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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.

Deadline for the February newsletter is Friday, January 15. Email your articles to newsletter@communityuuchurch.org.

Nourish spirits and transform lives, right here in our Church. We need two people to teach Religious Education – one in preschool, and one in Spirit Play (K-1st grade). To apply, email dre@communityuuchurch.org or see Sandy Kochenower or Amy Dessert.

What's new in the Community Garden? It could be you! Several choice plots are available for adoption beginning January 2016. We're looking for a few enthusiastic folks to spend 4-6 hours/month helping to grow organic produce, harvest and deliver the bounty to local food pantries. Contact Deb Bliss at harvest@communityuuchurch.org with questions or to begin the adoption process.

Our annual **Minecraft Party will be held on Saturday, January 9.** All Minecraft players will enjoy gaming together. Each child 11 years old or younger needs an adult chaperone to stay with them. Bring a laptop if you have one. Contact Heather Joy at reboard@communityuuchurch.org for questions.

Great Decisions 2016. For members and friends who like to learn about and discuss American foreign policy, Two groups will **begin on Wed., Jan. 6, 2 p.m.** at church in Founders Hall – in a first meeting to organize, to choose meeting dates, to sign-up to facilitate topics, to sign-up to host. Proposed meeting frequency: **Choose 8 Fridays** at 2 p.m. Jan 15, Jan. 29, Feb. 12, Feb. 26, March 11, March 25, April 8 and April 22 **OR 8 Thursdays**, 1:30: Jan. 14, 28; Feb. 11, 25; March 10, 24; April 7, 21.” Ordered books are expected to arrive in late December and meetings will continue every 2 weeks to discuss the topics selected by the Foreign Policy Association in their “Great Decisions 2016” program. See www.fpa.org to order books for 2016—if you haven't already ordered as part of the early ordering group.

Newcomer Orientation Class, Sunday, Jan. 10 – 12 – 1:30pm, in Room F. Childcare provided. Do you want to learn more about Unitarian Universalism or Community Unitarian Universalist Church of Plano? Maybe you would like to meet some of our leaders, or to hear about our programs and activities. Maybe you're thinking about becoming a member. Are you interested in sharing your story or hearing those of other new UUs like yourself? The Newcomer Orientation class is fundamental and perfect for experiencing the sense of community that you've been longing for. The workshop is broadly divided into three areas:- spiritual journey and worship,- history and background of Unitarian Universalism,- the programs and organization of Community Church. **To register for the class** - please follow this link: [NCO Class Registration](#). Of course, walk-ins are welcome, too. **For more information:** email membcom@communityuuchurch.org or talk to a Greeter or Membership Council member on Sunday.

Hey, RE Teachers! Coffee and Coaching! The RE Board is sponsoring a series of 45-minute coaching “mini-sessions” about questions YOU have asked about teaching Religious Education here at Community UU Church. Coffee, snacks, and childcare will all be provided. On **January 10 we'll look for you in Room F at 9:15am.**

There will be a **Special Congregational Meeting held after services on Sunday January 17.** The purpose is to vote on how to finance the repairs for our church home. Please plan to attend as we undertake this effort. It affects every one of us. We look forward to seeing you there.

Kathy Smith on Sabbatical! All of Kathy's duties have been assigned to others while she is out. Please do not contact Kathy at all. This is Kathy's time for growth and rejuvenation. For all RE-related questions, **please**

contact **Sandy Kochenower** or **Amy Dessert** at dre@communityuuchurch.org. You can also text or call Sandy at (972)841-3292, but please remember she is ours for only 10 hours a week.

The Church office will reopen Tuesday, January 5.

CUUC Calendar January 3 – January 10

Sunday, January 3

10:30am Worship Service & RE
11:45am – 1pm Church Library Open
11:55pm Church Chats (Sanctuary)
12pm Middle School (8/9 grade) OWL (Room C)

Monday, January 4

7pm HoUUse Jam (Sanctuary)
7pm Meditation Class (Room G)

Tuesday, January 5

7pm Tibetan Buddhism Class (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, January 6

2pm Great Decisions Planning Mtg. (Founders Hall)
7pm Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
7-9pm Church Library

Thursday, January 7

NO Singing Group
10pm Staff Mtg. (Library)
1pm SASSY (Founders Hall)
5:30pm RE Board Mtg. (Room F)
6pm Humanist Group (Room G)
7pm Adventures in Origins (Room G)
7pm Finance Comm. Mtg. (Room F)

Friday, January 8

7pm Friday Night Flicks (Founders Hall)

Saturday, January 9

Circle Suppers (Offsite)
11am Sabine Morgan Memorial Service and Reception (Sanctuary & Founders Hall)
11am Simple Living Chalice Circle (Offsite)
5-7pm Minecraft Party (Sanctuary & Founders Hall)

Sunday, January 10

9:15am Coffee & Coaching (Room F)
10:30am Worship Service & RE
11:45am Church Library Open
11:55am Church Chats (Sanctuary)
12pm ARE Mtg. (Room G)
12 – 1:30pm Middle School (8/9 grade) OWL (Room C)
12pm Newcomer Orientation (Room F)