



# CEDAR LANE NEWS

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## Sunday Services 9 and 11 a.m.

**January 24, 2010**

### “A Year Later: Idealizing and Disappointment”

*Rev. Roger Fritts*

Why do so many Presidents start off with high approval ratings and end with such low ones? I was tempted to call this sermon “Leadership as a Trial of Character.”

**January 31, 2010**

### “In Search of the Spiritual”

*Rev. Roger Fritts*

During thirty-two years of ministry I have preached on this topic several times. How has my spiritual search changed over those years? Has yours changed as you have grown older?

**February 7, 2010**

### “Fairness”

*Rev. Roger Fritts*

Paul and Vicky Strella were the high bidders on the offer to pick a sermon title at last year’s auction. The full title of the sermon is something like this: “How Do You Decide When You Are Doing Enough Good and How Do You Deal with the Feeling That You Are a Chump When Other People Appear to be Cheating, Getting Rich, Cutting in Line, and Getting Away with it?”

**February 14, 2010**

### “Celebration Sunday”

*Rev. Kate Braestrup*

See Pledge Drive article inside for information about our speaker.

**February 21, 2010**

### “Ash Wednesday”

*Rev. Roger Fritts*

Thomas Sterns Eliot was raised a Unitarian and joined the Anglican Church in 1927. His 1930 poem “Ash Wednesday” deals with “the struggle that ensues when one who has lacked faith acquires it.”

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

Coffee will be served.

- January 24** *Don't Ask, Don't Tell — Why Everything About This Law Is Contrary to Everything UUs Stand For* with Capt. Joan Darrah, USN (Ret).
- January 31** *America's Love-Hate Relationship with International Law* with Linda Bishai, Senior Program Officer in the Education and Training Center of US Institute of Peace.
- February 7** *Finding a New Way Forward in Afghanistan* with Col. (Ret.) Douglas Macgregor.
- February 14** No Forum — Celebration Sunday.
- February 21** *Health Reform: A View from the Hill* with Stephanie M. Hammonds, Pharm D., Congressional Health Fellow, US Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) committee.

*See Adult Programs section for further descriptions.*

All are welcome to join us for **Newcomer Talks** every Sunday after worship services.

Become a member of Cedar Lane UU Church at a **Second Sunday Signing** after services, or call Andy Streich, Membership Coordinator, at 301-493-8300 ext. 301 for more information.

## Notes from the Ministers

*Roger Fritts*

The Unitarian Universalist involvement in Haiti began in 1958 with a medical nutrition mission by the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee. In 1965 service committee staff met Dr. Ary Bordes, a young Haitian physician, who was directing a maternal and child health center in Port-au-Prince, the first of its kind in the country, on a monthly budget of \$20. The Service Committee funded Dr. Bordes' model program in perinatal and obstetric care with pediatric follow-up. The program expanded outside the city to several villages, along with radio programs on health issues. In 1972, with Dr. Bordes' encouragement, one village started a tomato farming cooperative, combining economic development with the health care program. The Unitarian Universalist publishing house, Beacon Press, published a book on the life of Dr. Bordes, *For the People, For a Change*, in 1978. The UUSC ended its funding of programs in Haiti in the mid 1980s. Dr. Bordes went on to become the founder and first president of the Haitian Association of Public Health. He became the Minister of Public Health in Haiti and served as President of the Haitian Medical Association.

However, Haiti was a deeply dysfunctional country. Dr. Bordes was assassinated May 6, 2000. At the service a declaration of appreciation for his work, signed by 1,726 members of the Haitian Medical Association, was read. Just a few days before he was murdered, Dr. Bordes had written: "It is necessary for us to relearn to love this country."

In this spirit UUSC is accepting donations to provide aid to the people affected by the January 2010 earthquake in Haiti. If you would like to donate by check, please make it payable to "UUSC/UUA Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund" and mail it to UUSC, P.O. Box 844001, Boston, MA 02284-4001.

On another subject, my oldest son, Cedar Lane Member Loren Westbrook-Fritts, will lead a cello concert of his music at the Mansion at Strathmore (seats about 100) Wednesday, February 3, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. and Wednesday, February 24, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. The music will be different at each performance. Tickets are available at the Strathmore web site. General Admission is \$12. Cellists from the National Symphony Orchestra and the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra will participate. For a sample of his music go to <http://www.primitivity.com/live/>

*Susan Archer*

The tragedy in Haiti has been such a cruel reminder of how fragile the world is as well as the lives we build upon it. It is also a reminder of how much we all need one another, whether in our faith community or the interconnected community that circles the earth.

It was wonderful to see the energy around the Social Justice Fair. We are a community with a lot going on! Add to that the ongoing work of CLARITY, the upcoming trip of those going down to help in New Orleans, and so much more. Our children also continue to be active, with projects to help others locally and in faraway places!

In chapel, we have been talking about the meaning of compassion. In November, our younger children (grades K-3) heard the story of "Nobiah's Well," about a young African boy whose compassionate heart could not but help itself from responding to the needs of animals he passed on his long walk from the stream. In the end, his compassion stirred them to help his village dig the well which would ensure survival for all its people as well as the animals. In January our older children (grades 4-6) heard the story of the work of Greg Mortensen (of "Three Cups of Tea" fame) and the people of Korphe to build a school. One of our Bible classes had just read the story of the Good Samaritan and those children made some good observations about the compassion shown in that story.

We have also been learning the song, "May This Road Lead to Peace," which includes the words, "May this road open wide my heart." Our children already have tender hearts that are open and loving. They inspire me every day. In the weeks to come they will be listening to their hearts as they choose a good "cause" to which they will send this year's chapel offerings.

May we all continue to work together with compassionate hearts to make our world more fair and loving. May the compassion of our hearts and the generosity of our hands and resources also find paths to Haiti at this very difficult time.

## 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.

Condolences are with long-time member **Bob Bauer (Neighborhood 99)** as he and his family mourn the passing of his wife, Colene, who died on December 18 after a long illness. (She will be remembered through a private service in the Spring.)

A note to the congregation from **Bobbie Nelson**, our Minister of Religious Education Emerita, who has been recovering from a heart attack and a subsequent surgery: "Thank you for your notes, cards, and phone calls. They are wonderful for the spirit. My healing continues well and by spring I trust I will back to normal. May the New Year bring you joy."

Our hearts also go out to **John Trevithick (N16)** and his family with the death of his brother, Steve, on December 3. A Service in Celebration of His Life was held at the UU church in Morgantown, WV.

And our love and care are with **Tod, Lisa and Anne Chernikoff (N24)** with the tragic death of Tod's cousin on January 11. Tod writes, "Erika Pflaum was 12 years old and waged a 2 year battle for her life against a brain tumor. Her family and friends will hold a Celebration of Her Life on January 22 near her home in San Jose, California."

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.

And, as announced in our electronic newsletter: We send:

Condolences to

**Judy Hautala (N30)** and her children Brian, Erika and Danielle, with the death of their husband and father, **Jim Jacobson** on December 23. A memorial service was held on January 10.

The friends and family of **Wilma Phillips (N30)**, who died on December 23 after a long illness. A Service in Celebration of Her Life will be held on **Sunday, January 24 at 3:00 p.m.**

**Jerry Perkins (N21)** with the death of her husband **Cal Perkins**, who died on December 19 from a lung infection. A Service in Celebration of His Life was held on Tuesday, January 5.

**Margy Wright (N16)** as she mourns the death of her brother Pat, who died after a long decline.

Healing wishes to

**John Massey (N12)** who, after a brief stay at Holy Cross Hospital, has transferred to Genesis Rehab on Bel Pre

Road in Aspen Hill.

**Eleanor Melville (N9)** who has entered rehab care at Stella Maris, outside of Baltimore.

**Vanessa Steck (N26)** who is recovering at home from surgery to heal a broken ankle.

**Wat Stewart**, husband of **Mary** and father of **Betsy Stewart (N4)**, who broke his knee in a fall.

**Pat Wigginton (N7)** who had surgery to treat ovarian cancer and is now recovering at home.

## Music Notes from the Director of Music

**We've had an eventful few weeks through December and January.**

On Christmas Eve all our young musicians performed during the youth and family services. The Children's Choir had a great time introducing *Born in Bethlehem*, and the Youth Choir sang the classic *Carol of the Bells* a capella and introduced the Swahili song *Habari Nzuri* or "Good News!" The Youth Bell Choir rang a rhythmic arrangement of *Good King Wenceslas* and introduced our new chimes to the Congregation with the song *In the Bleak MidWinter*. The Adult Choir sang for the 10:30 p.m. service, presenting an assortment of Christmas songs including the *Huron Carol*, (with handbell and violin accompaniment), *Once in Royal David's City*, and *Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine* (with harp accompaniment). Thomas Guthrie performed a beautiful organ prelude on *Gesu Bambino*. The musical centerpiece of the service was five movements from Benjamin Britten's *Ceremony of Carols* with guest harpist, Melissa Dvorak.

**January 17** was a very busy weekend. On Saturday evening, January 16, the Choir sang in the Totally Mozart concert to benefit John Kelly's Children's Hospital Campaign. Thomas Guthrie was at the organ console and Dr. Henry Sgrecci conducted the chamber orchestra in *Regina Coeli* and *Ave Verum Corpus*. We had a huge audience on hand to enjoy the Choir and Barbara Wing as they performed in the spotlight. Sunday the Adult Choir and all the youth musical ensembles lead Martin Luther King Sunday. The Children's Choir sang *This Little Light of Mine*, the Youth Choir sang *Siyahamba*, the Youth Bell Choir rang *Come, Let Us Eat*, and the Adult Choir introduced a lively arrangement of the popular spiritual *Now Let Us Sing*.

**January 24** the Adult Choir will sing Henry Purcell's *Lord, Have Mercy On Us, Sweet Canaan* from "The Sacred Harp" hymnal and *Stopping by the Woods on a Snowy Evening*, by Eugene Butler, based upon the poetry of Robert Frost. Hymns will include "Standing on the Side of Love" and "When I am Frightened."

**January 31** the Intergenerational Handbell Choir will begin the Call to Worship with the beloved canon “Dona Nobis Pacem.” The Women’s Chorale will sing Malcolm Williamson’s three part song, *Sweet and Low*. The Women’s Quartet will sing a lovely song in Russian called *Blagoslovi* by Pavel Chesnekov.

**February 7** the Adult Choir will be visiting River Road Unitarian Universalist Church to sing in partnership with its Choir and Director of Music, Clif Harden. CLUUC will enjoy music by guest artists.

**On February 14**, Pledge Drive Sunday, we will have the pleasure of hosting the Choir from River Road Unitarian Universalist Church. The Choir will join with the Adult Choir of CLUUC to provide joyous and exhilarating music for the morning.

**Ad Hoc Choir** will meet in the Chapel at 12:30 on February 7. Hope to see you there.

**Tenors:** Gruppo Piccolo wants you. Contact [hsgrecci@cedarlane.org](mailto:hsgrecci@cedarlane.org) to discuss.

## Education for All Ages

### Religious Education Notes

#### Raising UU Kids: Parents as Resident Theologians and Spiritual Guides

Join Susan for a two session class to take a look at how children grow and what makes them feel connected to a larger reality. Explore ways to respond to their needs for ritual and self expression. Look at ways to nurture their natural sense of wonder, wondering and joy. And talk about ways to respond to questions about God, death, Jesus, and ethics. January 23 and 30, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. Fee is \$2. Childcare available, if requested one week in advance; \$5/session. Register through Adult Programs in the RE office by Thursday, January 21.

#### Teacher Renewal Thanks!

Thanks to the many hands that helped make our Teacher Renewal such a success. Jenna Lordo coordinated the dinner that followed our special workshop on “The Power of Story.” We would also like to thank our interage crew who assisted in many ways: Val Carter, Sonia DeNicolo, Jan Eisner, Alex Green, Katherine Green, Elisa Klein, Sarah Kimball, Robert Manning, Herma Dupre, our very faithful building manager, Mickey Sigsbee, and our indispensable RE Administrator, Gale Luce.

### Help the People in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Start the New Year off right by cleaning out your closets for a good cause! The 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Session II class is collecting clothes, shoes and toys for people in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. All types of clothes (casual, work, dressy) are welcome. Please bring your donations to the boxes in the chapel hall; receipts will be available. If you have questions, please contact Lisa Kaeser (class room parent) at [l\\_kaeser@yahoo.com](mailto:l_kaeser@yahoo.com).

### Community Based Shelter

Kudos to Session II 5<sup>th</sup> grade for their help during our week of support at the Community Based Shelter. The class made 36 bag lunches, organizing and executing the entire process themselves. Thanks to Alexandre, Jack, Lukas, Meg, Shannon and Stefan. And thanks to their families for providing the food items and Celia Nathan and Sara and Clara Joyce for delivering it to the shelter.

### Guest at Your Table

Please return the Guest at Your Table boxes to the RE office ASAP. We would like to wrap up the collection and send our congregational donation to the UUSC for their important work.

### Holiday Craft Day Plates and Mugs are Here!

Pick up your plates and mugs in the downstairs lobby on Sundays or in the RE office during the week. They are delightful—as always!

### Youth Notes

#### Youth Activity Group (Grades 7 and 8)

We had a great group of packers at Manna Food in December—32 to be exact. That may have been our largest group of packers ever. Good going! Plus we found a new and tasty pizza place—Zio’s in Gaithersburg. Overall it was a great evening—thanks to all the packers.

The **2010 Calendar** already has a number of events for the next two months. We hope you can attend all of them:

**January 22, Friday:** Pizza & Movie at the church, from 6:30 to 10:00 p.m. We will watch 1 or 2 movies and could use some movie suggestions from you. Call John at the number below. Must be rated PG or PG-13. Announcement will go out this week.

**February 7, Sunday:** Super Bowl Party for all youth groups and other Cedar Lane fans and friends. Begins at 6:00 p.m. and goes until there is a winner. We will watch in the sanctuary on the Big Screen. Pizza and soft drinks will be provided; you can bring your favorite munchies! Wear your NFL shirt too!

**February 21, Sunday:** Orienteering at Wheaton Regional Park with the Quantico Orienteering Club. Will leave church at 12:15 p.m., eat fast-food in Wheaton, begin orienteering around 1:00 p.m., and return to the church at 4:00 p.m. We did this last year and it was a big hit. Flyer will be sent in advance of the event.

**February 26-28, Friday through Sunday:** Annual youth ski trip to Seven Spring Resort in Pennsylvania. The trip will be better than ever. Announcements and reminders have been sent out. Get your registration materials in by January 29! We don't want you to miss the trip.

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

### **Senior High Youth Group (SHYG)**

At our Senior High Action Group (SHAG) meeting, on January 10, we decided our monthly hang-outs will change from Sunday mornings to Friday evening activities. Our next scheduled hang-outs will be Friday, February 19 to do pizza and a movie. Watch for details by snail and e-mail. Have another interesting activity? Let Archene know about it.

For information on the SHYG (grades 9-12) and SHAG (including parents) contact Archene Turner at 301-493-8300 x205, aturner@cedarlane.org or [archene@gmail.com](mailto:archene@gmail.com). Details of activities and permission forms are on our website at [www.cedarlane.org](http://www.cedarlane.org).

### **Upcoming Events:**

#### **January**

**23** Murder Mystery Dinner (hosted by River Road UU congregation's youth group)

#### **February**

**7** Superbowl party

**8** Lobby Day in Annapolis

**13** Cosmic Bowling

**14** SHAG meeting

**19** Hang-out, pizza & movie

**26-28** Ski trip at Seven Springs, Registration Deadline is January 29.

### **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](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**

**Register for Spring 2010 programs NOW!** The cosmic blue brochure was mailed to your home last week with two registration cards; invite a friend! See the brochure for detailed descriptions and costs. It is also available on our website at [www.cedarlane.org](http://www.cedarlane.org). Cedar Lane Adult Program classes are open to non members. The AP committee will be accepting registrations and be available to answer questions on Sunday, January 24 and 31, in the lounge after services. Registrations accepted in the RE office during the week.

**Brochure Corrections:** Olive Oil Tasting #D28 is May 21 (not May 7) and Ethical Money Matters #H39 has been cancelled.

### **Classes beginning in February:**

**New**—Be sure to read the descriptions of these new and exciting classes, add them to your calendar and register.

**2/2 Cedar Lane Dancers** - for dancers of all ages with just a year of ballet or modern dance experience. Tuesdays, 7 p.m.

**2/3 Does God Exist and Is the Bible True?** - Is it possible to give a flawless proof for the fundamental teachings of Western religions? Three Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.

**2/9 The Philosophy Club** – We will discuss several philosophers. Six Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.

**2/13 Go Green, Get Lean** – Explore the health and environmental advantages of eating more plant based foods. Six Saturdays, 9:30 a.m.

**2/18 Photography: Composition and Style** – Expand your creativity through contemporary ideas and techniques. Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

**2/18 Alexander Technique** (free introductory class on 2/4) – helps to improve posture and body awareness. Six Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.

**2/27 Winter Retreat for Women** – Explore through readings, guided meditation, sharing into the silence and being witnessed. Saturday, 10:30 a.m.

**Perennial Favorites**—If you haven't participated in one of these yet, or it has been a while, the following programs encourage new participation.

**Science and Religion**

**Continuing Yoga**

**T'ai Chi for Beginners**

## T'ai Chi Advanced Book Discussion Connection Circles

### 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.

**January 24:** *Don't Ask, Don't Tell — Why Everything About This Law Is Contrary to Everything UUs Stand For.* Captain Joan Darrah, USN (Ret), a member of the Mount Vernon Unitarian Church and of the Military Advisory Council at the Servicemember Legal Defense Network, will talk about some of her experiences as a gay service member living under Don't Ask, Don't Tell—the law that prohibits gay people from serving openly in the U.S. military. She will also provide an update on the progress to repeal this law and talk to us about how UUs can help.

**January 31:** *America's Love/Hate Relationship with International Law.* The official U.S. attitude towards the prosecution of crimes against humanity and war crimes changed dramatically from the universality of Nuremberg to the exceptionalism of the ICC treaty negotiations. Legal "realism" and "idealism" are strains of thought that pose a battle of opposites. Our speaker, *Linda Bishai*, will address the history of U.S. legal thinking that has created this conceptual battle, and its implications for the present. Dr. Bishai is a senior program officer in the Education and Training Center of the United States Institute of Peace.

**February 7:** *Finding a New Way Forward in Afghanistan.* Afghanistan is a country, but not a nation. Three of its distinct groups are tied by ethnicity and/or religion to one of the country's neighbors. The fourth group is a collection of loosely confederated tribes. Just as it did not work in Vietnam or Algeria, General McChrystal's "new" counter-insurgency of "clear, hold, build" is unlikely to work because it cannot be executed on behalf of another government. *Dr. Douglas Macgregor*, retired army colonel, will elaborate on why he believes it would be best for us to withdraw from Afghanistan.

**February 14:** No Forum

**February 21:** *Health Reform: A View from the Hill.* An update on the progress of health reform from the perspective of a Hill staffer. *Dr. Hammonds*, a pharmacist by training is health fellow to Senator Tom Harkins, chair of the late Senator Ted Kennedy's HELP committee.

### Connection Circles

As a service project the Living by Heart II Connection Circle has established a special place in the church library for a collection of books, poems and other inspirational

writings for the special, though not exclusive, use and enjoyment of Connection Circle members. The books and poems in the collection were donated by Circle members. The books can be checked out and the poems can be easily copied.

Most Connection Circles are on-going and are welcoming new members. They are a great way to get to know other Cedar Laners in a small group setting, through worship and reflection. Register through Adult Programs.

## Pledge Drive Committee

### Loving Cedar Lane on February 14.

Celebration Sunday is coming February 14, 2010. This is your opportunity to give love to Cedar Lane by pledging your fair share. Everyone is invited to stay for a celebratory brunch after each service. We will be honored and excited to have Kate Braestrup as our celebration speaker. Reverend Braestrup is a UU minister and mother of four living in Maine who entered the ministry after her state trooper husband was killed. She has recently published her newest book, *Here if You Need Me*. Please enjoy this quote from the book.

"Be as loving as you can, as often as you can, for as many people as you can, for as long as you live. Why should we do this? Because."— Kate Braestrup, "Laugh, Pray, Love," Reader's Digest, December 2009/January 2010

## Denominational Affairs Committee

### Important Denominational Affairs call for action now.

At least 25% of the UUA congregations must participate in the polls below in order for them to be in the final agenda for the 2010 General Assembly in Minneapolis, June 23-27.

☑ Peacemaking – an extra year of focus! The 2009 General Assembly referred the draft Statement of Conscience (SOC) for one more year of study & action. The UUA **Congregational Poll occurs until February 1, 2010, online** (see [www.uua.org/csw](http://www.uua.org/csw) for links to the poll and the comment form). This poll will decide whether or not a revised draft Statement of Conscience will be on the final agenda for the 2010 General Assembly.

☑ Ethical Eating: Food & Environmental Justice! Shall our denomination conduct a second year of study/action on this Congregational Study/Action Issue (CSAI)? The UUA **Congregational Poll occurs until February 1,**

**2010, online** for this and other CSAIs. Visit [www.uua.org/csw](http://www.uua.org/csw) to decide on including all proposed study/action issues for 2010-2014 on the 2010 General Assembly final agenda.

Come to Cedar Lane's Denominational Affairs Committee meetings for more info! Our next one is Monday, January 25, 2010, at 7:30 p.m. in rooms 30-31. Questions: Dino Drudi ([drudi.dino@bls.gov](mailto:drudi.dino@bls.gov)) or Nancy Janssen ([nancyjanssen@peoplepc.com](mailto:nancyjanssen@peoplepc.com)).

## Around the Church

### Donations wanted!

Start the New Year off right by cleaning out your closets for a good cause! The 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Second Session class is collecting clothes, shoes and electronics for people in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. All types of clothes (casual, work, dressy) and electronics (including computers and analog TVs) are welcome. Please drop off your donations in the boxes in the chapel hall; receipts will be available. If you have questions, please contact Lisa Kaeser (class room parent) at [l\\_kaeser@yahoo.com](mailto:l_kaeser@yahoo.com).

### Thanks for your generous donations!

This past weekend we raised almost \$6,500 for Children's Hospital's "uncompensated care" fund through Concerts at Cedar Lane's presentation of "Totally Mozart." We then dug deep again to help the hurting people of Haiti by giving \$7,000 to Partners in Health as our offering Sunday morning. We appreciate your sense of giving and care for those in need.

### Save the Date:

**February 8** - Lobby Day, see flyer online

**February 14** - Pledge Drive Sunday

**March 13** - "Swing into Spring" Auction

## Auction Committee

### *Swing Into Spring!*

**Cedar Lane's 2010 Auction, Saturday, March 13.**

Whether you're a first-timer or long-timer, *do* plan to attend this year's not-to-be-missed Cedar Lane auction. You give. You get. Our church receives!

The auction is FUN! Its success is critical to the church's financial well-being. We'll provide, on request, safe and entertaining child care and rides for non-drivers. Tickets will go on sale in the lounge beginning on January 24. The price of admission (\$30 per person in advance or \$35

at the door) includes a splendid gourmet repast catered by the same people who won our raves last year. Raffle tickets for either the quilt or the 50/50 cash split will be \$10 each— 33% less than in 2009! The Cedar Lane Quilters' magnificent "Unitarian Labyrinth" will be on display in the sanctuary during the week prior to the auction. Look for the auction catalog on the church website about the same time.

But first: What will you donate to be auctioned? By tradition we all give something for someone else to go home happy with. Please be thinking about what you might offer when your invitation and donation form arrive in the mail. Be creative! Can you provide a small group dinner featuring your special recipes? The use of your condo at the beach? A few hours of your professional or vocational expertise? Baby sitting, power washing a deck, relining someone's brakes? Or . . . Can you solicit your favorite local business for a donation—a restaurant dinner for two, a couple of movie or theater tickets, a dry-cleaning bargain? Corporate donations are important, though check with Lisa Chernikoff (301-587-5992, [lisa.chernikoff@verizon.net](mailto:lisa.chernikoff@verizon.net)) first to avoid duplicate solicitations.

And don't forget the Nifty-Thrifty sale. Helen Pechacek and her team will be accepting items in like-new condition to be sold for \$25 or less. Jewelry, artwork and photography, decorative objects, sports and exercise equipment, DVDs, toys, games, and the like are welcomed. Please do not donate large items, books, or clothing. Call or e-mail Helen if you have questions about an item (301-384-2415, [hpechacek@comcast.net](mailto:hpechacek@comcast.net)).

## Social Justice Council

### Let's Eat Together

The Ethical Eating Study Group invites you to a Plant-Based Food Potluck Dinner on Sunday, February 21. The dinner starts at 6 p.m. At 7 Don Robertson, founding Director of Earthsave Baltimore, will speak about the powerful changes we can make for the environment, our health, and for animals when we make smarter food choices. Bring food for five to share and please list ingredients on a file card. Include NO animal products (vegan). A contribution of \$3 per person will be collected to cover costs. For information contact Joanne Evans, [joanneevans@verizon.net](mailto:joanneevans@verizon.net).

### International Concerns Coalition

Thanks to everyone who stopped by the International Concerns Coalition tables at the Social Justice Fair. Our

tables were for the Congo, girls' education in Kenya, couples literacy in Afghanistan, our Partner Church community in Romania, and support for communities affected by the Chernobyl nuclear disaster in Ukraine. If this sounds interesting to you--or perhaps some other international project you are willing to spearhead--please join us at our next meeting, Sunday, January 31, at 12:30 in room 15.

### **Afghan Dinner**

It's not too late to buy tickets for the annual Afghan dinner and silent auction fundraiser for couples literacy in Afghanistan, held at the church on Saturday evening, January 23, starting at 6 p.m. This is the only fundraiser in the world for Kabultec, and besides a compelling program of speakers, our Cedar Lane lounge will be full of all kinds of items from bazaars all over Afghanistan you won't want to miss. Tickets are \$50 per person. Please contact Eleanor DePaola at 301-299-6236 for tickets and information.

## **♻️GREEN TIPS♻️** **Environmental Task Force**

### **TAXED FROM PLASTIC TO REUSABLE**

From *The International Herald Tribune*

By ELISABETH ROSENTHAL

Published: February 2, 2008

“DUBLIN — There is something missing from this otherwise typical bustling cityscape. There are taxis and buses. There are hip bars and pollution. Every other person is talking into a cellphone. But there are no plastic shopping bags, the ubiquitous symbol of urban life.

“In 2002, Ireland passed a tax on plastic bags; customers who want them must now pay 33 cents per bag at the register. There was an advertising awareness campaign. And then something happened that was bigger than the sum of these parts.

“Within weeks, plastic bag use dropped 94 percent. Within a year, nearly everyone had bought reusable cloth bags, keeping them in offices and in the backs of cars. Plastic bags were not outlawed, but carrying them became socially unacceptable — on a par with wearing a fur coat or not cleaning up after one's dog.”

And Beyond Cedar Lane

### **30<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Legislative Briefing**

Sunday, January 31, 2010 12:30 – 5 p.m.

University of Maryland, Shady Grove Campus Building II  
9630 Gudelsky Drive, Rockville, Maryland

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### **Spark! Speaker Series presents**

When Should the U.S. Use Military Force?

A moderated conversation featuring:

- Joseph Capizzi, Associate Professor of Moral Theology at Catholic University
- Joe Volk, Executive Secretary of FCNL, a Quaker public interest lobby for peace
- Yaron Brook, President & Executive Director of the Ayn Rand Center

When: Wednesday, February 10, 2010 7:15 p.m.

Where: Washington Ethical Society

7750 16th St., NW

Washington, DC 20012

Cost: \$15 for general audiences; \$12 for Senior Citizens

RSVP is suggested. Free for college students who RSVP, present a current college ID and arrive by 7:00 p.m. If possible, please RSVP by Tuesday, February 9, to: [wes.rsvp@gmail.com](mailto:wes.rsvp@gmail.com)

On what basis should our government commit to using military force? Are there morally justifiable reasons to go to war? Or is all violent conflict indefensible and counter-productive? Perhaps morality does not even have a proper place in questions of war and foreign policy. Many would say that deliberation on such matters should be directly tied to national interest.

With current military engagements in Iraq and Afghanistan, simmering disputes with Iran and a plethora of humanitarian and genocidal crises around the world, issues of war and peace and global stability are of urgent concern for all people. Our speakers will debate these questions and present a wide range of perspectives and philosophies.

Attendees are invited to stay after the event for an informal reception.

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