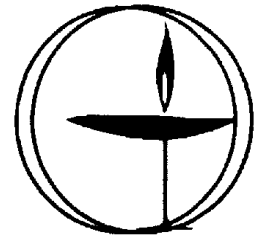


# ALLIANCE NEWSLETTER



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

Nancy Dayhoff, *Acting President*

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Barbara Gressman, *Editor*

The Alliance of Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church is an affiliate member of the church open to all interested women and men. Its purpose is to promote programs and activities of a cultural and community nature that support Unitarian Universalist principles. In furtherance of these purposes, the Alliance raises its own funds and establishes its own budget.

## President's Message

It's the middle of February. Let's wish each other a Happy Valentine's Day with lots of love from every direction! And let's have a quick end to winter - but we can keep each other warm with a happy time together.

*Nancy Dayhoff*



**Alliance Day**  
**Thursday February 11, 2010**

## The Schedule for Alliance Day

- 11:30 a.m.** A relaxed time for socializing
- 12 noon** Potluck lunch. Please bring a main dish, vegetable dish, salad, or dessert to serve six or eight.
- 1 p.m.** Program
- Greeters:* 11:15 Martha Lisle  
*Curb Assistant:* Michael Benefiel
- Set-up:* 10:30 Jean Thompson  
Warren Thompson
- 11:00 Beverly Warner  
Terry Tretter
- Clean-up:* 12:45 Nancy Janssen  
Gisella Pollock
- Table Cloths:* Barbara Gressman  
Glenis Bellais
- Beverage Table:* Norm Lauben  
Beryle Lednicer

## "Pages from the American Songbook"



A musical history special with Bill Messenger.  
[This special program will run 75-90 minutes]  
Future programs:  
March 11: Returning from incarceration in Montgomery County by Tina Michaels

*Len Adler*

## Choose your hospitality tasks!

Sign up for your favorite hospitality task for next month as you check in at the monthly Alliance luncheon. Each of us should volunteer for at least two tasks during the year as we are able.

If you have signed up for a hospitality task and you cannot fulfill the assignment, please find a substitute. (If you cannot find a substitute, call *Arlene Goldman*, 301-871-8367.) If you can help with clean-up, please also call *Arlene*.

## Foster Children



Ruth Knapp (left) previously and Jean Schaible (right) head the support for our two foster children. Olin Riley Roan, 14, through Futures for Children in Sanders AZ is a Navajo Indian. Andri Perez-Matos, 9, through Plan USA lives in the Dominican Republic. Over \$80 quarterly is sent to each plan. Please donate generously at the luncheons to support this program.

*Nancy Jannsen*

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



Our film for **February 25** is *Deliverance*— a gripping, absorbing, action adventure about four suburban Atlanta businessmen friends who encounter disaster in a summer weekend’s river canoeing trip. Starring Burt Reynolds. Based on James Dickey’s 1970 novel.

*Sarah Reese*

## Alliance Bridge Every Tuesday – 10 a.m. in the Library. \$2 donation



All Bridge players are welcome! No partner needed. Bring a sandwich and play through lunch.

*Virginia Weise*

## First Friday Book Club 11 a.m.

### Rooms 1 & 2

Everyone is welcome!

Bring your sandwich and socialize.



The Alliance First Friday Book Club will meet **on February 5**. The book we will be discussing will be *Shadow Country* by Peter Matthiessen. This is a long read—891 pages. It is about the Everglades, Florida. It won the National Book Award for Fiction in 2008.

Alison Tobias will provide refreshments.

On **March 5**, we will discuss *Pomegranate Soup* by Marsha Mehran. Three sisters, refugees from the Iranian revolution, come to a small town village, Ballincroagh, in Ireland. They start a restaurant the Babylon Café.

Infused with the textures and scents, trials and triumphs of two distinct cultures, Pomegranate Soup is an infectious novel of magical realism. This richly detailed story, highlighted with delicious recipes, is a delectable journey into the heart of Persian cooking and Irish living.

Jean Schaible will provide refreshments.

Looking forward to seeing you.

*Lois Williams and Diane Wallenmeyer*

## Social Responsibility

In a letter from Crossway Community, CEO Kathleen Guinan tells about the successes of this year. “Three single mothers in the Family Leadership School have earned their GEDs; seventeen mothers are now enrolled in college and working on degrees; eighteen mothers either landed a new job or continued gainful employment; and two mothers learned to drive. Beyond that, hundreds of nutritious meals were prepared, children slept safely in their own beds and babies and children enjoyed a first-rate Montessori education. More than two hundred young women attended our prevention classes. ESOL classes were offered to fifty-two adults. Hundreds of neighbors enjoyed our community center.” The Alliance donated \$500 to this worthy organization last year.

*Jean Thompson*

**Next Alliance Board Meeting:  
Thursday February 18 at 10 a.m.**

**Next Newsletter Deadline:  
Wednesday February 10**