



CEDAR LANE NEWS

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Sunday Services 10 a.m. only

May 2, 2010

“Senior High Service”

Our 12th graders will lead the service and share their unique perspectives on life and on their experiences at Cedar Lane.

May 9, 2010

"Be Better, Burn Brighter, Like Margaret, Our Mother . . ."

Rev. Susan Archer

So said members of the late 19th century Fuller Clubs, long after the death of Margaret Fuller! This month is the bicentennial of the birth of Margaret Fuller, one of the brightest, well-educated, most dedicated and activist women in the history of our country. She was also a Unitarian, a cohort of all those Transcendentalists - like Emerson and Thoreau - from whom we UUs of the 21st century have sprung.

On this Mother's Day morning we will celebrate Margaret and all women who have worked to imagine and to bring us into a better world, more hospitable and nurturing for all its peoples.

All ages invited, childcare available for ages 5 and younger.

May 16, 2010

“The View From a Window”

Rev. Roger Fritts

On adding windows to his home, Carl Sandburg wrote:

I was hungry for windows.

One neighbor said, "If you keep on you'll be able to see everything there is."

I answered, "That'll be all right, that'll be classy enough for me."

The sermon will be a meditation on what we see and think while looking out windows.

May 23, 2010

“Liberal Religion and the War in Afghanistan”

Rev. Roger Fritts

A talk at our forum March 28, by Dr. Douglas Macgregor on "Finding a New Way Forward in Afghanistan" plus the possibility that Dr. Abdullah (the Afghan politician who ran in the 2009 Afghan presidential election and came in second place) might be willing to return to speak at Cedar Lane, has caused me to reflect on this eight and a half year war.

May 30, 2010

“The Good Memories”

Rev. Roger Fritts

When I look at the names on our memory wall, I have many good, positive memories. For example, I see Sam Hughes' name and I remember after the Sunday Services when I used Reading 452 in the hymn book (Life is a gift for which we are grateful. We gather in community to celebrate the glories and mysteries of this great gift.) Sam Hughes would always shake my hand, smile and say. "Roger, life is a loan, not a gift." In the sermon I will share some of my good memories of the names on the wall.

Jeffrey Kaye, PBSNewsHour Correspondent, Will Speak on Global Immigration

Veteran public television journalist and author, Jeffrey Kaye, will be talking about immigration issues and signing copies of his book *MOVING MILLIONS: How Coyote Capitalism Fuels Global Immigration* at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 6, at Cedar Lane. The talk, followed by wine and cheese, is sponsored jointly by the Social Justice Council of Cedar Lane, the Social Action Committee of Machar (that meets at Cedar Lane), and the Washington Congregation for Secular Humanistic Judaism.

All are welcome to join us for **Cedar Lane in 6 Minutes** every Sunday after the worship service.

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

Notes from the Ministers

Roger Fritts

Rummage Sale: With the approval of the Board of Trustees and with the help of the church staff, I am planning a church rummage sale for Labor Day weekend. To jumpstart this effort, we will be contracting with someone to organize the sale. The salary is one thousand dollars for each month leading up to the sale, (June, July and August) plus two thousand dollars when the sale is over, for a total of five thousand dollars. I am suggesting that we budget \$10,000 in income from the sale, which will give the church a modest profit of \$5,000. Many churches earn \$20,000 or more from rummage sales, but because we have not had such a sale for about 20 years, I do not want to set the bar too high. If you are interested, or if you know of someone you think would be ideal for this contract position, send résumés to me at my e-mail address at the church rfritts@cedarlane.org. We are looking for someone with experience working on a rummage sale.

During the week before Labor Day weekend, we will invite the congregation to contribute items to sell. Because of the need for storage space, much of the church will be unavailable for special events such as weddings and memorial services during this one week. On the Sunday of Labor Day weekend, we will hold worship either in the chapel or in the Chalice House.

Besides income, another advantage to the church is the opportunity for us to be environmentally responsible by recycling items in our homes that are no longer of value to us. In addition, it is an opportunity to advertise our existence to the larger community. We might even have a float in the Kensington Labor Day parade to promote the church and the rummage sale.

Church Rummage sales have departments such as these:

1. Electronics (No analog TV's)
2. Linens in usable condition
3. Books
4. Toys
5. Holiday items
6. Furniture
7. House wares
8. Clothing in wearable condition

Save your usable items in these categories and plan to bring them to the church the week of August 29-September 3. Mark your calendar so you can take a turn receiving, sorting, pricing, and selling these items the week of August 29-September 6. It will be fun!

Susan Archer

Each year I try to think of something new to say about the recruitment of teachers for our religious education classes for children and youth. How can I say this, once again, to get the attention of our Cedar Lane community?

First, you should know (and most of you do!) that our volunteer teaching staff is an amazing group of people, fun to be with, mutually supportive of one another, and, who, by and large, truly enjoy what they are doing. Most would say there is deep satisfaction—and often a lot of fun—in what they do.

Second, we are not just teaching information about religion, values and Unitarian Universalism, although we certainly do that. More importantly, our teachers and small group experiences in RE provide the “face” of our faith community for our children and youth. We hope it provides a “home away from home,” a safe place to explore ideas and feelings, a nest for growing friendships, a place different from their other activities. They can connect with the big questions and concerns that face all people: what is life about, how do I cope with loss and death, how do I make difficult decisions, how do I fit into this universe? They are “seen” here, loved here, and can grow a sense of connection to a wise and worthy people—in the present and from the past— who try to live their values and honor life’s gifts.

This past month I learned of three great examples of ways our kids are growing. I share them because they are not atypical of the kids you might work with if you were to become a teacher. The credit for their actions is entirely their own. However, they reflect the kind of support and care given to them over the years by their families. It makes me proud they are part of this UU community.

Katie Wilson is a graduate of Cedar Lane, growing up here, attending RE classes, and now preparing to graduate from the University of Delaware. Last month, as a culmination of a year of preparation, she co-chaired UDance to raise money for two foundations; one that supports families of children with cancer and one that is dedicated to preventing pediatric HIV infection and eradicating pediatric AIDS. She got the support of many people, including the governor of Delaware. This is the second year she has worked on this program. She and her team of workers were pleased to clear about \$105,000 for these important causes. We are so proud of what she has done.

Elsa Dupre, one of our senior highers, has been busy with five friends creating a school group, “Wags and Whiskers,” to raise money for an animal shelter and to promote animal adoption. They created and sold tee shirts and sponsored a walk which raised several hundred dollars. Elsa tells us, “It was a great experience and we really enjoyed it, and hope to do it again next year!” We are so proud of Elsa.

Cedar Lane third graders, Helen Snyder and Maisie Scott, recently made perfume and got the idea to sell it to raise money for our chapel projects, Haiti relief and animal shelters. Ben Snyder, also grade 3, helped them package it so they could sell it door to door around their town. They arrived the following Sunday to put several folded bills into our chapel collection! Many blessings on the inventiveness and commitment of our younger Cedar Laners! We are so proud of Helen, Maisie, and Ben.

These are stories of just some of our children. I hear others often. Perhaps one of the best reasons to consider becoming an RE teacher, is to be able to spend time with children who are growing all the time, learning, engaging, caring. They touch my heart and inspire my own growth.

Interested in becoming part of Sunday morning adventures on the Lower Level or up in Chalice House? We have openings on next year’s teaching teams for many ages. You can reach me at church for further conversation about possibilities.

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.

The Memorial Service for **Frances Willoughby** will be in the Chapel Friday, April 30, at 2 p.m., Rev. Fritts officiating.

Our loving prayers and thoughts are very much with **Weston King-Leatham**, and his parents, **Darcy** and **Dwight**, as Weston spends the next several weeks in Children’s National Medical Center to receive treatment for leukemia. Weston is one of our 6th graders. Cards (to home) are welcome!

Congratulations to **Ann McLaughlin** whose new novel, *Leaving Bayberry House*, has just been published. One of the characters is a Unitarian Universalist minister.

Happy 91st Birthday to **Trudy Morse!**

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 Roger Fritts at rfritts@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

Spring B - It’s not too late to sign up for Henry Sgrecci’s highly entertaining class “**Everything You Need to Know About Handbells (but were afraid to ask...)**”

Something missing in your life? Got a little more time during the summer? Consider singing with the Choir in June and July. 9 a.m. Sunday morning rehearsals followed by the 10 a.m. service. What could be easier? Contact Henry Sgrecci for more details at hsgrecci@cedarlane.org

Concerts at Cedar Lane concluded its inaugural season on Saturday night, April 17, as our audience traveled back to the silent movies of the 1920s with special guests, The Snark Ensemble. More than one hundred sixty-five viewers of all ages were treated to the slapstick antics of Harry Langdon, Buster Keaton, and Laurel and Hardy while the members of the Snark Ensemble performed their own compositions to support the action on the screen. The Snark Ensemble’s performance was underwritten in part by a grant from The Maryland State Arts Council for which Concerts at Cedar Lane is grateful. We thank all who attended the performances and we look forward to seeing everyone again in the fall.

April was a very full month for the CLUUC Music Ministry. We celebrated Easter with a brass ensemble heralding the newness of spring and members of the Children’s and Youth Choirs proclaiming, “Listen, listen, hear the news this Easter morn.” from the choir loft. Members of the Children’s Choir and Youth Choir joined together to a final appearance on Sunday, April 18, surprising Maury Merkin on his birthday by singing his composition, “Spring Smells Funny.”

May 2 - Our traditional Senior High Service led by our seniors. The Adult Choir invites Chris Mauro and his African drum to join in presentations of the Spiritual

“Keep Your Lamps” and Ysaye Barnwell’s original composition “We Are...”

May 9 - On Mother’s Day the Adult Choir sings an a capella Renaissance setting of “Ave Maria” by Jacob Arcadelt. The Choir will also introduce some renewed instrumental techniques; rubbing fingers over the tops of water glasses to create a chorus of high pitched vibrations as accompaniment to the anthem “And in the Evening.” The Congregation will sing the new hymn, “New Worlds Manifest,” winner of the Margaret Fuller Bicentennial Hymn Competition and composed by Laura Halfvarson Jump.

May 16 - The Adult Choir brings back Pete Seeger’s popular song “Turn, Turn, Turn” in support of Roger Fritts’ sermon meditation on the seasons. The Choir will also sing “Wild Crab” from Four Nature Sketches by Philip Slates and Randall Thompson’s “The Paper Reeds by the Brooks.” The Congregation will sing the hymn “Lady of the Seasons’ Laughter.”

May 23 - We welcome special guests, the Kokopelli Recorder Ensemble, under the direction of CLUUC member Carole Rogentine. The ensemble will perform the prelude music for the morning and a contemporary tune for the Offertory. The Whatever Four vocal quartet will sing Hank Williams’ tune “I Saw the Light” and join with the Kokopelli Recorder Ensemble to perform an imitative work for two choirs, “Antiphonal Alleluia” by Howard Helvey.

May 30 - On this Memorial Day service we will commemorate the passing of folk singer Mary Travers by singing the familiar songs of Peter, Paul, and Mary. The Congregation can join in on the comforting old tunes “If I Had a Hammer” and “Come and Go With Me.” The Adult Choir will sing “I Dig Rock and Roll Music” and “The Times They are a Changin’.”

Education for All Ages

Religious Education Notes

Teacher Recruitment in Full Swing

Teacher Recruitment for next year’s classes for children and youth is underway. Our kids experience our faith community in many ways, but each of our regular RE classes provides one of the most important opportunities to minister to our children. Consider engaging with young ones—babies through high schoolers—learning as you give of yourself by teaching. You will have at least

one co-teacher, curriculum lesson plans, and plenty of support from Susan, our RE staff, or some of our long-experienced teachers. You do not have to have had any experience or have any particular skill-set or knowledge. Interested? Contact our Minister of Religious Education, Susan Archer at 301-493-8300 x206 or sarcher@cedarlane.org.

Spring B begins May 2!

On May 2 we begin our spring-summer Sunday schedule:

10-10:50 a.m.: Come worship in the sanctuary!

Childcare available for ages 5 and younger;

11 a.m.–12:15 p.m.: Spring B, fun and exploration for all ages; by age groups and in multi-age groups. Outdoor activities, crafts, cooking, improv singing, a real live coffee house, and much more! See registration materials in the lounge or on the website. You must register to participate. All are welcome!

Letting Go—a Conversation with Parents

Is your high school teen growing up? Do you have a child ready to go off to college or post-high school adventures? Or, is your child already in college or out on her/his own? How is your role as a parent changing? What do our young people need? What do we need? Explore your thoughts and feelings during the Adult Programs class, Letting Go. We will talk about the hopes and anxieties that come to so many of us as our young ones launch more independent lives, or as we wish they would! Saturday, May 15, 10 a.m.– noon. Register through Adult Programs.

All-Church Retreat Opening Registration



The All Church Retreat, June 11-13, will be at Camp Tockwoh. Babies through elders are welcome to come together for a weekend of fun, fellowship and relaxation. Make new friends, swim, boat, engage in many other activities, or . . . do nothing at all. It is a way of finding unscheduled time for ourselves and to be with friends in our faith community. Registration materials were mailed to RE families, are on the counter under the nametags, and are online!

Youth Notes

Youth Activity Group (Grades 7 and 8)

Our hiking trip to Old Rag mountain was awesome! It was a beautiful day and our hikers scrambled up a trail, with over 2,000' elevation change, to the summit. We ate lunch, enjoyed the vistas and headed back down. We hiked more than 8 miles. Go YAGers!

April 30, Friday: We will do Dinner and Movie at the church. Announcements were sent home.

May 15 & 16, Saturday and Sunday, are now firm dates for our New York City Sightseeing Trip. We will be staying overnight at the All Souls Unitarian Church. You must put this weekend on your calendar--the trip is going to be a special experience. More details will be sent soon. If you have questions, call John. We will need chaperone/driver volunteers so call John to reserve your place with the group.

Now that the NYC trip is scheduled, we will plan an all day biking trip (on a Saturday) to Jim Thorpe, PA (yes, there is a town by that name). Also, we will re-schedule the orienteering with the Quantico Orienteering Club. Plus we might be able to hike the Billy Goat Trail if you are interested--just let John know. Some of you have asked about dates for the next Manna Food Packing nights. They are on Tuesdays, June 29, and August 31, these are sure dates so put them on your calendar. Manna Food Packing is also open to YAG alumni!

The Youth Activity Group is open to 7th and 8th graders at Cedar Lane. If you have 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)

Notes from the **Senior High Advisory Group (SHAG)**, meeting of parents and teens, held on March 14, 2010:

Four activities for January and February had to be cancelled/postponed because of snow: Super Bowl Party, Lobby Day in Annapolis, and the Ski Trip. Cosmic bowling was rescheduled for April 17.

Nine youth attended the Murder Mystery Dinner at River Road UU Church and had a good time.

The Feb. 19 Hang-out, Pizza, and Movie Night was a success with 15 attendees.

There was a huge turn-out for the Coming of Age Lock-In on March 13.

As a "cabin-fever/snow bound" break, many of the youth met in Bethesda to attend the movie "The Lightning Thief."

Planned upcoming activities include:

Hang-Out, Pizza, and Movie Mar. 19 completed

Ninth Grade Boston Trip Mar 27-29 completed

Ninth Grade Coming of Age Ceremony April 10 completed

SHAG Meeting April 11 - Cancelled due to the Annual Congregational meeting 12:30 p.m.

Cosmic Bowling April 17 Cancelled

Hang-Out, Pizza, and Movie / Last of Year! April 30

Church-related activities that youth might be particularly interested in:

Ethical Eating Committee Vegan Potluck May 2

Upcoming Events:

April 30 Hang-Out Pizza and Movie

May 2 Graduating Senior's Service and Spring B begins

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. Details of activities and permission forms are on our website at www.cedarlane.org.

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.

Adult Programs Notes

Many great classes are coming up! Detailed descriptions and fees are in the Adult Programs Spring 2010 brochure (online at www.cedarlane.org). Call the RE office for updates, to register, or if you have questions.

April Classes:

CSI Crime Forensics is rescheduled for May 12.

A Private Tour of the Air and Space Museum will be led by space research pioneer John Dassoulas, April 29 (Thursday). Meet for lunch at noon; tour at 1:30 p.m.

May Classes:

Hubble Space Telescope seminar delves into the famous telescope's discoveries and their significance, with great stories and stunning graphics. May 1 (Sat.) from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Winter Melts into Spring Retreat promises rejuvenation after a brutal winter as women join together to experience the quietness of nature. May 1 (Sat.) from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

CSI Crime Forensics has been rescheduled for May 12 (Wed.), at 7:30 p.m. Features an FDA investigator explaining the technologies used to solve crimes, such as those profiled on the CSI television show.

Spring Bird Walk starts at the Wild Bird Center in Rockville and explores the wide variety of local and visiting birds in the local area. May 8 (Sat.) from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. (rain date May 15)

Glen Echo Hike/Carousel Ride is an easy 5-6 mile excursion through Glen Echo's historic areas and wild-flower woodlands. Also includes the Aqueduct Bridge and the landmark carousel. May 8 (Sat.) at 10:30 a.m.
Intro to Buddhism includes the teachings of Buddha and the development of Buddhism, and how they apply to the reality of today. May 13 & 20 (Thu.) from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Letting Go walks you through the process of your child leaving the nest and how to transition to YOUR new life. May 15 (Sat.) from 10 a.m. to noon.

Olive Oil Tasting explores the history and flavors of olive oil with sampling and rich commentary by an olive oil expert. May 21 (Fri.) from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Ongoing Classes:

Science & Religion includes discussions on our beliefs about science and religion and an exploration of philosophical questions. Meets every Monday from 10 a.m. to noon.

Book Discussion Group. Meets May 18 and June 15 (Tuesday) from 7:15 to 9 p.m.

Cedar Lane Dancers benefits body and soul and requires no dance experience. Every Tuesday through May from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Just Sitting: a time for silent meditation. Tuesdays, 10 to 11 a.m., in the chapel. Cedar Lane reserves this time and space for anyone who desires a time for silent meditation with others. A basket is available for donations which go to the church. Drop-in, no registration required.

Brochure Corrections

CSI Crime Forensics is rescheduled for May 12.

Olive Oil Tasting is May 21 (not May 7).

Connection Circles

From Beth Cavett:

I love Connection Circles! I have been in three. My first one, Heart to Heart, evolved from a class that I took in which the group wanted to continue to meet. I loved being part of this group of powerful women as we explored poetry and life. I was immediately hooked and invited to join another circle, Connections, where we burned our New Year's resolutions, ate homemade chocolate chip cookies and supported each other through life's joys and sorrows. I was then drawn to a short-term group, Gratitude, Wonder and Slumber, led by the Rev. Heather Janules. This was a diverse and lively group of fascinating people sharing stories, figuring out life and finding laughter and joy in the depths of winter. I'm not sure which Connection Circle I'll join next, but I'm looking forward to meeting new people and learning more about myself in the process—I hope to see you there!

Connection Circles are small groups that meet on a regular schedule to explore their spiritual journeys. Complete descriptions are in the Adult Programs Spring 2010 brochure, which is on the counter under the nametags and online at www.cedarlane.org. If you have questions and/or would like to join a group, contact the RE office.

From the Administrator

B & B Anyone?

From time to time we receive requests for Cedar Laners to open their homes to UUs from other areas. They may be drawn here with a need at NIH or the Bethesda Naval Hospital, to visit family nearby, or to attend a protest downtown. I am looking to establish a roster of folks willing to be asked (you may, of course, decline if it is at an inconvenient time). If you are interested in helping out with this please let me know.

Thanks to a lead from one of our members, Cedar Lane has joined UU're Home, a bed and breakfast directory for UUs. We have a copy of the directory should you wish to consider using a B & B when next you travel.

Speaking of hospitality, we now have ceramic bowls should there be a wish to add cereal, soup or even ice cream to our next church meal.

We have moved to using Constant Contact for sending out e-mail announcements and our electronic newsletter. Should you wish to be added to this list please send me an e-mail or go to our website to sign up.

Thanks, Sara Deshler sdeshler@cedarlane.org

Board Steps

From the Report of the Chair, Board of Trustees, Cedar Lane UU Church, April 11, 2010

I have the privilege to serve as your board chair this year and on your board for the past three years. What I have found these past years is that Cedar Lane is a truly remarkable place. I have found that there are three things that make Cedar Lane special: 1. The People, 2. Our Consistency, and 3. Our Desire to Improve Ourselves.

1. It is the People here who make this a remarkable place - all of you.

We have people here with tremendous ideas, abilities, energy, and integrity,who rise to occasions.

Our wisdom is within ourselves, we have only to access

it, and act upon it.

We have people with capabilities here at CL,
We have people with resilience here at CL,
We have people with intelligence here at CL,
We have people with caring here at CL,
We have hearts and minds and souls here with such resources and love, longing and working, for truth and justice, that we can accomplish almost anything we set our minds to.

2. As a church we have remarkable steadiness and consistency. We have been around for almost 60 years. We have been a consistently large and active church within the UU denomination for most of that time. Of the 6 largest UU congregations in 1962, we were number 4. In 2008 we were the only one of those original six that still constitutes a large congregation of 1,166 adults and children. All the others are well under 1,000. We have been a fair share contributor to the UUA for 26 of the past 27 years. A very unusual record. Regarding this Laurel Amabile, the UUA Annual Program Fund, Stewardship, and Development Office Director has written:

“This impressive level of generosity and commitment is to be and is most appreciated. Your congregation's contributions have enabled both our Association and the Joseph Priestley District to provide many of the essential services, programs and supports to all member congregations throughout the years.

“Please accept my sincere appreciation for this generous support AND for the strong Unitarian Universalist presence and ministry you provide there locally, in your district, and in our wider UU movement.”

This is something of which we should be very proud. We have been a major force in the UUA since its conception, and continue to be today.

3. We also have a drive and desire here at Cedar Lane to improve ourselves, to grow as a church, perhaps in numbers, but more importantly in what we offer to ourselves and the world, and in our understanding of ourselves, of the world, and of the truth we seek.

I have seen remarkable and creative efforts toward this type of growth at Cedar Lane in:
Membership; Public Awareness; Religious Education; Worship; Music; Social Justice; Pastoral Care; Denominational Affairs; Finance; Personnel; Connection Circles; Ministry, including Youth Ministry; Cedar Lane Stage; Anti-racism, Anti-oppression, and Multiculturalism; Greening of our Church and our world; The Break-through Task Force ... and more.

Here at Cedar Lane I have seen:

- New approaches to our processes
- New reinvigorated efforts at sincere and effective communication and team building; efforts to bridge gaps and hear and honor all voices.

These efforts are not always successful. We are all human, that is part of the lesson. But as long as we continue to try, and I know we will, we will grow as a community - at least in the sense of bettering ourselves - and growth in numbers will follow. I know we will continue these efforts because of our remarkable steadiness, the high caliber of our people, and our undying desire to improve ourselves, qualities we see in all corners of our church. Let's use these qualities to reach out to the world, to reach into ourselves, and to connect with our UU traditions and movement.

- There are other souls in the world who need our affirmative message of truth, acceptance, and real religious liberty. Let's bring them in, show them who we are, and what we have to offer.

- There are souls here at Cedar Lane who long for more of what we offer: connection, compassion, truth, love, and good work. Let's grow our capacity to give to each other.

- There is a great, yet in its infancy, UU movement in the world that speaks to justice, true religious freedom, spiritual exploration, and mutual understanding. Let's expand our connection to this great movement and help it grow to its positive, and I believe, yet unfathomable future.

With Respect and Appreciation,
Duncan Ferguson
Chair, Board of Trustees

Around the Church

Please Take Chips!!

We're drowning in wood chips again! Please help yourself to any of the large piles at the end of the lower Culver Street parking lot.

The **Ethical Eating Study Group** invites you to a Plant-Based Food Potluck Dinner at the church on Sunday, May 2. The dinner starts at 6 p.m. At 7 Don Robertson, Director of Earthsave Baltimore, will challenge us to make smarter food choices. Bring food for five to share and please list main ingredients on a file card. Include no animal products (vegan). We will collect \$3.00 per adult to cover costs. This is a family friendly dinner with terrific food and useful information. RSVP to Joanne Evans, joanneevans@verizon.net, 301-881-2616.

Social Justice Council

Upcoming AIM Meetings with County Council Members/Civic Leaders

Where: County Council Building Cafeteria, 100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville.

What a great way to participate in democracy! These small-group meetings last only thirty minutes. Please confirm with AIM Lead Organizer, Alisa Glassman (actioninmontgomery@gmail.com) which meetings you plan to attend:

***1. Roger Berliner & AIM**

When: Wed. 5/5

Time: Noon prep

2. Director of Health & Human Services & AIM

When: Wed. 5/12

Time: 12:30 p.m. prep

Site: tbd

***3. Mike Knapp & AIM**

When: Thurs. 5/13

Time: 8:30 p.m. prep

Agenda for Meetings:

1. AIM'S Local Budget Priorities (Affordable Housing, Universal Access to Higher Education, Equality for all county residents & Safety Net)

2. 10% is Enough! Campaign, our anti-usury campaign Questions? h_strang1@verizon.net or nancyjanssen@peoplepc.com

Action in Montgomery (AIM) News

Cedar Laners joined over 400 Metro Industrial Area Foundation leaders from Brooklyn to Boston to Bethesda to Baltimore at a hearing April 14 (Senate Hart building) where Senator Sanders (I-VT) & 30 cosponsors introduced a bill to cap interest rates plus fees at 15%. Why 15% and not the 10% which has been our theme? 15% is what credit unions have charged for years and are still able to make a profit. Divestment has started! Our first major moves of money are \$231 million by the Treasurer of MA out of Bank of America, Citi and Wells Fargo; \$25 million by the Lutheran Missouri Synod - and the MCEA in NY (labor union with 400,000 members) has begun the divestment process! Questions? Contact alexandersha@gmail.com.

Eliminate Unwanted Mail and Save the Trees

Help keep the trees in the forest where they belong! Catalogue Choice, <http://www.catalogchoice.org/>, helps you opt out of unwanted postal mail and is a great resource for stopping waste. They process over 17 million opt-outs

to 1,300 companies. You can celebrate the anniversary of Earth Day, now turning 40, by eliminating unwanted mail and also by making a donation to this cost-effective not-for-profit organization.

And Beyond Cedar Lane

Help Support the Sugarloaf Auction

Sugarloaf Congregation of UU's will be having their annual May Madness! Auction right here at Cedar Lane on Saturday, May 22. So many of you have been supportive of us over the years, we want to especially invite you to join us that evening. The Silent Auction will begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by the dinner at 7 and the Live Auction at 8. You can find all of the information you need on Sugarloaf's website, www.scuu.org. Email Samantha Porter at missinglinks@verizon.net with questions, or call her at (301) 515-2893. We hope you can join us, and look forward to seeing you that evening.

Scout for Scooter 5K Fun Run

One of our Cedar Lane families is affected by Frontotemporal Disease, otherwise known as Frontotemporal Dementia, it is a degenerative cognitive disease. Currently there is no cure for this illness, no way to stop its progression and no way to reverse its effects. But, there is good news to report. Much progress in researching this illness has been made as scientists and physicians all over the country search for answers.

One of the AFTD families from our region is sponsoring a fundraiser "Scout For Scooter." It is a 5K Fun Run and a 1-mile Fun Walk to honor Dave "Scooter" Scaggs, a former teacher and coach who is ill with FTD. It is the first fundraiser for AFTD in this area. It takes place on Sunday, May 16, 10 a.m., at Sherwood High School. This is a "Tell 10 People" activity of AFTD to spread awareness, which is further explained here: <http://www.ftd-picks.org/about/get-involved/tell-10-people>

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Cedar Lane Calendar May 2010

Regular Activities

- SUN:** Attitudes Toward Living: 2nd and 4th Sun 8:30 am Chalice House Covenant Room
Worship Services: 10 am Sanctuary
Journey Women: 1st and 3rd Sun 10:45 am Room 7
Cedar Lane in 6 Minutes: 11 am Lobby
Second Sunday Signings: 2nd Sun 11 am Library
Spring B: 11 am
Senior High Activity Group: 2nd Sun 12:15 pm Chalice House Fireplace Room
New Connections Group: 1st and 3rd Sun 12:15 pm Chalice House Covenant Room
Forum Committee: 2nd Sun 12:15 pm Chalice House Main Room
Connection Circles Facilitators: 4th Sun 12:30 pm Room 1-2
Environmental Task Force: 4th Sunday 12:45 pm Room 5-6
- MON:** Science and Religion: 10 am Library
Alliance Jewelry: 1st Mon 10 am Room 30-31
Writing Memoirs: 1st and 3rd Mon 1 pm Room 1-2
Continuing Yoga: 6:30 pm Room 32-35
Martha's Table Prep: 2nd Mon 7 pm Kitchen
Sharing Covenant Group: 3rd Mon 7 pm Chalice House Covenant Room
Meditation Group: 7:30 pm Chalice House Main Room
Facilities: 1st Mon 7:30 pm Room 1-2
Well Spouse: 1st Mon 7:30 pm. Chalice House Covenant Room
- TUE:** Newsletter Preparation: 4th Tue 8 am Room 1-2
Tuesday Travelers: 2nd and 4th Tue 9:30 am Chalice House Covenant Room
Quilting: 10 am Bride's Room
Bridge: 10 am Library
Just Sitting: 10 am Chapel
Staff Meeting: 12:30 pm Room 1-2
Cancer Support Group: 1st and 3rd Tue 6:30 pm Chalice House Main Room
Cedar Lane Dancers: 6:30 pm Room 32-35
Living by the Heart 2: 2nd and 4th Tue 7 pm Chalice House Covenant Room
AP Book Group: 3rd Tues 7 pm Library
Gruppo Piccolo: 7:30 pm Sanctuary
Partner Church: 1st Tue 7:30 pm Library
Personnel: 1st Tue 7:30 pm Room 1-2
Church Security Issues: 2nd Tue 7:30 pm Library
Finance: 2nd Tue 7:30 pm Room 30-31
The Philosophy Club: 1st and 3rd Tue 7:30 pm Room 12
Board of Trustees: 3rd Tue 7:30 pm Room 1-2
Ministerial-Congregational Committee: 4th Tue 7:30 pm Library
- WED:** CUUMA: 4th Wed 9 am Chalice House Main Room
Martha's Table Prep: 2nd Wed 10 am Kitchen
Aging Support: 1st and 3rd Wed 1:15 pm Room 1-2
Organ Practice: 2 pm Sanctuary
Pastoral Visitors: 4th Wed 4 pm Library

Adult Choir: 7:30 pm Sanctuary
Quilting: 7:30 pm Bride's Room
R.E. Council: 1st Wed 7:30 pm Room 1-2
Member Services: 2nd Wed 7:30 pm Room 1-2
Adult Programs Committee: 3rd Wed 7:30 pm Room 1-2

- THU:** Organ Practice: 1st, 3rd, and 4th Thu 9 am Sanctuary
T'ai Chi- Daytime: 10 am Chalice House Main Room
Alliance Board Meeting: 3rd Thu 10 am Room 1-2
R.E. Council Executive Meeting: 4th Thu 10 am Room 1-2
Alliance Film Series: 4th Thu 10:30 am Library
Alliance Luncheon: 2nd Thu 11:30 am Sanctuary
Organ Practice: 2nd Thu 3 pm Sanctuary
Pledge Drive: 2nd Thu 6:30 pm Room 1-2
Connections Circles Steering Committee: 4th Thu 7 pm Room 1-2
Kiplinger: 1st Thu 7:30 pm Room 4
Social Justice Council: 1st Thu 7:30 pm Library
Voluntary Simplicity: 2nd Thu 7:30 pm Chalice House Covenant Room
Breakthrough Task Force: 2nd Thu 7:30 pm Room 30-31
Safety: 2nd Thu 7:30 pm Library
Intro to Buddhism: 2nd and 3rd Thu 7:30 pm Chalice House Main Room
CLARITY: 2nd and 4th Thu 7:30 pm Room 12 (5/13)
Chalice House Covenant Room (5/27)
Worship Committee: 4th Thu 7:30 pm Room 30-31
- FRI:** Library Committee: 10 am Library, not Christmas Day
Alliance Book Group: 1st Fri 11 am Room 1-2
Living with Mental Illness: 1st and 3rd Fri 1 pm Library
Friday Friends: 2nd and 4th Fri 1:30 pm Library

- SAT:** Living by the Heart 1: 1st and 3rd Sat 8 am Chalice House Covenant Room
Living by the Heart 3: 2nd and 4th Sat 8 am Chalice House Covenant Room
Men's Group: 2nd and 4th Sat 8 am Library
Grounds: 2nd Sat 9 am Room 30-31
UU Singles Movie Night: 2nd Sat 7:30 pm Library

One-Time Events

- Apr. 30: Memorial Service for Frances Willoughby 2 pm Chapel
May 1: Hubble Telescope Secrets 10 am Room 30-31
A Retreat for Women 10:30 am Chalice House
Derby Day 2 pm Sanctuary
May 2: Senior High Service Reception 11 am Lounge
Ethical Eating Pot Luck 5 pm Sanctuary, Lounge
May 6: Jeffrey Kaye Talk 7:30 pm Sanctuary
May 8: JPD Leadership Day 2:30 pm Lounge
May 11: Ikebana for Beginners 7 pm Lounge
May 12: CSI Forensics 7:30 pm Chalice House Main Room
May 15: Letting Go 10 am Library
May 21: Olive Oil Tasting 7:30 pm Lounge
May 23: Spring B Picnic 11 am Sanctuary, Kitchen
Dr. Abdullah Talk 4 pm Sanctuary
May 31: Memorial Day- **Church Closed**

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TIME SENSITIVE MATERIAL

So, What Is a Child Dedication?

Most religious traditions have a way to welcome young ones into the faith community. In Christian circles the rite of Baptism cleanses the child of sin and purifies. We do not have that meaning in our Unitarian Universalist ceremonies welcoming our babies and young children. We affirm that a baby arrives without sin or shame, as a whole and good person. Our service of “child dedication” allows us (parents, family, friends, church) to promise to the child and to each other that we will love and nurture her or him, that we will teach the best of what we know. We are not dedicating the child to any belief or cause, but are instead dedicating ourselves to this responsibility of raising a child.

On Sunday, June 6, we will take time to have a dedication ceremony within the regular worship service (10 a.m. summer schedule). If you wish to be part of this, please contact Rev. Susan Archer(301-493-8300 x 206 or sarcher@cedarlane.org).

Join the Music Committee

The Music Committee needs some new committee members for next year to work with Henry Sgrecci to nurture and expand the CLUUC Music Program. This is an opportunity to collaborate with a fun group, exercise your creative and forward thinking, and make real contributions to our church community. We are looking for some new committee members who are not currently involved in any of our church choirs, as well as some new members from the adult choir. We meet every 2 months or as needed.

Our mission: The Music Committee, in conjunction with the Director of Music, actively supports and facilitates the operation of all aspects of the CLUUC music program, as well as overseeing long-term goals and direction. The Committee promotes communication among the congregation, choirs, ministers, and the Board of Trustees regarding the role of music in our worship and congregational life.

If you are interested, or have any questions please contact Ariel Mora, committee chair – ariel_mora1@hotmail.com.