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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 January newsletter is Friday, December 9. Email articles to [newsletter@communityuuchurch.org](mailto:newsletter@communityuuchurch.org) .**

**What Did We Do in RE Today?** The theme for December is God. **Preschool: I Can Give Gifts.** *Ask your child:* What would I (*the adult asking this question*) say is the best present I ever received? **Spirit Play I and II: The Christian Nativity Story.** Unitarian Universalists say that “each night a child is born is a holy night.” What do you think makes the birth of a child holy? **Youth: Advent and UU.** Why do you think it matters, what people think about God? **5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade OWL:** What do you think “consent” means? Which of our Unitarian Universalist principles does this represent? (Hint: Can be more than one!)

**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. This is an easy way for everyone to help out Barron Elementary. 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 will be placing a small collection box in Founders Hall for your boxtops.** Please place your collected boxtops there and we will be sure that Barron gets the boxtops for their program!

**Secret Santa Shoppe and Bake Sale.** Sunday, December 11. Send your child with folding money or jingly coins to shop for you and the rest of the family! Our Secret Santa Shoppe will be staffed by our Coming of Age students and will feature new and gently used treasures priced so children can afford them. Our Coming of Age students will even help your child gift-wrap and label their purchases. Come join us in this wonderful family tradition! Sunday, December 11, 12-1 p.m., preschool room. There will also be a Bake Sale in Founders’ Hall – get your holiday party treats here!

Our **annual Guest At Your Table**, a fundraiser for the UU Service Committee, has begun. We are asking each family to pick up a GAYT box at Church to “feed” with monetary donations over the next month. These funds will be sent to the UU Service Committee to help with national and international crises such as the damage in Haiti after the hurricane. In January 2017 we will be collecting your donations made out to UUSC, preferably in a check form, to submit to this worthwhile cause. Any questions, ask Anne Smith or anyone on the Social Action committee.

**PDG December 16!** – Potluck Dinner and Games! Come for dinner, come for games, or come for the whole thing! Dinner at 6:30, games at 7:30. Join us! Fun for all ages. Childcare is provided for little ones. For more information, contact Danni Williams or Patrick Fisher.

**Come join the Women's Alliance for a Wintery Holiday Party on Sunday, December 11, 2-5pm at the lovely home of Victoria Rachel.** The address is 807 19th Street in Plano 75074. This will be both sweets and treats. Please bring a snack like a chip and dip, cookies, or whatever is your favorite holiday treat. We will also have a white elephant gift exchange and lots of fun and laughter. We will need a little help afterwards to straighten up. **Please RSVP to [women@communityuuchurch.org](mailto:women@communityuuchurch.org).**

**Yule Ball!** Put it on your calendar now! Family fun on the night of solstice – December 23, 6-10 p.m. Dance, play games, sing, make s’mores at the bonfire. Come for an hour or stay all night.

The Pantry is busy collecting items for their Christmas Baskets to be distributed to the families in Plano registered to receive them. 300 families will receive the baskets. **You can see the list of items needed for Christmas Baskets on our website or copies of the list are attached to the God’s Pantry Cart.**

**Share the Plate Reminder. Just a reminder that Sunday, December 25 is our “Share the Plate” Sunday. Our designated recipient this month is the Minister’s Discretionary Fund.** The fund helps many members of our congregation and the community at large. If you aren’t going to be in Church that Sunday, you may also donate via the CUUC web page by selecting the Share the Plate option.

**Connie Meints, church secretary, will be out of the office Tuesday, December 6.**

### **CUUC Calendar December 4 – December 11**

#### **Sunday, December 4**

- 10:30am Worship & Religious Education
- 11:45am Church Library
- 12pm Church Chats (Sanctuary)
- 12:15pm OWL 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Class (Room F)
- 12:15 pm Faith Forward: Inquirer’s Series (Library)
- 12:15pm Leadership Development Comm. Mtg. (Room G)

#### **Monday, December 5**

- 7pm HoUUse Jam (Sanctuary)

#### **Tuesday, December 6**

- 7pm Tibetan Buddhism Class (Sanctuary)

#### **Wednesday, December 7**

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

#### **Thursday, December 8**

- 6pm Humanist Group (Room G)
- 7pm Exploring the Roots of Religion (Room G)
- 7pm Finance Comm. (Founders Hall)

#### **Friday, December 9**

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#### **Saturday, December 10**

- 11am Simple Living Chalice Circle (Offsite)
- Circle Suppers (Offsite)

#### **Sunday, December 11**

- 10:30am Worship & Religious Education
- 11:45 am Church Library
- 12pm Church Chats (Sanctuary)
- 12:15pm Coming of Age Class (RE Office)
- 12:15pm Faith Forward: Inquirer’s Series (Library)