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Communion of Names. Please write your Joys and Concerns in the book at the back of the sanctuary before the service begins in order to be incorporated in worship. All items will be passed to the Caring Committee.

Boxtops for Barron. Barron Elementary is having a Boxtops for Education drive and has asked for our assistance. Boxtops 4 Education provides extra dollars to schools in exchange for product boxtops. All you have to do is save the boxtop coupons from General Mills products! You can find the list of products on the bulletin board in Founders Hall and at <http://www.boxtops4education.com/earn> . **We have a small collection box in Founders Hall for your boxtops**, place your boxtops there and we will be sure that Barron gets the for their program!

What Happened in RE This Week? The theme for this month is **Grace**. **Preschool: Gifts of the Earth (Ice and Snow).** *Ask your child:* What gifts does nature give us in winter? Spring? Summer? Fall? Which season is your favorite? **Spirit Play: Our Sources.** *Ask your child:* Which Spirit Play stories do you remember best? Which of our sources do you think they come from? **Middle Grades: Introduction to UU Grace (Unexpected Gifts).** *Ask your child:* What are some of the best non-material gifts you've ever gotten? How do you think they relate to "grace"? **High School: UU Grace (Spiritual Practice: Origami).** *Ask your teen:* Where do you find "grace" in your everyday life? How can you become more aware of it?

Friday Night Flicks, January 13 – Finding Dory - 2016 - G - 1 hr. 50 min. Showing at 7pm in Founders Hall.

Starting Sunday January 15 we will be accepting your Guest At Your Table box donations for the UU Service Committee's work in our country and around the world. Please bring your monetary donations in the form of a check made out to Unitarian Universalist Service Committee and give them to either Anne or Chet Smith. Anyone can also place their Guest At Your Table checks made out to UUSC into the Church's offering plate instead of trying to hand it to Anne or Chet Smith and these will be counted towards CUUC's donations. We will be accepting these through the month of January before sending them to the UUSC. Thanks to all who will contribute to this worthwhile project.

PDG, January 20. What's that? Potluck Dinner and Games! Come for dinner, come for games, or come for the whole thing! We gather at **6:30pm for dinner** and after we clean up our dishes, **we start playing games at around 7:30pm**. Join us! Fun for all ages. Childcare is provided for little ones who do not wish to participate in the games. For more information, contact Danni Williams or Patrick Fisher.

Social Justice Sing! Raise your voice in song with the Common Ground Street Choir and find solidarity in music. In today's political "what-can-we-do?" climate, we have found that people are uplifted and united when they sing together. Common Ground Street Choir is an NTUUC-sponsored, holler-along street choir. No specific choral ability or even the ability to read music is required. **Join us in the sanctuary on Friday, January 20 from 7-8:30pm.** Children are welcome, but childcare is also provided for those who do not want to participate. Questions? Ask Kathy Smith, DRE.

Teachers! Don't Miss the Annual Teacher Appreciation Dinner on January 21! RSVP before January 11 to reserve your space. Your area DREs are your hosts at this delicious, catered, sit-down dinner followed by a short speech by UU minister Meg Barnhouse from Austin, TX (with music from her partner, Kiya Heartwood). Childcare is included. And it's all free to you – as long as you tell us you're coming. Hope to see you there! **Register here:** ntuuc.org/events/current-events/171-appreciation-dinner-2017.

NTUUC Awards Luncheon is January 28, at the UU Church of Oak Cliff. Congratulations to our own Bill Daffinee and Kathy Smith. **Bill won the Marty Robinson Award for Volunteers and Kathy Smith won the Ruth Clark Award for Non-ordained Staff.** Tickets are \$20, \$12 for Seniors and Students. They can be bought online at the NTUUC website, www.ntuuc.org/awards, or by contacting Celeste at celeste_kennedy@mac.com. The luncheon begins at 12:00 noon and the event includes the awarding of Grants to congregations. The speaker will be the Rev. Nathan Ryan, Assistant Minister at the Unitarian Church of Baton Rouge, with his talk *Come Hell or High Water*.

Rummage Sale Fundraiser – It's that time of year – as we put away our holiday decorations and gifts, many of us realize that we have "stuff" left over. Save your stuff! The Coming of Age class will be hosting a rummage sale to raise funds for their Heritage Trip to Boston. We'll take anything that is still useable but just doesn't fit in your life anymore – clothing, books, furniture, toys, baby items, knickknacks, you name it! We will begin collecting in mid-January. If you have stuff that just can't wait to get out of the house, contact the DRE.

Minecraft Party Postponed until February 18! We've changed the date but not the fun. If you're interested in helping (either with supervision during the party or with setting up and running the technical side of things), please contact Angela Hathaway of the RE Board or Kathy Smith, DRE.

CUUC Calendar January 8 – January 15

Sunday, January 8

9:15am Coffee & Coaching (Room F)
10:30am Worship & Religious Education
Church Library Open
12pm Church Chats (Sanctuary)
12:15pm Faith Forward: Inquirer's Series (Library)

Monday, January 9

7pm HoUUse Jam (Sanctuary)

Tuesday, January 10

7pm Tibetan Buddhism Class (Sanctuary)
7pm Board of Trustee Planning Mtg. (Room F)
7pm Membership Comm. Mtg. (Room G)

Wednesday, January 11

7pm Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Church Library Open

Thursday, January 12

12pm Finance Comm. Mtg. (Room F)
6pm Humanist Group (Room G)
7pm Exploring the Roots of Religion (Room G)

Friday, January 13

YRUU Houston Rally
7 pm Friday Night Flicks (Founders Hall)

Saturday, January 14

YRUU Houston Rally
Circle Suppers
11am Simple Living Chalice Circle (Offsite)

Sunday, January 15

YRUU Houston Rally
10:30am Worship Service & Religious Education
11:45am Church Library Open
12pm Church Chats
12:15pm Faith Forward: Inquirer's Series (Library)
12:15pm Earthspirit Group (Room G)

