



# CEDAR LANE NEWS

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**February 5, 2012, 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.**  
**“Light the Chalice!”**

*The Rev. Evan Keely*

We experience empowerment and joy when we reach out to help others in common cause.

**February 12, 2012, 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.**  
**“To Nurture Community”**

*The Rev. Heather Janules*

When “two or more are gathered,” a community is made. But how is a faith community different than other gatherings of dedicated people? This service, the second of a three-part series reflecting on Cedar Lane’s mission statement, explores what it means for a spiritual institution “to nurture community.”

**February 19, 2012, 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.**  
**“Cultivating Spirituality”**

*Intern Minister, Nancy Bird Pellegrini*

What can greater attention to spirituality do? We will examine how spiritual practices provide grounding for social justice work and encourage fellowship in our congregations. Children and youth will be in the sanctuary in the beginning of the service before going to their RE classes.

**February 26, 2012, 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.**  
**“Tempered Joy”**

*The Rev. Evan Keely*

How do we find the balance between appropriate self-restraint and living life fully and joyfully?



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

**February 5:** *Three Mile Island: A Nuclear Crisis in Historical Perspective*, with historian Dr. Sam Walker.

**February 12:** *Current developments in the prevention and treatment of Alzheimer’s Disease*, with David B. Hawver.

**February 19:** *Gender Violence Used as a Weapon of War in the Democratic Republic of the Congo*, with Bernard Londoni, Ph.D student in Conflict Analysis and Resolution at George Mason University.

**February 26:** *Gleason to Leggett: Forty Years of Executive Leadership in Montgomery County*, with Charles Short, Special Assistant to County Executive, Ike Leggett.

## Notes from the Ministers

*Evan Keely*

The presidential primaries have me thinking about leadership: What are the qualities of a good leader?

A good leader is attentive to others’ opinions, but is guided by her own. A lot of us are disappointed in our country’s political processes because candidates and elected officials often seem to feel obliged to do a great deal of pandering. This is especially evident during presidential primaries, when the would-be nominees sometimes appear to be vying with one another to see who can best rile up the most uncompromising constituencies on one issue or another. A good leader does not ignore the passions of others, but is driven by a strong sense of guiding principles rather than a yearning for others’ approval.

A good leader is able to see beyond the particulars of a specific situation. He is able to see the broader patterns that may be discernible beyond the immediate scope of what is being experienced by himself and the group he leads. This is why it is a good thing for a leader to have a breadth of knowledge as well as a depth of insight. He is able to see the patterns in parallels and similar situations and learn from them, rather than “reinventing the wheel.” At the same time, a good leader recognizes that

just because things are similar, they are not therefore identical, and he is able to adjust for unforeseen variables.

A good leader has an intrinsic sense of fairness. She understands that not everyone has the same advantages, the same gifts, and the same challenges. She is able to see each individual as having potential, and avoids generalizations. A good leader is willing to listen to a variety of perspectives, including those that differ from her own. At the same time, a good leader recognizes the importance of being persuaded as well as being persuasive. No one should be reasonably expected to do something “just because.” A good leader looks for good reasons to take a particular action, with faith in her own judgment and of the group’s.

A good leader focuses on where the positive energy resides. The Rev. Susan Beaumont, a consultant with the Alban Institute, unabashedly encourages leaders to “play favorites” - to give their attention primarily to the people who are the most creative, dedicated, healthy and mature. It easily happens in human organizations (and congregations are by no means an exception) that “the squeaky wheel gets the grease” - that the group’s agenda gets appropriated by the folks that complain the loudest rather than driven by the people with the most creative ideas. The two are not necessarily mutually exclusive, but think of it this way: what if, in any group we belong to, we were to pay heed primarily to those who have the most courage, the most hope, the most creativity? What if we were guided principally by those with a clear and compelling vision of the possible?

*Nancy Pellegrini*

### Consider Connection Circles

Unitarian Universalism is a covenantal rather than a creedal faith. That means members are bound together by their relationships with each other rather than by creeds. I believe that for us, obeying covenant means respecting the sacredness in others. As stated in our first principle, we affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every person. According to Unitarian Universalist theologian James Luther Adams, keeping covenant is part of being human. He writes, “The human being as such, as Martin Buber says, is the promise-making, promise-keeping, promise-breaking, promise-renewing creature.”

By keeping covenant with each other and creating community we are affirming our commitment to our common humanity. When people ask me what is the point of Unitarian Universalism if there are no creeds, I answer that the point is community. I believe that Unitarian Universalist congregations need to

intentionally determine how to uphold the covenantal promise to support each other in community. This is where connection circles come in. They are one way that we keep covenant with each other.

Connection circles are small groups within the congregation that commit to meet with each other on a regular basis and covenant with each other about upholding principles of mutuality and respect in meetings. Groups can be organized around affinities or around a practice such as poetry reading or storytelling. Cedar Lane’s vision is to maintain a structure of connection circles in which members are invited to share matters of the heart and mind and their spiritual journeys, develop caring relationships, and minister to one another and the larger world. Connections circles keep an empty chair at meetings to symbolize that new members are welcome.

Please consider joining a connection circle as part of our small group ministry so that you can minister to yourself and to others. You can sign up through Adult Programs. New groups this year include one for empty nesters called *Get a Life* and a group that I plan to lead called *Spiritual Practice for Busy People*. Check out the new Adult Programs booklet for information about these new groups as well as for descriptions of existing connection circles to get connected! The booklet will be mailed to your home and is on the web at <http://www.cedarlane.org/SPRING2012CLUUC.pdf>. Adult Program registration will be held in the lounge after church through February 12 or can be done online.

## 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.

Usually in this section, we share (with the subjects’ permission) current personal joys and sorrows in our community. This week, we have no news to share (or at least none has come to our attention.)

So, I will use this space to announce a small change in our ministries of pastoral care. The heading that usually accompanies the We Care column includes the acknowledgement that “Should you know of a member

of our community in personal need, you are encouraged to reach out to them.” This grounds the We Care column as both a vehicle for communication and an invitation to action, not just for the formal providers of community support (the We Care chairpeople, the Pastoral Visitors and the ministers of the congregation) but for all of us.

Cedar Lane’s Breakthrough Task Force dedicated part of its focus on pastoral care and offered a number of good recommendations including, “Expand congregational awareness of and participation in pastoral visitation activities” and “Emphasize skill acquisition so that pastoral care providers are more able to fulfill pastoral care needs on their own.” These recommendations were accepted as part of the body of the BTTF report in the 2011 Annual Meeting.

In the spirit of these suggestions, the Pastoral Visitors have decided to expand and deepen their pastoral care ministries at Cedar Lane by serving as both short- and long-term pastoral care providers. Currently, Pastoral Visitors meet one-on-one with individuals who would benefit from personal support on an open-ended basis, usually folks who are home bound due to medical or mobility challenges. The majority of the Pastoral Visitors have now also committed to making short-term visits to members who have temporary challenges, such as recovering from surgery in a hospital or rehabilitation center.

This means that if a member undergoes medical treatment or requests spiritual or emotional support from a minister, there may be follow up contact by one of our Pastoral Visitors. The Pastoral Visitors are selected on the basis of their natural empathy, their understanding of privacy and their wish to bear witness to another’s life with compassion. Before they serve as pastoral care providers, they complete a nine-hour training session. The Visitors meet monthly with the Minister for Pastoral Care for their own support and to strengthen their ministries of companionship. If I were ill or injured, I would welcome any of our Pastoral Visitors by my hospital bed.

We will soon also offer an opportunity to request pastoral support through a card that can be completed at the “candle table” in the Auditorium on Sunday morning. Anyone wishing to meet with a Pastoral Visitor may also request this support by contacting me at [hjanules@cedarlane.org](mailto:hjanules@cedarlane.org) or 301.493.8300, x204. In addition, the Visitors, congregational staff and I are in conversation about additional avenues of outreach: a brochure, information on our website and in our membership directories and a centralized bulletin board where joys and sorrows can be shared and responded to (through blank cards provided by the community.) Our

outreach will also include a group photo of the Visitors so they are easy to recognize in congregational life. Stay tuned!

The current Pastoral Visitors are Betsy Binckes, Janet Cromer, Jean Schaible, Karen Lerner, Marie Powell, Sharon Bradley, Terry Tretter and Tracey Stein. We are always looking for other responsible and sensitive members who wish to join this important ministry (especially men, for a little gender diversity!)

All ministry at Cedar Lane is shared ministry. I feel privileged to share caring for our members in times of fear, transition and special celebration with the Pastoral Visitors and - as named each week in the We Care column - with the whole community. I invite those with questions or ideas about how we can further strengthen this care to be in touch.

While there was no We Care news to share this week, in previous weeks our E-news offered...

#### **Healing wishes to...**

**Ann McLaughlin (Neighborhood 8)** who is recovering at home from surgery.

**Mimi Grimm (N10)** who is now in rehab care at ManorCare in Chevy Chase.

**Nancy Janssen (N23)** who was released from rehab on Friday, January 13 and is continuing her recovery at home.

**Bill Buchanan (N8)** who underwent surgery at Johns Hopkins on Friday, January 13.

#### **Condolences to...**

The friends and family of **Frank Blumenthal (N8)** who died on December 29 after a long decline. A service in celebration of his life was held on January 14, followed by a ceremony to scatter his ashes in the Memory Garden.

**John, Maria and Lorelie Dinger (N1)** with the death of Maria’s father, Leonard Kaminski, on January 2.

#### **(Belated) congratulations to...**

**Eric, Regina and Amelia Dull (N12)** with the birth of Amelia’s younger sister, Carrera Elyse Dull, on September 24.

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 Music Director

**Music Notes from Dr. Henry Sgrecci -  
Director of Music, [hsgrecci@cedarlane.org](mailto:hsgrecci@cedarlane.org)**

**JPD Worship Arts Festival takes place at Rockville UUC on February 24 & 25, 2012.** Anyone who serves CLUUC worship services in any capacity will find this workshop helpful. Whether it is to learn more about your singing voice, explore meditation through drumming, or singing, learn new ways to engage all ages during services, or studying the acoustics of our worship space, there is something for almost everyone in this workshop. For information visit the jpd website - keywords: "JPD worship arts festival"

**February 5** - The music will be bountiful as the CLUUC Choir welcomes its counterparts from Paint Branch UUC. Under the direction David Chapman, Director of the Paint Branch UUC Choir, and Dr. Henry Sgrecci, the two choirs will sing en masse throughout the services. Selections will include Clif Hardin's *We Will Walk Together*, Jim Scott's *Come Into This Place*, *Little Elegy* by Stephen Paulus, and *There Will Be Rest* by Frank Ticheli.

**February 12** - The Choir will be singing at Paint Branch UUC on this morning. Barbara Wing will provide solo piano selections throughout the morning's services. Included Felix Mendelssohn's *Song Without Words*, op. 19 no. 1 and *Duetto* op. 36, no. 6, William Bolcom's *The Graceful Ghost Rag*, and Edvard Grieg's *To Spring*.

**February 19** - Our Children's, Youth, and Youth Handbell Choirs will lead the musical support of this service. The Whatever Four Quartet makes a cameo appearance to sing Robert Frost's text, *Stopping By Woods on a Snowy Evening*.

## From the Board of Trustees' Transition Coordinating Committee

### **FAQ: Where are we in the process?**

The Board of Trustees hears many questions about the leadership transitions ahead. Last September, the Board's subcommittee called the "Transition Coordinating Committee" (TCC) issued an update on transition issues, focusing on changes in RE leadership after the Rev. Susan Archer's retirement on January 1.

(See September 27, 2011 [article](#) and accompanying [timelines](#) on the CLUUC website.) We'd like to update you on our progress.

### **Q. Which leaders are we looking for now?**

We are beginning the process of looking for an interim Religious Education leader who will start this August after Linda Gianessi concludes her term as our Temporary Religious Education Coordinator. The options for RE interims include a Minister of Religious Education (MRE), or a Credentialed Religious Educator (CRE), a highly qualified lay professional trained in religious education. We are also in the process of taking nominations for the Senior Minister Search Committee, which will consist of seven people to be elected as a slate at the Annual Congregational Meeting on April 15. These seven people will each devote 250 to 400 hours to selecting the best qualified candidate for our new Senior Minister to start in August 2013. (For details, see The UUA Settlement Handbook, [http://www.uua.org/documents/mpl/transitions/settlement\\_handbook.pdf](http://www.uua.org/documents/mpl/transitions/settlement_handbook.pdf))

### **Q. Why aren't we filling the RE leadership vacancy on a long-term basis as soon as possible?**

Based on UUA advice and recommendations, the TCC and the Board decided: (1) The RE Program and the congregation would benefit from an interim process led by a professional RE Interim; (2) the Senior Minister position should be filled before the permanent RE leader is chosen, in part because it is very difficult to conduct two searches at the same time; and (3) Cedar Lane has many unique characteristics and will attract excellent candidates for both the Senior Minister and RE positions, so it is wise to take all necessary time to evaluate our needs thoroughly and find the best people.

### **Q. We've always had an MRE. Why are we considering other types of Religious Education professionals?**

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. However, the UUA provides other levels of credentialed and highly qualified Religious Education leaders who are not ordained ministers. We cannot predict the availability of MREs for our permanent RE leader, or our ability to meet UUA salary guidelines for the ministers we would like to hire and retain. The interim period could be an opportunity to experience another type of skilled religious education leader to guide us through a process of self-examination, reflecting on the history of our RE program and our vision of what we'd like it to be. We encourage everyone to keep an open mind. Our Interim Senior Minister, the Rev. Evan Keely,

will also help us with our self-examination process. When that process is concluded, we'll conduct a separate search for our religious education leader.

**Q. We really like the Rev. Evan Keely. Can he stay as our settled Senior Minister?**

Unfortunately, Evan's role as an Interim Senior Minister does not include the ability to be considered as a candidate for the settled position. But he is highly enthusiastic about his role at Cedar Lane and welcomes all your questions and comments.

The Board also welcomes your thoughts and your assistance in this time of transition. If you haven't already done so, [please be sure to fill out your nominations form by Wednesday, February 1 with names of highly qualified members to serve on the Senior Minister Search Committee.](#)

- Bonnie Beavers, BOT Chair 2011-12, on behalf of the TCC

## From the Membership Coordinator

*Andy Streich*

### **New! Affinity Groups at CLUUC**

Currently CLUUC offers these small groups: connection circles, dinner discussion groups, and several support groups (p-flag, aging, living with cancer, and living with mental illness). Affinity groups, sponsored by the Membership Services Committee (MSC), are now another option. They form around common interests or background. Examples are Buddhist practice and study, Jewish ethnicity, LGBT, or being a young adult; these are sometimes called identity groups. Others might form around an activity like going to the theater or biking.

They are self-organizing, self-directed, self-funded if funds are required, and on-going.

*Join.* If you would like to join one of these groups (currently in the forming stage) send an e-mail to the contact person or give them a call.

#### **\*Buddhist Study & Practice**

For people interested in learning about Buddhism and meditation practice

Person to contact for information: Andy Streich, [astreich@cedarlane.org](mailto:astreich@cedarlane.org), 240-281-7208

#### **\*Jewish Ethnicity**

For people with a Jewish background and their partners

Person to contact for information: Kay Gottesman, [kgottesman@verizon.net](mailto:kgottesman@verizon.net), 301-530-5504

#### **\*Theater**

For people interested in going to live theater together  
Person to contact for information: Marlene Berg, [mgkpberg@gmail.com](mailto:mgkpberg@gmail.com), 301-279-6790

*Create.* If you are interested in forming a new group or have questions please write to Cedar Lane's membership coordinator, Andy Streich, [astreich@cedarlane.org](mailto:astreich@cedarlane.org). Affinity groups have no fees and can use church facilities for meetings. Your group must have a contact person and be responsible for communicating with its members. Andy will periodically publish affinity group information in the newsletter so the congregation is aware of what is available and how to get involved. He may also be able to help with other ways of attracting like-minded people to your group. Our intention is to be as flexible as possible as we launch groups and adjust as we learn how best to support them.

#### **Learning about UU and Cedar Lane**

The Adult Programs booklet will be available soon, and the Member Services Committee is pleased to highlight these free opportunities especially for new members and visitors. We are also delighted when members who have been around awhile participate and share their wisdom. So register soon through Adult Programs and mark your calendars.

**A5. New to UU**, Wednesday, March 7, 7:30 to 9 p.m., Evan Keely, Interim Senior Minister:

This class investigates various aspects of what it means to be a Unitarian Universalist today, changes in Unitarianism and Universalism in the 20th Century, and the earlier history of our faith.

**A7. Exploring Cedar Lane**, Wednesday, March 14, 7:30 to 9 p.m., Andy Streich, Membership Coordinator: Through personal stories and discussion with lay leaders, participants learn how people come together in committees and other groups to operate the church. This is an opportunity to share your experience of the church as well as to learn from others about theirs.

**A8. Welcome Workshop**, Saturday, March 17, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Twice a year we offer this opportunity to learn about Unitarian Universalism, our spiritual community, how we operate, what we offer, and ways to get engaged. The workshop is hosted by the membership coordinator with interactive sessions led by each of the ministers.

## EDUCATION FOR ALL AGES

Linda Gianessi, Temporary Religious Education Coordinator  
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).

### Upcoming RE

F & S	February 3 & 5	Harry Potter Musical
Sun	February 5	1st Sunday Smart Sacks Super Bowl Party
Fri	February 10	COA Lock-In
Sun	February 19	All ages begin in sanctuary.
Fri	February 24	Teacher Appreciation Dinner

### 1st Sunday Smart Sacks

On Sunday, February 5, bring staple foods for children to take home from school in their backpacks. Place them in the red bins in the chapel hallway and downstairs. A list of suggested items can be found at <http://www.cedarlane.org/rep/FoodWishList.pdf>

### Teacher Appreciation Dinner

Teachers, please mark your calendars for Friday, February 24, for this wonderful annual dinner together. Watch for your special invitation. Parents: letters about dinner donations and 6th grade servers will be sent out shortly. Watch your mail for them, and help support your child(ren)'s teachers!

### Youth Notes (Grades 7-12)

#### A Very Potter Musical

Everyone is invited to this production by our teens! Shows will be held on Friday, February 3, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, February 5, at 4 p.m., both FREE performances will be in the auditorium. The teens performed one of the acts at last winter's coffee house to help support their New Orleans work trip this summer. They had SO much fun that this time they're performing the whole thing! Support their efforts by being an audience member! The show will be over in time for the big Super Bowl party, so bring your family (be aware that the musical's content is considered PG, appropriate for 4th graders and up) and stay for the Super Bowl Party.

#### Super Bowl Party

Come to the annual Super Bowl Party, Sunday, February 5, at 6 p.m. in the auditorium! We'll watch the game on the BIG screen and vote for the best commercial. This is an event is for all ages, no alcohol. Wear your favorite sports team clothing and bring snacks to share. Pizza and drinks provided. Donations welcome.

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

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 Linda Gianessi.

February 5 Super Bowl Party

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

For information about the SHYG contact Vanessa Steck, Coordinator of Senior High Youth Ministry, at [vsteck@cedarlane.org](mailto:vsteck@cedarlane.org). Please visit our web link at <http://www.cedarlane.org/srhigh.htm>

February 5	Super Bowl Party
February 10-11	COA Lock-In
February 17	Hang Out

### Young Adults (Ages 18-35)

#### Winter Escape 2012!

Hello UUs! Not looking forward to the winter? Well, we are! Because Winter Escape 2012 is here! Join Unitarian Universalist Young Adults (ages 18-35) from the DC Metro area for 4-days and 3-nights of hiking, dancing, cooking, baking, skiing, retreat filled fun! Our getaway will be held over President's Day weekend, from Friday, 2/17/12 to Monday, 2/20/12. This year's event will be in Luray, VA, in the picturesque Shenandoah Valley, just a 2-hour car ride from DC. It's only \$129 for accommodations and meals for the entire weekend, so reserve your spot today and don't miss out!

Detailed information and sign-up is at our event website and Facebook page:  
<http://winterescape2012.eventbrite.com/>  
<http://www.facebook.com/groups/190601480974287/>

All registration fees are fully refundable until 1/22/12, so you're not locked in if you register early!

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 (AP) Spring 2012 is [HERE!](#)

The brochure, with almost 50 exciting programs, is available on the Cedar Lane website and has been mailed

to your home. The AP committee will be in the lounge accepting registrations on Sunday mornings: January 29, February 5 and 12. A registration card has been mailed with the brochure and more are available at the church under the nametags and in the RE office.

### Brochure Corrections:

Sexuality and Our Faith is 4 sessions.

Ikebana may have additional material fees.

Hillwood Garden Tour is Pledgers\$20; non-pledgers \$30

### Classes beginning right away:

February

- 2 T'ai Chi
- 3 Beginning Yoga
- 6 Science and Religion  
Continuing Yoga
- 7 Philosophy Club
- 9 Our Theological House  
Untold Stories of Afrodescendants  
Alexander Technique — Free introductory class
- 17 Beyond Black and White, Films with CLARITY
- 18 Retreat for Women
- 21 Book Discussion Group
- 23 Alexander Technique

### Connection Circles

New Circles beginning in February:

- 9 A is for Aging
- 20 Connections–Short Term
- 21 Raised Catholic
- 26 Get a Life! for empty nester parents
- 28 Spiritual Practice for Busy People

The following on-going circles also welcome new members: Attitudes Towards Living, Heart to Heart, Journeywomen, Living the Full Rainbow Flag, Living by Rhyme and Reason, The Sharing Group, and Sharing Stories–Sharing Hope.

All connection circles meet on a regular schedule. Of the 13 circles here at Cedar Lane, there is sure to be a group for you! Descriptions of all the circles are in the Adult Programs Spring 2012 brochure. If you have any questions, please contact Jeannette in the RE office or the Rev. Heather Janules. Register through 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!

**February 5:** “Three Mile Island: a Nuclear Crisis in Historical Perspective.” Historian Dr. Sam Walker will briefly discuss the causes of the accident in 1979, the response to it, and the long-term effects. He will also comment about how knowing the history of TMI is a key to understanding Fukushima and to making informed choices about energy policy in the United States. Dr. Walker spent most of his career as the historian of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**February 12:** David B. Hawver, a member of Cedar Lane, will discuss current developments in the prevention and treatment of Alzheimer’s disease. He will review the molecular neuropathology underlying Alzheimer’s and will describe current and planned clinical trials of agents being developed to prevent or delay its onset. Dave has a Ph.D. in Pharmacology and Neuroscience and is with the Division of Neurology Products at the FDA, where he reviews pharmacology and toxicology data supporting applications for investigational drugs for Alzheimer’s and other neurological disorders.

**February 19:** “Gender Violence Used as a Weapon of War in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.” Our speaker, Bernard Londoni, will discuss his recent research in the eastern Congo on violence against women perpetrated by armed groups and Congo armed forces. He will also discuss his findings on traditional methods used at the tribal level to address the underlying problem. Bernard is a Ph.D. student in Conflict Analysis and Resolution at George Mason University and is a regional intelligence analyst for Africa at iJET Intelligent Risk Systems in Annapolis.

**February 26:** “Gleason to Leggett: Forty Years of Executive Leadership in Montgomery County.” This conversation will be led by Chuck Short who currently serves as Special Assistant to County Executive Ike Leggett but has been appointed to serve each of the county executives since the very first one, Republican Jim Gleason, took office in 1970. How has the executive branch of government changed? What are some of the most significant and enduring policies initiated by these executives? How did they respond to demographic, social, political, civic and economic changes in a county that grew from 400,000 people and hundreds of farms to one million people and tens of thousands of cars.

## From the Worship Associates

### Worship Associates Program Begins

Worship Associates are lay leaders who work with ministers to plan and create the Sunday morning worship services. They may also provide support for visiting speakers, both lay and clergy. They help prepare the worship space, welcome visitors, present elements of the service, and greet the congregation afterwards. The Worship Committee, working in consultation with Cedar Lane's ministers, has named the following nine people to be our first team of Worship Associates: Brian Belanger, Susan Clark, Duncan Ferguson, Bob Harrison, Terry Hoffeld, Jim Laursen, Lucy Lowenthal, Travis Ploeger, and Kathleen Reedy.

The Worship Associates program first evolved at First Unitarian Church in Oakland, CA, as a means of involving the congregation in planning and leading worship. Such involvement helped the church to grow, and many other UU churches have such programs now. Cedar Lane's Worship Associates have training scheduled for January 28-29, and will begin their duties with our services on February 5.

The first group will serve 1-, 2-, or 3-year terms. Later groups of Associates will be chosen by current Associates, in consultation with the ministers, and will serve 3-year terms. Service as a Worship Associate is limited to one term only.

Please congratulate our first group of Worship Associates, and be prepared to enjoy and appreciate the new dimensions they will bring to our worship.

**The 2012 Passport to Adventure Auction has the perfect getaway for you!**



Looking to beat the summer crowds with a spring vacation at the beach? Why not plan a getaway that also benefits Cedar Lane. Spend the week of Montgomery County Public Schools' spring break at Sea Colony in Bethany Beach by submitting the winning bid at Cedar Lane's Passport to Adventure Auction on March 24.

Jane Barton's fully furnished, two bedroom, two bath sea cottage is available from April 2 through April 8 for

a minimum bid of \$500. The condo is on one level and features a large deck. The week-long rental includes parking and access to tennis and both indoor and outdoor pools. The beach is a short walk away.

Passport to Adventure will offer many other vacation opportunities around the U.S. So think of Cedar Lane when you are planning your summer vacation. We will soon have more information about travel destinations in California, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Virginia and many more.

And don't forget to support the auction with your own donation of goods or services. Please visit our website at <http://www.cedarlane.org/Auction%202012.htm> to view our donation form.

**The original Wednesday Morning Mother's group** began 50 years ago this spring. We hope to gather as many participants for a celebration as can be found. Were you a Wednesday Morning Mother in 1962-63? Let us know soon. Wanda Van Goor, 301-652-0296 or Peg Peterson, 301-946-7681.

### Deadline to Order Name Plates for Memory Wall

Do you have a loved one whom you would like to memorialize with a nameplate on the Memory Wall of the beautiful garden outside the Chalice House? He or she need not have been a member of the church. Orders for nameplates to be dedicated this spring need to be in the church office no later than Sunday, March 4. For applications or information, contact Lyn Peters, Co-Chair of the Memory Garden and History Committee, at 301-881-2872 or [lynepeters@verizon.net](mailto:lynepeters@verizon.net). A dedication of the newest nameplates on the Memory Wall will take place on Sunday, May 27, after the church service.

## Social Justice Council

### In This Together from CLARITY\*



"Mapping the Journey Toward Multicultural Wholeness" What a wonderful turnout we had for the December 11 workshop with Paula Cole Jones, the Director of Racial and Social Justice for the Joseph Priestley District! Hearty thanks to all who participated, especially during such a busy time of year.

### *What did we accomplish?*

Over 50 Cedar Laners evaluated where our congregation stands with respect to being inclusive in 4 areas – 1) multi-racial/multi-cultural, 2) multi-generational, 3) “Welcoming Congregation”(Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender) and 4) differently abled. (The same process could be applied to other dimensions of diversity, such as class and religious background.) Just the fact that we are having conversations about diversity is an important step. The individual thinking and small group conversations we engaged in on December 11 are extremely important to understanding our Cedar Lane culture.

### *What did we learn?*

Participants were asked to assess where CLUUC lies on a continuum from “Maintaining” (the unexamined status quo) to “Transforming” our culture to be inclusive in those areas of diversity. Here are some observations from our collective results:

1. We see ourselves as the furthest along (“Transformed”) in regards to being an LGBT “Welcoming Congregation.”
2. Our greatest opportunities for growth are in the areas of “Differently Abled” and “Multicultural/Multiracial” where we still have high counts in “Maintaining” (unexamined status quo).
3. Overall, CLUUC is most engaged in the “Adapting” stage of institutional change. In this phase we have responded positively to an invitation to change, and we are engaged in setting goals which are oriented towards new values of inclusiveness.

Much data was collected and tabulated, and more detailed results will be presented on the CLARITY webpage. We will have printed copies available at the Social Justice spotlight on CLARITY in the lounge on Sunday, Feb. 12.

### *What next?*

CLARITY is thrilled by the number of people asking that question. There are several events being planned for the next months. Watch for upcoming announcements in future E-news. In the meantime, talk to fellow Cedar Laners about diversity issues. Don’t underestimate the importance of simply exchanging views about how we see these issues playing out within our church community. It’s a necessary foundation for developing our shared CLUUC goals.

Thanks again to those who were able to join the conversation. For those who couldn’t be there, we hope you’ll participate in another way. We’re all in this together!

*\* CLARITY/”Cedar Laners Against Racism – In This Together – Yes!” is one of Cedar Lane’s Social Justice groups. Our mission is to lead the process of Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church becoming a welcoming, multi-cultural, multi-racial congregation.*

### **Environmental Task Force**

Please visit our website for updated **GREEN TIPS!**

## Partner Church Committee

*Thank you, friends and members of Cedar Lane, for your continued generosity!* Last fall we were able to send \$10,365 in funds to our Partner Church in Dicsöszentmárton, located in the part of Romania known as Transylvania. These funds were raised through our scholarship program, Alternative Giving, and various fund-raisers including our 4th of July brunch and concerts of traditional Hungarian folk music. These funds, together with funds raised by the Dicso community itself, have been used for:

- 1) Ongoing repairs to their historic church building. This past summer they replaced the roofing tiles on the church and bell tower, and were able to purchase a second heater for the main church building. The Reverend Endre Nagy says, “we can be quite optimistic that the heating of the church will be significantly better during the winter.”
- 2) Scholarships to assist with the cost of University education. The ongoing generosity of Cedar Laners over the years has enabled dozens of young people in our partner church congregation make the dream of getting higher education a reality, allowing them to receive the training and skills they need to compete for jobs in the European market. We will be starting our official fund-raising for scholarships for the next school year later this spring.
- 3) Support for the elderly: Endre Nagy informs us that because of recent budget cuts, medical expenses in general and costs of prescription medicines in particular are absorbing an increasing amount of the quite limited monthly pension income for the sizable elderly population in our partner church community. Our support helps alleviate this hardship.

*Note: Contributions to aid the Dicso elderly are welcome at any time - just leave a check in the church office with “PCC fundraising” in the memo line, and include a note this contribution is earmarked for support for the elderly.*

Reverend Nagy writes “We are very grateful to the Partner Church Committee and to all members of the

Cedar Lane congregation for their support and for their care for us. It is also very important for us and it is significant for each member of our congregation that in addition to the material help, we could always feel and experience the spiritual support and spiritual connection with the members of our Partner Church. We are very thankful and appreciative to our sisters and brothers, and may God bless their lives and work. Please convey our thanks on behalf of the whole congregation, my family, emeritus minister Endre Fazakas, and on behalf of our students and their families. It is a great help for everybody.”

Also, thank you to all the RE classes who made Halloween cards for Lenke Kertesz, our Partner church visitor last fall, to take back with her - Mrs. Nagy (Dodi) writes “We gave them to the children in RE class – they were very happy to get them, they took some of the drawings home with them. They will do some drawings too and we will find a way to send them to you.”

### **Come visit our partner church!**

Have you thought about traveling to Transylvania - learning about the roots of Unitarianism, experiencing the joys and challenges of Unitarians in Romania today, and making personal connections with our partner congregation? We are planning a **very special trip** this fall!

We are hoping to make this a “work trip” where in addition to sharing worship with and enjoying the gracious hospitality of our partner congregation, we will join their members in a project to benefit their community. We are currently in communication with Endre and Dodi Nagy on what this project could entail - but it’s fair to say that no particular skills or talents will be required - simply willing hands and an enthusiastic spirit.

*When:* Tentative dates for this activity are roughly **September 25 to October 4**. We are planning this trip to facilitate attendance at the 2nd annual International Convocation of Unitarian Universalist Women, in nearby Marosvásárhely starting the evening of October 4 to October 7. This is an opportunity to make connections and learn about how UUs are working to improve the lives of women around the globe. (Note: although Convocation attendance is for women only, don’t worry – we will plan activities for any male Cedar Laners who have partners who want to attend!). For more information about the conference, see the information at the ICCUW website: <http://www.icuuw.com/transylvania2012.html>

Keep tuned for more information as we plan our trip - or feel free to contact Charlene Zellmer or Carol Bertaut for more information.

There is also an opportunity to extend your visit beyond October 7 and join travelers from other UU congregations on a special tour to the **Painted Monasteries of Bucovina and Wooden Churches of Maramures**: For more information, see the brochure on this extension at this link: <http://www.uupcc.org/trips/12ICUUBucovinaMM.pdf>

### **Partner Church Committee is actively seeking additional members**

We need your help! The partnership between Cedar Lane and the Dicsöszentmárton congregation is just that: a partnership between both congregations. We’re looking for additional members to help us carry out our mission of promoting a mutually supportive relationship, learning from the wisdom of the centuries-old Transylvanian tradition of Unitarian worship, and helping the Dicso community overcome challenges posed by Romania’s struggle to modernize and compete in the European market. We typically meet the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 in the library, but we welcome help with any of our activities and events. For more information, see the committee’s website link <http://www.cedarlane.org/Partner%20Church%20Committee.html> or contact PCC co-chairs Carol Bertaut ([carol.bertaut@gmail.com](mailto:carol.bertaut@gmail.com)) or Ibolya Ignat ([ibolyai@yahoo.com](mailto:ibolyai@yahoo.com)).



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# Cedar Lane Calendar for January/February 2012

## One-Time Events - All are welcome!

- February 2** Teacher Renewal: 4 p.m. Lounge and Sanctuary
- February 3** A Very Harry Potter Musical: 8 p.m. Sanctuary
- February 5** Adult Choir Reception for Paint Branch UUC Choir: 8 a.m. Library
- February 5** A Very Harry Potter Musical: 4 p.m. Sanctuary
- February 5** Intergenerational Superbowl Party: 6 p.m. Sanctuary
- February 10-11** 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Lock-in: 6:30 p.m. Chalice House
- February 12** Committee Chairs Roundtable: 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary
- February 17** Beyond Black and White Film Series: 7 p.m. Library
- February 18** Concert Series: Christylez Bacon, 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary
- February 20** President's Day: staff holiday, church closed
- February 24** Teacher Appreciation Dinner: 6 p.m. Lounge and 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 after services Library  
Sunday Morning Forum: 10:10 a.m. Chalice House Main Rm  
Senior Seminar 10:45 a.m. Chalice House Covenant Rm  
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 Rm  
Get a Life: 4<sup>th</sup> Sun 12:30 p.m. Chalice House Covenant Rm
- MON:** Science and Religion: 10 a.m. Library  
Continuing Yoga: 5 p.m. Chalice House Main Rm  
Meditation: 7:30 p.m. Chalice House Main Rm  
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. Rm 1-2  
Sharing Covenant Group: 3<sup>rd</sup> Mon 7:15 p.m. Chalice House Covenant Rm
- TUE:** Just Sitting: 10 a.m. Chapel  
Quilting: 10 a.m. Quilter's Rm

- Bridge: 10 a.m. Library  
Heart to Heart: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tue 2 p.m. Chalice House Covenant Rm  
Beginning Yoga: 7 p.m. Chalice House Main Rm  
AP Book Discussion: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tue 7:15 p.m. Library  
Living the Full Rainbow Flag: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tue 7:15 p.m. Library  
Raised Catholic: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tue 7:15 p.m. Chalice House Covenant Rm  
Board of Trustees: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tue 7:30 p.m. Rm 1-2  
Facilities: 1<sup>st</sup> Tue 7:30 p.m. Rm 30-31  
Finance: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tue 7:30 p.m. Library  
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. Rm 1-2  
Philosophy Club: 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Tue 7:30 p.m. Rm 12

- 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. Rm 1-2  
Sharing Stories, Sharing Hope: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed 7 p.m. Library  
Adult Choir: 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary  
RE Council: 1<sup>st</sup> Wed 7:30 p.m. Rm 1-2  
Member Services: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed 7:30 p.m. Rm 1-2  
Adult Programs Committee: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed 7:30 p.m. Rm 1-2
- THU:** T'ai Chi: 10:30 Chalice House Main Rm  
A is for Aging: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thu 9:30 a.m. Library  
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. Rm 1-2  
Meaning of Ministry: 7 p.m. Library  
Our Theological House: 7:15 p.m. Library (2/9-2/23)  
Stewardship: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thu 7:15 p.m. Rm 1-2  
Youth Handbell Choir: 7:15 p.m. Sanctuary  
CLARITY: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thu 7:30 p.m. Chalice House Covenant Rm  
Kiplinger: 1<sup>st</sup> Thu 7:30 p.m. Room 4  
SJC: 1<sup>st</sup> Thu 7:30 p.m. Library  
Untold Stories of Afro-Descendants: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thu 7:30 p.m. Rm 5-6 (2/9-4/5)  
Bell Canto: 8 p.m. Sanctuary
- FRI:** Great Decisions: 9:30 a.m. Chalice House Main Rm (2/10-3/30)  
Beginning Yoga: 10 a.m. Rm 5-6 (2/3-3/9)  
Library Committee: 10 a.m. Library  
Alliance Book Group: 1<sup>st</sup> Fri 11 a.m. Rm 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  
Racism: Then and Now: 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday 7:30 p.m. Library
- SAT:** Living by Rhyme and Reason: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sat 8 a.m. Chalice House Covenant Rm  
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. Rm 30-31

**NOTE:** Please refer to the calendar on our website, <http://calendar.cedarlane.org>, for changes and updates to the church calendar.

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**Nancy Pellegrini** *Intern Minister*

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**TIME SENSITIVE MATERIAL**



***A Very Potter Musical***

*Performed and directed by our CLUUC teens!*

Friday, February 3, at 8 p.m.  
Sunday, February 5, at 4 p.m.  
CLUUC Auditorium  
Free!

*Suitable for ages 10 and older.*

**SUPERBOWL XLVI**

**Sunday, February 5, 6 p.m.**

Watch the game on the **BIG** screen in the  
CLUUC auditorium.

Fun for all ages (no alcohol). Wear your favorite  
sports team clothing and bring snacks to share!  
Vote for the best commercial! Pizza and drinks will  
be provided. Donations welcome.

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