



CEDAR LANE NEWS

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November 24, 2009

Sunday Services 9 and 11 a.m.

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?”

December 6, 2009

“What Would Jesus Buy?”

Rev. Roger Fritts

The sermon title is taken from a 2007 movie. The sermon will explore the joys and the limits of shopping. Can gift giving be a spiritual experience?

December 13, 2009

“Love and Tradition”

Rev. Roger Fritts

On the Sunday that falls during Hanukkah, the sermon will explore the struggles of couples in Jewish-Christian marriages. If you are in such a marriage and have any suggestions, e-mail me.

December 20, 2009

“The Joy of Santa”

Rev. Roger Fritts

How did Nicholas, the 3rd century Bishop of Myra, Asia Minor, get to be one of the prime symbols of our December culture? And does our love of the Santa myth have a spiritual element?

December 24, 2009

Christmas Eve Services

- 4:30 p.m. - good for families with young children
- 6:00 p.m. - good for families with children
- 10:30 p.m. - good for teens and adults

December 27, 2009 10 a.m. only

“Before and After”

Rev. Heather Janules

Life is a series of transitions, shaped by one grand transition- birth to death. As we pause on the threshold of the transition from one year to the next, this service will reflect on the many symbols of change in human life and how we can serve as “bridge people,” companioning one another from the places of “before” and “after.”

Sunday Morning Forum meets 10:10 - 10:55 a.m. in the Chalice House.

Coffee will be served.

Nov 29 *The Magic of Short Films*

Dec 6 *USAID to International Public Health*

Dec 13 *Impeached: The Trial of President Andrew Johnson and the Fight for Lincoln’s Legacy*

Dec 20 *How Can Muslims and Unitarian Talk to Each Other?*

Dec 27 *No Forum*

See Adult Programs section for further descriptions.

Free Movie: “Food, Inc.”

The Environmental Task Force will show the movie “Food, Inc.” in the Sanctuary on Friday evening, December 11. This thought provoking documentary deconstructs the corporate food industry in America. Alex Beauchamp from Food and Water Watch will introduce the film and answer questions afterwards. Come at 6:45 p.m. for a vegetarian potluck. Bring food to share. The movie begins at 7:30 p.m. RSVP to Charlotte Brewer (301-656-0467, 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 can help.

Notes from the Ministers

Roger Fritts

The Unitarian Universalist minister Max Coots died last spring at the age of 81. He wrote a wonderful prayer comparing people to plants, mainly vegetables. I invite you to consider using the prayer at your thanksgiving meal this year. And I invite you to consider which plant you are most like.

Let us give thanks for a bounty of people.

For children who are our second planting, and though they grow like weeds and the wind too soon blows them away, may they forgive us our cultivation and fondly remember where their roots are.

Let us give thanks;

For generous friends...with hearts...and smiles as bright as their blossoms;

For feisty friends, as tart as apples;

For continuous friends, who, like scallions and

cucumbers, keep reminding us that we've had them;

For crotchety friends, sour as rhubarb and as indestructible;

For handsome friends, who are as gorgeous as eggplants and as elegant as a row of corn, and the others, as plain as potatoes and so good for you;

For funny friends, who are as silly as Brussel sprouts and as amusing as Jerusalem artichokes;

And serious friends as unpretentious as cabbages, as subtle as summer squash, as persistent as parsley, as delightful as dill, as endless as zucchini and who, like parsnips, can be counted on to see you through the winter;

For old friends, nodding like sunflowers in the evening-time, and young friends coming on as fast as radishes;

For loving friends, who wind around us like tendrils and hold us, despite our blights, wilts and witherings;

And finally, for those friends now gone, like gardens past that have been harvested, but who fed us in their times that we might have life thereafter.

For all these we give thanks.

Amen.

Susan Archer

Sometimes, maybe even often, I think that I have the best job one could ever want! I get to spend time with groups of all ages and stages and hear their wonderings, affirmations, enthusiasms and commitments. Last Sunday I had one such experience with a class of 6th

graders, to talk about Unitarian Universalism. Forty minutes isn't much time to cover such a vast topic, but "covering" isn't what it's about with these young UUs. I loved their vivaciousness (mostly!) and appreciated their amazing analyses and great questions about religion. At this stage in development, young people love to think about really hard questions (like, if God created everything, like some people say, then who created God? Since we can't seem to answer that, does that mean there is no God? What was here before the universe? Why would God allow evil? And more . . .). These are questions young and older people have been thinking about for eons. Sixth graders are really fun to be with because they tend to really want to settle on "an" answer to each question they raise (not as a group, but as individuals); developmentally, that is how they begin to hang onto opinions so they gradually step into the next stages of critical thinking which involves being open to changing one's mind and holding opposing thoughts at the same moment. It is a very exciting time of life. I am glad I got to be with them and hear what they are thinking!

There is so much growing going on within this place called Cedar Lane. In adult programs, social justice, worship . . . every group of children and adults. I am blessed to be part of it. At this time of Thanksgiving, I can't help but think of the beginning words of one of my favorite hymns: "For all that is our life, we sing our thanks and praise; for all life is a gift which we are called to use, to build the common good."

Happy Thanksgiving and much love to all of you, Susan.

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.

We celebrate with **Frank and Sharon Adler (N10)** with the birth of their new grandchild, Leah Rose Irwin, born on October 22 in Winston-Salem, NC.

It is with sadness that we share the news that long-time Cedar Lane member **Frances Willoughby (N8)** is criti-

cally ill and not expected to recover. We will keep the community updated as we learn more from her family.

We rejoice with **Jerri and Cal Perkins (N21)**, with the birth of their granddaughter, Katilyhn, born on November 18.

Healing wishes are with **Natalia Dunn**, 2nd grade daughter of **Catherine and John Dunn (N11)**, who broke her leg. If you see her at church, wish her well!

As shared through our weekly ENewsletter this past month...

We send healing wishes and concern to:

Wilma Phillips (Neighborhood 30), recovering from a heart attack and pneumonia

Kay and Tom Bugenhagen (N27) as they care for their son, diagnosed with colon cancer

Jim Jacobsen and Judy Hautala (N30) as Jim prepares for cancer treatment

Karl Grimm (N10) for time in both the hospital and a rehab center. Karl is currently at ManorCare in Chevy Chase.

Jeanette Richmond (N5), Kathleen Novak, Nancy Kellogg and Anne Banville (N4) as they recover at home from recent surgeries

Doris Keyes (N26) now at home after time at Sibley Hospital and their Renaissance Center.

And **Eleanor Melville (N9)**, recovering at home after treatment at Washington Hospital Center for a heart attack.

And our condolences to **Tracy Gipson (Neighborhood 11)**, with the death of her brother-in-law, Juan.

And Congratulations to **Bud Mueller (N26)** with the celebration of his 94th birthday.

Susan Archer (Neighborhood 29) with the healthy birth of her first grandchild, Max Jericho Dolven Archer.

And **Nancy and Bob McClusky (N32)** who were visited by Bill and Charlene Zellmer, who report that the McCluskys are happy and thriving in their new home.

A note from **Bobbie Nelson**, our former Minister of Religious Education, who recently suffered both a heart attack and a hernia operation: "Thank you so much for your notes, cards, phone calls and flowers. My experience of Cedar Lane as a caring community has been confirmed once again. My surgeon is pleased with my progress but I am finding it much too slow. I long to feel like myself once again. I wish you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving ~ Bobbie"

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

Wow! Steve Jones and his trio were a fabulous hit as they brought Cedar Lane alive with vintage sounds like "Route 66," and Dave Brubeck's "Take Five." Steve welcomed his brother, Peter, to sing their duet made famous in Europe, "Kilkelly, Ireland." Elise Bryant, director of Steve's opera "Forgotten, The Murder at Ford Rouge Plant," also made a cameo appearance singing the Doobie Brothers' "Takin' it to the Streets."

Concerts at Cedar Lane is gearing up for its benefit concert on January 16, 2010; an all Mozart program with orchestra, the Adult Choir, and special guest, Barbara Wing, performing Mozart's *Piano Concerto in A Major*. The performance is free and all donations will be gifted to John Kelly's Children's Hospital Campaign. To learn more visit CedarLane.org and click on Concerts at Cedar Lane.

Ad Hoc Choir

The Choir will meet on Sunday, November 29 at 12:30 in the Chapel. We'll sing a few of the hymns that will occur during the December worship services. Don't worry about the sound of your voice. Just come and enjoy the company and music of those around you. Hope to see you there!

November 29- Gruppo Piccolo will make its first appearance of the year. During this first Sunday of Advent the ensemble will sing Palestrina's motet *Alma Redemptoris Mater* and, for a total change of pace, *I Sing the Body Electric* from the musical "Fame." Hymns will include "For All That is Our Life" and "Just as

Long as I Have Breath.”

December 6 - Kenneth Kreider and Aglaia Koras will perform the music of George Gershwin during the Prelude and Offertory. The Adult Choir will sing *Advent Message* by Martin How and *I Hear the Prophet Callin’*. The Congregation will sing “People Look East” and “Let Christmas Come.”

December 13 - The Intergenerational Handbell Choir will unveil a new set of instruments called “choir chimes.” The chimes, which look like enormous tuning forks, produce a quiet, shimmering tone that carries throughout the Sanctuary. The choir will ring *Shalom Chavarim* on the chimes to acknowledge the beginning of Hanukkah. The choir will ring *Advent Carol* (Veni Emmanuel) during Call to Worship. The Adult Choir will sing *Watchman, Tell Us of the Night* as the Anthem. Hymns will include “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” and “Light One Candle.”

Christmas Eve - sounds of harp and violin will permeate the air as The Adult Choir sings selections from Benjamin Britten’s hallmark composition, “A Ceremony of Carols.” **If you are a singer who particularly enjoys singing sounds of the season, contact Henry Sgrecci at hsgrecci@cedarlane.org and arrange to sing with the Choir on Christmas Eve.**

Education for All Ages

Religious Education Notes

Holiday Craft Day

Saturday, December 5, 10 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

Most beloved of all RE events! People of all ages gather to make cookies, wreaths, and other favorites as well as try their hand at new crafts. The emphasis is on having fun while creating gifts for those we care about.

Pre-registration is required. Cost: \$10/person; \$20/family. Some crafts require an additional materials fee and/or advance sign-up on the day of the event. We strongly encourage early registration for this event!

All-Church Holiday Potluck

Saturday, December 12, 5:45 p.m.

Whether or not you have children, please join us for a real taste of holiday cheer. Enjoy a short performance by our young ones (grades 1-7), “The Grinch Who Came to UUville,” and then stay for a great potluck! Bring a dish to share, to serve 10–12 people, please drop it off in kitchen before the program. Cedar Lane will provide

bread, salad, beverages and some entrees. Sign up by December 9, through the RE office 301-493-8300, x 207. Last names A-K: salad or side dish; L-S: main dish (vegetarian dishes welcome); T-Z: dessert. Play begins at 5 p.m., dinner at 5:45 p.m.

Family Calendar

December:

5 (Sat.) 10 a.m. –2:30 p.m.: Holiday Craft Day

6 (Sun.) 10 and noon: Chapel: St. Lucia’s Day by Grade 3

12 (Sat.) 5–7 p.m.: Play, “The Grinch Who Came to UUville” and All-Church Potluck

20 (Sun.) 9 and 11 a.m.: Intergenerational beginning in sanctuary; Haunting House children process; Last RE classes before break.

24 (Thu.) Christmas Eve Services:

4:30 p.m.: Especially good for families with young children; about 45 minutes; no child care available

6:00 p.m.: Especially good for families with children; about 60 minutes; includes candle-lighting for new children born or adopted; no child care available

10:30 p.m.: Especially good for adults and teens; about 90 minutes; no child care available

27 (Sun.) 10:00 a.m.: One service only; no RE; no childcare.

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.

Family Triads

Family Triads were assigned in October. However, if you missed the deadline, you may still send in your forms to the RE office. We can’t guarantee that all will be assigned, but we will make new triads as we have enough families.

Youth Notes

Youth Activity Group Youth Activity Group (7th & 8th Grades)—Busy December

We have had an active year so far and a busy December is coming up. Friday, December 11, is our next event

to enjoy pizza/movie either at the church or we'll go to the mall, eat in the food court, and see a movie. If you know of a good movie soon to be released or a couple of good DVDs, give John a call with your recommendations. Christmas is not far away and our Group members have again been asked to be ushers for the two Christmas Eve afternoon family services. Our next date for Manna Food Packing is Tuesday, December 29. Notices about these activities will be coming soon.

The Youth Activity 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:

- December 6 Hang Out Time
- 13 No SHAG – next meeting Jan. 10
- 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 Priestly 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.

Adult Programs Notes

While most of our fall Adult Program courses are finishing up before the holidays, there are two great classes coming up in January.

On Monday, January 4, "Intro to Facebook and YouTube" can help you understand the craze in social networking and information sharing on the web. One session, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Pledgers \$5/non-pledgers \$10.

"Raising UU Kids: Parents as Resident Theologians and Spiritual Guides" with the Rev. Susan Davison Archer,

will be held two Saturdays; January 23 and 30, from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. We will look at how children grow and what makes them feel connected to a large reality, and discussion on how to respond to questions about God, death, Jesus, ethics, and more. Adults \$2. Childcare is available with one weeks notice; \$5/session.

To register for Adult Programs: complete a registration card, write a check for any fees, and mail or bring them 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.

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December 6: The USAID DELIVER PROECT seeks a more just world by improving health in 17 at-risk countries through the increased provision of essential public health supplies. Erika Ronnow, Senior Technical Advisor, speaking from experience on the ground in such countries as Bangladesh, will discuss the impact of effective supply chain management with international public health programs and the structures and environments within the countries where they operate.

December 13: The first presidential impeachment, Andrew Johnson in 1868, threatened to become a second civil war as Americans argued bitterly over the meaning of the war and the end of slavery. With soaring rhetoric, political horse trading, and cold cash, Johnson escaped removal from office by a single vote in the Senate. Cedar Lane's David O. Stewart will share the story of this constitutional train wreck from his new book, *Impeached: The Trial of President Andrew Johnson and the Fight for Lincoln's Legacy*. Copies will be for sale and David will sign them.

Pledge Drive Committee

Why I pledge.....Ardene Shafer

The simple answer is that I want to. I was raised in an

extremely fundamentalist, right wing religious home and while I did not end up believing the tenets of my early religious life, I did learn some important lessons about generosity. My parents never made a lot of money but they were very generous with the little they had. My father tithed at an astonishing 10% of his income and gave to other causes as well. We never heard lectures about being generous or giving to the church. My parents just simply demonstrated their generosity in their everyday life. They both volunteered for various causes and also at the church and they gave their money to supplement their volunteer time. That's how I feel about Cedar Lane. I don't feel it is my obligation or duty to give to Cedar Lane; it is my privilege and a true expression of my spiritual life. I give because I want to.

Do you have a pledge story you would like to share? Please send it to me at srs.ars@gmail.com and I will be responsible for submitting it to the newsletter.

Partner Church Committee

Partner Church Committee News - Travel to India Opportunity with Fairfax UU Congregation

Did you know that other area UU churches have partnerships not only in Transylvania (the "roots" of the Unitarian tradition) but also sponsor partnerships and provide other sources of support for UU communities around the globe (the "wings" of the UU faith)? For example, there are small but well-established and growing UU communities in India, the Philippines, and now even in Africa.

Are you interested in traveling to India with fellow UUs from the area? The Fairfax UU Congregation is planning a trip to visit their partner church community in Puriang, located in the Kashi Hill region of northeastern India in early February. If you are interested in exploring India and the Kashi Hills (and possibly learning about additional partnership opportunities), contact Dick Van Duizend soon at van1000@rcn.com or 703-536-3476 (trip plans are being made final).

Planned Giving Committee

Endowment Month

It is again the time of year that we ask you to support the Endowment Funds of our church. The original Cedar Lane Endowment Fund was formally established in 1983 and it has been as successful as the original planners had hoped. Since 2000 the church has been able to use in-

come generated by this fund to pay for a variety of capital and other long range projects.

Two additional endowment funds have been established. The Memory Fund began in 1999 and is already generating funds to help maintain our beautiful gardens and property. The Social Justice Endowment Fund, which was established in 2007, will eventually help support social justice actions undertaken by the congregation.

There are two ways to offer your support. The first is by writing a check or donating stock today to one or more of the funds. The other is to establish a legacy by including the Cedar Lane Endowment funds in your will. Most of the largest contributions we have received came to us as bequests and they will have a positive impact on Cedar Lane for generations to come. This is an easy process so don't delay. Please contact me or see our website (cedarlane.org) for additional information.

When making a donation please indicate which of the three funds should be the beneficiary of the money. Thank you for your generosity.

Jay Schneider
Chair, Planned Giving Committee

Around the Church

UUA Focus on Ethical Eating

The Ethical Eating Study Group is underway, but new members are always welcome. Our goals are to study the issues, share what we learn, and act on this information.

The Study Group was formed partly due to the urging of the UUA but also due to our own interests in exploring the far reaching effects of our food choices. Each of us defines "ethical eating" a little differently. What does it mean to you? Join us at our next meetings on December 3, 10 and 17 at 7:30 p.m. For information contact Donna Runyan, 301-493-8463, jndrunyan@msn.com.

Beacon House Gifts for Children and Youth

Bring new and unwrapped gifts to church to share with children and teens at Beacon House. These are kids who will likely not receive much else during the holidays. It is great to involve your young ones in this process. Donations of gift wrap are also welcome. There will be donation sites on Sundays both upstairs by the front door and downstairs in the Administration area.

Grieving a Loved One Through the Holidays

At their best, the winter holidays are joyous times with family and other companions. However, the death of a loved one can make the holiday season a difficult time of grief and renewed sadness.

On December 13 AND 20 at 12:30 pm in the Chapel, there will be a gathering of those who wish to share their thoughts and feelings about the people they miss this holiday season.

Perhaps the death was recent. Perhaps the loss happened long ago. Whomever you miss this December, you are invited to remember them in community. This gathering is not group therapy but a time to merely share what comes up for us in this season of festivities and to listen to one another's experiences. All are welcome. The gathering will be facilitated by Heather Janules, the Minister for Pastoral Care. Each gathering is a stand-alone event so you may attend either one or both. If you have any questions or concerns or if you plan to attend, please contact Heather at x204 or hjanules@cedarlane.org.

December 20, 5 p.m.

Winter Solstice Vespers Service

Members of the Journeywomen and Living By Heart II Connection Circles.

Carol Ireland, Harpsichord

Margaret Turner, Alto and Tenor Recorders

The winter solstice marks the longest night of the year and the start of the lengthening days. Come join a vespers celebration with music, accompanied by readings of the mystery of darkness and the joy of light. Following the service, seasonal refreshments will be served. (no dinner). Optional donations for Beacon House will be accepted – hats, scarves, mittens, unwrapped toys, or cash.



Gifts of Warmth

Bring new sweaters, coats, hats, gloves, socks or scarves to put near our tree at the intergenerational beginning of the worship service on December 20. These will also go to kids and teens through Beacon House.

Lighting Candles for New Babies on Christmas Eve

Once again we will be lighting candles for children or grandchildren of members and attenders of our congregation. This will take place during the 6:00 p.m. service only. Please let us know of children born or adopted

since December 25, 2008. Call the church (301-493-8300) and leave the information with the receptionist or RE Office (x207). Please provide: the child's full name, date of birth and/or adoption, and the name(s) of parents, grandparents (if they are Cedar Laners) and siblings.

Labyrinth Silent Retreat

The Labyrinth Committee's annual Silent Retreat will take place this year from 7 p.m. on Friday, January 8, 2010 to 6 p.m. January 9, at the church. We will begin with an ingathering ceremony and end with reflections and refreshments. In between we will walk our labyrinth, read, write, meditate, take walks, do whatever the spirit moves us to do. Some participants fast, some bring their own food. Some bring a sleeping bag, others go home to sleep and return in the morning. The Reverend Heather Janules will lead the ceremonies and be available during the rest of the time. It's wonderful (for those who like this sort of thing!) so please consider joining us. \$15 for members; \$20 for non-members. Call Miriam Pemberton, 301-495-3429 with questions.

Save the Date: The Cedar Lane 2010 Auction will be on Saturday, March 13.

Social Justice Council

Are you working on a social justice issue? Would you like to? Share your passion and invite others to join you at **Cedar Lane's Social Justice Fair**
Sunday, Jan 10, 2010

The Social Justice Council (SJC) will flood the lounge with justice after both services on Sunday, January 10. Help us create ways for Cedar Laners to make a better world.

Cedar Laners will be invited to commit to a certain number of hours of social justice work between January and March. (We don't want to discourage activity before and after that, of course, just want to concentrate our efforts to build momentum as 2010 begins!) We hope to provide lots of inspiring opportunities. You can help by setting up a table with:

- Information about an issue you are working on or care about
- A range of ways people can get involved including any or all of the following:
 - ▶ A one-time event you or your group organizes at a specific time/place
 - ▶ Things people can do on their own time

- ▶ Activities for families with young children (this is particularly important!)
- ▶ Service learning opportunities for high school students (this too!)
- ▶ An invitation to come to your group's next meeting, or join you to start a new group
- ▶ Service (stream clean ups, nursing home visits...), advocacy (letter writing, lobbying...), organizing (door knocking, phone calling...), and/or fundraising activities
- ▶ Any other creative ideas you have!

You can reserve table space by stopping by the Social Justice Council table in the lounge or emailing to betsy@devlin-foltz.com Non-profit organizations not (yet!) active at Cedar Lane are welcome. (We ask that outside organizations have a Cedar Lane "sponsor" i.e. someone who thinks it's a good idea and can serve as a point of contact.)

****GREEN TIPS****

Environmental Task Force

Acting Locally to Save \$\$\$ and Participate in the Green Movement

Maryland Energy & Sustainability Co-op (the "Co-op") is a Montgomery County based cooperative that is working to counter the some of the trends that are compromising our environment, our communities and our economy. The Co-op is a consumer-owned cooperative organized to create and maintain a socially, environmentally, and economically sustainable energy and food future that is locally rooted and responsive to the needs of its Members and their community. With a primary focus on energy and food, it harnesses the collective buying power of its Members to secure major discounts on energy saving and sustainable products & services. This saves \$\$\$ for Co-op Members and adds to the generous federal and state tax credits that are already available. It also benefits the local economy through the proven multiplier-effect of re-circulating money in local communities. The Co-op provides major discounts on a growing array of energy saving products and services such as home energy analysis, weatherization, solar hot water and electricity (PV), geo-thermal, residential and commercial heating and air conditioning, and Green (LEED) design and building/remodeling.

You can learn more about Maryland Energy & Sustainability Co-op, which is housed in the Bethesda Green Incubator along with several other local green start-up companies, at www.nrg.coop, by emailing nrgcoop@gmail.com or by calling Mike Kennedy at 301-518-4773.

Solar Energy Focus Conference

Bethesda Green is partnering with the Maryland, DC, Virginia chapter of the Solar Energy Industries Association (MDV-SEIA) to offer MDV SEIA's Solar Energy Focus Conference: Fall 2009 (SEFC: Fall 2009). This conference is the most significant solar event in the region, and conference time is fast approaching!

SEFC: Fall 2009 will take place December 3 - 5, 2009 in Gaithersburg, MD at the Hilton Hotel.

45+ speakers are participating in this exchange of knowledge and ideas to address the conference's theme of Affordable Solar: Moving to the Mainstream.

Some highlights that may interest you include:

- A distinguished panel of experts on Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency, led by the witty Scott Sklar, Founder of the Stella Group, Ltd.
- The "Solar 101: An Introduction to Solar" Workshop
- The Electric Vehicle Association of DC's Workshop

Do not pass up your chance to learn all you ever wanted to know about solar in 3 days.

To celebrate their partnership with Bethesda Green, MDV-SEIA will lower the rate for the Bethesda Green community to \$245, through pre-registration. It will be \$295 to register at the door. This is still a discount off the \$345 full price registration. In order to register for \$245, you will need to visit the registration page:

<http://www.mdvseia.camp7.org/Default.aspx?pageId=441867>

Follow the directions, and select the registration option: "Partnering Members"

The registration code: partner

To learn more please visit:

<http://www.mdvseia.camp7.org/Default.aspx?pageId=441867>

If you have any questions, please email Julia Sullivan at MDV-SEIA (juliasullivan@360jmg.com).

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HOLIDAY CRAFT DAY

At Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church
Saturday, December 5, 2009 10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Activities: This family-friendly event is for all ages & abilities. Spend a day with family 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 & 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 R.E. office

Insider Hints: Come on time on Dec. 5 – slots for the most popular crafts fill up first
Bring dollar bills to buy some "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
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