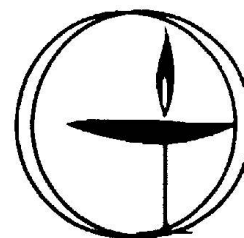


# ALLIANCE NEWSLETTER



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

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**T**he 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, January 10, 2008**

### **Spiritual Cinema Film: *Mr. Mergler's Gift***



*Mr. Mergler's Gift* is the remarkable story of a 77-year old piano teacher, and his 9-year old student Xin Ben. This film is a lyrical homage to the transcendent power of music. They will meet for less than a year – twenty-six les-

sons that change her life and his. Xin Ben illuminates his final months with her youthful talent, and in return he lovingly guides her towards a life in music. (31 minutes)

### **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**

- Greeters:* 11:15 Lois Delaha, Alice Wahl  
*Set-up:* 10:30 Ellen Thompson, Sally Lauben  
11:00 Margaret Harden, Diane Wallenmeyer  
*Clean up:* Betsy Sutherland, Mary Gaskill  
*Tablecloths:* Edith Confehr, Ellie Chrisman  
*Beverage Table:* Norm Lauben, Beryle Lednicer

### **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.

### **Holiday Luncheon Thanks**

Our December Alliance Luncheon was a great success. Thanks to Martha Lisle for bringing the Clambaked Trio program to us. Their music was delightful.

Thanks also to Jean Schaible and Helen Pechacek for preparing the turkey and to Betty Parris for providing the ham.

We also appreciate Betsy Sutherland who made the cookie containers and Lois Delaha for organizing the packing of cookies and arranging delivery of the gifts to members who could not attend the luncheon.

### **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 January 4. We will see a movie — *Captain Corelli's Mandolin* (2001), an adaptation of Louis de Bernières's novel. Inez Contanza will provide refreshments.

Reading ahead, on February 1 our book is *A People's History of the United States: 1492-Present* by Howard Zinn. Known for its lively, clear prose as well

as its scholarly research, *A People's History* is the only volume to tell America's story from the point of view of – and in the words of – America's women, factory workers, African-Americans, Native Americans, the working poor, and immigrant laborers. As historian Howard Zinn shows, many of our country's greatest battles – the fights for a fair wage, an eight-hour workday, child-labor laws, health and safety standards, universal suffrage, women's rights, racial equality – were carried out at the grassroots level, against bloody resistance.

Merrilyn Gibson will provide refreshments. Bring your sandwich and socialize.

*Jackie Burge and Diane Wallenmeyer*

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

On January 24 our film is the classic *Ship of Fools* (1965). Stars Vivien Leigh (in her last film) and Simone Signoret. A stunning, powerful examination of how racism and xenophobia, if unchecked, can overtake society, *Ship of Fools* is set aboard a German liner sailing from Mexico to Bemerhaven just after the Nazis have taken over.

*Sarah Reese*

### **Alliance Bridge Every Tuesday – 10 a.m. in the Library. \$2 donation**

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

### **Alliance Afternoon at the Theatre**

If there is interest in attending *The Underpants*, by comedian Steve Martin, on Wednesday, October 15, 2 p.m. at Olney Theatre, please contact me in January at 301- 871-8367 or in person. If there are not enough people interested, we cannot get a group rate for tickets and sadly, I will discontinue Alliance Afternoons at the Theatre.

A synopsis of the play: “Theo and his young wife Louise are at the center of a public scandal, when her bloomers innocently fall down during a parade for the king. Steve Martin brings his comic genius to this outrageous look at feminism, sex and politics.”

*Arlene Goldman*

### **Jewelry Committee Members Needed**

The Alliance Jewelry Committee needs more members. Contact Margaret Levchenko if you can help.

### **Alliance Newsletter on Cedar Lane's Web**

Have you misplaced your newsletter? The latest Alliance Newsletter may be found on the web – [www.cedarlane.org/news/acurrent.pdf](http://www.cedarlane.org/news/acurrent.pdf).

**January Alliance Board Meeting: Thursday, January 17, 10 a.m. in Room 1& 2.**

**February Newsletter Deadline: January 31**

**READY OR NOT HERE IT COMES  
HAPPY NEW YEAR**

