERS to see who would like to attend this month and to see who might be available to host. The guests meet at the host’s home. The host provides the main dish and each guest brings an additional dish or drinks. If you are new to our church this is a great way to meet some new folks. It is OK to sign up even if your situation doesn’t allow you to be a host. Out next dinner will be September 14. To sign up just send an email to Circlesuppers@communityUUchurch.org and give your name (or names) and email and a phone number.
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 or join us on Facebook@craftyUUs.**
Finance Report by Cindy Hadden Treasurer

The July financial summary for our operating accounts is listed below. The cumulative Net Income gap is $5.7K above budget. The stewardship committee has provided us with projected pledge income based on the schedules pledges are being paid. The only thing that has changed are the budget numbers within the year. Totals and actual numbers have not changed! But if this month's numbers do not seem to correspond to last month's, that is probably why, and I am happy to provide you with updated financial statements for last month. Just ask.

How can 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 July, 2019

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| EXPENSE                       |           |              |            |            |               |                                |
| Administration                | $3,169    | $4,208       | $6,621     | $8,608     | $58,227       | 11.37%                         |
| Programs                      | $2,226    | $2,126       | $4,554     | $4,452     | $33,462       | 13.61%                         |
| Religious Education           | $3,500    | $6,537       | $7,000     | $12,624    | $64,326       | 10.88%                         |
| Facilities/Grounds            | $5,929    | $3,989       | $9,590     | $7,854     | $57,004       | 16.82%                         |
| Ministry                      | $2,807    | $2,807       | $4,807     | $5,614     | $44,242       | 10.87%                         |
| Denomination                  | $0        | $1,810       | $0         | $1,810     | $18,100       | 0.00%                          |
| TOTAL EXPENSE                 | $17,631   | $21,477      | $32,571    | $40,961    | $275,361      | 11.83%                         |
| NET INCOME                    | $3,288    | -$5,119      | $21,195    | $15,516    | $0            |                                |

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.

July’s Share the Plate netted $268 for God’s Food Pantry. Thank you!

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!
For our September 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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Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC):
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UUA Southern Region: www.uua.org/southern

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

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

Church Secretary Connie Meints.
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Friday 9am to noon.
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