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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.

Preschool Parents – change in schedule. We are trying something new! Preschoolers will come to the sanctuary with their parents and be dismissed to their class with the older children during the children's benediction. Parents are welcome to walk their children to class until they are comfortable with this new transition!

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!

Soul Work. You may have noticed that we have tables at the side of the sanctuary. These are Soul Work: activities for all ages that engage the hands while allowing the brain and heart to connect with the worship service. You are welcome to work at the tables or take the work to your seat. Currently, we have five options: suitcases with religious icons to explore and arrange, electric candles to light, silk flowers to arrange, rhinestones and foam circles to make mandalas, printed mandalas and colored pencils.

What Happened in RE This Week? The theme for this month is **Grace**. **Preschool: Gifts of the Earth (Garden).** *Ask your child:* What do you like about being outside? What are some good things about having a garden? **Spirit Play: Our Community Garden.** *Ask your child:* Why do you think we have a community garden at church? **Middle Grades: Our Community Garden.** *Ask your child:* How does having a garden at church help us live our Unitarian Universalist values? **High School: Our Community Garden.** *Ask your teen:* How does having a garden at church help us live out all three parts of our church mission (Nurturing Spirits, Working for Justice, Transforming Lives)? What else can we do as a family to support this?

Community Harvest Gardeners are thrilled to announce 2600 pounds of fresh, organic produce was delivered to area pantries for the second year in a row! We welcome volunteers to help with our harvest at 8am every Saturday morning. **Another way to support this effort is by contributing to the Share the Plate offering on Sunday, January 29. This helps us keep our gardener fees low, fund new projects, and purchase seeds and tools.**

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.

We are 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.

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*.

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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 22 – January 29

Sunday, January 22

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

Monday, January 23

7pm HoUUse Jam (Sanctuary)

Tuesday, January 24

7pm Tibetan Buddhism Class (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, January 25

7pm Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Church Library Open
7pm The Artist's Way Class (Founders Hall)

Thursday, January 26

5:30pm RE Board Mtg. (Room F)
6pm Humanist Group (Room G)
7pm Exploring the Roots of Religion (Room G)

Friday, January 27

7pm Friday Night Flicks (Founders Hall)

Saturday, January 28

5 - 8am Sai Baba Early Morning Prayers (Sanctuary)
Noon – NTUUC Awards Luncheon (Oak Cliff UU)

Sunday, January 29

Children's Chapel (K thru 7th grade) (Sanctuary)
10:30am Worship & Religious Education
11:45am Church Library Open
12pm Church Chats
12:15pm Faith Forward: Inquirer's Series (Library)