

A n n o u n c e m e n t s
S u n d a y J a n u a r y 2 4 , 2 0 1 6
OFFICE EMAIL ADDRESS: CUUC-OFFICE@CommunityUChurch.ORG

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.

Newsletter. Help is needed to fold and mail the newsletter every month. The folding starts at 1 pm in founders hall **TOMORROW, January 25.** Show up and help with this and enjoy conversation with others, the more hands the faster it can be done.

All women interested in attending the **SWUW Annual conference in Lawton Oklahoma (Feb. 26-28) are invited to a coordinating meeting on Tues, Jan 26 at 6:00pm in the Library.**

Wanted: An AV-savvy volunteer to oversee the functioning of the church AV equipment (sound and projection equipment). Requirements include maintaining contact with the Sunday morning tech crew, troubleshooting issues that arise, reporting repairs that are needed to Janet Belden, and updating and maintaining an AV setup guide and general troubleshooting guide. **Contact Deb Bliss at plano.bliss@verizon.net** if you are interested and able to serve our church in this way.

Do you want to pass your values on to the next generation? We need two people to teach Religious Education – one in preschool, and one in Spirit Play (K-1st grade). To apply, email dre@communityuchurch.org or see Sandy Kochenower or Amy Dessert.

Every Voice – Building Inclusive Community. Want to find a way to build community and alliances across the borders you know? Join us for the first of four 2016 weekends to build an inclusive network of activists and people who care in the Dallas area. **Friday, Jan. 29: 7-10pm – keynote speaker Chris Crass** (consultant to faith-based groups and justice organizations), book signing, reception, **Channing Hall, First Unitarian Church of Dallas, 4015 Normandy, Dallas, TX. Friday is free and open to the public. Saturday, Jan. 30: 9am to 4pm, Saturday location to be announced –** worship, lunch with leading edge activists, building a network of first responders and committee speakers. Leave with new friends and allies – and contact information for all. Saturday is \$50 suggested donation (including lunch): **GENEROUS SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE.** Registration required. To register email everyvoice2016@earthlink.net. More info on our webpage.

Odds ‘n’ Ends Work Party. On the last Saturday of every “odd” month (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov) we schedule a work party from 9am to 5pm to take care of the various small maintenance issues that have arisen for the past few months. Most are small jobs that don’t require special skills. Task types vary among janitorial, carpentry, electrical, landscape, painting, and aesthetics. **Pizza is provided for lunch. Our next work party is scheduled for January 30. If you can help, please send an email to facilities@communityuchurch.org.**

Share the Plate. This month our “Share the Plate” designated recipient is **Human Rights Initiative of North Texas. HRI of North Texas provides legal and support services to refugees and immigrants who have suffered human rights abuses, advocates for justice and promotes international human rights.** Half of our offering on **Sunday, January 31** will go to HRI. If you are not able to be in Church on that Sunday, you can still donate to HRI of North Texas by going to our web page and clicking on Share the Plate.

Building Racial Bridges: CUUC’s February Common Read. Help us build racial bridges HERE, NOW. Read [Why We Can’t Wait](#) by Martin Luther King, Jr. Join the discussion on **Monday, Feb. 1st and 8th at 7pm at the Church.** MLK’s message to white churches is as relevant today as it was in 1964. Nominally-priced copies of the book will be available in Founders Hall beginning January 17. **Facilitator: Michael Phillips, PhD, Professor Collin College History Dept., scholar of Texas race relations.** This is the first of a series of programs by the CUUC Social Action Committee. Members and friends of the church who need a ride to the discussions can contact Betsy Friauf at 817-637-5726 or elizabethfriauf@SBCglobal.net Childcare will be available by contacting Deb Bliss by Thursday, Jan. 28 at plano.bliss@verizon.net .

Stewardship and Talking About Money. On **Saturday, February 6, from 9am - 3pm, here at the Church** we will be hosting "Stewardship For UU's!" a stewardship workshop hosted by Bill Clontz, of Stewardship For Us. We will learn

how to think about stewardship, how to talk about it, and ultimately, how to DO it. Here, we will learn about money and stewardship and the connection to our Mission and Vision, learn UU stewardship perspectives, review power tools and techniques for effective stewardship, and master the key stewardship questions. Attendance is free but please register.

For more information, please visit our website at www.communityuuchurch.org for registration information.

Attendance includes materials, snacks, lunch, and the opportunity to share ideas with other area UU's. Childcare will also be provided, so please call ahead to let us know.

Rummage Sale in March! Do you have extra items that are still usable but just don't fit in your life anymore? Remember that the OWL and YRUU classes will be sponsoring a rummage sale in March! Donations of all sorts will be welcome - clothing, books, furniture, toys, baby items, knickknacks. Thank you for saving your goodies to support our youth! If you have questions, please contact Seana Saxon or Danni Williams.

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.

CUUC Calendar January 24 – January 31

Sunday, January 24

9am Theology Book Study (Library)
10:30am Worship Service & RE
11:45am – 1pm Church Library Open
11:55am Church Chats
12pm Middle School (8/9 grade) OWL (Room C)
12:15pm Inquirer's Conversation (Room F)

Monday, January 25

1pm Newsletter Folding (Founders Hall)
7pm HoUUse Jam (Sanctuary)
7pm Meditation Class (Room G)

Tuesday, January 26

6pm SWUW Annual Mtg. Planning Mtg. (Library)
7pm Literary Ladies Book Club (Offsite)

Wednesday, January 27

7pm Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
7-9pm Church Library

Thursday, January 28

1:30 – 3pm Great Decisions (Founders Hall)
7pm Long Strange Trip Class (Room G)

Friday, January 29

1:30pm Great Decisions (Offsite)
6:30pm Safe Congregation Mtg. (Room F)

Saturday, January 30

NATUURES Appreciate Event (Offsite)
5-8am Sai Baba Early Morning Prayers (Sanctuary)
8am – 5pm Odds & Ends Day

Sunday, January 31

Children's Chapel (K thru 7th grade)
9am Theology Book Study (Library)
10:30am Worship Service & RE
11:45am Church Library Open
11:55am Church Chats (Sanctuary)
12 – 1:30pm Middle School (8/9 grade) OWL (Room C)