

# CEDAR LANE NEWS

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## Sunday Services

### **September 6, 2009 10 a.m. only** **“The Grim Reaper in Uniform: Chasing Death ... and Meaning ... on the Battlefield”**

*Bob Steck, educator, consultant, writer*

Our views of death in some ways determine how we view and fight wars, and our experience of war shapes our view of death. I see these issues in a context of meaning, ethics, and political philosophy.

### **September 13, 2009 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.** **“This Place Has Been Waiting for Us!”** **In-Gathering and Annual Water Communion**

*Revs. Susan Archer, Roger Fritts, Heather Janules, and Archene Turner*

This morning we will re-gather for our new congregational year! It is a time for all of us to come and worship together, for children and adults of all ages to join in a celebration of our hopes for our Cedar Lane community and of our love for one another. **Don't forget to bring back water from your summer adventures, whether from afar or your backyard!** The drops we bring will join with those of others, symbolizing once again the re-creation of our faith community. The service will be less than an hour and will include song and story. We will return to 2 services this Sunday.

**Childcare is available for ages 5 and younger.**

### **September 20, 2009 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.** **“Ela Bhatt's Questions”**

*The Rev. Ken MacLean, Minister Emeritus*

We will explore questions posed by Ela Bhatt in her commencement address at the Harvard Kennedy School. Ken MacLean served as senior minister at Cedar Lane from 1972 to 1992.

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

**September 13:** *Friends of Chernobyl Center U.S.* Cedar Lane's Don Cleary will describe the work of FOCCUS, an organization that brought relief to Chernobyl victims and now fosters the development of communities in Ukraine.

**September 20:** *The Future of Journalism* with Charlie Firestone, Executive Director, Communication and Society Program of the Aspen Institute.

## **When—if ever—is war morally justified?**

That's a question to be addressed by our 2009 Kiplinger lecturer, Paul Razor. Currently, Razor is Director of the Center for the Study of Religious Freedom at Virginia Wesleyan College. Some years ago, he held a similar position at Pendle Hill Quaker Study Center. He has taught at Harvard Divinity School, Andover Newton Theological School, and several law schools.

Dr. Razor plans to explore “just war,” “pacifism,” and more recent concepts in his lecture. He will suggest “just policing” and “just peacemaking” as responses to terrorism and war.

Plan to be there—Saturday, November 21, 2 p.m.

## **ROAD CLOSURE SEPTEMBER 13**

**On September 13, Cedar Lane (the road) will be closed to traffic from 7:40 a.m. until 8:51 a.m.** We will be having a service at 9 a.m. You will be able to access Cedar Lane after 8:51 or you can choose to take back roads. Exit 495 at Connecticut Ave, head north and make a left at the second light, Culver St. Follow Culver St for .5 miles. CLUUC's driveway will be on the left. It is not marked.

## Notes from the Ministers

*Roger Fritts*

**The joys of August:** I started using *Facebook* and I find it is a way to keep in touch. I am ready to accept “friends.” If you are interested, send me a link.

Also in August I have been enjoying the view out my office window. Two newborn deer and their mother made the church grounds their home for a time. I know the county struggles with an excess of deer, but still I enjoy watching them out my office window.

Male and female cardinals are often outside my office window. They have been flying into the glass and into the glass of the window in the church library. The theory is that they see their own image reflected in the glass, think it is another bird, and to protect their territory, they fly at the other bird to scare it off. I find that if I open the window a little, they stop.

If this is not enough excitement, a rabbit occasionally appears, and eats foliage all afternoon. And of course I see many squirrels and butterflies. I rejoice for this forest full of life outside my office window.

**The trials of August:** The night of Friday, August 7, we had two computers taken from the church. Around the same time someone also took the street signs on Cedar Lane promoting the Summer Services. One computer was mine, a Dell laptop several years old. I protected it with a password, making it difficult for anyone to get to the files. I do not write confidential information into computer files, so even if the thief gets access to the files, she or he will mostly have old sermons that anyone can find on the web. My last full backup was March 21, so I have lost all the files from that date on. If you sent me an e-mail before August 7 and have not heard back from me, it is because I lost the message when the thief took the computer.

Because my computer was behind two locked doors and the thief did not damage the doors, it is likely that he or she had a key. We have changed the locks.

**Look forward:** These days I take my new computer home each evening. I shut the window, saying goodnight to the deer, the birds, and the squirrels, and I look forward with excitement to a new church year.

*Heather Janules*

For as long as I can remember, I have been an “animal person.” One could say that my love of animals started even before my memory began. My mother often bemoaned the fact that my first word was not “Mommy” or

“Daddy” but the name of our cat, Abraham (pronounced “Ham-Ham” in Toddler.) While I don’t remember much about Abraham, I do know that he offered me friendship, practice in negotiating conflict (as a child, I had a faint scar by my eye, shaped like a cat scratch) and, with his sudden illness and passing, my first knowledge of grief.

Since the “days of Abraham,” my family welcomed countless other cats into our home. “Welcomed” may be the wrong word as many of these cats seemed to march into our lives with a list of demands. While we often felt more like staff than companions to our cats, they offered us great laughter, affection and love. In the end, we humans seemed to get the best out of the arrangement.

Now, I share my modest home with two cats and a dog, all of whom love to watch the animals beyond the patio window – the birds, the squirrels (even an albino one) and the occasional raccoon. We were twice visited by an opossum, looking for a snack around the bird feeders. As an “animal person,” I can’t imagine a better place to live.

I know that I am not the only “animal person” at Cedar Lane. Part of celebrating the “interdependent web of life of which we are a part” is recognizing that to live with integrity is to live in relationship with, not in dominion over, the natural world. Part of who we are is how we recognize the goodness in others, not just other people but other creatures who also depend on this world for shelter, inspiration and sustenance.

In affirmation of the many gifts that animals bring to our lives, we will hold our first ever Sunday morning live Blessing of the Animals service on October 18 (Save the date!) Here are some things to know:

- There will be no religious education classes that day so our worship service can be both intergenerational and interspecies.
- We recognize that not everyone loves animals as much as I do. We also recognize that some folks do love animals but they are allergic. So, **the 9 a.m. service will feature only “virtual” animals (photographs, drawings, stuffed animals to represent animals at home) and the 11 a.m. service will include both virtual and real-live animals.**
- Both services will have an opening and closing Animal Parade. If you or a young person in your family (or a family pet, in the 11 a.m. service) wants to participate, we will gather in the courtyard before each service to get organized.
- All visiting animals must be vaccinated, leashed or

contained and known to “play well with others.” Please do not bring a live animal if you know that they would dislike being around a lot of other animals and people.

- Part of our service will include a time to remember animals who have died. If you wish to share a memorial photo, please e-mail the photo to me at [hjanules@cedarlane.org](mailto:hjanules@cedarlane.org). You may also e-mail photos of animals who are best left at home so they can be included in our community blessing. When sending photographs, please let me know the name of the animal(s) and which service you plan to attend.

For those who have never attended a Blessing of the Animals service, they are a lot of fun. (But then, of course, I am an “animal person.”) The last blessing service I attended was this past Summer. I brought my dog Luna to the UU Congregation of Fairfax, where she was just one of many happy, furry creatures with their proud humans.

When the time came in the service for us to speak aloud the names of those animals who have died in the past year, my eyes began to tear up when I said my first dog’s name, “Hannah.” To my surprise, Luna suddenly looked at me very intently and began licking my cheek. “Who,” I thought, “is blessing whom?”

Please join us on October 18 as we celebrate the many ways we are blessed by the animals in our lives and re-commit to making the world a better place for “all creatures great and small.”

## We Care

The We Care program is a network led by volunteers who reach out to address short-term needs – food deliveries, rides to doctor’s appointments, a listening ear in the event of a loss. The Cedar Lane congregation is organized geographically by “neighborhoods”; each neighborhood has at least one chairperson to coordinate support. Look at your nametag or the map in the church office to find your neighborhood.

We mourn the passing of **Margaret Bingman (Neighborhood 8)** who died on August 25 from complications from a fall. Margaret joined Cedar Lane in 1969 and, among other activities, was active in Martha’s Table, Religious Education, a Dinner/Discussion group, the Gourmet Club and a number of book groups. She will be missed by many in our community.

Update on **Bobbie Nelson**: Bobbie has been released from the hospital and is recovering at home. For now, please only contact her by mail until she gets her full strength back. Thankfully, the prognosis is good and she received excellent medical care. Bobbie thanks the many

Cedar Laners who have reached out with their care and concern.

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of **Donna Czajkowski (N99)** who died on July 26 after a long illness at the age of 90. As her memorial was private, we share this short remembrance: “Donna lived a full life with values born in her early life on a farm in West Minnesota. These values carried her through her employment with the federal government during WWII, her married life with Norman and her motherhood to two sets of twin girls – Cary, Gerry, Dale and Gail. She imparted these life values not so much with words as with deeds and her open and honest treatment of all who came to know her.”

Hooray for **Kay Gottesman** and **Bob Grafton (N7)** as they welcome a new granddaughter! Lilah Pagani Gottesman was born on July 18 in New York City.

Congratulations are with **Jim Anderson (N5)** as he and his partner **Janet Cromer** married on August 8 in Boston. As Janet will be moving to Bethesda, we look forward to welcoming her to the Cedar Lane community!

Our hearts also go out to **Eleanor Melville (N9)** and her family as they mourn the death of her daughter Emily, whose struggle with cancer ended on July 27. A Service in Celebration of Her Life was held on August 1 at Cedar Lane.

We celebrate with Cedar Lane member and State Senator **Rich Madaleno (N10)** as he received the “Legislator of the Year” award by the National Council on Alcohol & Drug Dependency of Maryland and the “Outstanding Service Award” from the Maryland Association of Community Services for his work advocating for developmentally disabled people.

Our love and care go out to **David Stewart** and **Nancy Floreen (N9)** as they mourn the death of David’s mother, who died on July 15 in Ann Arbor, Michigan at the age of 92.

Congratulations to Cedar Laner **Phyllis Naylor (N30)** for publishing her latest book: *Faith, Hope, and Ivy June*, the story of a relationship between two middle school girls of very different backgrounds. You can check it out for yourself in the CLUUC library. (“It’s terrific!” says our resident critic of children’s literature, Susan Archer.)

Our condolences go to **Jenny Foster** and **Matthew Heller** and their sons **Jeremy, Joshua** and **Adam (N31)**. Jenny’s stepfather, Mike Seeger, died of cancer on August 7.

Hooray for **Vivienne Patton (N27)** and her family as they celebrate two marriages: **Alec** and **Briony**, and **Andrew** and **Itzel!** The weddings were officiated by Cedar

Lane alumna, the Rev. **Cinnamon Daniel**. It all happened on August 1 in the Patton yard, accompanied by much music. Our love goes to all of you!

Housewarming wishes are with **Eloise Adams (N5)** as she moves to a new apartment in her building on September 2 after many years in her previous unit.

**Good News from our Partner Church:** The daughter of our Partner Church ministers, **Nagy Csilla**, married her long-time sweetheart in a ceremony in Dicsöszentmárton in early August. Nagyszeru! (Great!) Good wishes may be sent to Endre and Dodi at [unitar.nagy@gmail.com](mailto:unitar.nagy@gmail.com).

Joy and Sorrow: Our best wishes are with **Barbara Ricketts (N24)** as she and her family grieve the death of Barbara's beloved aunt Joyce. We also rejoice that Barbara has welcomed a healthy new nephew, Chance, into the world.

Should you know of a member of our community in personal need, you are encouraged to reach out to them. If you learn that this person wishes to receive a response from the church, please contact Heather Janules at x204 or [hjanules@cedarlane.org](mailto:hjanules@cedarlane.org). All ministers offer pastoral care to our members so you are also encouraged to contact any member of the ministerial team.

## From the Administrator

Some have seen the ENews version of the newsletter that we sent out as a test. For some it arrived on their computers perfectly formatted, and others, especially MAC users, as an incredibly wide document, which if printed, would require perhaps a ream of paper. Now we are getting to explore the intricacies of HTML code but expect to come to a working solution soon. Some time ago the Board approved moving to a once a month newsletter, to save paper, time and money. We are moving to implement it (slowly). We will continue with our present newsletter schedule until the other system is in place.

We will accept submissions by each Wednesday for the Friday e-blast. We appreciate receiving copy electronically at [newsletter@cedarlane.org](mailto:newsletter@cedarlane.org). Photographs of Cedar Lane events are welcome. We will create from the e-blast an insert for the order of service on so that anyone who wants a paper copy will get one on Sunday. We are looking for names for the Friday newsletter. We have had suggestions like CLUUCBook, WhuusNuus, What's Cookin' at CLUUC, Currents at CLUUC and Cedar Lane ENews.

To join the existing Cedar Lane news list please send me

an e-mail, [Sdeshler@cedarlane.org](mailto:Sdeshler@cedarlane.org). Sara Deshler

## Music Notes from the Director of Music

### Yes, there will be a Concert Series!!!

Concerts at Cedar Lane will present four performances in the coming season. The performances will be held in the Auditorium throughout the fall, winter, and spring.

All performances will be free and open to the public. Good Will donations will be accepted to support honorariums for our artists. Starting in September, keep an eye out for our publicity materials on the web site, on the CLUUC bulletin boards, and in the lounge following Sunday services.

**Yes, there will be an "Ad Hoc" Choir!!!** This will be a "user friendly" singing group for all ages. Beginning in October, this choir will meet on the first Sunday of the month in the Chapel following our Sunday services. We will sing easier songs and hymns and help you become more comfortable with the common hymns and songs that are sung during worship.

### Yes, September is "CHOIR TIME"

Make sure to sign up for a choir!

Wednesday evenings (beginning September 9, 2009)  
Adult Choir - 7:30-9:45 pm

Thursday evenings (beginning September 17, 2009)  
Children's Choir - 6:00-6:30 pm (1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> grade)  
Youth Choir - 6:30-7:15 pm (5<sup>th</sup> grade and up)  
Youth Handbell Choir - 7:15-8:00 pm (5<sup>th</sup> grade and up)  
Intergenerational Handbell Choir - 8:00-9:15 pm (7<sup>th</sup> grade to adult)

### Sunday Worship

On Sunday, Sept. 6, David Meredith will return with his guitar to sing *Where Have All the Flowers Gone?* and *Let Them In*. We will be singing the hymns "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" and "Now is the Time Approaching."

On September 13 the Adult Choir will return in full force to lead the Congregation in Jason Shelton's song *All Lifted Hearts* during the water communion. Bring your hearty voices and let's fill the Sanctuary with that great Cedar Lane sound!!!

## Education for All Ages

## Religious Education Notes

### Classes for Children and Youth Begin September 20!

Our teachers and teen assistants, our friendly volunteer administrators, and our MRE and RE Administrators will be ready and waiting for babies to teens, even while our Senior High Youth Group will be on retreat at Camp Tockwogh! It will be wonderful to be together once again!

**RE Registration** Thank you to all the families who have already turned in their RE forms, your registrations are complete! For those who have not, we truly need your forms, NOW. It helps us immensely to have accurate information as we prepare rooms, materials and staff to provide a loving welcome when the children and youth arrive.

If you haven't registered and don't seem to have an e-mail from us (sent in June) call us at 301-493-8300 x207 to get materials, or even better, go to the church website, [www.cedarlane.org](http://www.cedarlane.org), click on the RE registration button, print out the forms (including the registration card), fill them in and mail or bring them to the church and your registration will be done! The RE Brochure and registration forms are also available on the counter under the name tags in the sanctuary.

**Teachers** This year, we are again fortunate to have an amazing staff! And yes, we are still looking for a few more! Please contact Susan Archer in the church office if this might be a possibility for you. Teacher Orientation is on Saturday, September 12, 9:30 a.m.–2 p.m. If you have not already RSVPed, please call the office!

**Something New this Year!** This year the RE Council will be working with teachers to provide Open House opportunities. During class time, parents are invited to participate in a class, get to know the teachers and one another, and get a better idea of the curriculum. Simple, light refreshments will be served. Not all grades will participate, as some classes have already built a similar event into their schedule. However, most will have this opportunity. Relationship is at the heart of a faith community, and this will help us all to make connections and deepen them. The Open House Schedule will be sent to parents/care givers in each class. Watch for your invitation!

**Want to Get Connected to a Few Other Families with Children and Youth?** This year we will be offering opportunities to be part of a "Family Triad," an informal

way for your family to get to know two others. It works this way: three families will be matched together with the goal of getting together three times over the course of the RE year. Ages of the children/youth will be one factor used to make the "matching." Each family will be responsible for organizing one "gathering." The gathering could be a backyard picnic, a hike, an afternoon at the zoo, dinner, or . . . whatever you decide is easy and fun. This is meant to be an easy, low stress way to meet and enjoy others. More information on how to sign up will be sent in late September to families with children and youth registered in RE. In the future, the program may also include families and individuals without children!

**Children and Youth Worship Associates** This year we are formalizing ways to offer leadership and participation in Sunday morning worship in the sanctuary to children in grades 2–6 and to youth in grades 7–12. Opportunities may range from readings to ringing a chime, from lighting a chalice to designing a cover for an order of service or artwork for the "big screen," helping to welcome/greet and more. Information detailing these opportunities and how to sign up will be sent to those in Grades 2–12 in September! Want to know more? Contact Susan Archer, our Minister of Religious Education.

**Many Thanks to Amazing Chair Washers** If in the next weeks you wonder how the blue plastic chairs you (or our children) are using got to be so amazingly squeaky clean, you should know that several Cedar Laners dedicated many hours to make that happen! Led by Linda Daniel, three of our youth—Fuad Balashov, Claire Bergey, and Will Yarrington—plus Glenis Bellais, John Daniel, Gale Luce, and Jeannette Wilson scrubbed, hosed, dried and polished for a very long time. Mickey Sigsbee got all the "stuff" in place for the project. Many thanks to EACH OF YOU for this service to the rest of us.

## Youth Notes

**Youth Activity Group (formerly Junior High Youth Group) Gets Ready for a New Year of Activities** (Open to youth in grades 7 & 8)

Our fall schedule is out and what a great lineup of activities is planned! First off is our exciting trip to Gettysburg, PA (more about that below). Then we pack food boxes at Manna. Things get busier as we go retreating at Camp Tockwogh and river rafting in Front Royal, VA. The full schedule with details has been snail mailed and e-mailed to all 7th and 8th grade students—make sure to check your mail boxes. Have any questions, call Coordinators John Daniel at 301-946-5509 or Kim Clarkson at

301-587-3051.

September

- 12/13 Battlefield Trip to Gettysburg, PA
- 29 Manna Food Packing

October

- 3/4 Retreat to Camp Tockwogh, Eastern Shore
- 24 River Rafting in Front Royal, Virginia

November

- 21/22 Hiking trip in West Virginia w/ Chris Mauro

December

- 11 Pizza & Movie either at Church or the mall/cinema
- 24 Ushering for afternoon Christmas Eve Services
- 29 Manna Food Packing

January

- 22 Pizza & Movie either at Church or mall/cinema

February

- 7 Super Bowl Party at Church
- 26/28 Ski Trip to Seven Springs Resort, PA

Youth Activity Group Battlefield Trip to Gettysburg: This will be our kick-off event of the new year. Two days of exploring Gettysburg, the Battlefield, the history of this hallowed ground, the significance of President Lincoln's Address, and much more on the weekend of September 12 & 13. Our guide will be John, a student of the battlefield's significance and who has visited Gettysburg twice more recently to prepare for this trip. We will stay overnight at the Unitarian Universalists of Gettysburg church. An announcement with details and permission forms has been mailed. Be sure to find the flyer and make your reservation early. Any questions? Call John Daniel, 301-946-5509.

If you have any questions about the Group or its activities, contact Susan Archer, or Coordinators John Daniel 301-946-5509 or Kimberly Clarkson 301-587-3051.

### Senior High Activity Group

For information on the Senior High Activity Group (grades 9-12) contact Archene Turner at 301-493-8300 x305 or [aturner@cedarlane.org](mailto:aturner@cedarlane.org) or [archene@gmail.com](mailto:archene@gmail.com). A letter to senior highers and their parents with an activity schedule has been e-mailed and snail mailed to participants. If you have not received this information, please contact the RE office.

### Upcoming events:

September

- 13 Ingathering Picnic
- 19/20 Camp Tockwogh Retreat

### 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](mailto:tryarina@gmail.com). For resources and information on Joseph Priestly District (JPD) Young Adult events, visit the JPD Young Adult Network at [www.jpduuyan.org](http://www.jpduuyan.org).

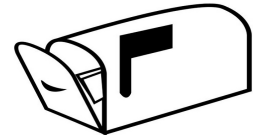
Join other Young Adults for Brunch: Meet in the vestibule at the back of the sanctuary 15 minutes after the end of the 11 a.m. service. We will car pool to a local restaurant for lunch or brunch and fellowship.

### Adult Programs Notes

It's Gold!

It's in the mail!

It's the  
Adult Programs  
Fall Brochure!



Celebrate the season by joining Cedar Laners in the riches being offered this fall. You'll want to read through the entire brochure to make sure not to miss exciting opportunities to stretch your mind and body and just have fun. Make your selections, complete the registration card tucked into each brochure, and return it with payment to the RE office. This year we have included two cards, so invite a friend. The details are in the brochure!

The Adult Programs Committee will be accepting registrations in the lounge on Sundays, September 20 and 27, after services.

Two classes begin the last week of September:

- Eating Lower on the Food Chain **and**
- A Beginners Guide to Celestial Tourism

Classes beginning in early October:

- Science and Religion, Exploring Mortality, Theological Wonderings, Meditation, The Philosophy Club, Wednesday Conversations with Roger, A Death in the Family/ Practical Realities, T'ai Chi, Continuing Yoga, and an Underground Railroad Experience Hike.

Ongoing programs are welcoming new participants, so be sure to consider joining a Connection Circle, support group, or a dinner discussion group. Other activities in-

clude The Alliance, Cedar Lane Quilters, the Choir, the Flower Committee, RE Council, Adult Programs Committee, and much more.

The details are in the brochure!

Brochures and registration cards have been mailed to every household, but if for some reason you do not receive one, they can be found on our website at [www.cedarlane.org](http://www.cedarlane.org). In the lefthand column find Adult Programs and click on Fall 2009 catalog. A copy of the registration card can be downloaded. If you prefer a paper copy, call the RE office at 301-493-8300x207, and we will happily mail one to you.

### **Sunday Morning Forum Resumes**

The Sunday Morning Forum meets between services from 10:10 to 10:55 a.m. in the Chalice House. Everyone is invited.

September 13: *Friends of Chernobyl Center U.S.* Cedar Lane's Don Cleary will describe the work of FOCCUS, an organization that brought relief to victims of the Chernobyl nuclear power plant accident, and that today fosters the social and civic development of communities in Ukraine. Don visited Ukraine in May, and will host a delegation of officials from Ukraine, sponsored by the Open World Leadership Center of the Library of Congress, beginning September 19.

September 20: *The Future of Journalism*, with Charlie Firestone, Executive Director, Communication and Society Program of the Aspen Institute. Newspapers set the bar for serious journalism and set the agenda for local news. Will their decline of revenue over the past few years signal an end to journalism as we know it? What new forms of journalism can we expect in the years ahead?

### **When, If Ever, Is the Use of Military Force Morally Justifiable?**

Mark your calendar for the ninth annual Kiplinger Lecture on Saturday, November 21, 2009.

### **Connection Circles**

Connection Circles, small groups that meet regularly for worship and friendship, are listed in the Adult Programs Fall brochure. There are currently seven ongoing circles that welcome visitors and new members. If you are interested in a group it is pretty easy to find one that meets at a time that will work for you.

A new circle, "Connections—a Short Term Group" will be starting late this fall and run into spring. It was created to provide a way for people who are interested in

joining a connection circle to try it out.

If you have questions about joining an on-going group, please contact Heather Janules at 301-493-8300 x204, or [hjanules@cedarlane.org](mailto:hjanules@cedarlane.org). To join a group, register through Adult Programs (AP) by completing a registration card and returning it with payment to the RE office. Details are in the AP Fall Brochure which was just mailed to Cedar Laners and is on our website.

## **Around the Church**

### **Cedar Lane Stage presents "Doubt: A Parable," by John Patrick Shanley.**

Where does one find the balance between faith and uncertainty?

It is an all-too-rare occasion for a play to succeed in both entertaining and challenging its audiences. John Patrick Shanley's "Doubt: A Parable" is just such a play. Set in 1964 at a parochial school in the Bronx, this Pulitzer Prize-winning drama goes far beyond the limits of its plot to explore the complex experience of its title. Through a suspenseful "did he or didn't he?" tale woven by a cast of diverse and engaging characters, Shanley captures the thought and discussion on a much broader scale. With dialogue rich with authenticity, emotional truth and wit, this outstanding work is an exceptional example of how superb writing can transcend the boundaries of a particular production or cast of actors. "Doubt: A Parable" presents artists and audiences alike the opportunity to participate in a theatrical experience that not only provokes passionate discourse, but leaves an emotional impression that is unforgettable.

Cast members for this powerful drama include CLUUC's own Jane MacFarlane as Sister Aloysius, with Meg Williams as Sister James, Tom McGrath as Father Flynn, and Kelly Armstrong as Mrs. Muller. Show opens Friday October 9.

### **WEB CONFERENCE 2009**

#### **Growing Community- Seeding our Electronic Garden**

A **FREE** meeting for web beginners to web masters on exploring ways to use networking devices, programs, and products for personal and congregational development, retention, organization, programming and outreach.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2009

Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church

9 a.m. - 12 p.m. (optional networking time afterward)

Registration, breakfast, lunch and child care is **FREE!** Choose one session or bring 4 friends so that all sessions can be shared !!!

- Sharing Best Congregational Web Practices
- Regional Web Cooperation
- UU Twitter and Facebook
- YUUR church website
- YaYA (Youth and Young Adult) Connections

**General session- Church without walls:** All attendees will explore together the concept and realities of growing a web-based church.

**Opening and closing worship** with Rev. E. Scott Sammler-Michael

**For more info and to register online go to**  
<http://liftingup.org>.

## Social Justice Council

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### *✿GREEN TIPS✿* **Environmental Task Force**

#### **Composting Tips**

Although Montgomery County incinerates its household trash, landfills are still in use in other parts of the region. Organic waste buried in landfills decomposes without oxygen, and the resulting has 21 times the impact of CO2. Composting averts this problem while creating a natural fertilizer and soil conditioner for your yard and garden. No matter where you live, you can reduce your refuse load significantly. If you use an open-style bin, such as those offered at the Woodend Sanctuary Shop or free from the County, and you are worried about vermin, limit your pile to yard waste. A closed bin, kept moist and turned over frequently, can be a repository for grass, leaves, eggshells, coffee grounds, tea bags, fruit peelings, and the like. Always avoid composting meat, fish, fat/oil, and dairy products.

## And Beyond Cedar Lane

#### **Camp Fire Group Registration**

Cedar Lane hosts the Bethesda-DC Camp Fire USA family group – an inclusive scouting alternative. There will be registration/orientation for members on Sunday, September 13 from 12:30-2:30 p.m. Regular meetings occur monthly from 5-7 p.m. on the first Sunday from October to May and includes group activities and potluck dinner. This is a family club, so one parent or guardian is asked to come with their child/ren to participate and on occasion, to lead activities. The group already has planned a fall family camping trip October 17-18 and several fun field trips, including a family hike on Novem-

ber 8 (rather than meeting). Camp Fire USA was founded in 1910 as the Camp Fire Girls, but has included boys since 1973. The club has 2 levels: Starflight for Gr K-2 and Adventure for Gr 3-6. Older and younger siblings can also participate depending on planned activities. Camp Fire USA is fully inclusive in its membership and does not discriminate based on race, religious belief, sexual orientation, disability, socioeconomic status or any other aspect of diversity. The coordinators are UU minister Richard Nugent and his wife Eileen Kane. National dues are \$60 for the entire family and \$44 per child for the year. For more information, please e-mail leader Eileen at [Ekane98@aol.com](mailto:Ekane98@aol.com) or call her at 202-686-4152. For more information: [www.campfireusa.org](http://www.campfireusa.org) and [www.campfireusa-patuxent.org](http://www.campfireusa-patuxent.org)

Town Hall Meeting on  
 “*Reaching for Health Care Reform*”  
 Sunday, September 20, 4 - 6 p.m.  
 River Road Unitarian Universalist Congregation  
 6301 River Road Bethesda, Maryland 20817

If you have questions, please contact:  
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[www.rruuc.org/healthcare](http://www.rruuc.org/healthcare) – OR – Virginia at  
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**Looking for your inner dancer?** The Cedar Lane Dancers have existed for 50 years under the leadership of Joan Shannon. This group is open to Cedar Laners and others. Some of you may have been among the earliest attendees. Please come join us on Tuesday evenings from Oct. through May at 7:00 - 8:30 pm as Marcy Kraft and Joan Shannon teach class. This is a warm, congenial class where minimal dance experience is required. A year or two of Modern or Ballet at some point in your life would suffice. This class hopes to benefit both body and soul. Please come join us as we dance create and share a warm accepting class experience. For further info contact Marcy Kraft ([mkraft5960@comcast.net](mailto:mkraft5960@comcast.net)).

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**TIME SENSITIVE MATERIAL**

**IS ANYONE OUT THERE LISTENING?!**

The Breakthrough Task Force is listening and we want to hear from you...

**Let's Look at Cedar Lane in a New Way.**

Please join us on October 17, for a day devoted to listening, sharing, discovering, and dreaming. You may have heard of the Breakthrough Task Force and our charge from the Board to engage the congregation and learn what about Cedar Lane matters to YOU!

Over the past year, we've talked to groups and committees, but since this represents just part of our church community and we want to include as many voices as possible, we're holding a church-wide session...

We will listen and explore your thoughts on:

- Cedar Lane's strengths and how we can build on them,
- Help vision where you want to see Cedar Lane in 5 years,
- **What you like and what you would like to see in worship, RE, social justice, governing, grounds, music, and any other area of congregational life that is important to you.**

**This is an opportunity for you to share your views, provide your input and have your voice heard. It will be an energetic and thoughtful time of sharing ideas in welcoming community.**

**When: October 17, starting at 9 a.m. in the Sanctuary**

**Register: Call the church office at 301-493-8300**

**E-mail [breakthrough9601@gmail.com](mailto:breakthrough9601@gmail.com)**