



CEDAR LANE NEWS

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Sunday Service at 10 a.m. ONLY

We begin Spring “B” on Sunday, April 20, 2008. This is the start of single worship services, which continues through Labor Day weekend. We start the day with the option of a shared continental breakfast at 9:30. Worship begins at 10 a.m. Please join us for worship or Spring “B”.

April 20, 2008

Senior High Service

Cedar Lane Graduating High School Students

April 27, 2008

“Simple Spiritual Renewal”

Roger Fritts

Global warming is a big problem, calling for a big solution. But part of the solution is small, obvious, simple, and cheap.

May 4, 2008

“The Candidates’ Preachers”

Roger Fritts

Without endorsing anyone, the sermon will look at the candidates’ ministers such as Jeremiah Wright at Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago, Michael Mattox at First United Methodist Church in Little Rock, Dan Yeary at North Phoenix Baptist, and others.

All are welcome to join us for **Newcomer Talks** every Sunday after worship services.

Become a member of Cedar Lane UU Church at a Second Sunday Signing after services or by calling Kristin Grassel, Membership Coordinator, at 301-493-8300 ext. 205.

You are cordially invited to Cedar Lane’s Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, April 27, 2008 at 11:30 a.m.

AGENDA:

Chair’s report

Treasurer’s report

Election of candidates for:

Board of Trustees

Assistant Secretary, Nancy Derr

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Committee

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Social Justice Council

Karen Goozner

Nancy Janssen

Pat Karlsen

Annette Scarpitta

Sandy Shaw

New Business

Snacks will be served at 11:15 a.m.

NOTES FROM THE MINISTERS

Roger Fritts

In honor of the Pope's visit, Monastery Greetings is selling "The Pope's Cologne." While I am tempted to discover what it is like to smell like a Pope, I have several disagreements with the Catholic leadership.

They do not understand that the Bible says nothing against the ordaining of women clergy. As a result, they continue centuries of oppression.

They do not understand that the celibate life is not necessary for men and women to serve as clergy. As a result, they caused suffering for children who are abused by sexually repressed priests.

They do not understand that divorce is necessary in some families. As a result, they have caused suffering for men and women who stay in abusive marriages and for men and women who leave their marriages, but are unable to re-marry within their church.

They do not understand that their opposition to the use of the condoms increases the spread of AIDS. As a result of the Catholic taboo on condoms, people are needlessly infecting themselves or their loved ones with a deadly virus.

They do not understand that one humane solution to over-population is artificial birth control. As a result, many countries are faced with uncontrolled population growth.

They do not understand that when it comes to pregnancy, two lives are involved, both the life of the woman and the life of the fetus, and we cannot hold either as absolutely sacred against the other. As a result, some Catholics join in the bombing of clinics and murders of people who support a woman's right to abortion.

Still, I understand why people flock to see the Pope. He symbolizes a desire to discover a core of meaning around which we can structure our lives. Although I am not, nor will I ever be a Roman Catholic, I respect and honor that desire, and I am moved by its visible manifestation in the Pope's visit to our country this week. But I will skip the cologne.

Leslie Kee

Recently, a debate has been taking place at my seminary's campus. It seems as if a military recruiter has been given permission to meet with students in the school's reception room for the purpose of discussing the option of military chaplaincy for Unitarian Universalists.

One of our senior students voiced concern. He wrote, "I know that as Unitarian Universalists and as seminary colleagues we agree to disagree about peace and about militarism. However, we seem to always have had a consensus about discrimination based on, gender, orientation, gender expression, and gender identity. The United States military discriminates against lesbians, gays, and persons who wish to join the armed forces. Why would we as progressive religious professionals aid and abet this discrimination and oppression?"

The response to this question has been interesting to say the least. One person, who is currently in the military chaplaincy program as a UU seminarian, wrote, "Liberals of many different faiths have allowed their political views to interfere with the calling to minister to these young men and women. Because of that unwillingness, in the last 15 years conservatives and evangelicals have near taken over the chaplaincy, and I find that to be a shame that we need to recover from and address."

Several other respondents generally concurred. One wrote, "Today I face the same struggle as a pacifist parent with three children who chose to join the military. As a minister, I find it incompatible. But, as a parent, I am profoundly grateful for a continued presence of progressives in the military to whom my children can relate."

Our revered professor, David Bumbaugh, shared his opinion, "I have no problem at all with chaplains to the military. I have deep distress at the notion of military chaplains. The distinction is not as clear to others as it seems to me, but it has something to do with that third of my guiding questions: whom or to what are we responsible?...I find it difficult to square the circle of conducting ministry under rules and constraints of the government or of the military."

I agree with Reverend Bumbaugh, in today's military, you have to be a soldier first. For those who are not called to the ministry, the rules are the same: soldier first, individual second. But for all of us, how to serve the greater good is a matter of choice. Thank goodness.

WE CARE

We Care

Our thoughts are with **Merrill, Karen** and **Zoe Goozner (Neighborhood 30)** as they mourn the death of Merrill's mother, who died in her sleep after a long illness. The fu-

neral was held in Charlotte, NC.

Cedar Lane Pride: At the recent Joseph Priestly District Annual Meeting, **Mike Harris (N41)** and **John Gubbings (N19)** each received awards for service to the District, and Mike was elected President of the JPD Board. Congratulations!

It is with sadness that we share the news that two Cedar Laners, **Jim Philapy (N19)** and **Gladys Marquardt** have entered hospice care. Jim's family can be reached at his home and Gladys' family can be reached through her daughter, Jonni Grey, at 6635 Corina Court, Columbia, MD 21044. Our hearts go out to their many loved ones in this sad time.

Zachary Devlin-Foltz, son of **Betsy** and **David Devlin-Foltz (N25)**, has been elected to serve as the student speaker at his graduation from Macalester College. He is also the recipient of the prestigious Watson Fellowship, which will enable him to travel to Paraguay, Venezuela, Argentina, and Puerto Rico for independent research. Hooray!

Healing thoughts are with **Ellie Chrisman (N8)**, who suffered a concussion and broken pelvis in a fall. She will recover at Brighton Gardens on Tuckerman Lane in North Bethesda. Cards and visits are welcome!

Cedar Lane has learned that a young man who grew up at Cedar Lane, **Charles "Charlie" Bauer**, died at age 49 of a brain tumor. A memorial service was held at the UU Church of Annapolis on March 24. Condolences may be sent to his parents, Bob and Colene Bauer at 919 Barnegat Lane, Annapolis, MD 21401.

Cedar Lane has learned that former member, **Virginia Roudebush**, has died. Her ashes were interred in a private ceremony. Condolences may be sent to Virginia and Warren's daughter, Janice Roudebush, at 126 27th Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94121.

If you know of someone in need of care, a visit, a phone call, good thoughts, or a prayer, please notify Heather Janules, Assistant Minister, at ext. 204 or hjanules@cedarlane.org.

A Day of Service and Celebration... Join a Project Now!

Plans are moving forward for our Service Day on May 17. Some projects have team captains and are in need of participants – painting at the Ken-Gar Community Center; rehabbing a house through Rebuilding Together (Montgomery County); creating spring bouquets and cards and delivering them to residents at Bethesda

Health and Rehab; joining our youth in serving homeless people at the Community Based Shelter; helping to organize storage space for an agency that gives free furniture to people in need. How will you be involved?

If you wish to sign up for a project, to become a team captain for a project, or to propose an additional project all together, please visit the Social Justice Council's "Lounge Lizards" table or contact Heather Janules, Assistant Minister, at ext. 204 or hjanules@cedarlane.org.

CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR

From the Church Administrator

We are pleased to announce that Bruce Marquette has joined the staff and will be taking over from Bill Shoemaker as bookkeeper. Bruce is originally from Seattle; has a background in accounting, library science, and pharmacology; and, with his wife Julie, owned Bonifant Books in Wheaton. Please stop by to introduce yourselves and welcome him aboard.

Our Bill recently moved to the Baltimore area and, after many years of serving on the Finance and Endowment Committees, teaching R.E. and heading up our security team, as well as pitching in to take the bookkeeper position, is putting down roots at Channing Memorial. He will be leaving at the end of the month, so please join me in wishing him all the best with his move, and hoping he won't forget this spiritual home.

The UU University will take place from June 24 to 25 followed by the UUA General Assembly from June 25 to 29, in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. UU University and GA registration and additional information can be found on the UUA website, <http://www.uua.org>. We are looking for folks willing to serve as delegates; we reimburse a portion of the registration fee. If you are interested please let me know.

For those of you who have expressed interest in changing your pledge to take advantage of frequent flyer miles or rebates, we are now set up to accept credit cards. We ask that you add an additional 5% since that is how much it costs the church to process the payment. Should you be interested, please contact Bruce Marquette, our new Bookkeeper on ext 310, or me.

BOARD STEPS

Unsung Heroes

Help “unsung heroes” among us to get the credit deserved for their contributions to Cedar Lane. Each year, your Board of Trustees recognizes one or more individuals as “unsung heroes” to honor exceptional unrecognized contributions to the congregation. Honoring the winners is also a way to thank all of Cedar Lane’s unrecognized volunteers who make Cedar Lane a vital, creative, and smooth running operation. **The deadline for nominations is May 4. The Board will vote on the nominees at its May 15 meeting. The unsung heroes will be honored at the service on June 15.**

To nominate a hero, please contact board members Dusty Kreisberg at 202-966-0165 or (preferably) by e-mail at fsoret1@aol.com or Cathy Knapper at 301-564-2919 or cknapper@verizon.net. Please remember to say why you believe that person should be recognized. Your nominee should not have been a prior nominee during the past five years, not have received compensation for the services to the church for which he/she is being honored.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Notes

Susan Archer is on sabbatical until August 1: Glenis and Gale are in the R.E. office Tuesday through Friday; R.E, Council co-chairs, Judy Laurenson and Mary Farrar, co-chairs and our ministers are here to help.

Spring “B” Comes on Sunday, April 20.

Spring “B” offers opportunities for parents, children and grandparents to work together; there are also classes for children only and adults only. It is a time to relax, have fun, learn something new and meet and talk with others in our church community.

Register for classes at the church in the R.E. office at any time. If you have not registered and would like to, be in touch with Glenis Bellais in the R.E. office at 301-493-8300 x207 or by email at Gbellais@cedarlane.org. Please register as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Glenis or Gale will call those who do not make their first choice of class.

Full Class: Kid’s Contraptions and Concoctions

Opening Sunday, April 20: Find the Spring “B” class location signs in the downstairs lobby; check the class lists outside the classrooms for your name. If you have questions, go to the administration table.

Spring “B” Schedule

9 -9:45 a.m.: Continental Breakfast

10 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. Spring “B” classes
Worship Service

Note to Parents: During Spring “B,” please register your children with the age group they have been with during the school year and respect the age levels set for each class.

Spring “B” Continental Breakfast is provided by our senior high youth to raise money to send youth delegates to General Assembly in Fort Lauderdale, FL, in June.

Congratulations to our Growing Up Year Sixth Graders who presented in church on Sunday, April 6, and then celebrated in their classrooms. Their presentations were creative and informative. They are amazing young people.

Calendar:

April 20: Spring “B” begins

Senior High Graduates Service

May 18: Spring “B” ends

All-Church Celebration Lunch

Teacher Recruitment Continues. Teaching is one of the major ways we minister to our children and one of the primary ways kids experience church. It is in class that children build lasting connections with ideas, people, feelings and commitments. Interested? Be in touch with Alyson Krogh at 301-933-2468 or Susannah Vesey at 301-493-9455 to talk about the possibilities.

New Books for the Cedar Lane Library

For Older Elementary Kids:

Mind with Wings: The Story of Henry David Thoreau by David and Loretta Hausman

Too Old for This, Too Young for That: Your Survival, Guide for the Middle School Years by Harriet S. Mosatche

For Parents and Teachers:

Attention Games: 101 Fun Easy Games that Help Kids Learn to Focus by Barbara Sher

Praising Boys Well: 100 Tips for Parents and Teachers by Elizabeth Hartley-Brewer

Praising Girls Well: 100 Tips for Parents and Teachers by Elizabeth Hartley-Brewer

For All Adults, Parents, and Teachers

In Nature’s Honor: Myths and Rituals Celebrating the Earth by Patricia Montley

Youth Notes

Junior High Notes

This group is open to youth in grades 7 and 8. John Daniel and Megan Renner are the advisors.

Upcoming Events:

April 29 (Tuesday): Manna Food Packing
May 2 (Friday): Movies and Pizza at church
May 17 and 18: New York City Sightseeing Trip
June 6 and 7: Sleepover with the sharks at National Aquarium Baltimore

Questions? Call youth group coordinators John Daniel at 301-946-5509 or Megan Renner at 301-807-4963.

Senior High Notes

Senior High Youth Group activities are open to young people in grades 9 to 12 and meets in Chalice House on the second Sunday of the month. Watch for information by e-mail and snail mail. If youth are not receiving e-mail notification and would like to, please send addresses to Archene Turner at 301-493-8300 x 205 or archene@gmail.com.

Upcoming events include

April 20 Senior High Graduating Worship Service Support our twelfth graders as they create worship for the Cedar Lane family.

April 26 10 to 3 p.m. Maryland Day. Every year the University of Maryland invites prospective students to visit their Open House. We'll go as a group to prepare ourselves for when we take these trips individually to the colleges & universities of our choice.

May 3 10 to 3 p.m. JPD Youth caucus meeting of Anti-Racism, Anti-Oppression Activists at CLUUC. District youth are invited to share their energy and passion for transforming our world.

May 4 2 to 4:30 p.m. Interfaith Energy Efficiency Work Day at Jubilee Housing. SHYG will join Greater Washington Interfaith Power & Light to decrease residents' carbon foot print.

May 17 CLUUC's First Annual Service Day to celebrate our fiftieth anniversary. SHYG will provide dinner and bag lunches and breakfast supplies for the residents of the local community base shelter.

Opportunities for Youth in the Wider World:

June 26 to July 13: El Salvador. For ages 16 (by June 1) and older with International Partners. Cedar Lane Emma Vawter vouches for this as a wonderful opportunity to join other youth to help others in El Salvador. The dead-line has passed, but there are still some openings. For more information about this and later trips, go to www.InternationalPartners.org. Check it out;!

Young Adults (Ages 18-35)

The UU Young Adults of Maryland (UUYAM)

group plans activities for local UU Young Adults. Visit <http://uuyam.uuyan.org> to join the UUYAM email list and view the schedule of upcoming events, or call Megan Renner with questions at 301-807-4963. For resources and information on Joseph Priestly District (JPD), Young Adult events, visit the JPD Young Adult Network at www.jpd-uuyan.org.

Join other Young Adults for Brunch. Meet in the vestibule at the back of the sanctuary 15 minutes after the end of the 10 a.m. service. We will car pool to a local restaurant for lunch or brunch and fellowship.

Due to events at Cedar Lane on the second Sundays of April and May, the brunches will be on the **THIRD** Sunday of April and May instead of the usual second.

Upcoming Events:

Fourth Thursday Happy Hour, April 24; meet at Dave and Buster's at White Flint at 6 p.m.

Billy Boat Trail: A Spring Hike, Sunday April 27; meet at Cedar Lane at 12:15 and pack a lunch.

Adult Programs Notes

The Sunday Morning Forum will resume in September.

Dinner Discussion Groups

Many groups have been meeting together for years. We are always ready to begin new groups when enough people want to come together.

Marlene Berg's boomer (born between 1946 and 1965) dinner discussion group is filled. Another boomer group is looking for two additional couples. Please be in touch with Pat Carlton at 301-460-9431.

Covenant Groups meet regularly to share experiences, reflect upon them, and support one another in developing meaningful lives.

Still a stranger here after years of friendship? A covenant group can change that.

- Anonymous

What's Going On Here? What Calls You to Action? with Kathleen Reedy meets on alternate Wednesdays 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Connections with Nancy Janssen meets on the first and third Sundays at 12:15 to 2 p.m.

Attitudes Towards Living with John Gubbings and Pat Karlsen meets on the second and fourth Sundays, 8:30 to 10 a.m.

Journeywomen with Barbara Gressman meets on the first and third Sundays at 10:45 a.m.

Crones with Coralie Adler meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Living By Heart I with Perry Seiffert meets on the first and third Saturdays, 8 to 10 a.m.

Living By Heart II with Frances Dearman and Ellie Goodwin meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays, 7 to 9 p.m.

Living By Heart III with Bob Harrison meets on the second and fourth Saturdays, 8 to 10 a.m. beginning October 13.

The Sharing Group with Len Adler meets monthly on the third Mondays, 7:15 to 9 p.m.

Living Alone, Living with Loss with Catharine Kaufman, Maury Merkin and Heather Janules meets on the first and third Sundays, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Adult Programs Registration

Additional copies of the adult programs brochure are available on the church literature table and in the R.E. office. You may also access the brochure from Cedar Lane's Web site. Register for classes in the R.E. office by mail or in person. Questions? Call Glenis Bellais at 301-493-8300 x207.

Classes Beginning in April:

Thursday, April 17

The Cowboy Myth with Leslie and Gordon Kee meets from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Life in the western states differs greatly from popular conceptions. The leaders offer a unique insight into the economic, environmental and social factors that shape life in Wyoming and its neighboring states.

FEE: Pledgers: \$5; non-pledgers \$10

Thursday, April 24

Smart Growth includes rebuilding within older urban core areas, building to higher densities near transit and is key to saving open space and reducing long commutes. Can higher density contribute to more liveable communities? Come and see a brief video, review regional growth and development trends and engage in discussion on how to balance the competing interests of

population growth and quality of life.

FEE: Pledgers \$5; non-pledgers \$10

Saturday, April 26

Potluck Dinner and Bethesda Theater Performance. The historic Bethesda Theater is a classic 1938 Art Deco movie palace and now the new home of excit-

ing off-Broadway shows with top-tier performing artists. Join us for *Smokey Joe's Café*, the longest running musical revue in Broadway history; it is about the music that defines America with powerful performances and razor-sharp choreography. We will meet at the church before the show for a potluck dinner at 5:30 p.m.; the performance is at 8 p.m. FEE: Pledgers \$55; non-pledgers \$60

Classes Beginning in May:

Tuesday, May 6: Your Vote

Friday May 9: Ballroom Dance Classes

Saturday, May 10: Catocin Mountain Park Hike

Friday, May 16: Kennedy Center Jazz Excursion

Saturday, May 17: The National Herb Garden Up
Close and Personal.

Register for all the above classes, dinner discussion groups and covenant groups with Glenis Bellais in the R.E. Office at 301-493-8300 x207 or gbellais@cedarlane.org.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COUNCIL

More on the March 50-50 collection split

The recipient, Kakenya Ntaiya, who received funds to start a girls' school in Kenya, was among the six women honored on April 7 at the Kennedy Center by Vital Voices Global Partnership, a nonprofit group dedicated to the empowerment and advancement of women around the world. Among the presenters of awards were First Lady Laura Bush and actress-activist Angelina Jolie.

AIM's Second April Action

Thank you to the 22 Cedar Laners who attended Action in Montgomery's April 2 action in support of restoration of funds in the County's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for 2009–2014 to renovate four community centers in historic African American communities. AIM's goal was to have 1,000 people in attendance. The total for the evening was 1,050!

Four Council members attended the Action and committed to restore the funds. A fifth council member was absent because of illness, but has indicated his support. Five votes are needed to achieve the restoration.

At a work session on April 8, council members discussed their current version of the CIP. The centers at Scotland and Plum Gar will receive planning and design money in F Y 2009 (which starts July 1, 2008) and renovation money in FY 2010. Money for Ross Boddy (in Sandy Spring) and Good Hope comes in the following fiscal years.

AIM continues to monitor the Council discussions on the CIP. The Council will discuss the CIP further before a final vote in May. At the April 8 work session, several members indicated their unhappiness with some of the cuts and postponements required to achieve the CIP now under discussion. However, members voiced strong support for funding the community centers and the work of AIM in support of the centers.

LGBT Task Force News at and about CLUUC

On **Saturday, April 26**, Cedar Lane will be represented at the annual **Rainbow Families, DC Family Conference**. This is an all-day educational and outreach event taking place at Takoma Park Middle School. (Detailed conference information is available at www.rainbowfamiliesdc.org.) Stephen Colgan will present a workshop about the UUA Our Whole Lives (OWL) curriculum. Additional plans are being made for a Cedar Lane resource table at the conference, which would be cosponsored by the LGBT Task Force and the Member Services Committee. The goal of hosting a table is to encourage conference participants to visit Cedar Lane, explore the R.E. program, and consider joining our Welcoming Congregation. If you are available to help staff this table, contact Stephen Colgan (smcolgan@hotmail.com) or Kristin Grassel (kgrassel@cedarlane.org).

From **Sunday, May 11 through Sunday, May 25**, the LGBT Task Force will host "***In Our Family: Portraits of All Kinds of Families***" at Cedar Lane. A museum-quality traveling photo-text exhibit, wholly produced by Family Diversity Projects, features 20 families who represent a breadth of diversity and family configurations. For an audience of all ages, *In Our Family* challenges stereotypes and helps dismantle prejudice by celebrating differences of all kinds. More information about *In Our Family* and other exhibits created by Family Diversity Projects, visit www.famdiv.org.

Nominees for Social Justice Council, 2008 (alphabetical order):

Karen Goozner, member for 8 years; service and leadership in R.E. and Covenant Group programs. Karen did community organizing in Chicago. Karen approaches tasks with passionate pragmatism.

Nancy Janssen, chair of our Board of Trustees, member for 22 years, service in leadership in multiple Cedar Lane programs, career in marketing, and willing to wear silly costumes to bring attention to our programs.

Pat Karlsen bio to come

Annette Scarpitta, chair of our Global Task Force, member for 13 years, active in Covenant Group, R.E., Afghan Dinner, women's rights in Kenya, and UUSC Drumbeat for Darfur. Outspoken for global justice. *Rebecca "Becky" White*, a member of the Leadership/Nominating Committee; a member of Cedar Lane for 30 years. She has participated in pastoral counseling, book club, chaired a dinner/discussion group and attended many AIM meetings. Her own family's experiences with injury and the need for continuing special care for a daughter, as well as her career as a teacher and social worker, gives a deep empathy for meeting the needs and being present with compassion to neighbors.

Sandy Shaw bio to come

AROUND THE CHURCH

Housing For Our Next Intern Minister

Pam Gehrke, our next Intern Minister, arrives from Starr King School for the Ministry in California in August. She begins her nine-month internship in September and will need housing while she is here. Her husband and children (college age) will remain out west, but may occasionally visit her during the year. The Committee on Ministerial Formation, which serves as Pam's internship committee, is helping her look for housing. Do you need house sitting for the coming year or know someone who does? Or do you have a small apartment, or know of one, that would be suitable for Pam's stay in our community? Any leads on finding appropriate accommodations would be most appreciated. Please contact John Daniel at 301-946-5509 or johndaniel@comcast.net.

50/50 Split Offering for the UU Ministry for Earth, Sunday April 27

In honor of Earth Day 2008, the 50/50 split offering will be shared with the UU Ministry for Earth (UUMFE). This organization was started as the Seventh Principle Project by Katherine Jesch, a former ministerial intern at CLUUC. Katherine is now UUMFE's Director of Environmental Ministry. UUMFE is affiliated with the UUA, but is not provided with its financial support. Therefore, our Environmental Task Force has recommended that CLUUC support UUMFE with this offering.

The mission of the UUMFE is to facilitate and support

the work of UU congregations by affirming and promoting the Seventh Principle of the UUA, "Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part." It has been designated one of five affiliate organizations of the UUA, because of its work in encouraging action on a variety of environmental issues by individuals and congregations, through worship, educational programs and direct action. Through its sponsorship of the Green Sanctuary Program, UUMFE aids congregations by providing a framework for action and reflection on environmental issues.

CLUUC is well on its way in the Green Sanctuary certification process. This year's main focus of UUMFE is planning a national UU environmental justice conference for early next year. UUMFE also supports development of RE curriculum related to the Seventh Principle.

The global issues of climate change and more sustainable living, which UUMFE is addressing, are concerns to many of us. "In 2006, the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) meeting in General Assembly approved a compelling Statement of Conscience on global warming, which UUA President Rev. William G. Sinkford calls 'one of the greatest moral and spiritual crises facing Earth's people today.' To heal the wounds of our planet and its peoples, to restore right relations among all God's creatures, to apportion the earth's abundance with equity and generosity—these challenges will demand all our courage, creativity, devotion, and sacrifice." - Rev. Fred Small, on UUA.org.

Please consider giving generously to support UUMFE through our offering on April 27. If you are taking a Spring "B" class, you can leave a check to CLUUC in the office, with 50/50 – UUMFE on the memo line.

Interested in a Cedar Lane Cinema Club?

Now that we have first-rate video projection equipment in the sanctuary and will soon have an equally excellent sound system to match, several members have suggested that we start a Cinema Club. This would give us an opportunity to see memorable films, important documentaries, art films from the festival circuits, and whatever we like. We are in the thinking stage now and invite the input from others with a love for good films. The initiators include Roger Fritts, Archene Turner, David Westbrook-Fritts, and John Daniel. Our thought is to begin in the fall of the new church year. Interested in joining us? Contact John Daniel at 301-946-5509, johndaniel@comcast.net.

See Shakespeare's *King Lear* at Family Friendly Prices!

Don't miss this chance to see one of Shakespeare's great tragedies! The Bard's towering meditation on aging and redemption comes to life at Cedar Lane UU Church, as Cedar Lane Stage presents *King Lear* in the kind of vigorous style and fluid staging that its original audiences experienced. The production opens Friday, April 25, and runs for three weekends, with performances on Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 p.m. and on two Sundays, May 4 and 11, at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$15 (seniors, \$13; students, \$10). For reservations, call 301-949-3685; for more information, visit www.CedarLaneStage.org.

HONORING UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS IN AFRICA

May 1, 2008 7:30–9 p.m. at CLUUC

Janice Brunson will share her experiences with UUs in the African countries of Nigeria, Kenya and Burundi where she spent three months last year, as well as in Congo and Uganda, which she plans to visit next January. Our UU African heritage varies, from Nigeria where UUism was founded 90 years ago and a church built 70 years ago, to the UU Fellowship founded in 2001, to the nearly 30 congregations in Kenya, nearly all of which are new.

Janice was the first American UU to ever visit these groups, staying in their homes in the cities, towns and rural villages to better experience their lives. Through marathon conversations, our African UUs identified numerous economic projects they could start and grow with a bit of start-up capital. So far there are a half dozen projects underway, including processing dates into cooking oil, farming fish, and providing van services and a tour business for western UUs to visit UUs in Africa.

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The next deadline is **noon, Wednesday, April 24 2008**. Editor this issue: Nancy Derr.



Plant Sale Coming!

**The Annual Plant Sale is Sunday, April 20
from 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the court yard.**

Remember to bring your plant donations the day before the sale, Saturday, April 19 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please label your donations. Suggestions of donations are hostas, azaleas, ferns, bulbs, American holly seedlings, nandina, herbs, native plants, hydrangea, columbines. Then on Sunday, come and shop for exciting new plants for your garden or purchase flowers as a gift.

Help the Grounds Committee make this a huge success!!

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The Rev. Leslie Westbrook *Community Minister in Pastoral Counseling*
The Rev. Kenneth Torquill MacLean *Minister Emeritus*
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