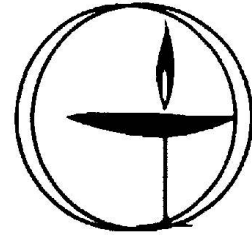


ALLIANCE NEWSLETTER



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

Martha Lisle, *president*

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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, December 11, 2008
Holiday Music Program**

Henry Sgrecci, Cedar Lane's Interim Director of Music, and Ann Meyer, Cedar Lane choir member and pianist, will accompany our singing seasonal oldies and favorites. Please join us.

The Schedule for Alliance Day

- 11:30 a.m.** A relaxed time for socializing.
12 noon. Holiday Potluck lunch. Turkey and ham will be provided. Please bring a vegetable dish, salad, or dessert to serve six or eight.

Hospitality Assignments for Alliance Day

- Greeters:* 11:15 Virginia Weise
Curb Assistant: Coralie Adler
Set-up: 10:30 Betsy Sutherland, Jean Thompson
11:00 Mary Gaskill, _ _ _ _
Clean up: Jackie Burge, Helen Pechacek
Tablecloths: Jean Schaible, _ _ _ _
Beverage Table: Norm Lauben, Beryle Lednicer

We need one more person for set-up at 11, and one to do tablecloths. Will you help? Call Terry Tretter, 301-622-3976. Thanks!

President's Message

We missed many of you last month, but I understand there have been illnesses and broken bones among the group. I hope everyone is on the mend, and will be able to come and enjoy the Holiday Luncheon on December 11. There will be special music and a sing-along too.

Ham and turkey will be provided, so bring side dishes to go with them, and of course, desserts.

I hope to see you there.

Martha Lisle

Needed! Cookies for Holiday Gifts!

The Alliance will deliver cookies to members of our congregation again. Please bring homemade cookies to fill the bags that will be used as centerpieces on our luncheon tables and then taken to our members who can't make it to the luncheon.

The cookies should be delivered by 10:45 a.m. on December 11 (Alliance Day). If you prefer to bring them to church earlier, mark them "Alliance Cookies," and put them in the large refrigerator, which is second from the left in the line of appliances.

We need a few volunteers to bag the cookies and to deliver the bags later. Please call if you can help, or sign up at the luncheon to deliver bags.

Lois Delaha

The Jewelry Table Will be Available

The jewelry table will be set up for sales at the December Alliance luncheon.

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 Terry Tretter, 301-622-3976.

First Friday Book Club 11 a.m.

Rooms 1 & 2

Everyone is welcome!

The Alliance First Friday Book Club will meet on December 5. Our book will be *Slaughterhouse-Five; or, The Children's Crusade: A Duty-Dance with Death*, by Kurt Vonnegut, Jr., a Fourth-Generation German-American Now Living in Easy Circumstances on Cape Cod (and Smoking Too Much) Who, as an American Infantry Scout Hors de Combat, as a Prisoner of War, Witnessed the Fire-Bombing of Dresden, Germany, the Florence of the Elbe, a Long Time Ago, and Survived to Tell the Tale: This Is a Novel Somewhat in the Telegraphic Schizophrenic Manner of Tales of the Planet Tralfamadore, Where The Flying Saucers Come From.

Kurt Vonnegut's absurdist classic introduces us to Billy Pilgrim, a man who becomes unstuck in time after he is abducted by aliens from the planet Tralfamadore. In a plot-scrambling display of virtuosity, we follow Pilgrim simultaneously through all phases of his life, concentrating on his (and Vonnegut's) shattering experience as an American prisoner of war who witnesses the firebombing of Dresden.

We will have our holiday celebration. Bring something to share.

Looking forward to 2009, we will have a movie on January 2. And our book for February 6 is *The Professor and the Madman: A Tale of Murder, Insanity, and the Making of The Oxford English Dictionary* by Simon Winchester.

Inez Constanza 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

No film in December due to the holidays. See you in 2009!

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 Membership Directory

The Alliance Directory is going to press! We will distribute directories at the December luncheon (or by mail). If you want your name in the directory and you are not sure whether you have paid this year, please telephone Virginia Weise, 301-530-1869. Thanks.

Arlene Goldman, Virginia Weise,
Membership Co-Chairs

Next Alliance Board Meeting: December 18, 10 a.m.

Next Alliance Newsletter Deadline: December 18

Leave items for the newsletter in the church Alliance mailbox
or e-mail to robinlarkin@comcast.net
or call 240-669-6300. Thanks!