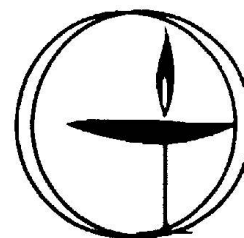


ALLIANCE NEWSLETTER



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

Marion Carlson, *president*

November 2007

Robin Larkin, *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, November 8, 2007**

Southern Ethiopia

We welcome back **Sandy and Gail Cohen**, world travelers extraordinaire.

Ethiopia is a country with a unique language, diet, and culture. Most tourists visit Northern Ethiopia, where the Ethiopian Orthodox Church presumably hosts the Ark of the Covenant. However, intrepid travelers Gail and Sandy take us to Southern Ethiopia, one of the most remote and untraveled areas of Africa. Come with Gail and Sandy as they interact with the people in several of the primitive tribes in the South of Ethiopia, including the Mursi, who wear lip plates.

Join them as they drink the coffee, chew the chat, observe the bull jumping ceremony and feed the hyenas.

Sandy is a nuclear engineer and president of a consulting firm in Northern Virginia. Gail is an educator who helped Sandy build his consulting firm until she retired six years ago. Now Gail plans exotic trips to remote places and takes Sandy with her so that he can take videos and produce travelogues.

The Schedule for Alliance Day

11:30 a.m. A relaxed time for socializing

12 noon. Potluck lunch. Please bring a main dish, salad, or dessert to serve six or eight.

Hospitality Assignments for Alliance Day

<i>Greeters:</i>	11:15	Edith Confehr, Virginia Weise
<i>Set-up:</i>	10:30	Warren Thompson, Sally Lauben
	11:00	Diane Wallenmeyer, Ellie Chrisman
<i>Clean up:</i>		John Gubbings, Henry Bedell
<i>Tablecloths:</i>		Robin Larkin, Gisella Pollock
<i>Beverage Table:</i>		Karl Grimm, Beryle Lednicer, Jeane Robertson, Beverly Warner

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 two tasks during the year, as we are able.

If you have signed up for a hospitality task and you find you will not be able to fulfil the assignment, please do your best to find a substitute. If you cannot find a substitute, call Jean Schaible, 301-879-0956.

Bethesda Chamber Singers at Cedar Lane **Saturday, December 8, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.**

Free Will Offering; Reception Follows

For a large part of music history, unaccompanied human voices provided most of the music, from chant in the first millennium through the development of polyphony into the fifteenth century. The invention of instruments has not stilled the voices. The Bethesda Chamber Singers follow in the continuing tradition of a cappella singing. Their selection of music from the last five centuries is an eclectic delight, from motets to part songs to twentieth century pops.

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

Everyone is welcome! Bring your sandwich and socialize.

The Alliance First Friday Book Club will meet on **November 2**. We will be discussing the book *Inés of My Soul* by Isabel Allende, the astonishing life of Doña Inés Suárez (1507– 1580), a daring Spanish conquistadora who toiled to build the nation of Chile, too often neglected by history. This is a work of breathtaking scope, written with brilliance and passion.

Helen Pechacek will provide refreshments.

On December 7, our book will be *The Namesake* by Jhumpa Lahiri. It's the story of a second generation Indian-American boy who becomes a successful architect, but has trouble finding his place in the world. Beautiful storytelling.

We will have our holiday celebration. Bring a salad to share.

Jackie Burge and Diane Wallenmeyer

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

No screenings in November-December due to the holidays. See you in 2008!

Sarah Reese

**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.

Alliance Membership Directory

The Alliance Directory will go to press shortly after the November 8 Alliance meeting. We want the Directory to include the names of as many Alliance members as possible, so if you have not yet paid your 2007-2008 dues, please do so by November 8 so that we may list your name and contact information in the Directory. If you are not sure whether you have paid this year, please telephone me at 301-493-8464. Thanks.

Warren Thompson
Membership Chair

**Next Alliance Board Meeting: November 15, 10 a.m.
Next Newsletter Deadline: November 21**

ALLIANCE MEMBERSHIP DUES 2007-2008

Join now! Dues are \$12 per person. You will receive a copy of the membership directory. Please be sure to fill in your current address and check whether you are a church member or nonmember. You may pay your dues at the November 8 meeting or mail your check with this form to the attention of the Alliance Membership Chair, Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church, 9601 Cedar Lane, Bethesda, MD 20814. Make check payable to: CLUUC Alliance.

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