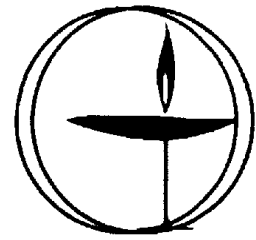


ALLIANCE NEWSLETTER



Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church
9601 Cedar Lane, Bethesda, Maryland 20814-4099

Earlene Green, *President*

December 2011

Barbara Gressman, *Editor*

The Alliance of Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church is an affiliate member of the church open to all interested women and men. Its purpose is to promote programs and activities of a cultural and community nature that support Unitarian Universalist principles. In furtherance of these purposes, the Alliance raises its own funds and establishes its own budget.



Alliance Day
Thursday December 8, 2011

The Schedule for Alliance Day

11:30 a.m.	A relaxed time for socializing.
12:00 noon	Potluck lunch. Ham and turkey will be provided. Please bring a vegetable dish, salad, or dessert to serve six or eight.
1:00 p.m.	Program
<i>Set-Up:</i>	10:30 Jean Schaible Jean Thompson
<i>Greeters:</i>	11:30 Nancy Dayhoff
<i>Curb Assistant:</i>	Coralie Adler
<i>Receiving Food:</i>	11:45 Martha Lisle
<i>Clean-Up:</i>	12:45 Judy Parker Russ Parker
<i>Clean-Up</i>	
<i>Serving Tables:</i>	12:45 Alison Tobias
<i>Table Cloths:</i>	Andy Levchenko John Giovanelli
<i>Beverage Table:</i>	Norm Lauben

President's Message

Ponder this: "The existence of God can never be proved by scientific experiment or by the pure reason of logical deduction. God can be realized only in the realms of human experience." Merry Christmas to you and happy holidays to all.

Earlene Green, President Alliance

Singing Our Holiday Favorites with Susan Clark:



Come to share in the holiday spirit, good company, good food, and a sing along with Susan of many holiday favorites.

Future Programs:

January 12th: Alisa Glassman, from AIM. Her topic is entitled Justice Never Gets Old.

February 9th: To be determined

March 8th: To be determined

April 12: The Maryland Common Cause Director, Susan Wichman

Len Adler

Choose your hospitality tasks! Sign up for your favorite hospitality task for next month as you check in at the monthly Alliance luncheon. Each of us should volunteer for at least three tasks during the year as we are able. If you have signed up for a hospitality task and you cannot fulfill the assignment, please find a substitute. (If you cannot find a substitute, call *Arlene Goldman*, 301-871-8367). If you can help with clean-up, please also call *Arlene*.

**First Friday Book Club 11 a.m.
Rooms 1 & 2**



The First Friday Book Group welcomes old friends and new. Bring a dish to share for our holiday luncheon.

December 2: Major Pettigrew's Last Stand: A Novel by Helen Simonson (2010) – A retired major in a small English town becomes friendly with a Pakistani shopkeeper, but townspeople disparage the relationship. Refreshments: The Book Group's Annual Christmas Pot Luck Luncheon.

January 6: Dreams of My Russian Summer by Andrei Makine (1997) – During the 1960s, the author, a Soviet schoolboy, leaves Moscow each summer to visit his French grandmother in a remote Siberian village. The number of library copies is limited. Refreshments: Helen Pechacek and Jean Schaible.

Lois Williams and Helen Strang

Social Responsibility



Thank you, Thank you, Thank you! The Alliance has donated \$500 to AIM together with individual donations from 15 Cedar Laners for a total of \$3,750 to support their mission.

AIM - Action In Montgomery is affiliated with the Industrial Areas Foundation, the oldest and largest national organization fostering congregation-based community organizing. The IAF was founded by Saul Alinsky in 1940, and launched the national living wage movement in Baltimore; organized for universal health care in Massachusetts, and built over 5,000 Nehemiah homes throughout the Northeast.

AIM is a unique nonpartisan alliance of faith communities in Montgomery County. They are compelled by faith or work for systemic change in our county for the well being of all our citizens. Action together can do more than action done by an individual. Cedar Lane is a longstanding member of AIM.

Alisa Glassman, AIM's lead organizer, will talk about AIM at the January Alliance meeting.

Individual contributions can be made to their website www.actioninmontgomery.org.

Jean Thompson, Nancy Dayhoff and Nancy Janssen

**Fourth Thursday Classic Film Series
10:30 a.m. in the Library**



No screenings in November and December due to the holidays.
See you in 2012.

Andy Levchenko and John Giovanelli

**December Luncheon Cookies Needed
For homebound friends**

Cookies are needed for our homebound friends. Please have your cookies at the church by 10 a.m. so that they can be distributed into the individual boxes for delivery.



Betsy Sutherland

**Alliance Bridge Every Tuesday
10 a.m. in the Library.**



All Bridge players are welcome! No partner needed. Bring a sandwich and play through lunch.

Virginia Weise

Alliance Directories



Pick-up your 2011-2012 directory at the December Alliance luncheon.

Thank you,

Virginia Weise

Alliance Food Etiquette

If possible, please identify a dish if it is vegetarian/vegan to help those who abstain from meat or have allergies.

**Next Alliance Board Meeting:
Thursday December 15, 10 a.m.
Next Newsletter Deadline:
Friday December 9**