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Sunday Services at 9 and 11 a.m.

March 1, 2009

“The Truth Shall Set You Free: Reflections on PostSecret”

Heather Janules

A few years ago, a Germantown man, Frank Warren, invited strangers to mail him a secret on a post card. Thousands of secrets later, after the publication of four books of secrets and exhibits all over the continent, Warren is now preparing his next anthology, a collection of spiritual secrets, “Life, Death and God.”

This service will explore the phenomenon of PostSecret and what it may tell us about human nature through some of the secrets Frank has received and some “Cedar Lane Secrets.” Frank Warren, the “most trusted man in America,” will lead a program at 12:30 in the Auditorium.

March 8, 2009

“A Liberal Religious Perspective on Immigration ”

Roger Fritts

For many years, I have offered the highest bidder at our auction the opportunity to select a sermon topic. Last year’s winner was Dr. Cal Perkins, who has worked as a volunteer at free medical clinics in both the district and in Gaithersburg. “What,” Cal asked me, “is your position on illegal immigration?”

March 15, 2009

“The Origin of the Theory”

Roger Fritts

The Unitarian Church in Shrewsbury, England, has a memorial tablet: “To the Memory of Charles Robert Darwin, Author of ‘The Origin of Species.’ Born in Shrewsbury, February 12th, 1809. In Early Life a Member of and Constant Worshiper in this Church.” Two hundred years after his birth, the sermon will look at the life of Charles Darwin.

The Sunday Morning Forum meets 10:10 to 10:55 a.m. in the Chalice House. Coffee is served.

- 3/1** *A Wider Circle: Ending Poverty One Person and One Family at a Time* with **Mark Bergel**, Executive Director, A Wider Circle
- 3/8** *What is Wrong with the Chesapeake Bay and What Can Be Done about It?* with **Bill Matuszeski**, Board Member, Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, formerly Director, EPA Chesapeake Bay Program
- 3/15** *Whatever Happened to Separation of Church and State?* with **Rev. Barry W. Lynn**, Executive Director, Americans United for Separation of Church and State
- 3/22** *Human Rights in Israel and Palestine: Why a Rights-Based Guideline is Needed*, with **Mitchell Plitnick**, Director of USA Outreach for B’Tselem

Need a Ride to the Cedar Lane Auction? The Auction Committee Can Help!

This year’s annual auction on Saturday, March 21, promises to be better than ever. You’ll be sorry if you miss all the fun. This year we are offering rides for those who need them. If you would like a ride to and from the event, contact me:

Brian Belanger

Home: 301-258-0708

E-mail: radiobelanger@comcast.net

We also need volunteer drivers! If you are willing to drive a neighbor, also contact me. I will strive to match each person needing a ride with a driver who lives nearby.

Notes from the Ministers

Roger Fritts

Our congregation is a member of “Action In Montgomery,” a multiracial, multi-faith, strictly nonpartisan, county-wide citizens’ organization, rooted in local congregations and associations. AIM works with more than 55 community organizations like AIM across the United States, and in Canada, Germany, and the United Kingdom. These organizations have trained thousands of ethnically, culturally, and economically diverse leaders (including our current U.S. President) to be active in influencing the policies of local communities.

Tuesday, March 10, at 7 p.m., I will attend “AIM’s Budget Priorities Action” at Church of the Resurrection in Burtonsville (3315 Greencastle Rd). County Executive Leggett will attend. The goal of the meeting is to encourage the county to take seriously the budget priorities of the members of AIM. The list of members is impressive:

Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church (Silver Spring), Bethesda Friends (Bethesda), Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church (Bethesda), Christian Baptist Church (Silver Spring), Church of the Resurrection Catholic Parish (Burtonsville), Colesville United Methodist Church (Silver Spring), Damascus-Friendship United Methodist Church (Damascus), Episcopal Church of the Ascension (Silver Spring), Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration (Silver Spring), Epworth United Methodist Church (Gaithersburg), Good Hope Union United Methodist Church (Silver Spring), Goshen United Methodist Church (Gaithersburg), Kehilat Shalom (Gaithersburg), Mill Creek Parish United Methodist Church (Derwood), Oak Grove A.M.E.-Zion Church (Olney), Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Parish (Bethesda), Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Parish (Potomac), Scotland A.M.E Zion (Potomac), St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Parish (Wheaton), St. Dunstan’s Episcopal Church (Bethesda), St. Jude A.M.E. Church (Germantown), St. Mark’s Episcopal Church (Silver Spring), St. Mark Presbyterian Church (Rockville), St. Mark’s United Methodist Church (Boyd’s), St. Rose of Lima Catholic Parish (Gaithersburg), Sligo Seventh-Day Adventist Church (Takoma Park), Unitarian Universalist Church of Rockville (Rockville), Willow Manor Senior Apartments (Silver Spring), Westmoreland Congregational United Church of Christ (Bethesda), Woodside United Methodist Church (Silver Spring).

The goal is to have 600 people at the meeting. I invite you to join me.

Archene Turner

A Labor of Love.

I heard Arun Gandhi, grandson of the famous nonviolent civil rights leader, speak at the interfaith alliance annual meeting in DC years ago. Arun said that his grandfather taught him that *all* relationships need four things: RESPECT, UNDERSTANDING, ACCEPTANCE AND APPRECIATION. It seems to me, these things do not come easy, and it takes a labor of love to make them happen. Love takes work. At times it takes work to love my family, and I have heard from my family how much it takes out of them to love me back sometimes. Friends that have been in lasting relationships tell me that they have had to work at the relationship to keep it healthy. Even being in this congregation, we have to work at the love we show one another. All ages can use these elements at home, at work, at school and here at Cedar Lane to maintain a good relationship.

The first one, respect, is the element I have had the hardest time in my life figuring out. When I came back from Britain and started to live with my parents again in Miami, my mother said I should ‘respect’ her because she was my mother. As a quick-mouthed teenager, I swung around and said “respect is not automatically given, it is earned,” a phrase that had been said to me many times. My mother put her hands in the air, asked God for strength, and walked away. I later apologized, and I realized I did not understand what respect was. I now understand respect to be a way you treat a person you love or have high regard for or value. My attitude when I responded to my mother showed no sign of love, regard or value, and thankfully my mother let my behavior slide (for the moment) so as not to escalate the situation. In a congregation, respect may take various forms, like paying attention while someone else is speaking or taking up only a fraction of the time at a meeting so all can speak. We can all reflect on how we act at church to gauge whether we are being respectful.

Still, my mother and I do not see eye to eye on a number of issues. A friend of mine said quite simply “respect is not having to get your way all the time.” Francis David, a famous Unitarian, said, “you do not have to think alike to love alike.” My mother and I argue frequently, but we have unwritten rules that we now both abide by about *how* we express those differences. At first they were

expressly articulated but now we've been doing it for so long, they can go unsaid. Churches are like that too. Some churches have covenants on how we will be with one another, but other churches, like this one, seem to have an "unwritten" covenant. Unwritten covenants can be dangerous, especially if everyone does not know WHAT those rules are. Which leads to the second part of a good relationship: understanding. When all parties don't know the rules, there can be a lack of understanding. There can also be a lack of understanding when people do not talk with one another or check their assumptions. Communication is the key here. To have a good relationship it takes risking and being honest to get to that level of understanding. A labor of love. I am not suggesting that we work on an all church covenant but perhaps we could check in with the groups or committees we are a part of to see if we all share the same level of understanding of how we will behave with one another.

The third aspect of a good relationship is acceptance. This one for me is another tricky one. It is like the balancing act we as a church do around the first and seventh UU principle. "The inherent worth and dignity of every person" and "respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part." Or the you, me and we in an intimate relationship, or Spock on Star Trek's "the need of the many outweigh the need of the one." The struggle between individuality and the community. Acceptance is different from tolerance. Tolerance is putting up with something when you don't like it. Acceptance is like *surrendering* and not having a struggle within about liking or not liking something.

The last element is my favorite: appreciation. I think of appreciation as an expression of gratitude when others have gone out of their way for you and acknowledging that. Think about how you feel when someone acknowledges you. Don't you want to be able to return that feeling to someone? His Holiness the Dalai Lama says "The more we work for the happiness of others, the more our own happiness increases. That is an obvious fact. The more selfish we act, the more our loneliness and suffering increase, that is an obvious fact." I believe him. I see it as a labor of love. His Holiness also says, "Whether one believes in religion or not, there isn't anyone who does not appreciate kindness and compassion."

As a beloved community I have witnessed Cedar Laners show respect, understanding, acceptance and appreciation, but may we increase the use of these attributes to improve our relationships with one another.

So may it be. Ashe.

We Care

Our hearts go out to longtime Cedar Lane friend and vocalist **Kevin Miller** as he mourns the death of his father, who died at the age of ninety.

Healing wishes are with Cedar Lane friend **Paulette Skalka** as she recovers from hip replacement surgery.

We send our condolences to **Bannon Preston** and **John, Madison** and **Ethan Ruppenthal (Neighborhood 12)** with the death of John's grandmother – Madison and Ethan's beloved great-grandmother, "Mimi."

If you know of anyone in need of a pastoral visit, a call or a prayer, please contact Minister for Pastoral Care Heather Janules at x204 or hjanules@cedarlane.org.

Support Group for People Living with Mental Illness. A new support group is forming at Cedar Lane for people who have been diagnosed with a mental illness. The format will be casual; the group will likely meet twice a month during on a weekday afternoon. To participate, one must also be under the care of a therapist or psychiatrist. If you are interested in participating or have any questions, please contact Minister for Pastoral Care Heather Janules at x204 or hjanules@cedarlane.org.

Music Notes From the Interim Director of Music

February 22 was a glorious musical morning at CLUUC as our voices filled the Sanctuary with joyous sounds of singing. The Youth Choir led us in Michael Praetorius' Renaissance canon, *Jubilate Deo*, the Adult Choir demonstrated the "fa-sol-la" singing style in the hymn *Liberty* from The Sacred Harp hymnal, and we enjoyed singing a call and response with Susan Clark in the hymn *Peace Like a River*.

On March 1, we have a wonderful treat as clarinetist Kenneth Kreider and pianist Aglaia Koras join to perform works by J. S. Bach, Piotr Tchaikovsky and Sergei Rachmaninoff. Gruppo Piccolo will sing the lovely motet *Ubi Caritas* by French composer Maurice Duruflé and lead the congregation in singing "Do You Hear?" and "One More Step."

On March 8, the Adult Choir will return to offer Ralph Vaughan William's motet *O Taste and See* and Antonin Dvorak's lively *Gloria* from the Mass in D, opus 86.

On March 15, the Handbell Choir will perform a spirited rendition of the tune *Lobe de Herrenm*, which will also

be our opening hymn (Praise Be to God, the Almighty). The Youth Choir will present the Call to Worship and the Adult Choir will sing *Choose Something Like a Star* by Randall Thompson, from "Frostiana," his song cycle on poetry by Robert Frost.

CLUUC Music Ministry wants *YOU* . . . to sing and ring. The Adult Choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings and the Youth and Handbell Choirs meet on Thursday evenings. For more information call 301-493-8300 or email hsgrecci@cedarlane.org.

Religious Education Notes

All Church Weekend at Camp Tockwogh, May 29 to 31. Have you been thinking about how your family can spend some quality time that doesn't involve fancy resorts or long travel arrangements? Why not join in the All-Church retreat at Camp Tockwogh, just two hours away. It is a "Y" camp, enjoyed frequently by our youth. Please go on-line to check out the sleeping and gathering facilities (www.tockwogh.org); check out Tickwogh Lodge and the cottages that are reserved exclusively for Cedar Laners. We are looking forward to being able to use, as individuals and families decide, the boats, climbing course, pool, playing fields, woods, porches, archery, campfire and more. There will be a few structured activities for those who want them, but this time together is meant to provide maximum fun and relaxation as we get to know our fellow Cedar Laners. We have indoor gathering places as well as many beautiful outdoor acres. Mark your calendars now. Registration brochures are coming soon!

Teacher recruitment for next year will be underway soon. Teaching is one of the major ways we minister to our children and one of the primary ways kids experience "church." Our classes form the most intimate part of their faith community where they will, hopefully, build lasting connections with ideas, feelings, commitments, and, of course, people! Please consider teaching as one way of making a lasting contribution to our children and youth! Call Susan Archer in the office with questions and watch for the RE Recruitment Information tables in the lounge.

Upcoming Events

February 27 (Friday) - RE Appreciation Dinner

March 15 (Sunday) - Teacher and RE Leader Recognition during our intergenerational beginning in the sanctuary for all classes, K - 12, 9 and 11 a.m.

March 22 (Sunday) - Growing Up Year Celebration by our 6th graders during the first part of the service in the sanctuary; R. E. class leaders will decide whether other classes will attend; GUY siblings are encouraged to attend with parents; all children who come will adjourn to classes after the ceremony concludes.

March 29, April 5 (Sundays) - Spring "B" Registration

Youth Notes

Junior High Notes

Junior High RE classes for grades 7 and 8 meet at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. The Junior High Youth group is open to youth, grades 7 and 8.

Jr. High Youth Group

Upcoming Events: (Flyers will be mailed before events):

March 13 (Friday) - Movie@Mall with dinner

March 31 (Tuesday) - Manna Food Packing

April 18 (Saturday) - Old Rag Mountain Hike

May 16 & 17 (Sat./Sun.) - New York City Trip

June 5 & 6 (Fri./Sat.) - Lock-in at Chalice House

June 30 (Tuesday) - Manna Food Packing

Questions? Call youth group advisors John Daniel at 301-946-5509 or Kimberly Clarkson at 301-587-3051.

Senior High Notes

Senior High Youth Group (SHYG) activities are open to young people, grades 9 to 12, and activities happen at non-Sunday morning times as much as possible. Note that this is different from last year's scheduling. 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 x205 or aturner@cedarlane.org or archene@gmail.com.

Upcoming events: If interested in any of the events, please contact Archene ASAP so chaperones can be arranged.

February 27-28 - ~~Lock-in & Robotics Competition.~~
CANCELLED

February 28 - Powershift 2009, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

<http://www.powershift09.org/conference>. Senior high youth invited to attend this environmental justice conference for the day for a small fee (\$15) or volunteer and earn SSL hours.

February 28 - 2009 Battle of the Bands at Walter Johnson High School at 6:30 p.m. See and hear which

band wins a 5-hour studio session at the House of Musical Traditions' Blue House Studio!

This event is sponsored by Community Cupcakes and Hungry for Music. Community Cupcakes started in 2007 to celebrate the birthday and life of Cedar Laner, Luke Carter-Schelp. Watch for the bright green flyers around the church for more details.

March 1 - Hang out time after 2nd session: 12:15 til about 1:30 p.m. We'll eat pizza and hang out.

March 3 - Youth Summit planning meeting in Rooms 30-31. Come help plan this one day event SHYG is hosting on April 18.

March 10 - An Evening of Wii 7:30- 9 p.m. This class will help our adults understand why we have so much fun with Wii.

March 13-14 - 9th Graders Lock-In to plan Coming of Age Worship Service.

March 13-15 - Lepre-CON at UU Church of Delaware County, Media, PA. This is a district event for senior high youth.

Young Adults (Ages 18-35)

The UU Young Adults of Maryland (UUYAM) group plans activities for local UU Young Adults. Visit <http://groups.google.com/group/uuyam> to join the UUYAM e-mail list and view schedule of upcoming events, or call Tama Yarina with questions at 906-281-2537 or tryarina@gmail.com. For resources and information on Joseph Priestly District (JPD) Young Adult events, visit the JPD Young Adult Network at www.jpduuyam.org.

Join other Young Adults for Brunch: Meet in the vestibule at the back of the sanctuary 15 minutes after the end of the 11 a.m. service. We will car pool to a local restaurant for lunch or brunch and fellowship.

Adult Programs Notes

Adult Programs (AP) classes are happening! Some have begun and are still accepting new participants. For descriptions of classes starting soon see the AP brochure or visit our website at www.cedarlane.org.

Don't miss the Dinner and Discussion Express A on Saturday, March 7 at 6:30 p.m. Bring a dish to share and come prepared to talk about your dream for America. What are the top three things you think the new administration should focus on? This is a great opportunity to spend a delightful evening with fellow Cedar Laners.

To register for a class, complete a registration card, attach your check, and mail or bring it to the RE office. Use the registration card mailed with the brochure, pick

one up at the church, or download one from our website. For additional information contact the RE office by calling 301-493-8300 x207, or emailing re@cedarlane.org.

AP Classes beginning soon:

February

25 – Menu for the Future—Free introductory organizing session, class begins March 11

28 – The UU Roots of Feminism

March

3 – Meet the Artist: Oil Painter

4 – Alexander Technique

7 – Dinner and Discussion Express A

10 – An Evening of Wii

11 – Menu for the Future

13 – UU Theology and Sacred Space

15 – Simple Gifts

The Sunday Morning Forum meets in Chalice House on Sundays, 10:10 to 10:55 a.m. Everyone is welcome. No registration is required.

March 1: *A Wider Circle, Ending Poverty One Person and One Family at a Time.* Mark Bergel, Executive Director of A Wider Circle, a DC-area nonprofit dedicated to serving children and adults challenged by poverty, brings to the Forum recent poverty statistics, case studies of local individuals and families in distress, and an overview of what his organization is doing (and what you can do) to end poverty in this region.

March 8: *What Is Wrong with the Chesapeake Bay and What Can Be Done about It?* Under Bill Matuszeski as Director, EPA Chesapeake Bay Program, 1991-2001, the program became the premier watershed effort in the United States and is recognized worldwide for its clear goals, measurable achievements, comprehensive approach to air pollution deposition, land use change, use of computer models to test management options and other complex problems. In his presentation, Bill will describe the most cost-effective measures needed to restore the bay.

March 15: *Whatever Happened to Separation of Church and State?* The Reverend Barry W. Lynn, Executive Director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State discusses the unending battle to keep government out of religion and to keep religion out of government. Rev. Lynn, an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ, with a degree in theology from Boston University and a law degree from Georgetown University, appears frequently in the major media and recently co-authored a citizen's guide to protecting religious lib-

erty and the separation of church and state available from (Beacon Press 2008).

March 22: Human Rights in Israel and Palestine: Why a Rights-Based Guideline Is Needed. Our speaker is Mitchell Plitnick, Director of USA Outreach for B'Tselem, an Israeli organization that monitors human rights in the occupied territories. He will discuss the human rights conditions in the West Bank, Gaza and East Jerusalem; explore the rights and responsibilities of all parties to the Israel-Palestine conflict; and discuss why human rights are central to any progress in the region, whether or not diplomatic efforts are bearing fruit at that time.

Connection Circles A Connection Circle is a small group that meets regularly. It is led by a trained facilitator, includes an opening ritual, a check-in time, discussion of a topic, and a closing ritual. The group chooses and performs one service program between Fall and Summer. Currently, there are 10 Connection Circles. Group descriptions and facilitators are listed in the Adult Programs brochure and on our website. For more information, please contact Heather Janules at 301-493-8300x204, or hjanules@cedarlane.org. To join a group, register through Adult Programs.

Around the Church

The Leadership Development and Nominations Committee is pleased to announce the following list of candidates who have been nominated for election to serve 3-year terms on the committee: Lisa Chernikoff, David Devlin-Foltz, Jack Rodgers and Dawn Steinfeld. The election will be held April 19 at the Annual Meeting.

"Choose Civility!" Have you seen this bumper sticker? It's appearing frequently, especially in or near Howard County. That's because Howard County has been promoting civility, especially in driving, but also in other areas. *Choosing Civility*, by Johns Hopkins professor P.M. Forni, founder of the Johns Hopkins University Civility Initiative, explores all aspects of civility, from manners to international relations. Copies are available at Borders. (The Kiplinger Committee offered the book at coffee hour in January, and sold out! "We're getting more," said Betty May Cleary, Kiplinger Committee chair. "If you want to reserve a copy, give me a call at 301-933-9442.") The committee is sponsoring a two-meeting class on choosing civility, April 24 and May 3 at 2 p.m. Cost: \$10 for pledgers, \$15 for non-pledgers. Register now; it's part of Adult Programs.

Social Justice Council

Cedar Laners donated \$3,656 this year to deserving organizations through the annual **Alternative Giving** program. Congratulations and thanks go to everyone who made a donation.

♻️GREEN TIPS♻️

Cedar Lane's Environmental Task Force

If everyone lit just one little candle, what a bright world this would be. Or if everyone changed just one habit into a green one, what a refreshed world we might have—one that might exist a little longer. Better yet, change one every two months.

The "Green Team" is saving trees, the cost of biodegradable cups, and reducing the quantity of disposable paper products at Cedar Lane, by having China cups or ceramic mugs available for coffee/tea following Sunday services. The Environmental Group (Molly Hauck and Charlotte Brewer, Co-Chairs) has gotten off to a good start but needs your help. This job does not require a lot of time, is fun, and accomplishes a step towards saving the environment. We need two people per service to carry cups or mugs back to the kitchen, place them in appropriate containers that go into the dishwasher, run the dishwasher (carefully following instructions on the front of the washer), and turn the hot water off before leaving. We will help you with any questions and locations of equipment etc. Sign up schedules will be available in the lounge at the Environmental Task Force table. For more information, call Rita Pittillo at 301-949-7687 or ritapitt@starpower.net.

Living Life through a Green Lens"

Interested in lowering your energy bill? Using safer cleaning products? Eating for your health and the planet's? If so, don't miss the seminar on Wednesday, March 11, 7 to 9 p.m. All Souls Church (enter on Harvard St. between 15th and 16th St. NW). You will learn how to do an energy audit of your house or condo; use less water; improve safety; make sense of organic, local, vegetarianism and Fair Trade; be a responsible consumer throughout your life; and take advantage of greener options for getting around. Participants will receive a free copy of Co-op America's Guide to Green Living! Suggested Donation - \$10. To register, contact Matt Cohen mattandeliz@yahoo.com or Gary Mummert gmum@mindspring.com. The program is being sponsored by the All Souls 7th Principle Committee (Green Souls).

You're Invited: Tuesday, March 10, 7:30 p.m. to join hundreds at AIM's action presenting AIM's **Budget Priority Plan** to County Executive Leggett and County Council members. Carpools will leave Cedar Lane at 6:45 p.m. The action will be held at Resurrection Catholic Church, Greencastle Rd. Call Nancy Janssen at 301-588-1488 or nancyjanssen@peoplepc.com.

And Beyond Cedar Lane

Communications Coordinator – P/T 25 hours

River Road UU Congregation, Bethesda. Specialist needed to manage publications and web site. Relevant experience required; BA/BS helpful. MS Office and Publisher, editing, production, and web support, some office support. Please visit www.ruuuc.org for job description and application process.

Popular *Liebeslieder* Waltzes to be Performed at Benefit Concert

Music & Arts at Westmoreland will present a benefit concert on Saturday, February 28, 7 p.m. at Westmoreland Congregational United Church of Christ. Immediately following the concert will be a reception and opening of an art exhibit. The church is located at 1 Westmoreland Circle, Bethesda, MD (intersection of Massachusetts and Western Avenues). The concert will benefit Marie Reed Community Learning Center, a multi-cultural Head-Start through 6th grade school whose mission is to provide a curriculum that focuses on development, learning and becoming a productive citizen in the 21st century. The concert is free, and no tickets are required. The church is accessible for the handicapped. Limited parking is available. For additional information, telephone 301-229-7766 during regular business hours.

Living the Holy

A 1-day workshop with Ellen Dionna Saturday, April 4, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Sugarloaf UU Church Germantown, MD. Call 301-916-1792 for information. Cost: \$80, a portion will be donated to SCUU. Bring a bag lunch, writing materials, and wear comfortable clothes. Do you feel an inner longing, a quest for living whole and in attunement with All That Is? Do you wish to affirm the sacred and live in joy? Are you ready to move into deeper intimacy and more purposeful alignment with Spirit? This day of exercises in art, movement and metaphor will open you to your life-purpose and provide direction in your spiritual quest.

River Road UU Congregation announces that Richard Kirsch, National Campaign Director of Health Care For America Now (HCAN) will speak to the Sunday

forum, CC and C (Coffee, Conversation and Controversy) 10:15 to 11:15 am, Sunday, April 5 upstairs in the Fireside Room on the subject of what kind of health care we can expect from the Obama Administration. "Winning Quality Affordable Health Care for All in 2009" includes a discussion of plans for a massive popular movement here in the DC area. All are welcome. Questions? contact Virginia Richardson, Montgomery Health Care ACTION, 301-530-4498 or vmr9202@comcast.net.

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of North Bay WINE COUNTRY HOLIDAY

The UUs of Napa, California, proudly announce an addition to our successful Wine Country Excursion program, which we have offered the past 3 years. In a year when overseas vacations are hard on the budget, why not plan a trip here in America? There is so much to see and do in the Napa and Sonoma Valleys (wine education and tasting, art, history of the regions, gourmet dining, bicycling and hiking to explore the natural beauty of our hills and valleys and only an hour to San Francisco)! Sites of particular interest include Jack London's home; renowned and boutique wineries; numerous fine restaurants including the Culinary Institute of America; the diRosa Art and Nature Preserve; many museums and galleries; miles of bicycling and hiking trails, etc.

We offer two choices: Comfortable lodging in members' homes with full breakfast (max 3 nights) or lodging plus our Wine Country Excursion, a 2-day tour package. In 2009 our program will run from April through October. Fees for lodging are at least 25% below market rate (and include a scrumptious breakfast!), and tours are about 50% below commercial rates. All proceeds go to our small fellowship. We have limited openings, so contact us now for details. Tom Wilson (707-254-7443) or 2wilsons1dog@comcast.net. We look forward to sharing our lovely home with you!

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Cedar Lane Auction Saturday, March 21

There's always something new or different about the annual auction, and this year's is no exception:

1. Two reasons to give! The Board of Trustees has determined that funds raised in excess of the auction's fundraising target will be donated to Manna Food Center. Through your auction participation, you'll be supporting Cedar Lane's operating budget and, if the auction is a success, helping our neighbors struggling to meet basic needs. With social-help organizations facing increased demand for food and services during these challenging times, it's a great way for Cedar Lane's auction to do double duty in our community.
2. Welcome Cedar Lane Quilters' magnificent quilt "back" to the auction as one of our two raffle items! The quilters took an auction hiatus in 2008 to work on the chalice banner for the sanctuary. We're delighted they're back in the raffle biz with the 2009 "Flights of Fancy" quilt. Buy (lots of) raffle tickets at \$15 in the lounge on Sundays. You *will* want to win this! Our second raffle item is the "50-50 CLUUC Bucks," the more you buy, the more you – and the church – stand to gain! (Last year's winner went home with a little over \$1,000!)
3. Begun 3 years ago, free childcare in Chalice House has been a popular option for young families and has increased auction adult attendance by 10 percent. This year, we're offering transportation for Cedar Laners unable to drive at night. We don't want anyone who wants to attend be excluded from the event.
4. Nifty Thrifty is expanding its selling space, due to popular demand! Look for this bargain hunter's paradise in the Chapel. Be sure to search your closets and cupboards for gently used or new items valued at \$25 and under. Drop-off at the church will be on Fri., Mar. 20 – no paperwork involved!

We hope you'll join us in all of the auction efforts to make *Swing Into Spring* the best auction ever.

Four things for you to do **NOW**:

DONATE! . . . Please get your donation form in no later than March 6! Forms are available in the lounge on Sundays and at www.cedarlane.org on the auction page.

BUY TICKETS! Do so in the lounge or use the RSVP/ticket order form at www.cedarlane.org on the auction page.

RESERVE CHILDCARE. . . . Contact maryefarrar@verizon.net.

ARRANGE A RIDE. . . . Contact Brian Belanger, radiobelanger@comcast.net.

Introducing: A Wider Circle!

At the Rekindling Social Justice workshop, the Social Justice Council agreed to support the work of A Wider Circle. A non-profit organization operating throughout our region, A Wider Circle is dedicated to empowering people to lift themselves out of poverty. A Wider Circle's Center for Community Service is located in Silver Spring, about 10 minutes from CLUUC. A Wider Circle supplies essential home items (e.g., beds, dressers, dish sets) to people transitioning out of homelessness. In addition to this service, A Wider Circle has programs seeking hands-on volunteers of all ages.

To learn more about A Wider Circle, you can:

- ~ Attend the March 1 forum at CLUUC to hear director Mark Bergel speak and delineate volunteer opportunities
- ~ Attend a ***Sunday at the Center*** talk on March 8 from 1 to 2 p.m. to hear about the programs and see the center. Refreshments served. Sign up in the lounge at the Social Justice table to attend or contact Anne Thompson
- ~ Contact Anne Thompson, CLUUC member and board member at A Wider Circle,

annethompson@awidercircle.org, 301-461-1332

- ~ Go to the website www.awidercircle.org

Let's see how many mattresses and dressers CLUUC can donate to A Wider Circle in March! These are the most requested items for our families, and there are more than 600 families waiting for these items. We ask that items be in very good condition so our families can receive them with dignity. Call A Wider Circle (301-608-3504) for a prompt pick-up; let them know you are calling from CLUUC so we can tally our totals!

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