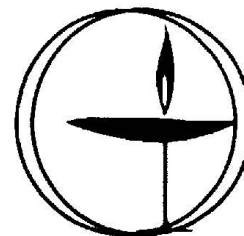


# ALLIANCE NEWSLETTER



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

Martha Lisle, *president*

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Robin Larkin, *editor*

**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, February 12, 2009**



**Tracy Monson** is our presenter, to tell about this impressive organization, So Others May Eat (SOME). SOME's mission is to help the poor and homeless of our nation's capi-

tal. Since 1970 they meet the immediate daily needs of the people they serve with food, clothing, and health care. SOME helps break the cycle of homelessness by offering services, such as affordable housing, job training, addiction treatment, and counseling, to the poor, the elderly and individuals with mental illness.

In 2008 SOME volunteers served more than 271,000 meals to hungry children, women and men in its Dining Room! More than 1,000 meals are served each day in the Dining Room and SOME's rehabilitative and Elderly Services programs. Ms. Monson will tell how this service organization has evolved from an interfaith group of concerned priests, ministers and lay people.

### **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.
- 1-2 p.m.** Business Meeting and Program
- 2-3:30 p.m.** "Revitalize Cedar Lane" Meeting

### **President's Message**

Attending the viewing of the Inauguration on the big screen at Cedar Lane was quite exciting, and I was pleased to see so many Alliance members there. We

have some interesting programs planned for this spring, so plan to be at the luncheons.

We are hoping to have a concert on April 26 that will benefit the auction. If any of you would like to work on the committee to organize this endeavor, please call Helen Pechacek to indicate your interest. We need concert volunteers and reception volunteers. The performers would be members of the congregation, so you can also volunteer to perform.

*Martha Lisle*

### **Hospitality Assignments for Alliance Day**

- Greeters:* 11:15 Nancy Janssen
- Curb Assistant:* Jean Thompson
- Set-up:* 10:30 Barbara Gressman, Mary Gaskill
- 11:00 Beverly Warner, Alice Wahl
- Clean up:* Marion Carlson, Arlene Goldman
- Tablecloths:* Ruth Knapp, Gisella Pollock
- Beverage Table:* Norm Lauben, Beryle Lednicer

Mary Gaskill is missing her 9" x 13" glass Pyrex dish, last seen at the January luncheon. Please call her if you took it home by mistake, 301-656-0532. Thanks!

### **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.

## **“Revitalize Cedar Lane” meeting February 12, 2-3:30 p.m. after the Alliance monthly meeting**

Come to this meeting of the Alliance hosted by the Breakthrough Task Force. We need you at this meeting because .....

*The Alliance is vital to Cedar Lane;  
Is Central to Cedar Lane and it's History  
Exhibits long term loyalty to Cedar Lane  
Is a Positive Political Force at Cedar Lane*

Without the Alliance Cedar Lane would not be what it is.

We want and need your counsel to develop a **Long Term Plan for Cedar Lane**. In order to do this we want to start by identifying our strengths so we can use those strengths to create a better future.

So, the first step is to seek your response to a simple query: **“What have you done, participated in, or experienced at Cedar Lane that you particularly value?”** We will be asking you this at the meeting.

We will be seeking answers to this inquiry from members throughout our church community in a fashion that we hope will exclude no one who wishes to be heard. Ultimately we will need all of your ideas as we proceed through each of the steps of developing a new long term plan for Cedar Lane.

We invite you to participate in this process.

The Members of the Breakthrough Task Force are:  
Bonnie Beavers, Dian Belanger, Stephan Colgan, Duncan Ferguson, Linda Gianessi, Ted Gryder, Kate Harrison, Harvey Lerner, Lyn Peters, Perry Seiffert, Jay Schneider, Dawn Steinfeld, and John Wing

## **First Friday Book Club 11 a.m. Rooms 1 & 2** Everyone is welcome!

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. How a murderer and certified lunatic helped James Murray compile the Oxford English Dictionary.

Inez Constanza will provide refreshments. Bring your sandwich and socialize.

We will decide on our schedule of books for the upcoming months.

*Jackie Burge and Diane Wallenmeyer*

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

Our film on February 26 is *The Great Gatsby* (1974). Brings to life F. Scott Fitzgerald's wrenching novel. Mia Farrow stars as Daisy Buchanan, Robert Redford as Gatsby. Bruce Dern as Daisy's husband. Narrator Nick Carraway is played by Sam Waterston.

*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.

## **Memorial Reception Subcommittee Request**

The memorial reception subcommittee would appreciate the donation of a large punch bowl or long rectangular tablecloths. Please call Helen Pechacek at 301-384-2415 if you have any questions or mark the items “Alliance” and leave them in the pantry.

## **Alliance Membership Directory**

Please add to your Alliance Directory:

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Chevy Chase, MD 20815

Address correction:

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Washington, DC 20015-1543

*Arlene Goldman, Virginia Weise,  
Membership Co-Chairs*

**Next Alliance Board Meeting: February 19, 10 a.m.**

**Next Alliance Newsletter Deadline: February 26**

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