



CEDAR LANE NEWS

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Sunday Services 9 and 11 a.m.

November 1, 2009

"Francis Collins' Theism"

Rev. Roger Fritts

The new Director of the National Institutes of Health, Francis Collins, has published a book, *The Language of God*, which explains why he believes in God. On All Saints Day, the short sermon will look at his arguments. The Choir will sing Gabriel Fauré's Requiem, a choral-orchestral setting of the Roman Catholic Mass for the Dead.

November 8, 2009

"God Bless Everyone - No Exceptions!"

Rev. Susan Archer

The theme for this morning comes from one of my favorite bumper stickers. It is the most dominant part of our Universalist heritage. Despite so many recent and wonderful anti-oppression initiatives within our UU movement, I believe this is still one of our biggest challenges. We will consider where we are moving, and where we are not. We will look at both institutional and personal challenges.

November 15, 2009

"Is War Ever Justified?"

Rev. Roger Fritts

In 1969 I told the Phoenix, Arizona, draft board that, for religious reasons, I was "conscientiously opposed to participation in war in any form." What have I learned in 40 years? The sermon will be a lead-in to the theologian Paul Rasor's Kiplinger Address on Saturday, November 21.

November 22, 2009

"Prayer"

Rev. Roger Fritts

On Thanksgiving Day, before you consume the meal, do you pray? What meaning does prayer have for you? We will have our annual food drive

in which we participate in the All Souls food drive.

We invite children ages five and older to attend the first part of the service.

November 29, 2009

"Sometimes it is Enough to Notice One Another"

Rev. Heather Janules

Drawing from a tradition begun by another UU minister and words from Robert Fulghum and Mary Oliver, three generations of Cedar Laners will respond to Oliver's question: "What is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?"

Sunday Morning Forum meets 10:10 - 10:55 a.m.

in the Chalice House.

Coffee will be served.

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| Nov 1 | <i>Why Isn't Everyone a UU?</i> |
| Nov 8 | <i>Change for Your Dollars?</i> |
| Nov 15 | <i>Action in Montgomery (AIM)</i> |
| Nov 22 | <i>Talk-back on the Morality of War</i> |
| Nov 29 | <i>The Magic of Short Films</i> |

See Adult Programs section for further descriptions.

Learn About Ethical Eating

Ethical Eating is the UUA Congregational Study/Action Issue for 2008-12. Congregations are invited to reflect on the topic, respond to it in their own way and provide feedback to the UUA. An Ethical Eating Study Group is being formed at Cedar Lane. Will you join us? We will meet on Thursday, Nov. 12 and 19 at 7:30 p.m. For information contact Donna Runyan, 301-493-8463, jndrunyan@msn.com.

Speaking of Ethical Eating, the Environmental Task Force will show the movie "Food, Inc." in the Sanctuary on Friday evening, December 11. See how Monsanto and factory farms dominate agriculture and the food we eat. Come at 6:45 p.m. for vegetarian refreshments. The movie begins at 7:30 p.m. RSVP to Charlotte Brewer (jarvischarlot@aol.com) so we know how many to expect. We need people to wash dishes after the movie. Please let Charlotte know if you are available to help.

Notes from the Ministers

Roger Fritts

I visited Kentucky for three days in October and spoke at the Lexington church I had served as a minister from January 1978 to January 1981. No one likes to waste three years of their life, so I was happy to see that the progress the congregation had made during my ministry has continued. And I was delighted when a couple came up to me and said "You married us 30 years ago!"

Sunday night, Leslie and I went to Pleasant Hill, Kentucky, the site of a Shaker religious community that was active from 1805 to 1910. We stayed overnight in a restored dwelling. We walked the grounds, ate grits for breakfast and catfish for dinner, listened to a performance of Shaker music and heard talks on Shaker life and beliefs. They believed that Mother Ann (1736-1784), the daughter of an English blacksmith, was the female manifestation of Christ.

Pleasant Hill was a 19th century utopian community. The members gave all their money and possessions to the community and promised to be celibate pacifists. Women served as supreme heads of the Shaker society. Unlike the Amish, Shakers were early adapters to new 19th century technologies such as indoor running water. They invented labor-saving devices like a clothes washing tub run by horse power. Besides supporting themselves by farming, they grew seeds and manufactured brooms. They worshiped by singing and dancing. From the dancing they got the name "Shaking Quakers" although they were not Quakers and they did not shake, they danced.

The Shakers reminded me of my younger sister. In 2000 and 2003, before my sister died of cancer, I visited the celibate, pacifist, vegetarian, meditation community where she lived. It was a gathering of happy, but deluded, people who, like the Shakers, held religious beliefs that are unsupported by logic or evidence.

Unitarian Universalists are unlikely to create such utopian communities. We are far too individualistic, far too independent, and far too interested in engaging in the world. Still, such communities intrigue me. I am fascinated by the varieties of human religious experience.

Susan Archer

The papers reported earlier this month the shooting death of Kenyetta Daiarra Nicholson-Stanley, a 17-year-old, a senior at Hyde Leadership Charter School. She was shot on a playground in her neighborhood. It is hypothesized that the bullets were meant for security officers nearby.

This kind of shooting has become a *normal* part of reporting in many areas in and around DC. Such a thing is, of course, never normal to those affected by it. Kenyetta's neighborhood was in the Northeast section of Washington. The playground was down the street from Beacon House, the neighborhood-based organization founded by Rev. Don Robinson, a UU minister. Beacon House has a variety of programs to support at-risk youth and families from the Edgewood Terrace neighborhood. Our congregation and individuals within it have had a special relationship with Beacon House over the years, helping provide tutors, holiday gifts, participation in the OWL-Out program, and more. Kenyetta and other children in her family grew up as participants in the Beacon House program. Her grandmother was a founding Board Member.

Our prayers are with Kenyetta's family and with all the residents of her community. Sadly, this is certainly not the first, nor likely the last, such cruel and senseless act. Similar atrocities are on the local news reports almost daily.

We have heard from UUSJ, our area UU group for social justice, that a scholarship fund may be established in memory of Kenyetta, who was hoping to go to college. We will keep you posted about that. In the meantime, as we all get caught up in news of national and international scope, may we continue to note the seemingly unending violence in so many neighborhoods, so close and in some ways so far from our own. Thank you, Don Robinson, and others who have worked non-stop for so many years to make a difference. May we as a congregation, as individuals, continue to search for ways to make an impact as well. The top of my list right now is to get tougher gun laws. Also right up there is finding more ways to support health in what remain some of our poorest neighborhoods.

We Care

We Care: A Ministry of Community Support

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.

Cedar Lane mourns with **Beacon House**, with the murder of one of their alumna, **Kenyetta Nicholson-Stanley**.

Kenyetta and her siblings all grew up in this Unitarian Universalist program for at-risk youth. Her grandmother, Rogerline Nicholson, was a founding board member of Beacon House. A scholarship may be started in Kenyetta's name.

We celebrate with **Helen and Bob Pechacek (N29)** as they welcome a new grandson. Tyler Robert Pechacek was born on October 14. He weighed 8 lbs; 9 oz. Tyler is the son of Bruce and Lisa and brother to Nathan and Alex.

Bad news turned better: For **Bob Steck (N26)**, a biopsy revealed the presence of cancer but the prognosis is very promising and he is expected to make a full recovery. We offer our love and encouragement to the whole family as Bob prepares for additional, curative surgery.

We are happy to report that **Bruce Douglas (N8)** is now home from long-term rehabilitation care.

The many languages of love: Congratulations to **Paul Johnson (N7)** and his sweetheart Terrie Nelson with their marriage at the Old South Mountain Inn on Saturday, October 24. As the two met in Swedish class, their ceremony concluded with a traditional wedding prayer, recited by the newlyweds in Swedish. Hooray!

The following news was shared on-line since our the last paper edition of our newsletter:

Condolences to

Donna Firer and Brian, Katie and Amelia McLaughlin (N24) as they mourn the death of Brian's father, Donal McLaughlin.

Catherine Burns (N6) as she mourns the unexpected death of her daughter, Susie Kraft.

Healing wishes to

Karl Grimm (N10) as he recovers from muscle weakness. Karl is currently at the Manor Care Rehab Center in Chevy Chase.

And Congratulations to

Sung-Peng and Amy Hsu (N18) as they celebrate the marriage of their son Andy to his sweetheart Sandra Park.

Peggy Jackson and Fred Bowen (N23) as they celebrate the marriage of their son Liam to Megan Bever.

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. All ministers offer pastoral care to our members so you are also encouraged to contact any member of the ministerial team.

Music Notes from the Director of Music

Concerts at Cedar Lane a big hit!!!

Katrine Anderson and Friends did not disappoint as they kicked off **Concerts at Cedar Lane** on Sunday, October 11 in a big way. Katrine's angelic voice was in fine form as she sang Scottish songs of love, war, and the sea. Her bandmates performed energetic solo numbers highlighting Scottish fiddling and the deep, resonant sounds of the viol de gamba. More than 140 guests were on hand, proving that Concerts at Cedar Lane is a welcome addition to our music program.

The Steve Jones Trio will perform on Saturday, Nov. 7 at 8 p.m. Get ready to hear some classic piano jazz from Steve with accompaniment from bassist, Bhagwan Khalsa, and percussionist, Alphonso Young. Admission is free. Come early to get a great seat!

Ad Hoc Choir

This user friendly gathering of singers will meet again in the Chapel on Sunday, Nov. 1, from 12:30 -1:30 p.m. All are welcome — there is no performance standard for this group. The goal is to give congregational members an opportunity to sing, to assist members in becoming comfortable with their voices and with learning the songs in our hymnals. We will sing *Standing on the Side of Love* on November 8. After our first meeting one participant remarked, "I was shocked that we could create harmony in such a short time...." Please join us!

Fauré Requiem on November 1

On Sunday, November 1 the Cedar Lane Adult Choir, soloists and chamber orchestra, under the direction of Dr. Henry Sgrecci, with Thomas Guthrie at the organ, will perform Gabriel Fauré's *Requiem* during the 9 and 11 a.m. services. We will also sing the hymn *For All the Saints*. This music comforts and sustains us as we remember our departed loved ones and friends.

November 8

Back by popular demand, we will sing *Standing on the Side of Love* as a Congregational hymn (come to the Ad Hoc Choir on Nov. 1 to learn the song). The Adult Choir will sing Daniel Pinkham's short homage to autumn, *The Leaf*. We'll get everyone in the mood with Jester Hairston's driving arrangement of the traditional spiritual, *Elijah Rock*.

Singers Wanted

Our resident chamber ensemble, Gruppo Piccolo, has openings for bass and alto singers. If you are interested in singing challenging repertoire from a variety of time periods and styles in a small choir setting, perhaps this is the ensemble for you! Contact Dr. Henry Sgrecci at hsgrecci@cedarlane.org or via phone, 301-493-8300.

Education for All Ages

Religious Education Notes

How Will I Know If RE Is Cancelled?

In an emergency, if there will be no RE classes, members of the RE Council will contact teachers, teen assistants and room parents. Room parents will call all families on their class list. We know this means that some families will get multiple calls. Please be patient! If there is no power in the Cedar Lane buildings, we will cancel classes for safety concerns — there may be an informal church service for those who happen to come anyway. If you think class might be cancelled, call the church office. If there is no answer, the power is out, and you can assume there are no RE classes. We also will attempt to put information on the answering machine and on the Website (power issues could prevent that). In the meantime, stay home, safe and warm, and make pancakes!

Family Triads Have Been Assigned!

If you registered for this program and haven't yet received information, contact re@cedarlane.org.

For Children and Youth Who Want to Help Lead Worship

Readers, bell ringers, chalice lighters, dramatists, greeters, order of service artists, and more—we have opportunities for young people to assist in the sanctuary! A mailing will soon be going out to those in Grades 2-6, describing the new Children's Worship Associates program and to those in Grades 7-12 describing the Youth Worship Associates program. Questions? Contact Susan Archer.

Is Your Cedar Lane Group Interested in Using the New Stone Gathering Circle and Firepit?

As is, it is good for conversation, worship, role playing, games, jumping, and many other activities not yet thought of. Add a small fire in the removable fire pit and you have campfire singing, s'mores-making, sharing of stories and more. Reservations for all uses need to be made through the MRE office. There are also required procedures for fire use. This wonderful new addition was

built as a Boy Scout project by Hadrien Haber-Sage, financed in part by our Luke Fund (for youth activities).

The Magic of Short Films

The post-Thanksgiving Sunday Morning Forum offers two heart-warming, short films about universal values, honesty and passing treasure to the next generation. *The Face*, (23 minutes) is based on the Zen story, *The Magic Seed*. *The Letter Writer* (11 minutes) may intrigue you with how to send your compassion and encouragement over the miles, using ink, on paper! POPCORN will be served. Sunday, November 29, between services from 10:10 to 10:55 a.m. in the Chalice House. Everyone is invited.

Youth Notes

Youth Activity Group*

We have had a busy beginning of the new church year. So far we have packed 192 food boxes for Manna; enjoyed a weekend on the eastern shore at our Retreat where we had many activities; and toured Gettysburg Battlefield last weekend, learning a great deal about the hallowed ground where the battle was fought. Our next activity is a weekend of hiking in West Virginia on November 21 and 22. Our hike is being planned and led by Cedar Laner, Chris Mauro. Chris is one of the best hikers and guides in the whole area. He is planning a fun weekend in a gorgeous national forest. We will stay overnight in a 4-H camp in Franklin, WV. Much more detail will be provided in a mailing/e-mailing in a few days. Be sure to put these dates on your family calendar.

**The Youth Activity Group (formerly the Junior High Youth Group) is open to 7th and 8th graders at Cedar Lane. If you have any questions about the Group or its activities, contact Susan Archer, John Daniel (301-946-5509) or Kim Clarkson (301-587-3051).*

Senior High Youth Group (SHYG)

For information on the Senior High Youth Group (grades 9-12) contact Archene Turner at 301-493-8300 x205, aturner@cedarlane.org or archene@gmail.com. Details of activities and permission forms are on our Website at www.cedarlane.org.

Upcoming Events:

October	30	Halloween Party*
November	1	Hang Out Time
	6	Coming of Age (COA) Lock-In*
	8	Ski Trip Meeting
	8	SHAG meeting
	21	SHYG Lock-In*
	22	Annual UU Food Drive*

- December 6 Hang Out Time
 20 Christmas Lights at Brookside Gardens*
 *Permission and Contract forms required.

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. For resources and information on Joseph Priestley District (JPD) Young Adult events, visit the JPD Young Adult Network at 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.

Be sure to check out the *Adult Programs Fall 2009* brochure! There are many programs of interest to young adults. Check out the *Dinner Discussion Groups* and Lizzie Bryant, a registered dietician, will be leading *Nutrition on the Fast Track*. See AP listings.

Adult Programs Notes

To register for Adult Programs, complete a registration card, write a check for any fees and mail or bring it to the church c/o the RE office. A full description of classes is in the *Adult Programs Fall 2009* brochure. The brochure and registration cards are available at the church and on the Website at www.cedarlane.org.

Classes starting soon:

November

- 4 **Return of the MESSENGER Mission to Planet Mercury**—This presentation/discussion will feature news and images from the mission's September '09 flyby—told by the people who made it happen. You'll learn the details of the upcoming historic orbit insertion scheduled for 2011. Rob Gold is a space physicist/instrument design expert at the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Lab. One session at 7 p.m. Older children welcome.
- 5 **Saadia's Proofs**—Saadia Gaon was a Jewish Rabbi and a great luminary of his time, 10th century. What assumptions did he make in formulating his proofs, and what assumptions do we take for granted due to our knowledge of modern scientific and mathematical methods? Let's discuss it. Three Thursdays, 7:30 to 9 p.m.
- 6 **Friday Night Movie and Discussion**—“Mother of Mine” (111 min.), 7:30 p.m.

- 10 **Media Training**—Learn the five essential things you need to know before you step before a microphone; the three biggest misconceptions interviewees have; and the common blunders that are easy to make but hard to recover from. You'll learn what to expect and where to draw the line when talking with a reporter and how to realign a sensitive subject to your advantage. One session, 7:30 to 9 p.m.
- 17 **Thinking about Going Solar?**—Hot water systems, costs, tax credits, permitting and installation details are all factors in deciding if your home is a good candidate for going solar. Carlo La Porta is the President of Capital Sun Group, Ltd. One session, 7:30 to 9 p.m.
- 20 **Beyond the Beltway: Belize**— Dr. Ydahlia Metzgen-Quemarez, a Belizean national, and Chester Williams built a beach side resort in southern Belize. They are currently involved in a rainforest development and replenishment project. One session, 7:30 to 9 p.m. with dessert!
- 21 **Nutrition on the Fast Track**—the first session will explore basic nutritional information and ideas for providing nutritious meals with minimal time in the kitchen. In the second session, some time will be spent in the kitchen concocting a delicious and nutritious lunch to share. Saturdays, November 21 and December 12, 10:30 a.m. to noon.
2009 Kiplinger Lecture, “When, If Ever, Is the Use of Military Force Morally Justifiable?” with Dr. Paul Rasor. Saturday at 2 p.m with reception following.

December through January—look for more, exciting offerings.

Sunday Morning Forum

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

November 1: *Why Isn't Everyone a UU?* The number of UU's is less than 0.2 % of the US population and has not grown over time. UUs have historically lost 90% of their active members from generation to generation. Smith Wood, a member of Fairfax UU Church and Adjunct Professor of Business at Georgetown, brings a fresh and unusual perspective to the question. Since UUism emphasizes religious tolerance and social justice, but without dogma, shouldn't it be a desirable alternative to people seeking a more tolerant community for their religious lives? Why aren't religious liberal Christians and agnostics more attracted to UUism? Why hasn't Thomas Jefferson's prediction that Unitarianism would be the future of religion in the US ever been realized? Why do so many UU's not continue their membership generation to generation? What can we UUs do to help overcome

these obstacles and challenges?

November 8: *Change for your Dollars?* with Alan J. Abramson of George Mason University and The Aspen Institute. Lots of nonprofit organizations want your contributions. Lots of them promise social change. But who really makes a difference? How do you know? Join us for a lively discussion of how high-impact nonprofits promote positive change with a leading expert on the nonprofit sector.

November 15: *Action in Montgomery* (AIM) is a multi-racial, multi-faith, nonpartisan County-wide citizens' organization that seeks to build a base of power so citizens can influence the institutions that affect them. Cedar Lane UU Church is a supporting member. Alisa Glassman, AIM's lead organizer, sums up the organization's leading principles, describes its strategies, and tallies some recent victories.

November 22: *Talk-back on the Morality of War.* Express your opinion in an open Forum moderated by Marion Torchia on Dr. Paul Rasor's Kiplinger Lecture, Saturday, November 21, on "When, If Ever, is the Use of Military Force Morally Justifiable?"

November 29: *The Magic of Short Films.* This post-Thanksgiving forum offers two heart-warming, short films about universal values, honesty and passing treasure to the next generation. *The Face*, (23 minutes) is based on the Zen story, *The Magic Seed*. *The Letter Writer* (11 minutes) may intrigue you with how to send your compassion and encouragement over the miles, using ink, on paper! POPCORN will be served.

Kiplinger Committee

Can you define *pacifism*? Does your definition allow for "war"? No? How about "just war"? Hmm, that's harder! Paul Rasor, Kiplinger lecturer, gives a definition of pacifism that includes war—and also many more ideas! Come to hear him discuss, *When, If Ever, Is the Use of Military Force Morally Justifiable?* Saturday, November 21, 2 p.m. \$10, students free. Register through Adult Programs.

Labyrinth Committee

Walk the path, meditate, seek, pray, heal, and relax! Join us for the next labyrinth walk on Sunday, November 15, 2 to 4 p.m. in the sanctuary. There is no cost, but donations will be given to the Manna Food Drive for the homeless. Please wear socks. For more information contact Chris Mauro at 703-847-5820 or chris.mauro@baesystems.com.

Pledge Drive Committee

Let's exceed our expectations! We want to raise \$1 million dollars for Cedar Lane. The 2010 Pledge Drive Committee is looking for additional volunteers. We are looking for committee members that can handle the following:

- * Attend meetings on the 2nd Thursday of each month
- * Pursue greater use of online technology
- * Help draft the pledge drive brochure and other written materials
- * Organize potential catering activities
- * Publicize the pledge drive speaker
- * Recommend and select people to offer video and written testimonials
- * Assist with activities for Pledge Drive Sunday
- * Make a few follow-up phone calls with a pre-written script

None of this is hard! Really!!!! It isn't.

You won't have to do anything you are uncomfortable with in asking Cedar Lane members to submit their pledges. We are particularly interested in new church members, members in the age group 26-86, and members with strong interest in church finances. You can provide a huge contribution to Cedar Lane through your service on the committee, and you will make a difference to everyone connected to the church. Please call or email Ardene Shafer, pledge drive chair, at 240-294-4985 or srs.ars@gmail.com.

Cell Tower Study Group

At its September meeting the Board of Trustees asked the Cell Tower Study Group to start the process for approving or disapproving the installation of a cellular telephone tower on church property. The process approved by the Board consists of the four items below:

1. The Study Group is to provide appropriate notification to Cedar Lane neighbors that a cell tower has been proposed, but not yet approved for installation on the Church's property and seek their input.
2. After discussion with Cedar Lane members through the Newsletter, E-mail Newsletter and other conversations and gauging responses from neighbors, if the Board is persuaded to proceed with a cell tower lease, the Board should next seek approval from the congregation at an announced membership meeting pursuant to Cedar Lane By-laws.

3. If the Membership approves a cell tower lease, the Study Group should be directed to enter into detailed negotiations with T-Mobile to finalize an acceptable lease.

4. If a final lease agreement is reached, the agreement should be brought back to the Board for its review and action.

You may respond to this message by e-mail to celltower@cedarlane.org, or in person at the Cell Tower Study Group table in the lounge after services. If your messages are not too long they will be posted on the Cell Tower Study Group page of the church's Website. The group has reserved the auditorium for two Sundays, November 1 and 22, after 2nd service, from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. for a cell tower discussion. This is a chance for direct congregational feedback to the study group and to members of the Board of Trustees. The letter to church neighbors is being drafted.

Background

In May 2009, the Board, in response to a proposal by the T-Mobile cellular telephone company, established the Cell Phone Study Group* to study the implications of a cellular phone tower on the church grounds. At its September 2009 meeting the Board instructed the study group to start a conversation with the congregation about the proposed cell tower and to inform Church neighbors of the possibility of a cell tower on the church grounds.

Financial Information

T-Mobile has proposed installing a cell phone tower in the woods near the rear parking lot and paying Cedar Lane \$1500 per month in rent. The rental fee would increase 3% per year and the lease would be for 15 years. The possibility exists of a second carrier renting antenna space on the tower and ground space from Cedar Lane, which would provide additional income.

Impact on Church Grounds

Drawings of the proposed cell tower installation are included on the Cedar Lane Website, see www.cedarlane.org. On the Cedar Lane homepage, click on *cell tower* in the left hand column of titles and search the status report for Appendix B. The cell tower compound would be a 15' by 40' area surrounded by an 8' high fence, presumably a wooden fence, perhaps painted to match our building. The tower would be located behind the existing shed and dumpsters in the rear parking lot. It is far enough into the woods to allow plantings to hide the fence. The cell tower itself would be 130 feet tall. In addition, there would be a 12' wide gravel access lane from the compound to the parking lot entrance drive, a distance of about 25'.

Impact on the Neighbors

The study group is drafting a letter to send to church neighbors and will keep the congregation posted on any feedback that is received from them.

Health Effects

No one can say absolutely that there are no bad health effects from cell tower radiation. But a few things can be said: People have been living in the shadows of radio transmitters for 80 years without noticeable effects, and in the shadow of TV transmitters for 60 years. Studies to date give no consistent or convincing evidence of a causal relation between RF exposure and adverse health effects. Considering the hundreds of cell towers and other radiating towers in this area, one more tower will add a minuscule amount to the ambient radiation. If one really wanted an electromagnetic wave free environment, it would mean giving up microwave ovens, cell phones, cordless phones, wireless computer networks, garage door openers, broadcast radio and TV, and more. Appendix C of the cell tower status report on Cedar Lane's Website contains more on the health issues.

**John Daniel, Debbie Scott Goodwin, Charles Kaylor, Jim Laurenson, Burke Peterson, and Bob Pechacek, chair.*

Around the Church

Photo Exhibit of Al Nakba (The Catastrophe) will be displayed in the vestibule during the month of November. Please come to library of the church on November 1 before and after services to pre-screen. This is the story of the Palestinians, 1948 to 2009, produced by Friends of Sabeel Canada, www.sabeel.ca. Learn more about Sabeel, which is based in Jerusalem, www.sabeel.org, and Friends of Sabeel - North America, which is headquartered in Portland, Oregon, www.fosna.org.

Grounds Fall Work Day: NEW DATE

October is here. Morning temperatures are crisp, leaves are falling, and it's time to mark your calendars for the Grounds Committee Fall Work Morning on **Saturday, November 7 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** Join us for a few hours as we rake, mulch, and generally tidy up our beautiful grounds. If you have favorite tools, bring them. The church also has yard tools that you are welcome to use.

The film, OCCUPATION 101 Voices of the Silenced Majority, by Sufyan Omeish and Abdallah Omeish, 2008 (90 minutes) will be shown free of charge at the church, 7:30 pm, Friday, November 13 2009. A discussion of the film will follow its showing. The film is a powerful documentary of the current and historical root

causes of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and US Government involvement. The film is presented through a series of highly stylized visual edits and accompanied by thought-provoking commentaries from a Who's Who List of leading Middle East scholars, peace activists, journalists, religious leaders and humanitarian workers. Please RSVP to Ralph Krause, thekrauses@juno.com or 301-530-4790. Learn more about the film at www.occupation101.com

HOLIDAY CRAFT DAY

At Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church
Saturday, December 5, 2009
10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Activities: This family-friendly event is for all ages and abilities. Spend a day with family and friends making great homemade holiday crafts that can be used in your own home or given as gifts. At noon, everyone takes a break for holiday music and refreshments.

Cost: The fee covers the cost of refreshments, the majority of crafts and priceless fun with the family, making wreaths, cookies, candles, gingerbread houses, and much more!

- \$10 per person or
- \$20 per family
- For a few special crafts, an extra \$3 ticket is required and can be bought the day of the event.

Registration: Pre-registration is required and can be done in the RE office or in the Lounge after both services on:

- Sunday, November 15
- Sunday, November 22

Insider Hints:

- Come on time on Dec. 5 - slots for the most popular crafts fill up first
- Bring dollar bills to buy special craft tickets on the day of the event, \$3 per ticket
- Pack a picnic and a blanket to sit on during the music performance at noon
- Don't forget a box or large bag to take your treasures home

Wanted: Evergreen Clippings. We could use more evergreen clippings for the wreaths. Please bring them outside the lower level door now. On Holiday Craft Day, bring them upstairs, just outside the lounge. Thanks!

Information: Feel free to contact us with questions or if you want to be a Craft Day helper

- Chris Black at christineireneblack@hotmail.com or 301-774-0518
- Celia Nathan at celia_nathan@yahoo.com or 301-326-5886

Social Justice Council

*CLARITY: Cedar Laners Against Racism and Inspired by Togetherness — Why Not?

CLARITY is a task force committed to advancing the work of anti-racism, within and beyond our congregation, as an expression of our Unitarian Universalist values. We want an environment at Cedar Lane where people feel safe enough to talk about race. We want to educate and advocate for intentionally increasing diversity at Cedar Lane. We want to raise awareness of the need for this work.

We invite you to join us on this journey towards an anti-racist, anti-oppressive world. CLARITY is planning our first community gathering, including a time to break bread together, to view the film "Mirrors of Privilege: Making Whiteness Visible" and to discuss our experiences with race and privilege in a thoughtful, spiritual way on Martin Luther King Sunday, January 17, 2010. Save the date!

**Lisa Chernikoff, Betsy Devlin-Foltz, Marge Dimond, Nancy Janssen, Pat Karlsen, Arlene Schneider, Sandy Shaw, Jack Welch, with Heather Janules as the Ministerial Liaison - and growing!*

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TIME SENSITIVE MATERIAL

The Ninth Annual
Willard M. Kiplinger Lecture on Ethics in Society

Saturday, November 21, 2009
2:00 p.m. \$10, students free

**WHEN, IF EVER, IS THE USE OF MILITARY FORCE
MORALLY JUSTIFIABLE?**

Dr. Paul Razor is the author of *Faith Without Certainty: Liberal Theology in the Twenty First Century* and of a recent article, "Beyond Just War and Pacifism: Toward a Unitarian Universalist Theology of Prophetic Nonviolence."

Dr. Razor's subject is "When, if ever, is the use of military force morally justifiable?" He will explore *just war*, pacifism, and more recent concepts in framing a response. Dr. Razor believes that just war and pacifism are not polar opposites, since both share moral commitments to reduce violence. However, "just war" has become associated in the public mind with unwise resorts to armed conflict. In its fullest sense, pacifism is a way of life—a religious commitment that reaches well beyond a philosophical stance opposed to war. A conditional model of pacifism acknowledges that military force may be necessary on occasion, but then wrestles with defining justifiable exceptions. *Just peacemaking* emphasizes practices that prevent war. *Just policing* proposes nonviolent responses.

