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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 September newsletter is Friday, August 19. Email articles to newsletter@communityuuchurch.org.

What Did We Do in RE Today? UU Makerspace! *Ask your preschooler:* Where do you like to go with your family? *Ask your child:* Have you tried something this summer that you haven't done before? Why or why not? Which one of our UU Principles might include trying new things? *Ask your teen:* What do you think of when you think the word "conflict"?

RE Pancake Breakfast from 9-10am in Founders Hall on Sunday, August 21. Enjoy a free breakfast with your friends at Church. Sign up for parties and activities in religious education. Register your children for RE. Find out about other exciting things happening at Church. Whether you come to register your children for RE, or just to enjoy a breakfast you didn't have to cook, we hope we see you on Sunday.

HoUUse Jam needs a drummer. With the recent departure of our regular drummer, we are putting out a call for anyone with experience to come and audition for the spot. Contact Dick Hildenbrand (hhildenbrand@dfwair.net) if interested. HoUUse Jam regularly meets weekly on Mondays from 7 to 10pm and we play '60s-'80s classic rock, blues and occasionally meander into bluegrass and folk. We do it mostly just for the fun of playing, and occasionally a gig will present itself.

The August Men's Fellowship Breakfast is Saturday, August 20, 8:30 am at Poor Richards Cafe, 2442 K Avenue, Plano, TX 75074. If you plan to attend please let Dick Hildenbrand know by 6 pm Friday, August 19. Send email to hhildenbrand@dfwair.net

Blessing of the Backpacks – On **Sunday, August 21**, people of all ages are invited to come to Church with their backpack, satchel, lunchbox, gym bag, briefcase, purse, diaper bag, or whatever it is they carry with them as they start new ventures this fall. Children and teens are especially invited to bring the backpack (etc.) that they are taking with them as they begin new learning adventures. During the Message for All Ages, we will bless the backpacks (etc.) and the people who carry them. We will bless the children and teens in the service first, and then adults are welcome to have their bags, satchels, purse, etc. blessed as well.

All Church Retreat For Diversity -- Save the Date. On August 27th, CUUC will host an All Church Retreat, focusing on CUUC and diversity in our community. Why focus on diversity? It is timelier now more than ever. Events and political rhetoric continually demonstrate the great sense of "Us vs Them" that prevails in our country. While the retreat will touch on many issues of diversity, it will also feature CUUC's pursuit of our Welcoming Congregation Renewal. CUUC has been a Welcoming Congregation since 1991, thanks to the leadership of Deb Bliss. We seek to renew our status and learn more of what it means to truly practice and accept diversity with love and respect. **The retreat is scheduled from 9am – 3pm, with coffee and breakfast beverages starting at 8:30am, and lunch at noon. Please plan to attend.**

This is the Last Week for UU Makerspace in Summer RE! Why Makerspace? We know our children need RE experiences that help them "take it home" every day of the week, in all their activities. Makerspace work lets them bring skills and passion into their daily lives. We can bring our UU values and theology to life when we build capacity in our kids for imagining, doing, helping, healing. We say we are the church of the open minds, loving hearts, and helping hands. Makerspace work in RE programs can help make that a reality.

Children's and Teen's Clothing Swap! For many parents, this is prime time for school clothes shopping. Children grow so fast and often their clothes are in good condition to hand down to someone younger or smaller. **We'll be collecting clothing in Room E during August.** School clothes, play clothes, shoes, coats – clean and in good condition. **We will set up shop on August 26-28**, and parents and children can choose any clothing they'd like to take home! If you have questions, ask Seana Saxon, RE Board Member, or Tarcia Johnson, Clothing Swap Organizer.

Community Harvest Garden. The community gardeners thank you for your generous donations of cardboard this year! We now have no more storage space and plenty of boxes to fill our needs for weed reduction at the garden. We'll put the call out when more cardboard is needed in the future. Thank you for your support!

CUUC Calendar August 14 – August 21

Sunday, August 14

10:30am Worship Service & RE
11:45am Church Library Open
11:55am Church Chats (Sanctuary)

Monday, August 15

7pm HoUUse Jam (Sanctuary)
7pm Yoga Class (Founders Hall)

Tuesday, August 16

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

Thursday, August 18

2pm Genealogy Group (Founders Hall)
6pm Humanist Group (Room G)
7pm Emerson, Thoreau and the Transcendentalist (Room G)

Friday, August 19

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6 – 10pm Potluck and Game Night (Founders Hall)

Saturday, August 20

8:30am Men's Fellowship Breakfast @ Poor Richard's
10am Worship Comm. Mtg. (Room F)
11am Worship Assoc. Training (Room F)

Sunday, August 21

10:30am Ingathering Service & RE
11:45am Church Library Open
11:55am Church Chats (Sanctuary)
12:15pm Earth Spirit Group (Room G)
Newcomers/Staff Conversation (Room F)