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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!

**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 TODAY! This helps us keep our gardener fees low, fund new projects, and purchase seeds and tools.**

**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!

**Texas UU Justice Ministry Legislative Action Day.** Those who were inspired by the recent Women's March on Washington will have an opportunity to participate in an action of much smaller scale (but also very important!) at the **Texas UU Justice Ministry Legislative Action Day on Wednesday, February 15,** in Austin. There will be a bus from First Unitarian in Dallas and you may also travel on your own. **You can find the schedule and details of this event at: <http://txuujm.org/txuujm-legislative-action-day-2017-schedule-logistics/>.** **You can register to attend the event here: [txuujm.org/LAD](http://txuujm.org/LAD).** **For more information, contact Nelah McComsey [nelahm@verizon.net](mailto:nelahm@verizon.net).**

**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 (Birds).** *Ask your child:* What do you think it would be like to be a bird? What are some of the ways birds and people are different? How are they alike? **K-7<sup>th</sup>: Children's Chapel.** *Ask your child:* What are some things that bring you joy? How can you share that joy with the world? **High School: Conscience and Grace.** *Ask your teen:* Is it easier to forgive someone else for something they did, or to forgive yourself for making a mistake? After you've made a mistake, how do you get back to feeling like you're in balance with the world (which is another way of saying "living in a state of grace")?

**New Class: Last Chance to Join!** Discover and Explore your Creativity-and your Spirituality! Based on Cameron's book, "The Artist's Way"; facilitated by Dorayne Breedlove, \$20 a session, starts Wed. Feb. 22, 7pm. **Call Dorayne to RSVP by February 20 at 214-934-7805 or [doraynebreedlove@yahoo.com](mailto:doraynebreedlove@yahoo.com).**

**Rummage Sale Fundraiser – Rummage Sale in Six Weeks.** Bring your clothing, books, toys, knickknacks, baby items – anything in boxes and bags – to the front office. Furniture and other large objects? Bring them the last two weeks of February. Questions? Contact the DRE.

**Welcoming Congregation Committee. With the leadership of Stephanie Dorman, Welcoming Congregation Committee invites all to the Feb 7 workshop in Founders Hall at 7-8:30pm. Leslie McMurray, Director of Transgender Services is one of the Dallas area participants on the information sharing speaker panel. With recent research and legislation Gender and Identity are hot topics. Consider this meeting a Call to Action. If you have additional comments about the work of the Welcoming Congregation Committee, please speak to Anita Van Ouwerkerk (committee chair) or to one of the members of the Welcoming Congregation Committee.**

**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 29 – February 5**

**Sunday, January 29**

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

**Monday, January 30**

7pm HoUUse Jam (Sanctuary)

**Tuesday, January 31**

7pm Tibetan Buddhism Class (Sanctuary)

**Wednesday, February 1**

7pm Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
Church Library Open

**Thursday, February 2**

1pm SASSY (Founders Hall)  
6pm Humanist Group (Room G)  
7pm Exploring the Roots of Religion (Room G)

**Friday, February 3**

1:30pm Great Decisions (Room G)  
7pm First Friday Folksingers (Founders Hall)

**Sunday, February 5**

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