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.WE COVENANT TO PROMOTE:

The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
Justice, equality, and compassion in human relations;
Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth,
A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
The right to conscience and the use of the democratic process;
The goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all,
Respect for the interdependent web of all existence, of which we are a part.

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Notice to Contributors:

The most reliable way to send text material for the newsletter is to copy and paste to an e-mail. The ability of my computer to open attachments is highly uncertain even when they are sent in two different types of files.

Also be advised that no matter what the monthly calendar reminder may say, the newsletter deadline henceforth will be the first Sunday after the CUUC board meeting on the second Wednesday.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Feb 23: Twentieth Anniversary Celebration, 7 pm
Feb 24: Perfectly Small, Susan Smith, UUA
Feb 24: Tea for Rev. Susan Smith
Feb 24: Hatha Yoga with Kitty Bevis, 1:30
Feb 24: Men's Group, 6:30 pm
Feb 25: Women's Group, 7 pm
Mar 02 Birthdays, Veronica Gard.
Mar 02: Brown Bag Socrates Cafe, 12:15 pm
Mar 09: Rev. Phil Schulman
Mar 09: Men's Group, 6:30 pm
Mar 10 Women's Group, 7 pm
Mar 16 Palm Sunday, Henry Halff
Mar 23: Easter and Flower Communion, Rev. Phil Schulman
Mar 23: Men's Group, 6:30 pm
Mar 24: Women's Group, 7 pm
Mar 30 Worship service TBA
Apr 06 Brown Bag Socrates Cafe

#2.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Twentieth Anniversary Celebration
February 24, 7:00 pm at CUUC

You are invited to a celebration! Please join us as we celebrate ourselves and each other in our past, present and our future. Come for an evening with good friends, good food, and good memories.

Remarkable Film Group
Glenna Jone-Kachtik

To complete the night club film series, the group will be showing "Chicago". This 2002 film also successfully transferred the Broadway hit musical to the screen. The film was nominated for 13 Oscars and won six including that of best actress in a supporting role for Catherine Zeta-Jones. The film also featured regular actors in dancing roles and reaffirmed the reputation of its director-choreographer, Bob Marshall. This film will be shown at church at 6:30 PM on Sunday, March 16, 2008.

The group chose the next theme as 'AFI 100 Greatest Comedies of all time. At this time the only film chosen is Mel Brooks Young Frankenstein (1974). I will be sending out a list to choose the other 3 from shortly and the "winners" will be announced in next month's newsletter. Clem & Joyce will be traveling throughout April, May & the

summer. So, I will need to get with Clem to find out what questions to ask - 'cause he always has at least 3 for every film we watch..... Glenna Jones-Kachtik, Temporary Film 'Guide'

#3

UPCOMING SERVICES

Feb 24
Susan Smith
"Perfectly Small"

The speaker will be our present district executive, and former CUUC minister, Susan Smith.

March 9
Rev. Phil Schulman
"When being Nice Fails"

Trying to be nice just won't take us where we want to go spiritually. The greater challenge of compassion requires effort to gain and improve skills for caring, connecting and speaking honestly.

March 16
Henry Halff
Palm Sunday, service TBA

March 23
Rev. Phil Schulman
Easter Service

The traditional UU Flower Communion will be a focal part of this service.

March 30

Service TBA

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ARTICLES AND REPORTS

RE News
Glenna Jones-Kachtik

This past month saw the RE kids making food bags for the homeless that sometime walk the medians with their signs requesting help. The children first decided what would be

good to put into a food bag. They thought of things such as spoilage, nutrition and hydration.

They made a list and one of the last acts from Lauri Thomason was to buy the items needed for the bags. I made a "tag" that let the homeless know what the bags were and that they were from the RE classes of CUUC. The kids put the bags together and taped on the tag and each one of them proudly took several bags so that they could pass them out to any homeless persons that they saw.

The children are excited about the prospect of making toiletry baggies for the people Under the Bridge to be distributed on the first weekend in April. Please bring in sample size/trial/travel size bottles of shampoo, soap, toothpaste, mouthwash, deodorant, toothbrushes, combs, brushes, mirrors, razors, lotion, breath mints - anything that would be expected in a toiletry kit. There will be a box provided to place them in. The children will be making kits during March.

Ritchie & Anna left the 2nd week in February just after Ritchie's birthday on 2/6. We had several RE students and former students who had birthdays this month. Anne Weisen was 18 on 2/2; Ritchie Thomason was 10 on 2/6 (he & I share a birthday); Amy Veilleux was 15 on 2/9 and Matthew Mansfield turned 11 on 2/17.

All the stepping stones sold at the service auction. Look for Jefferson Purdy's stepping stone (purchased by Joan Bradshaw) on the wall in the Meditation Garden. It will soon be joined by Anna Thomason's stone (purchased by myself)

. We are hoping that members of the congregation will soon pay to have memory stones for loved ones and families to be placed in the Meditation Garden. Glenna Jones-Kachtik, DRE

Social Justice
Glenna Jones-Kachtik

Social Justice had a small on line meeting for the purpose of fulfilling Henry's request for the Stewardship committee. UUHAC needs volunteers to paint a home (contact June @ 342-0135) and this is the time for their annual Membership Drive. It is only \$25.00 and social justice asks that you support this worthy non-profit. Their annual meeting is 4/1. Send in those membership dues now so that you can vote at the annual meeting!

Thanks to the following persons who participated in Guest At Your Table:
Burke Reed & Ron Clarke
Stephanie & Mark Walls & Michael Parmley
Henry Halff
John Bradshaw

Clem & Joyce Chow
Jeff & Mary Grace Ketner
Veronica Gard
June Kachtik
Mary Beth Romeo
Marilyn DeKing

There were 2 boxes turned in without names on them. One of them was from 2006. We did pretty good this year for the UUSC and their programs. Glenna Jones-Kachtik & Mary Beth Romeo, Co-Chairs

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AFFINITY GROUPS

Socrates Cafe
Marilyn DeKing

The Brown Bag Socrates Cafe will meet at 12:15 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month at Community Unitarian Universalist Church. Bring your lunch and join us for a satisfying philosophical session.

At the beginning of each session, participants submit and vote on the question to be discussed. Resolution is not the goal of the discussion. We usually end with more questions than we began with.

Everyone is welcome to participate in Socrates Cafe or to visit and see what it is about

Women's Group
Jean Halff

The Women's Support Group is open to CUUC women and friends of the church. We meet every 2 weeks, on a Monday night at the church, starting at 7 p.m. and usually finishing before 9 p.m.

Each woman usually talks for about 10 minutes about anything she wishes. However, you don't have to talk if you would rather not. What is divulged is kept confidential unless otherwise stated. It is a great way to get to know the women in the church on a more personal level in a safe environment. We invite you to come and join us and let us get to know you.

Men's Group
Steven Botts

The CUUC men's group meets every second and fourth Sunday from 6:30 - 8:30 P.M. All CUUC men or visitors are welcome to join us.

Group leadership rotates from meeting to meeting. The leader for each meeting is also the host, and he is responsible for furnishing snacks and drinks.

We usually start off meetings with a clearing, in which each member is allowed to talk about recent events in his life, if he wishes to, for as long as he sees fit. Next, the facilitator introduces the topic for the evening. This may involve a short reading - a poem, an article or other text. The subject could be just about anything that the facilitator would like the group to address: What's going on at CUUC, religion, economics science, health, family, friendship, etc.

Around 8:30, we wind things up by deciding who is going to facilitate the next meeting, declare this one finished, clean up, and leave.

Remarkable Film Group Clem Chow

The Remarkable Film Group consists of members and friends of CUUC who gather each month to view one feature film and discuss it afterward. Everyone is welcome to attend. The films are usually shown at church at 6:30 PM on the third Sunday of each month. Films are shown in a series. The attendees select the theme, and content of each series normally compose of four films on that theme, whether directed by the same person or featuring a specific actor or actress. Current leaders of the group are Clem and Joyce Chow. Any questions about this group may be directed to Clem or Joyce.

#6

Humor

An old Texan went to the local church and asked to join. The preacher said, 'OK, but you have to pass a small Bible test first.'

The first Question is 'Where was Jesus born?'

The man answered, 'Longview.'

The preacher said, 'Sorry...you can't join our church.'

Sooooo....he went to another church and asked to join. The preacher said, 'We would love to have you, but you have to pass a Bible test first.'

Where was Jesus born?'

The man said, 'Tyler.'

The preacher said, 'Sorry...you can't join our church.'

Soooo....he goes to another church and asks, to join.

The preacher said, 'That's great; we welcome you with open arms.'

The man said, 'I don't have to pass no Bible test first?' The preacher said, 'No.'

The man said, 'Can I ask you a question?'

The preacher said, 'Sure.'

The man said, 'Where was Jesus born?'

The preacher said, 'Palestine.'
The man mumbled to himself, 'I knew it was in East Texas somewhere.'

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