



# The COMMUNITY News

Community Unitarian Universalist Church of Plano

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### Typical Sunday

- **9:15 a.m.**  
Inquirer's Class  
(1st Sunday of each month)
- **10:30 - 11:45 a.m.**  
Worship  
Religious Education for Youth; Nursery Childcare

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**Congregational Meeting, Sunday May 23rd following worship service.**

## Getting to Know Kathy Smith, Our New Director of Religious Education

*After a long and thorough search process, the Board of Trustees hired Ms. Kathy Smith to be the new, full-time Director of Religious Education (DRE) for Community UU Church. Kathy will begin her duties officially on June 1st, but she is already attending meetings and getting to know us better. Please read her introduction below to start getting to know her too.*

Hello, Community UU Church! I've been asked to write a short bio to introduce myself to you. This is always such a daunting task, even for someone who's a proven extrovert! I find myself musing over what to put in, what to leave out. While I'm sure that some people might be interested to learn that I'm a proud servant to two demanding cats, the lifelong owner of a well-loved baby grand piano, the mother of three grown children, and a lover of books old and new ... are those tidbits the sort of thing everyone really wants to know?

More relevant, perhaps, are the details about how I see myself theologically, spiritually, in the context of a religious community. When asked, I generally say, "theologically, I'm a proud Unitarian Universalist – no hyphens here." In the twenty years I have been a UU, I have become more committed to this faith with each passing year. I believe I have found my passion in working with young people in religious community, to encourage and inspire them to their best and highest selves, to nurture and sustain a community of all ages where ministry and faith development infuse everything we do. We have a faith that is life-changing and life-renewing, and we need to share it with our children and youth.

As a lay leader in various communities, I have taught Coming of Age classes, been a youth advisor and a worship associate, led children's choirs, trained teachers and advisors, and staffed camps and conferences. Professionally, I have worked as the

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## May Sunday Services

**May 2, 2010 - "Stories from our Faith" Ministerial Intern, Pamela Wat.**

**May 9, 2010 -, "Annual Multigenerational Flower Communion Service", Please bring fresh flowers to share in the service. Rev. Patrick Price and Pamela Wat, ministerial intern.**

**May 16, 2010 - "Expect A Miracle", Rev. Patrick Price.**

**May 23, 2010 - "What Is Worship?", Rev. Patrick Price. Religious Education Volunteer Appreciation; Congregational Annual Meeting Following worship.**

**May 30, 2010- "SOLE Food: Enjoying Food that is Sustainable, Organic, Local and Ethical.", Ministerial Intern, Pamela Wat.**

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## Patrick's Ponderings

## ..... "Change and Renewal"

Well, the weather has definitely changed. We can now enjoy a North Texas springtime aware that temperatures will soon start their rise toward summertime highs.

There are also seasonal changes in our lives as a congregation happening on a variety of cycles.

The congregation has just completed hosting a very successful district annual conference. The last one Community Church hosted was nearly a decade ago

In May we are completing our annual Stewardship Budget Drive. Thank you for giving generously. At our annual congregational meeting on May 23<sup>rd</sup> we will elect new officers to serve the congregation and authorize the congregation's budget for the next fiscal year. The Board of Trustees is working with me to get plans in place for my four (4) month sabbatical for rest and renewal next winter. More information on this will be coming soon. And in June we will start saying "goodbye" to Pamela Wat as our Ministerial Intern even as we begin working with Kathy Smith as our new full-time Director of Religious Education.

Change and renewal are the spirits of this season. That is the shape of the transitions in our lives. These processes are going on continuously in our lives. As humankind once knew and celebrated more, these same rhythms put us to sleep at night and wake us in the morning after a dark time full of half-remembered and enigmatic clues. They take us though the year, around to an ending which opens out onto a new beginning. Even now the season anticipates changes as the warm sparks of spring are being fanned into the heat of summer. And so it is with our lives -- a dozen little endings, some hardly noticed in our day-to-day rush, which plunge us into little wildernesses; a dozen little beginnings, taking shape in the confusion and emerging unexpectedly into clearer form of renewed life.

May we embrace the possibilities of the changes in our lives, and may your life be full of renewal. Blessings, Patrick

## Getting to Know Kathy Smith, Our New Director of Religious Education

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Coordinator of Youth Activities for the Joseph Priestley District of the UUA and most recently as the Director of Religious Education for Children and Youth at First Jefferson UU Church. I am looking forward to engaging with you all in the religious education ministry of Community Church. Over the coming months, if you have any questions or wish to talk to me, please feel free to contact me by email at dre@communityuuchurch.org or call my cell at 443-668-1336. It is good to anticipate being "in Community" with you.

In faith,  
Kathy

**The President's Corner****Sarah Reiling**

When I first came to Community Church, the only things I knew about Unitarian Universalism I had learned on the UUA website a few days before. It will be 8 years this summer since I first walked through the Sanctuary door. I found acceptance here and a faith that teaches the worth and dignity of all people. I know I am not the only person that came here seeking a faith that is relevant in their life. I know because for the last few years I have been one of the facilitators for the inquirer's class. Many of the people that come to the class tell me that Community Church is the place they have been searching for.

How can I repay all that Community UU Church has given me? The best way I know is to increase my pledge. I did some soul searching and have decided to raise my pledge this year by 15%. Yes, this will mean I have to give up something. I decided that I could give up one lunch out of every week and use that money to increase my pledge. It is a small sacrifice to make compared to all this church has given me.

What about you? Is Community Church the place you go when you need to be uplifted? Is it the place you go for solace. Is it the place you go when you want to make a difference in the world? How much is it worth to be the church that people are searching for? How much is having a wonderful church like Community UU right here in Collin County worth to you?

I hope that you will do some soul searching and decide that you can make a small sacrifice and increase your pledge.

Peace and justice,

Sarah

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Community UU Board of Trustees meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in Founders Hall. Members, friends and visitors are always welcome.

**North Texas Association of Unitarian Universalist Societies (NTAUUS)**

**CUUC Representatives**

Barbara Kostreva  
 Celeste Kennedy

**Literary Ladies Book Club**

On **May 11** we will discuss **The Sea of Cortez** by John Steinbeck. The Sea of Cortez was published in the fall of 1941 and promptly forgotten when Pearl Harbor was struck. A decade later Steinbeck added another section, a moving and often hilarious appreciation of his friend Ed Ricketts. We will meet at **7 p.m.** at the home of **Valerie Gomes**. **Contact Valerie by May 7 at vgomeshome@aol.com if you plan to attend.**

This group meets the second Tuesday of each month and welcomes women members and friends of Community UU Church. The **June selection is Louise Erdrich's The Plague of Doves** which is a set of stories centered around the town of Pluto, North Dakota and its neighboring Ojibwa reservation and covering the span of just over a century. In 1911, a family is murdered in Pluto with the only survivor being an infant, and a group of Indians is falsely accused of the crime and lynched. Over the generations, marriages between the whites and Indians intertwine the lives of the two communities. Evelina Harp is descended from both one of the Indians who were lynched and one of the white men who did the lynching. She goes in search of stories in an attempt to understand the murder whose ramifications still rumble through the lives of the people in Pluto.

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**Pamela's Page****Pamela Wat**

When I was a chaplain resident in Delaware, one of the other chaplain residents, a Reformed Jewish Rabbi-in-training, had a ring with the Hebrew words, "רובעי הזמג" (Gam Zeh Yaavor) engraved on it. We asked him what it meant. As Jewish Rabbi's often seem to do when faced with a question, he told us a story. It went something like this:

One day King Solomon asked his minister to bring him a magic ring. Its power is that if someone is happy and they look at it, it will make them sad. If someone is sad and they look at it, it will make them happy. Solomon did not believe such a ring existed, but he wanted to humble the minister. After many months of searching the minister finally found the ring which had those Hebrew words (רובעי הזמג) engraved on it. He brought it back to King Solomon. The King was in good spirits, proud of his cleverness in tricking the minister, when the minister presented him with the ring. The King read the engraving which translates as "this too shall pass." He suddenly became sad realizing that his power and riches would one day be nothing.

As I enter this time of intense transition in my life, these words keep coming to me. "This too shall pass" And sometimes it makes me shift from sad to happy; and sometimes it makes me shift from happy to sad. When I am juggling the tasks of the internship, job searching and wedding planning, I often think, "this too shall pass." I will soon enough be married and settled in a job. Sometimes as I am getting used to having a step-daughter, and my stepdaughter is getting used to having a stepmother, I think "this too shall pass." One day the awkwardness of our new family dynamics will be behind us and it will be hard to remember life before we were a family. Other times in my day, when I am enjoying the many fun projects I have as your intern, I remember these words, "this too shall pass." I suddenly remember that we have less than two months more together and soon I will be finished with all these fun projects. When I am engaged in conversations with each of you, or listening to the beautiful music in church, or when I received your generous collection on Easter Sunday to support my internship, and when I am soaking in all the many ways you minister to me, I remember "this too shall pass." I feel a wave of sadness come over me as I think about how our time together is coming to a close.

Transitions are this strange mix of anticipation and loss. Coming and going. Through these transitions I have been finding comfort in the stable cycles of nature. I watch butterflies flitting about the yard who don't seem the least bit concerned that "this too shall pass" and I don't imagine that even in their cocoons they are biding their time until they can stretch their wings in the spring air. My prayer for each of us is that we can be present in each moment, ever aware of how precious our lives are.

**CONNECTING TO COMMUNITY WITH COMMITMENT**

These have been a busy few months for the Stewardship Committee. We have conducted our Annual Budget Drive and, as we go to press, we have raised \$198,356 towards our annual budget to date with 105 pledges reported. Thank you to everyone who has already made a financial commitment. We now face a big challenge. Our proposed budget requires a pledged offering of \$230,000 to meet expenses this coming fiscal year. That leaves us with over a \$30,000 shortfall. In the coming weeks as we work to close the gap, we will need your support.

As visiting stewards, it has been a privilege for us to meet with so many of you to hear about the importance of this community in your lives. We also heard stories of financial struggle that these tough economic times have created for many of you. We recognize that unemployment or underemployment, retirement and other situations have made it difficult for some to pledge as they have in previous years. As we enter the final stretch of our Annual Budget Drive, we ask those who are in a position to financially support our community to do so. It takes a community to support a community.

Members of the Stewardship Team will be in the foyer and the entrance to Fellowship Hall after Sunday services in May to distribute and accept commitment forms. If you have not pledged, now is the time to connect to community with your commitment. If you have already made a commitment, please consider whether you can dig a little deeper to help close the budget gap. As they say, give till it feels good. You can't go wrong.

June Bruns

Stewardship Chair

**SWUUSI,**

The Southwestern UU Summer Institute, our district's multigenerational family camp, is available at [www.swuuc.org/swuusi](http://www.swuuc.org/swuusi). SWUUSI 2010 will be held at Western Hills Guest Ranch, near Tahlequah, OK, August 1-6. Come hear the Rev. Susan Smith and Connie Goodbread as they lead us through a deeper exploration of Unitarian Universalism. Sunset talks will be presented by the Rev. Aaron White of First Unitarian Church of Dallas. Artist-in-Residence Nick Page will offer workshops and performances for all. Visit his website, [www.nickmusic.org](http://www.nickmusic.org), to hear some of his inspirational music.

**"For everyone's safety, children must be directly supervised by parents or guardians while using the playground."**

**Social Action Programs**

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Dan Dodd  
Linda Frank  
Co-Chairs

Community Harvest Garden

Samaritan Inn (Monthly dinner)

Plano Make a Difference Day

Plano Food Pantries

CROP Walk

MLK Celebration

Hong Kong Partner Church

Dallas Area Interfaith

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**REactions!!****Updates - Announcements - News  
What's Going On For Children & Youth**

**Summer Fun!** Your RE Board has been getting ready for summer! We know there are a lot of jealous wanna-be teachers out there who have been just itching for a chance to spend some time with our amazing youth. Never fear, sign up sheets are on their way to Founders Hall! Keep your eyes peeled throughout May for chances to spend time in the classroom. If you don't want to wait for Sunday to sign up, check out this link to Volunteer Spot, our online sign up system: <http://www.volunteerspot.com/login/entry/32-623490368122>. Every Sunday in May, an RE board member will be in Founder's Hall after service to welcome volunteers. The first six volunteers (two for each class) to sign up each week are our big winners – the tentative curriculums look fantastic – check out your options:

- Dr. Seuss: Pre-K through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade
- Celebrating Rainforest: 4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade
- Popcorn Theology: 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade

Our RE Board excitedly anticipates our **new DRE, Kathy Smith**, joining us in June. Ms. Smith will join us for our May RE Board meeting to begin planning for her arrival. Until she is on board the Religious Education Board members have assumed some of the operating DRE duties as in reminders to teachers as to his/her schedule, purchasing supplies, and follow-ups with teachers and families as needed. In addition, these same Religious Education Board members have agreed to be Acting Director on Sunday mornings along with some Board of Trustees members in order to maintain and assure continuity during the next month until our full-time new Director of Religious Education is in charge. The Religious Education Board members and their class affiliation are as follows:

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| Preschool/Kindergarten                               | Anne Smith      |
| Spirit Play(1 <sup>st</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> grades) | Amy Dessert     |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> grades              | Sally West      |
| Junior High(6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> )       | John Gallant    |
| Senior High(9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> )      | Wendy Hanenburg |

If anyone has questions or concerns please contact the Religious Education Board member in charge of your child's class from the list above. Each classroom should have a posted list of who is Acting Director each Sunday. Church school teachers need to inform the person listed above if you are unable to teach any given Sunday as previously scheduled at our January teacher meeting as those persons will be securing substitutes for you.

**Summer Camp at U-Bar-U Retreat!**

Online registration is now available for the Southwest UU Conference (SWUUC) summer camps at U-Bar-U retreat. **Camp runs from July 4-9 for rising 3rd-6th graders; July 11-17 for rising 7th-9th graders; and July 18-24 for rising 9th-12 graders and 19-year-olds that just graduated.** Visit [www.swuuc.org](http://www.swuuc.org) for more information and to register.

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## REactions!! (continued from page 6)

### Junior High Class– out and about

The Junior High class will be volunteering at Serenity Springs Animal Shelter on May 2nd. They need to bring a vegetarian sack lunch and beverage. They will leave at 9:15am and return around 4-5 pm. For more information, see: <http://www.serenityspringssanctuary.org/>

On May 30th, the Junior High class will have a social outing at a location to be decided by the youth. They will leave about 10:30am, go to the venue, eat out, have fun, and come back around 2-3 p.m.

### Thank You!

Board member **Wendy Hanenburg** has announced her plans to step down. The RE Board would like to thank Wendy for her 110% dedication to RE – her willingness to help and attention to detail will be sorely missed. We are grateful for the time she has given!

We thank **Dr. Jim Hinton and Anne Smith** for successfully guiding our 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders through the **Our Whole Lives** (human sexuality) class - the session ended April 25th.

The Religious Education Board has selected **two candidates** to be trained to lead the Junior High level of these classes – thank you to Robin Gary and Allison Taylor!

## DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

**May 9: Mothers Day Flower Communion – Multigenerational Service**

**May 16: Children's Chapel**

**May 23: Teacher Appreciation, Recognition of Graduating Seniors, and OWL graduation** during the service, annual Congregational Meeting after the service

**June 6: Field Day** – always a day of fun, games, and popsicles! Contact the RE Board if you are interested in volunteering.

For more information about any Religious Education activities, please contact [re-board@communityuuchurch.org](mailto:re-board@communityuuchurch.org). Any emails sent to [dre@communityuuchurch.org](mailto:dre@communityuuchurch.org) now go automatically to the RE Board.

**Calling all Music Lovers!** You are cordially invited to attend the first Community Unitarian Universalist Church Music Department Concert. This event, featuring many favorites from the CUUC choir, as well as appearances by the First Friday Folk Singers and the HoUUse Jam Band, and even an audience sing-a-long of some favorite hymns, will be held on **Saturday, May 8, 2010 at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary**. Refreshments will be served afterward. And best of all- it's totally FREE! Please spread the word, and join us for a refreshing evening of music and fun!

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The **Men's Fellowship** will be sponsoring a **cookout on Saturday May 15th, from 1-3pm**. There is a suggested donation of \$5 per person to help cover the cost of the food. This event will be held at the church just outside of Founders Hall. Families are welcome, and there will be childcare available. There will be a 30 minute Men's Fellowship meeting at 3pm to acquaint any interested men with our group's mission and vision.

In order to help us plan we ask for RSVPs. We will have a sign-up sheet in Founder's Hall during the coffee hour on Sundays or you can email John Elder at [john.robert.elder@gmail.com](mailto:john.robert.elder@gmail.com)

**Women's Alliance - May Event - End of year celebration  
Lunch & Walking Tour old Downtown Plano**

**Date: Sat, May 22.** The tour is approximately 2.5 miles long.

**Timeline: 11:00 a.m.** - Starting point The Interurban Building on the north side of 15<sup>th</sup> Street, approximately one-half mile east of U.S. 75. 901 East 15<sup>th</sup> Street

**12:30 Lunch** – Inside My Garden Tea Room located inside Nooks and Crannies Gift Shop in the heart of downtown Plano, 1017 East 15<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Contact person: Dina Galli, [bethgalli2001@yahoo.com](mailto:bethgalli2001@yahoo.com) or Arlene Burleson [arlene.burleson@swbell.net](mailto:arlene.burleson@swbell.net), 972-238-7592 c 214-356-7326, o 214-742-5871**

**Simple Living Chalice Circle**

**Meeting time and place** – The next meeting will be Saturday morning May 8, at 11:00, at Ona Tannehill's home.

**Theme/topic** – Learning together to live deliberately. We are currently reading Voices of Insight, edited by Sharon Salzberg.

**Service project** – We picked up litter at Oak Point Park on March 27.

**Facilitator** – Ona Tannehill. Email [simpleliving@communityuuchurch.org](mailto:simpleliving@communityuuchurch.org).

**Did you know that there are thirteen Unitarian Universalist congregations in our North Texas cluster?** Many of our ministers and religious educators already meet face to face each month to share ideas, show concern, and help create community amongst our societies. **Now there is a NTAUUS (North Texas Association of Unitarian Universalist Societies) web site sharing our "good news" with others of our faith and those who are seeking a church home. You can search for ntauus.org or ntuus.org on the Internet to find this site and read about all the congregations.** If you would like to share with someone else about your particular passion in our faith such as music, or social action, or adult religious education, then you can sign up to participate in an affinity group on this web site as well. If there is not an affinity group already established that strikes your fancy, then perhaps you can start one!



## ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### Monday Evenings - classes start at 7PM

Meditation

Inner Journeys on Mondays, May 10 and 24

### Wednesday evenings - class starts at 7PM

Yoga

### Thursday evenings - class starts at 7PM

Juggling

**There are no other Adult RE classes scheduled during the month of May.**

**Friday Flicks:** Films are shown in founders hall.

#### May 14th - Cousins

When a pair of cousins-by-marriage (Ted Danson and Isabella Rossellini) meet at a family wedding and discover that their own spouses (William Petersen and Sean Young) are carrying on with each other... When a pair of cousins-by-marriage (Ted Danson and Isabella Rossellini) meet at a family wedding and discover that their own spouses (William Petersen and Sean Young) are carrying on with each other, they decide to pretend to have an affair to get back at them. Their good-natured plan takes on unexpected gravity when they realize they're falling in love with one another. A splendid reworking of the 1975 French comedy COUSIN COUSINE.

#### May 28th - A Handful of Dust

Tony and Brenda appear to have the perfect marriage, living on a Victorian country estate in the fashionable 1930s England. But when Tony invites the dashing, yet penniless young socialite John... Tony and Brenda appear to have the perfect marriage, living on a Victorian country estate in the fashionable 1930s England. But when Tony invites the dashing, yet penniless young socialite John Beaver for a weekend stay, he unknowingly ignites a series of shattering events, including passion, infidelity, and death. Based on Evelyn Waugh's 1937 novel. Kristin Scott Thomas, Rupert Graves, Anjelica Huston

## Committee on Ministry

Chet Smith

Chair (10)

Gail Battista

Ona Tannehill

## Nominating

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Outreach/pai.htm***Habitat for Humanity  
South Collin County TX  
(Habitat for Humanity  
SCCTX)***www.Habitat-scc.org***Habitat ReStore of  
SCCTX***www.restore.habitat-  
scc.org***Social Action**

Beginning in May, Community UU will begin a series of programs on “Ethical Eating”. This is a Congregational Study/Action Issue that the UUA began in 2008, but our church has not participated in the study until now. Unitarian Universalists have a vision of environmental justice and we respect “the interdependent web of all existence”. These beliefs drive us to examine issues of food production and distribution, hunger, and the effect of our food choices on the environment.

The UUA suggests the following components for the program:

- Ethical Eating
- Human Rights
- Animal Welfare

**Environmental Stewardship**

The Social Action Committee (formerly called Faith in Action) has planned several events that will occur over the next few months, beginning with the Sunday service on May 30, where our ministerial intern Pamela Wat will provide an introduction to the series. The following events will follow:

- June: a showing of the film “Fresh”, which emphasizes healthier, sustainable alternatives to our current food system
- July: visits to local farms
- August: a service presented by members who will share perspectives on eating as well as a report on our own community garden

September: a service on vegan lifestyle and a vegan cooking class

Stay tuned for more details about these events! In the meantime, spend some time thinking about what you would like to investigate or discuss as part of this program. Contact a member of the committee to let them know your thoughts.

**Fellow UU Marion Moore Hill (member of Red River congregation in Denison, TX) will give a talk at Legacy Books, 7300 Dallas Parkway, Plano, on May 18, 7:00 p.m., about her latest mystery novel, DEADLY DESIGN, second in her Deadly Past Mysteries series of contemporary novels that relate to various Founding Fathers. In DESIGN, protagonist Millie Kirchner—a young history buff and single mother from Richardson, TX—solves a mystery about an old house in Virginia purported to have been designed by Thomas Jefferson.**

**Finance Committee** The financial information below does not include any of the "Above & Beyond" and other specific, dedicated contributions.

| Offering Income               | Actual             | Budgeted           |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Pledged Offering              | \$13,205.82        | \$18,000.00        |
| Loose Offerings/Basket        | 628.50             | 1,333.33           |
| New Pledges                   | 772.00             | 343.75             |
| <b>Total Offerings Income</b> | <b>\$14,606.32</b> | <b>\$19,677.08</b> |

Our **Annual Budget Drive** by the **Congregation Meeting May 23, 2010**. Our Strategic Plan shows the ways we want to move forward as a church! We are grateful to those reaching deeply into their own resources to ensure the continuation of our promising programs. The remarkable contributions of time, talent, and treasure by all – members, friends, visitors, and parents of children in our outstanding Religious Education Program – build our firm foundation for the future.

The Spring Southwest Leadership Conference we hosted brought UU leaders from near and far to enjoy our sparkling building. We truly put our best foot forward. Grace Morrison, Treasurer

### Income and Expense Report March, 2010

|                              | Income               | YTD                   | 2009-2010<br>Annual Budget |
|------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Offering Income              | \$14,606.32          | \$180,332.77          | \$236,125.00               |
| Fund Raisers                 | 228.59               | 19,107.24             | 19,100.00                  |
| Building Usage               | 2,795.35             | 19,299.05             | 23,000.00                  |
| Misc. Income                 | 20.00                | 4,310.35              | 1,500.00                   |
| <b>Total Income</b>          | <b>17,650.26</b>     | <b>223,049.41</b>     | <b>279,725.00</b>          |
|                              | <b>Expense</b>       |                       |                            |
| Administration               | 3,919.46             | 36,155.23             | 43,361.00                  |
| Program/Worship              | 2,506.31             | 22,516.95             | 24,865.00                  |
| Religious Education          | 1,774.78             | 28,350.71             | 39,021.00                  |
| Facilities                   | 8,341.51             | 62,717.50             | 70,206.00                  |
| Income generating exp.       | 0.00                 | 1,973.67              | 0.00                       |
| Ministry (Incl. In-tern.exp) | 7,480.57             | 74,536.44             | 85,920.00                  |
| Denomination                 | 1,423.00             | 13,165.00             | 16,352.00                  |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>        | <b>25,463.07</b>     | <b>239,443.82</b>     | <b>279,725.00</b>          |
| <b>Net Income/(Loss)</b>     | <b>\$ (7,812.81)</b> | <b>\$ (16,394.41)</b> |                            |

We will be voting on the Proposed Budget for 2010-2011 at the Congregation Meeting on May 23, 2010. The **requested budget expenses** as submitted by the leaders of the various areas in the Church **totaled \$314,000**. This is an increase of about \$34,000 over our 2009-2010 fiscal year. Our current deficit in income over expenses is about \$16,000

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Monday is the Minister's Sabbath (renewal time) available for emergencies only.

Tuesday — Thursday 12:00 Noon — 4:00 PM

Friday is for reflection, study and writing. Other times by appointment. Please contact Rev. Price for appointments and scheduling information.

• **Ministerial Intern - *Pamela Wat***

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• **Director of Religious Education - VACANT**• **Music Director - Kelley Poché Rodriguez**• **Church Secretary - *Connie Meints***

[Church office closed on Monday]

Tuesday 9am - 3pm

Wednesday 9am - 2:30pm

Thursday 9am - 2:30pm

Friday 9am - Noon

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Meeting Sunday, May  
23rd following the  
worship service.**

**Deadline for the June newsletter submissions: May 14, 2010. Submit to [newsletter@CommunityUUChurch.org](mailto:newsletter@CommunityUUChurch.org).**

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