



# CEDAR LANE NEWS

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## Sunday Services 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

### October 2, 2011 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. “From Fear to Faith”

*The Rev. Evan Keely, Interim Senior Minister*

In this time of changes and renewal in our congregation, we are blessed with the challenge to be driven not by our anxieties but by our deepest yearnings.

This will be UUA Association Sunday, Association Sundays are a request by the UUA for all congregations to recognize and support, both spiritually and materially, the national work of the Association. “Association Sunday” - is a day during which thousands of UUs across the nation are simultaneously celebrating our shared commitment to Unitarian Universalism.

### October 9, 2011 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. “Optimism in Hard Times”

*Susan Davison Archer, Minister of Religious Education*

Our Unitarian and Universalist heritages are often noted as “optimistic” religions in contrast to the faiths from which they grew and separated. Is their early optimism still warranted in a faith for the world we inhabit?

### October 16, 2011 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Cedar Lane’s Annual Blessing of the Animals Service: “Who Rescued Whom?”

*The Revs. Heather Janules and Susan Archer*

This intergenerational service celebrates the bond between humans and other animals through song, story, memories and affirmation of the spirit of life we humans share with “all God’s critters.” There are no RE classes this Sunday so everyone can participate in this special service.

Virtual animals (stuffed animals, drawings and photographs) are welcome at both services; live animals (leashed or contained, vaccinated and friendly) are welcome at the 11 a.m. service only. Humans and their furry, feathered or scaly friends who will be part of the live animal processional in the 11 a.m. service should gather in the courtyard by 10:45. If there are animals

who are no longer with us or better left at home, please e-mail their photo (including their name) to Heather Janules at [hjanules@cedarlane.org](mailto:hjanules@cedarlane.org) to be included in the service’s slide show. (See article on page 2 for more information.)

### October 23, 2011 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. “Our Cup”

*The Rev. Evan Keely, Interim Senior Minister*

As a justice-seeking people, we advocate for all people getting what they deserve. What do we ourselves deserve?

### October 30, 2011 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. “Open Hearts and Minds”

*Nancy Bird Pellegrini, Intern Minister*

Seeking that which unites us in interfaith work.

The **Sunday Morning Forum** meets from 10:10 - 10:55 a.m. in the Chalice House. Coffee is served in 100% compostable hot cups.

**October 2.** Why the Massive Honey Bee Die-Off? with Harriett Crosby, Board member of Friends of the Earth and environmental activist.

**October 9.** Saving the Chesapeake: The Problems, the Politics, and the Law, with Russell Stevenson, founder of the Chesapeake Legal Alliance.

**October 16.** Immigration 101, with Cedar Lane member Knick Knickerbocker

**October 23.** Can America Afford To Be the World’s Police Officer? Options for Defense in an Age of Deficit Reduction, with Gordon Adams, Professor of International Relations at American University

**October 30.** The Secret Life of Guns (how thousands of US guns fuel crime in Mexico) with Washington Post investigative reporter James Grimaldi

## Notes from the Ministers

### *Evan Keely*

An interim minister worthy the name is intentional about leading processes of institutional self-examination with an eye toward renewal and reinvigoration. Sometimes the interim minister's efforts are met with a collective shrug, a kind of communal "Huh? What do we need to do that for? Can't we just tread water until the 'real' minister gets here and we can get back to business as usual?" That kind of nonplused complacency appears to be just about completely absent at CLUUC. Indeed, I perceive a congregation-wide eagerness to deeply engage the opportunities presented by the many changes happening in the church. In fact, not only is there an enthusiasm for genuinely exploring questions like, "Who are we?" and "What do we want to accomplish going forward?" but these kinds of questions were already buzzing about the congregation for a good long while before anybody ever even heard of the Rev. Evan Whatshisname. In particular, I'm thinking of the work of the Breakthrough Task Force, which some time ago initiated a thorough and substantial church-wide process of exploration and of dreaming of a new and exciting future together. So the stage was already set for this interim period to be marked by an exceptional level of readiness, maturity, insight and vitality.

Inspired by the spirit of that work, and in celebration of the church's 60th anniversary, we will gather as a community on Saturday, October 22. It will be a great occasion for Cedar Laners of all ages to come together in the spirit of living our mission as a faith community.

### *Heather Janules*

The Animals in Our Lives - Your Stories Needed - Cedar Lane will do it again! On Sunday, October 16, Cedar Lane will offer our third annual Blessing of the Animals service. For those who are new to this tradition, the 9 a.m. service welcomes "virtual" animals only - photos, drawings and stuffed animals - so the allergic may enjoy worship too. The 11a.m. service welcomes virtual and live animals (assuming they are vaccinated, leashed or contained and that they "play well with others.") **There are no RE classes on this Sunday so everyone can participate in this special service.**

We cannot promise any change in behavior after your animals have been blessed but many creatures have enjoyed coming to the congregation and the community has certainly enjoyed their presence.

In preparation for this special service, we ask for two things:

### **Photos of animals who will not be coming in person.**

Every year there are some critters who are perhaps best left at home or have died and live on in our memories. We like to welcome all the animals of our community and so we include a slide show of animal photos, including their names, in the service. Who do you want represented who cannot join us on the 16th?

### **Stories about how an animal has changed your life.**

The special focus of this year's service will be, specifically, the bond between people and animals, how we enhance each other's lives. Perhaps an animal has affected you in a dramatic way. Perhaps the everyday companionship is something you are especially thankful for. Or, as the bumper sticker asks, "Who rescued whom?" What is your story?

Please send all photos (including names of animals) and stories to Heather Janules at [hjanules@cedarlane.org](mailto:hjanules@cedarlane.org). Thanks!

## We Care

The We Care program is a network led by volunteers who reach out to address short-term needs - food deliveries, rides to doctor's appointments, a listening ear in the event of a loss. The Cedar Lane congregation is organized geographically by "neighborhoods"; each neighborhood has at least one chairperson to coordinate support. Look at your nametag or the map in the church office to find your neighborhood.

We celebrate with **Roger Boyd** and **Laurie Funsten (Neighborhood 23)** as they were married at Cedar Lane on September 17. Congratulations!

And, as shared in our Enews, we offer our...

Congratulations to...

**Ellen Cosgrove (N13)** as her son, Tom Cosgrove, married Rachel Green in Rutland, Vermont on August 6.

**Ai-Ling Louie (N5)** with the birth of her first grandchild, Benjamin Louie Prange, on August 31.

**Helen** and **Alan Rosenthal (N25)** as they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on September 8.

Our Bell Choir as they prepare for their first off-site "gig" with their expanded bell set, a concert at Asbury Methodist Village on November 13.

Condolences to...

Our hearts go out to **Kim Robinson, George Gable** and **Zander Robinson-Gable (N24)** with the death of Kim's brother, Terry Robinson.

**Ydahlia Metzgen-Quemarez (N4)** and **Janet Wojaczyk (N18)** with the death of Ydahlia's mother, **Mercedes Keeler (N4)**.

**Eleanor Melville (N1)** with the death of her daughter, Peg, who had struggled with lung cancer. (Sadly, Eleanor has also lost two other children to cancer in the past two years.)

**Lynn Goldman** and **Doug** and **Hannah Hayward (N23)** with the death of Lynn's brother, Robert.

Housewarming wishes to...

**Sarah** and **Al Reese**, who moved to Asbury Methodist Village on Labor Day weekend.

**Bill** and **Barbara Gressman** who are now the newest residents of Ingleside at King Farm. Their new contact information is 701 King Farm Blvd. Apt 327, Rockville, MD 20850-6174, 301-407-1962.

**Marjorie Melton**, who moved to Iowa, the state of her birth, to live closer to family. Her new address is: Marjorie Melton, c/o Royale Meadows Care Center, Sunshine Circle, Room 620, 1400 7th St. SE, Sioux Center, Iowa 51250.

And a message from **Lois Delaha (N10)**, still recovering at Randolph Hills rehab center: "Dear Cedar Laners: Thank you so much for all the loving cards, visits, phone calls and tender, loving care. I love all of you and am thankful for all the good memories of the church community."

Should you know of a member of our community in personal need, you are encouraged to reach out to them. If you learn that this person wishes to receive a response from the church, please contact Heather Janules at [hjanules@cedarlane.org](mailto:hjanules@cedarlane.org). All ministers offer pastoral care to our members so you are also encouraged to contact any member of the ministerial team.

## From the Church Administrator

As with sadness we see our beloved Corinne Woodward off on her travels to Australia we welcome with gladness our new Administrative Assistant, Sara Davidson. Sara is a graduate of American University and comes to us from a similar position at Massage Envy in Bethesda. Please take a moment to stop by and introduce yourself and welcome her to our Cedar Lane family. Same extension as Corinne, ext. 202, e-mail is [sdavidson@cedarlane.org](mailto:sdavidson@cedarlane.org).

The **online calendar system** is now working on the website. We are still working through the process for approving requests made through the website. To access the calendar go to [www.cedarlane.org](http://www.cedarlane.org) and click on

calendar, we invite you to check it out.

On the building maintenance front, Pedro returned from his 5 weeks in El Salvador tanned and relaxed. We determined that it was too costly to wallpaper the entry hall outside the Lounge so Mickey has been sanding the wall, prepping to paint. Mickey has been working on cleaning the **carpets** in both the Chalice House and the main church, on ongoing process. Installation of the new windows has been halted as the company delivered the wrong size.

Anyone with time to help? We have quite a collection of **audio recordings** of sermons going back almost the last ten years. We are looking for a volunteer to catalogue these recordings so we know what we have and how to find it. At present they are stored in several boxes in no particular order. If you would like to learn more about what is needed please contact me.

*Sara Deshler*

## EDUCATION FOR ALL AGES

Susan Archer, Minister of Religious Education  
Vanessa Steck, Coordinator of Senior High Youth Ministry  
Gale Ginther Luce and Jeannette Wilson, Administrators  
For information and to register for classes and programs  
call 301-493-8300 x207 or e-mail [RE@cedarlane.org](mailto:RE@cedarlane.org).

## Religious Education for Children (RE)

### RE Classes Started Up with a Bang!

On Sunday, we were delighted to welcome so many new families, as well as all of our returning families. We were also deluged with registration paperwork! A HUGE thank you to families who have followed up with their paperwork! To the rest of you, please, please bring (or mail) your paperwork this Sunday. We especially have to have health forms for teachers folders, so they're aware of any concerns. To those of you who haven't yet registered, please be aware that some first session classes are full. Please understand that although we are delighted with full classes, it means some families will be asked to change sessions.

### Parents: After Sunday School

Children in 4th grade and younger should be picked up by a parent or another designee (please tell the teachers who) at their classrooms. Babies – Pre K, should be picked up by 10:15 or 12:15; grades K–4 should be picked up after they have returned from chapel (about 10:20 or 12:20). This enables teachers to participate in coffee hour, part of the Forum, or give them planning time. Please be clear with your older children (5<sup>th</sup> grade and above) where you will meet! *Many thanks, Susan*

### Family Triads: for RE Families

Want to get to know other families? This program pairs

you with 2 other families with a commitment to get together 3 times between now and May. Each family hosts one gathering (at their home, a park, the zoo, whatever!). A great way to deepen connections among adults and children. Let Susan Archer know or complete a form (under nametags or on RE Admin Desk downstairs), and send to the RE office.

### **Just for Children and Youth**

Do you enjoy helping when we have worship services in the sanctuary? If so, please sign up to be a Worship Associate. This program, that began a few years ago, integrates children into our worship services. They may be asked to: ring a chime to signal the beginning of the service; light the chalice (perhaps as a family); do a reading (occasional, as appropriate, with rehearsal); assist with greeting; or do artwork for the order of service or for the big screen. Children and youth can always say “No thanks!” if it is something they do not want to do. Sign up forms are in the downstairs lobby, or just contact Susan! *I look forward to hearing from you!*  
*Love, Susan (sarcher@cedarlane.org)*

### **Youth Notes**

#### **Youth Activity Group (YAG, for grades 7-8)**

Our busy group went caving in August and again for a weekend in September. We also packed food for Manna and went rafting on the Shenandoah. Join us for our next adventure:

**Sat-Sun 10/15-16** Retreat at Camp Tockwogh

Our full schedule is on our website at, [www.cedarlane.org/rep/YouthActivityGroupSchedule.htm](http://www.cedarlane.org/rep/YouthActivityGroupSchedule.htm). Watch your e-mail and mail for additional information on events and permission forms. If you have questions about the group or its activities, contact John Daniel (301-946-5509), or the Rev. Susan Archer.

#### **Senior High Youth Group (SHYG, grades 9-12)**

The SHYG had a great time at Camp Tockwogh! From the ropes course to campfire, there are only smiling faces in the photos! Watch for them on the bulletin boards. For additional information about the SHYG contact Vanessa Steck, Coordinator of Senior High Youth Ministry, at [vsteck@cedarlane.org](mailto:vsteck@cedarlane.org).

#### **Our next event:**

**Fri 10/28 HangOut, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.**

### **Young Adults (Ages 18-35)**

The **UU Young Adults of Maryland (UUYAM)** group plans activities for local UU Young Adults. Visit <http://groups.google.com/group/uuyam> to join the

UUYAM e-mail list and view schedule of upcoming events. For resources and information on Joseph Priestly District (JPD) Young Adult events, visit the JPD Young Adult Network at [www.jpduuyan.org](http://www.jpduuyan.org).

### **Adult Programs Classes Begin in Oct.!**

It's all in the *Adult Programs Fall 2011* brochure!

Find the brochure on line at:

[www.cedarlane.org/ap/REVFALL11.pdf](http://www.cedarlane.org/ap/REVFALL11.pdf)

Download a registration card at:

[www.cedarlane.org/ap/RegistrationCard2011-12.pdf](http://www.cedarlane.org/ap/RegistrationCard2011-12.pdf)

#### **Classes starting:**

10/3	Meditation
10/4	Beginning Yoga Philosophy Club
10/6	Intro to Confucian Thought
10/7	Sexuality and Our Faith—Adult OWL Angels in America
10/8	Celestial Tourist
10/9	St. Augustine
10/10	Exploring oUUr History
10/13	Backyard Birds of Maryland
10/14	LGBT in Popular Media
10/20	The Meaning of Ministry
10/21	Racism Then and Now

### **More Adult Programs**

#### **Sunday Morning Forum**

Everyone is invited to participate on Sunday mornings between services, 10:10 to 10:55 a.m., in the Chalice House. Just drop in, there is no registration, and coffee is served! Upcoming topics:

**October 2:** “Why the Massive Honey Bee Die-Off?” Bees pollinate a huge portion of US crops, and scientists estimate that we are losing a third of our population of bees and other pollinators every winter. Our speaker is Harriett Crosby, Board Member of Friends of the Earth and an environmental activist, who is coordinating efforts to ban major contributing causes of Colony Collapse Disorder.

**October 9:** “Saving the Chesapeake: The Problems, the Politics, and the Law.” Our speaker, Russell Stevenson, will discuss what is ailing the Chesapeake Bay, why we have made so little progress in dealing with its problems over the last three decades, and the promise of current legal efforts to clean it up. Mr. Stevenson is the founder of the Chesapeake Legal Alliance, whose mission is to provide free legal services in support of efforts to protect and improve the Bay by matching lawyers willing to do pro bono work with clients needing legal help.

**October 16:** "Immigration 101." The UUA is committed to issuing a Statement of Conscience on immigration in 2013. For background, Knick Knickerbocker will review the main features of our country's immigration policies and practices from colonial times to the present.

**October 23:** "Can America Afford To Be the World's Police Officer? Options for Defense in an Age of Deficit Reduction." Our speaker is Gordon Adams, Professor of International Relations at American University and a Distinguished Fellow at the Stimson Center where he directs the program on Budgeting for Foreign Affairs and Defense. During the Clinton Administration, Dr. Adams served as Associate Director for National Security and International Affairs at the Office of Management and Budget. He was a member of the OMB Agency Transition Team for the Obama transition in 2008.

### **Connection Circles (CC)**

Start the RE year by joining fellow Cedar Laners in an engaging circle! Connection Circles are an opportunity to gather in a small group with a facilitator. You meet on a regular schedule, talk, read, listen and develop caring relationships. Many ongoing groups welcome new members, and here are new groups forming in October:

#### **A is for Aging**

#### **Connections—A Short-term Group**

#### **Raised Catholic**

#### **Raising the Spirit for Parents with Young Children Seasons of Loss**

For a full description of all our Connection Circles, please refer to the *Adult Programs Fall 2011* brochure. There is a group for everyone! Questions can be sent to the RE office, or referred to the Rev. Heather Janules, [hjanules@cedarlane.org](mailto:hjanules@cedarlane.org).

### **Kiplinger Lecture 2011**

#### **Explores the Rights of People to Have Better Control Over Their Food Distribution System**

We have lost control of our food distribution; our children are overweight; and our imported food is not always properly inspected. Can average people like us take back the control we once had when food distribution was more localized? If so, how do we go about doing it?

Mark Winne believes that we can. He has been actively involved in community efforts to better control the nutrition level and distribution of food for more than 30 years and lecturing on these issues.

In the upcoming Kiplinger Lecture - November 12 at Cedar Lane - Winne will give examples of how ordinary people have made a big difference in the quality and distribution of their food through their rugged individualism and determination.

The lecture is open to the public. Adults \$10; students are free. Call the church or visit our Web site at [www.cedarlane.org](http://www.cedarlane.org) for more information.

To register: complete an Adult Programs Registration card and send it to the RE office. All CC participants register and pay a fee, Pledgers \$15; non pledgers \$20, one time per year.

## Around the Church

### **SIGN UP FOR CEDAR LANE'S 5<sup>th</sup> HOUSE REBUILDING MISSION TO NEW ORLEANS – February 4-11, 2012**

**FIRST CALL!** Let us know NOW that you want to join our Cedar Lane volunteer mission to help rebuild much-needed New Orleans (NOLA) housing, badly damaged by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005. There's still huge work to be done to reconstruct housing for folks who have been out of their homes for so long. Owners' stories are sad; their bravery and spirit are breath-taking; their appreciation for our work is deeply heart-felt. Our Cedar Lane team, working with NOLA's expert nonprofit housing agency Rebuilding Together, spends 1 week helping to bring 1 house to fruition. Daytimes we work hard; off-work we explore social justice history and culture of fascinating NOLA during the first week of Mardi Gras. Don't have building skills? – not to worry: our skilled house captains train us; there's a job for almost every ability. Formal registration starts soon and it will fill up quickly. **WHAT YOU NEED TO DO NOW:**

1) E-mail Cedar Lane's veteran trip leader Mike Burski [mga1960@earthlink.com](mailto:mga1960@earthlink.com) to get your name on his list of interested volunteers.

2) Come to our information meeting, Sunday October 2, at 10:30 am in the Chapel; trip veterans will explain details, costs, and answer questions.

3) Questions now? E-mail Mike, or other trip veterans: Dianne Seiffert [seiffert@comcast.com](mailto:seiffert@comcast.com) and The Rev. Heather Janules [hjanules@cedarlane.org](mailto:hjanules@cedarlane.org).

## Transition Coordinating Committee

### **FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES' TRANSITION COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

As we begin a new congregational year, your Trustees look forward to another rich chapter in the life of Cedar Lane, a chapter marked by a number of transitions in congregational leadership. In preparation for the leadership transitions ahead, the Board of Trustees has reviewed appropriate UUA materials and has met and corresponded with our UUA leaders for the past year. A subcommittee of the Board called the Transition Coordinating Committee (TCC) was created to focus specifically on transition issues and report to the full Board with recommendations for each step in the process. The TCC is not a search committee; those are elected by the congregation later.

This fall, the congregation prepares to honor and celebrate the contributions of the Rev. Susan Archer, who retires as of January 1. The Board hopes to concentrate first on ensuring that Susan is feted in the most appropriate way and that our good-byes express our deep appreciation for everything she has given to the Cedar Lane community. Again based on UUA advice and recommendations, the TCC and the Board decided that the RE Program and the congregation would benefit from an interim process led by a professional RE Interim. It was also decided to fill the settled Senior Minister position before the permanent RE leader is chosen, in part because it is very difficult to conduct two searches at the same time. UUA officials and ministers have repeatedly assured us that Cedar Lane, because of its size, location, and many unique characteristics, will attract excellent candidates for both the Senior Minister and RE positions. We believe it is wise to take all necessary time to determine our fundamental needs and find the best people to lead us.

Recruiting RE Interims through the UUA is a process that takes place on an annual basis, with search campaigns conducted in the spring for an interim to start in August. The options for RE Interims include a Minister of Religious Education (MRE), an ordained minister whose career focus is lifespan religious education and ministry to families, or a Credentialed Religious Educator (CRE), a highly qualified lay professional trained in religious education. Although Cedar Lane was a pioneer in the MRE concept, there are fewer MREs available today and even fewer MREs who specialize in the interim process. On advice from our UUA leaders, the TCC and the Board decided to search broadly for RE Interim candidates with the best possible qualifications for Cedar Lane. We will seek

knowledgeable and experienced religious education professionals who can guide us through a two-year interim process of self-examination, reflecting on the history of our program and what we'd like it to become. Our application for this professional will be prepared next spring for a hiring start date of August 1, 2012. Thus, there will be a one-year period in which we have two interim leaders at Cedar Lane; however, we are advised that this is a better scenario than having the settled minister and the settled RE professional starting at the same time. Our Interim Senior Minister and then the new settled Senior Minister will work with the Interim RE leader on our vision for Cedar Lane.

The TCC carefully considered how best to bridge the six-month continuation of the 2011-12 Religious Education year following Susan's departure, until our RE Interim begins next August. Recognizing the long history and strength of our current RE program, and the many talented Cedar Laners who have longstanding experience with it, the Board decided to complete the upcoming RE year through a combination of lay-led ministry and increased staff support. We are actively seeking congregants to assist with the ongoing tasks of the RE program from January through August 2012, including a paid supervisor to oversee the entire RE program and volunteers willing to help. More information is forthcoming. Please contact Sara Deshler, [sdeshler@cedarlane.org](mailto:sdeshler@cedarlane.org), if you are interested. We also ask the support of the entire Cedar Lane community to trust and empower one another in our common goal of a continuously strong RE program.

The Search Committee for our settled RE professional will be elected as a slate at the Annual Meeting in 2013. There is as yet no consensus among the Board whether our RE program should ultimately be led by an MRE or some other level of credentialed religious education professional. The next two years of interim process, and our new Senior Minister, will help us with that decision. The interim RE process will be concluded in August 2014 when a new RE professional leader begins at Cedar Lane, one year after our settled Senior Minister arrives.

We know you may have questions, and we will arrange for open meetings in the coming months (beginning on October 2) to discuss the many changes we are experiencing. But be assured that we are a strong congregation. As Evan has reminded us in his recent sermons, change can be difficult and provoke anxiety, but it is also full of opportunity for growth and improvement. We, the congregation, have a unique opportunity to take this time to create our vision. The Rev. Peter Morales writes in the Fall 2011 issue of UU World, "Vital, healthy communities identify, nurture,

mentor, and empower leaders.” To grow leaders is part of what we must do to thrive as a religious movement. Perhaps not since Cedar Lane’s founding 60 years ago has there been a better opportunity to do exactly that – and to emerge as the unified religious community we’ve always known we can be. We welcome your thoughts and your help in this time of transition.

Bonnie Beavers, Sara Deshler, The Rev. Heather Janules  
The Rev. Evan Keely, Knick Knickerbocker, Michael Lentz, Rick Offner, Sandy Shaw, Vicky Strella

THE BOT TRANSITION COORDINATING  
COMMITTEE 2011-12

## Congregational Dialogue

The Board of Trustees is organizing a series of open meetings for the purpose of "Congregational Dialogue". The first such meeting will take place after both services on **October 2nd in the Library** with a focus on the six month period of Lay Ministry after the Rev. Susan Archer leaves in January and may be of particular interest to the RE community. Members of the BOT's Transition Coordinating Committee will be available to answer any questions regarding plans and schedules for ensuring that our current ministerial transition process is managed in a calm, prudent, and thoughtful manner.

Future meetings may be thought of as opportunity for us to get to know each other and ourselves better; to talk about what we are and what we want to become.

In this moment of our history when change is inevitable let us now dialogue together; to express our anxieties, to reveal our failings, to express our dreams, and to be one church together in deeper spiritual community.

Questions? Sandy Shaw, [alexandersha@gmail.com](mailto:alexandersha@gmail.com)

## Denominational Affairs

### You're Invited ....

to the Thursday, Sept. 29th, 7:30 p.m. meeting (rooms 1 & 2) of the Denominational Affairs Committee! Are you a new member of Cedar Lane? Want to become more involved? Don't be shy - we welcome you. For questions, please contact [drudi.dino@bls.gov](mailto:drudi.dino@bls.gov) or [nancyjanssen@peoplepc.com](mailto:nancyjanssen@peoplepc.com).

## Social Justice Council

### LGBT TASK FORCE

#### National LGBT History Month (October) at Cedar Lane

During October, the LGBT Task Force will be hosting a number of activities in honor of National LGBT History Month and of National Coming Out Day (October 11th). All members of the Cedar Lane Community (and friends from the larger community beyond Cedar Lane) are welcome to participate in these events.

\* A highlight for the month will be a **celebratory exhibit** in the main building vestibule area **featuring a preview of the newest (and still evolving) photo-text exhibit by Family Diversity Projects--WE HAVE FAITH**. The focus of this new exhibit is on LGBT faith leaders, some of whom are well known to Cedar Laners.

\* **Angels in America: Play Reading, Pizza and Beer**: Participants will engage in a "table reading" of the play (no acting experience necessary) plus a stimulating discussion accompanied by a festive snack and an opportunity to socialize. **Friday, October 7 from 7:15 to 9:00 p.m.** (See page #23 in the Adult Programs Brochure for details)

### Environmental Task Force

You've heard of [Zipcar](#), the car sharing program. Well now, there's *bikesharing* in our area. Riders can pick up a bike from one station (116 throughout D.C. and Arlington, VA) and then return it to another station. Only members can ride, and membership ranges from \$5 for 24 hours to \$75 for a year. Then, there's a small fee after the first 30 minutes each time you take a ride. [Capital Bikeshare](#) is not for long multi-day [bike touring](#); it's geared for commuting, running errands, getting to classes, etc. [MD Senator Brian Frosh](#) and Montgomery County Council member [Roger Berliner](#) are working to get a bikeshare program started in in MoCo. If all goes well, the county could see as many as 200 bikes and 20 stations within a year.

### CLARITY

#### In This Together from CLARITY\*

##### **Food for Thought:**

"Colorblindness will not end racism. Pretending race doesn't exist is not the same as creating equality. To combat racism, we need to identify and remedy social policies and institutional practices that advantage some groups at the expense of others." (Ten Things Everyone

Should Know About Race, "RACE: The Power of an illusion")

CLARITY urges Cedar Laners to attend the 7th Annual Racial Justice Conference: Weaving Our Stories of Change: *The Journey to Multi-racial, Multi-cultural, Multi-generational Community*. The conference will include a panel on partnerships, caucusing within racial-identity groups, worship & song, programming for youth & children. Friday October 14 6:30pm- 9pm (youth overnight opportunity) & Saturday October 15 9am - 4pm at Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington;\$40 per adult, \$20 per youth, \$5 per child, or \$70 per family. Register online at <http://www.jpduua.org/>

Other Events of Interest:

CLUUC Adult Programs "Racism Then and Now" film series. This film discussion series will consist of 3 engaging videos relevant to the topics of anti-racism and multiculturalism. The planned titles are "Traces of the Trade", "9500 Liberty", and "Tim Wise: On White Privilege". Each film will be followed by a facilitated group discussion. Third Fridays of the month – 10/21/2011, 11/18/2011, 12/16/2011 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Sign up for the series, or just drop in and pay at the door. Pledgers \$15, non-pledgers \$20 for the series. Or \$5/session at the door.

"Trouble in Mind" Kreeger Theater Sept. 9 - Oct. 23. Alice Childress's wise and extraordinarily winning comedy-drama about American racial strife as it plays out in a New York rehearsal room, circa 1957. "A fresh, lively and cutting satire" (New York Times) that will make you laugh and make you think."

"Indigenous Peoples Day" Oct. 10. Reimagine Columbus Day and change a celebration of colonialism into an opportunity to reveal historical truths about the genocide and oppression of indigenous peoples in the Americas, to organize against current injustices, and to celebrate indigenous resistance. For more on the history of the holiday, visit [www.uua.org/indigenouspeoplesday](http://www.uua.org/indigenouspeoplesday).

\* CLARITY/"Cedar Laners Against Racism -- In This Together --Yes!"

## Beyond the Church

### Novemberfest, UU Church of Rockville

#### Arts and Crafts Sellers Wanted

Artists and crafters are wanted for UU of Rockville's new fall fundraiser, NovemberFest, being held on Saturday, November 12. For a seller application and full

information about the event, please visit our website, [www.uucr.org/novemberfest](http://www.uucr.org/novemberfest) or contact [novemberfest@uucr.org](mailto:novemberfest@uucr.org).



Join **Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County, MD** for the 4th Annual Affordable Housing Benefit Breakfast on Friday, November 4, 2011 at the Bethesda Marriott For more information or to secure your spot today, contact our Special Events Coordinator, Debbie Hayden at [debbie.hayden@habitat-mc.org](mailto:debbie.hayden@habitat-mc.org) or call 301-990-0014 x13.

### Evening of Chocolate Gala-Maryland NARAL

Saturday, November 5 at 8:00pm

How sweet it is! NARAL Pro-Choice Maryland's 22nd Annual Evening of Chocolate Gala is right around the corner - November 5, 2011. We have much to celebrate this year and we hope you will join us by sponsoring or attending this year's gala.

This year's Gala will take place at the VisArts Center in downtown Rockville, a wonderful space featuring studios and galleries used by local artists.

We would be honored if you considered partnering with us this year. [events@prochoicemd.org](mailto:events@prochoicemd.org)

### Labyrinth Walk at River Road

On Sunday, October 9, the public is invited to participate in a labyrinth walk from 7 to 8:30 pm. Participants can arrive at any point during that time period. This will be a walking meditation on a 24-foot canvas and it will take place in the congregation's Fireside. This labyrinth experience is part of the Congregation's series called "Second Sunday at 7" and includes silent reflection, meditation, and music. Joy Rains, a graduate of Shalem Institute, will lead the group. The public is welcome, it is not necessary to register, and there is no charge. 301-229-0400. RRUUC, 6301 River Road, Bethesda, Md., 20817. [www.rruuc.org](http://www.rruuc.org)

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# Cedar Lane Calendar for September/October 2011

## One-Time Events

- September 29** Denominational Affairs Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m. Room 1-2
- October 1** SJC Retreat 9 a.m. Chalice House Main Room
- October 2** Congregational Dialogue 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. (after services) Library
- October 2** NOLA Information Meeting 10:30 a.m. Chapel
- October 7** Angels in America: Play Reading, Pizza and Beer 7:15 p.m. Chalice House Main Room
- October 13** Backyard Birds of Maryland 7:30 p.m. Library
- October 15-16** YAG Tockwogh Retreat Offsite
- October 22** Breakthrough Day 9 a.m. Sanctuary
- October 29** Retreat for Women 10 a.m. Chalice House Main Room
- October 29** Concert Series: Thomas Guthrie 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary

## Regular Activities

- SUN:** Attitudes Toward Living: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sun 8:30 a.m. Chalice House Covenant Room  
Worship Service: 9 a.m. Sanctuary  
Religious Education: 9 a.m.  
Cedar Lane in 6 Minutes: 10 a.m. Sanctuary  
Second Sunday Signing: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun 10 a.m. Library  
Sunday Morning Forum: 10:10 a.m. Chalice House Main Room  
Worship Service: 11 a.m. Sanctuary  
Religious Education: 11 a.m.  
Journey Women: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 11 a.m. Room 7  
Second Sunday Signing: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun 12 p.m. Library  
Community Lunch: 1<sup>st</sup> Sun 12:30 p.m. Chalice House Main Room  
St. Augustine: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 2 p.m. Library
- MON:** Science and Religion: 10 a.m. Library  
Continuing Yoga: 5 p.m. Chalice House Main Room  
Meditation: 7:30 p.m. Chalice House Main Room  
Alliance Jewelry: 1<sup>st</sup> Mon 9:15 a.m. Room 30-31  
Martha's Table Prep: 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon 7 p.m. Kitchen  
Writing Memoirs: 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mon 1 p.m. Room 1-2  
Sharing Covenant Group: 3<sup>rd</sup> Mon 7:15 p.m. Chalice House Covenant Room  
Exploring oUUr History: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mon Rm 30-31
- TUE:** Just Sitting: 10 a.m. Chapel  
Quilting: 10 a.m. Quilter's Room  
Bridge: 10 a.m. Library  
Heart to Heart: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tue 2 p.m. Chalice House

- Covenant Room  
Beginning Yoga: 7 p.m. Chalice House Main Room (starting 10/4)  
Gruppo Piccolo 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary  
Partner Church: 1<sup>st</sup> Tue 7:30 p.m. Library  
Personnel: 1<sup>st</sup> Tue 7:30 p.m. Room 1-2  
Facilities: 1<sup>st</sup> Tue 7:30 p.m. Room 30-31  
Finance: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tue 7:30 p.m. Library  
AP Book Discussion: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tue 7:15 p.m. Library  
Board of Trustees: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tue 7:30 p.m. Room 1-2  
Committee on Ministry: 4<sup>th</sup> Tue 7:30 p.m. Library  
Philosophy Club: 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Tue 7:30 p.m. Room 12 (starting 10/4)  
Poems on Faith: Tue 7:30 p.m. Room 5-6 (starting 10/4)

- WED:** Martha's Table Prep: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed 8:30 a.m. Kitchen  
Pastoral Visitors: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed 12:30 p.m. Library  
Aging Support: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed 1:15 p.m. Room 1-2  
Adult Choir: 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary  
R.E. Council: 1<sup>st</sup> Wed 7:30 p.m. Room 1-2  
Member Services: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed 7:30 p.m. Room 1-2  
Adult Programs Committee: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed 7:30 p.m. Room 1-2
- THU:** T'ai Chi: 10:30 Chalice House Main Room  
Meaning of Ministry: 7 p.m. Library (starting 10/20)  
Alliance Board Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> Thu 10 a.m. Rm 1-2  
Alliance Film Series: 4<sup>th</sup> Thu 10:30 a.m. Library  
Alliance Luncheon: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thu 11:30 a.m. Sanctuary  
Cancer Support Group: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thu 2 p.m. Library  
Children's Choir: 6 p.m. Sanctuary  
Youth Choir: 6:30 p.m. Sanctuary  
Connection Circles Steering Committee: 4<sup>th</sup> Thu 7 p.m. Room 1-2  
Youth Handbell Choir: 7:15 p.m. Sanctuary  
Stewardship: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thu 7:15 p.m. Room 1-2  
Introduction to Confucian Thought: 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Thu Room 30-31  
SJC: 1<sup>st</sup> Thu 7:30 p.m. Library  
Kiplinger: 1<sup>st</sup> Thu 7:30 p.m. Room 4  
CLARITY: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thu 7:30 p.m. Chalice House Covenant Rm  
Bell Canto: 8 p.m. Sanctuary
- FRI:** Library Committee: 10 a.m. Library  
Alliance Book Group: 1<sup>st</sup> Fri 11 a.m. Room 1-2  
Living with Mental Illness: 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fri 1 p.m. Library  
Friday Friends: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fri 1:30 p.m. Library  
Meaning of Ministry: 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fri 7 p.m. Library  
LGBT in Popular Media: 2<sup>nd</sup> Fri 7:15 p.m. Library  
Racism: Then and Now: 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday 7:30 p.m. Library
- SAT:** CSA Famer's Market: 9 a.m. Upper Parking Lot  
Living by Rhyme and Reason: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sat 8 a.m. Chalice House Covenant Room  
Men's Group: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sat 8 a.m. Library  
Grounds: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat 9 a.m. Room 30-31

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**The Rev. Roberta M. Nelson** *Minister Emerita*  
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**Thomas Guthrie** *Organist/Accompanist*  
**Bonnie Beavers** *Chair, Board of Trustees*  
**Sara Deshler** *Church Administrator*  
**Nancy Pellegrini** *Intern Minister*

**TIME SENSITIVE MATERIAL**

**October 22<sup>nd</sup>** 10 AM to 3 PM, SATURDAY  
at Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church

60<sup>th</sup>  
Cedar Lane  
Unitarian  
Universalist  
Church

*Living the Mission*



Explore *the eternal*   Nurture *Community*   Build *a more just world*

**Cedar Lane has much to celebrate!**  
**Join members, families and friends for a day of fun, food and frolic.**

There will be activities for all ages. There will be a moon bounce and pumpkin painting. Eat lunch at the chili and pie cook off. Contribute to the canned food sculpture being donated to Manna Food by bringing a canned food item. There will be dancing, singing and worship. There will be a commemorative tree planting, and there will be opportunities to explore all that Cedar Lane has to offer. Come be a part of the excitement of "Living the Mission."