Announcements Sunday January 15,2017

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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 them for their program!

What Happened in RE This Week? The theme for this month is Grace. Preschool: Gifts of the Earth (Fish). Ask your child: What are some of the ways fish are different from people? How are they alike? Spirit Play: Stories of Love. Ask your child: What are some of the ways you treat people you love? Middle Grades: Introduction to UU Grace (Virtue and Sin). Ask your child: How do you tell right from wrong? Does it make it harder or easier to decide if something is right or wrong when someone else is watching? High School: UU Grace (Conscience). Ask your teen: What do you think the source of your conscience is?

Odds n Ends - note date change. Our bi-monthly maintenance workday, "Odds n Ends" is being rescheduled to Saturday, January 21st, 9am to 5pm. Come for all or just part of the day; pizza provided for lunch; child care available if requested (contact facilities@communityuuchurch.org). For those who haven't participated, Odds n Ends is the time we take care of our building and grounds by doing mostly small jobs that do not require special skills. Training, tools and equipment are all supplied. There are even tasks that the younger ones can help with and develop an "ownership" of the church.

The Church office will be closed Tuesday, January 17.

Starting today 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.

Deadline for the February newsletter is Friday, January 20. Email articles to newsletter@communityuuchurch.org

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.

The January Men's Fellowship Breakfast is **Saturday, January 21, 8:30am at Poor Richards Cafe**, 2442 K Avenue, Plano, TX 75074. **If you plan to attend please let Bryan Bristol know by 6pm Friday, January 20. Send email to bryan.bristol@yahoo.com.**

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.

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 – 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.

CUUC Calendar January 15 – January 22

Sunday, January 15

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

Monday, January 16

7pm HoUUse Jam (Sanctuary)

Tuesday, January 17 Church Office Closed

7pm Tibetan Buddhism Class (Sanctuary) 7pm Board of Trustee Mtg. (Room G) 7pm Literary Ladies Book Club (Offsite)

Wednesday, January 18

7pm Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) Church Library Open

Thursday, January 19

2pm Genealogy Group (Founders Hall) 6pm Humanist Group (Room G) 7pm Exploring the Roots of Religion (Room G)

Friday, January 20

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

1:30pm Great Decisions (Room G)
6pm Potluck and Game Night (Founders Hall)
7pm Common Ground Street Choir (Sanctuary)

Saturday, January 21

NATUURES Teacher Appreciation Dinner (Offsite)
9am Odds & Ends Day
8:30am Men's Fellowship Breakfast at Poor Richard's
10am Worship Committee Mtg. (Room F)
11am Worship Associate Training (Room F)

Sunday, January 22

10:30am Worship & Religious Education 11:45am Church Library Open 12pm Church Chats 12:15pm Faith Forward: Inquirer's Series (Library)