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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!

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. For more information, contact Nelah McComsey nelahm@verizon.net.**

Soul Work. The tables at the side of the sanctuary 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. The current work includes: electric candles to light, silk flowers to arrange, rhinestones and foam circles to make mandalas, printed mandalas and colored pencils.

We gratefully received \$850 to be sent to UU Service Committee as part of the Guest At Your Table program this year! Anne Smith.

What Happened in RE This Week? The theme for this month is **Prayer**. **Preschool: Mindfulness (Seeds).** *Ask your child:* What makes seeds grow? What happens when gardeners don’t pay attention to the seeds in their garden? **Spirit Play: How We Pray.** *Ask your child:* How many different ways to pray can you think of? **Middle Grades: Prayer is a Place to Grow a Soul.** *Ask your child:* What are some of the reasons people pray? **Coming of Age: Personal Spiritual Practices.** *Ask your teen:* How have your thoughts about prayer (and other personal spiritual practices) changed over your lifetime? **High School: Introduction to Prayer and Spiritual Practices.** *Ask your teen:* What were some of the practices on the “tree of contemplative practices”? Were any of them surprising to you? Which one(s) seem most useful to you?

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.**

Rummage Sale Fundraiser. Rummage Sale in March! Bring your clothing, books, toys, knickknacks, baby items – anything in boxes and bags – to the front office. Need boxes? We have boxes of all sizes! Small boxes for jewelry. Medium boxes for books, DVDs, videotapes and CDs. Big boxes for games, puzzles, or toys. Even bags for clothes! Odd-shaped items like small kitchen appliances, lamps, baskets, and flower arrangements can be brought in as is! There are collection boxes in the church office and Founders' Hall. After church, you can also put items directly into the storage pod. **Mark your calendars for the date of the sale: March 10 and 11.** The proceeds of the rummage sale will help send our teens on their service and learning trips. The Coming of Age class will go on their Heritage Trip to Boston and the YRUU class will go to New Orleans. **If you have questions or would like to help, contact the DRE, Kathy Smith, at dre@communityuuchurch.org.**

You are invited to a workshop sponsored by the Community Unitarian Universalist **Church's Welcoming Congregation Renewal Committee to share information, experiences, and updated language on gender identity and gender expression. The workshop is Tuesday, February 7 from 7 - 8:30pm**, and is free & open to the public. **We are featuring a Q&A panel with Ethan Avanzino**, Cathedral of Hope Transgender Council member; **Finn Jones**, Trans-Cendence International, Inc. Executive Director; **Leslie McMurray**, Resource Center Transgender Services Coordinator and **Katie Sprinkle**, LGBT Law attorney. And a chance to thank individuals and organizations working to improve Texas laws for LGBTQ+ people with cards & Valentines.

Minecraft Party Saturday, February 18, 3-9 pm! Adults welcome to play too! We provide the server, extension cords, and food (pizza, drinks, snacks). You provide the computer(s) and the player(s). We do have a limited number of alternatives if you want to play and do not own the equipment necessary. If your child is in third grade or under, we ask that an adult stay with them during the party. **\$10 per family. 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.**

PDG Friday, February 17! – What's that? Potluck Dinner and Games! Come for dinner, come for games, or come for the whole thing! We gather at 6:30 for dinner and after we clean up our dishes, we start playing games at around 7:30. Join us! Fun for all ages. Childcare is provided for little ones who do not wish to participate in the games. For more information, contact Danni Williams or Patrick Fisher.

CUUC Calendar February 5 February 12

Sunday, February 5

10:30am Worship & Religious Education
11:45am Church Library Open
12pm Church Chats (Sanctuary)
12:15pm Coming of Age Class (RE Office)

Monday, February 6

7pm HoUUse Jam (Sanctuary)

Tuesday, February 7

7pm Tibetan Buddhism Class (Sanctuary)
7:30pm Welcoming Committee Event (Founders Hall)

Wednesday, February 8

7pm Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Church Library Open

Thursday, February 9

6pm Humanist Group (Room G)
7pm Exploring the Roots of Religion (Room G)

Friday, February 10

7pm Friday Night Flicks (Founders Hall)

Saturday, February 11

Circle Suppers
11am Simple Living Chalice Circle (Offsite)

Sunday, February 12

9:15am Coffee & Coaching (Room F)
10:30am Worship & Religious Education
11:45am Church Library Open
12pm Church Chats
12:15pm Leadership Development Committee Mtg. (Room G)