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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.

Our Share-the-Plate offering today will be shared with Barron Elementary. This is our fourth year of partnering with Barron! We have an enthusiastic group of volunteers who share their time, but we also support the school by providing for other needs of the students and teachers. In April, we provided the lunch for Teacher Appreciation Week. Last week, we provided a pizza lunch for teachers, and as school begins, we will be supplying the school nurse with items for her clothes closet. We are also planning to provide books for first graders so that they can have their own book to take home. **Teachers are also very appreciative of the health supplies that we donate every year**, and we use money from the Barron Fund to supplement the donations that our members bring.

We hope that you will give generously for Share-the-Plate today.

What Did We Do in RE This Week? Today is Worship for All Ages. The theme this week is Renewal as we gather together at the end of the summer. We will share the gifts that water brings to our lives. *Ask your child:* **Preschool** – What are some of the things you like about water? Why is water special to human beings? **Elementary School** – What do you like about the ritual of sharing water with your church community? Why do you think we do it? **Upper Elementary and Middle School** – What do you think we mean when we talk about how water connects us all? What kind of blessing do you think you take with you from our church? Is it important to feel connected to your church? Why? **High School** – What kind of symbolism do you see in our water communion ceremony? Is it an important ritual to you? Why or why not? What kind of blessing do you receive from our church? How do you give that blessing back to the community?

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.

Looking for Help in RE Next Week! Next week is Cooking Day! Children and teens will be preparing food to share during our Fellowship Hour. If you'd like to help, please contact any member of the RE Board: Brennan Hadden, Angela Hathaway, Danni Williams, or Lousinda Long.

Help Wanted! Our web and communications team is looking for volunteers to help with A/V, computer, and web-related tasks starting immediately. Share your technical talents and support CUUC's communications and fundraisers. A lot of magic happens behind the scenes, and we need your help! **Contact Gene Verinder at webguru@communityuchurch.org if you'd like to apprentice.**

Donations Needed for Barron Elementary. We have begun our health supplies drive for Barron - there is a collection box across the hall from the water fountain. Please bring tissues, alcohol-based hand sanitizer, Clorox wipes, and baby wipes for the drive. In addition, teachers have asked for plastic zip bags for the classrooms, so we are collecting gallon-size, quart size, and snack-size ziplock bags. (Please note: we are not collecting clothing at this time.) We will also continue our collection of Boxtops for Education to donate to Barron. There is a collection box in the hallway next to the grocery cart. Thanks for helping with our support of Barron Elementary!

RE Registrations Now Being Accepted! If you have not already registered your child(ren), please see RE Board Chair Brennan Hadden. We register everyone – from nursery through high school.

Join us! Adopt a plot for fall planting. Wanted: A few enthusiastic folks to spend 4-6 hours/month helping to grow organic produce, harvest, and deliver the bounty to local food pantries. Benefits: serve the hungry, grow nutrient-rich food to serve at your table, connect with nature, make friends. Provided: Organic compost, fertilizer, and pest supplies, tools, water, mentoring, fun. **Contact Deb Bliss at harvest@communityuchurch.org with questions or to begin the adoption process.**

First Responders' Day is fast approaching. We celebrate our First Responders by delivering treats to over 70 fire stations, police stations and 911 call centers on 9/11. This year 9/11 falls on a Monday so we will be assembling the containers of "goodies" on Sunday, September 10 starting at 5pm. We need drivers to deliver the goods, lots of "goodies" and help assembling. **If you want to join in this fun event contact Barb Salvo at 469-789-6865 or at pirth13@verizon.net.**

Community UU is excited to be part of the North Texas UU Congregations (NTUUC) celebrations of PRIDE for our LGBTQ communities. All are invited to attend the **Pride Festival on Saturday, Sept. 16 from 11am – 7pm at Reverchon Park** at 3505 Maple Ave. in Dallas. \$10 admission is covered by NTUUC if you volunteer to work a one-hour shift at the NTUUC booth. Sign up for a volunteer shift by **contacting Stephanie Keener Dorman teacher@bestfx.net, on Facebook, or at 573.864.1505.** Carpool together to First Church, Dallas, to take a bus to the park area for the **Freedom Parade on Sunday, Sept. 17.** Our UU contingent's theme is "Summer of Love."

The Church office will be closed Tuesday, September 5th.

CUUC Calendar August 27 – September 3

Sunday, August 27

9am RE Pancake Breakfast (Founders Hall)
10:30am Ingathering Service & **NO RE**
11:45am Church Library Open
12pm Church Chats (Sanctuary)
6 – 9pm 8-9 Gr.OWL Parent Mtg. (Room G)

Monday, August 28

7pm HoUUse Jam (Sanctuary)

Tuesday, August 29

7pm Tibetan Buddhism Class (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, August 30

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

Thursday, August 31

NO Humanist Group
NO Biological Anthropology

Friday, September 1

7:30pm First Friday Folksingers (Founders Hall)

Sunday, September 3

10:30am Worship & Religious Education
11:45am Church Library Open
12pm Church Chats (Sanctuary)
12:15pm Leadership Development Comm. Mtg. (Room G)