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May 30, 2010

“The Good Memories”

The 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.

June 6, 2010

“Flower Communion - A Service for All Ages”

The Rev. Susan Davison Archer

This uniquely UU ritual celebrates the importance of our faith community and the role each of us plays in supporting the well-being of one another. This year the sermon will be in story form and will be woven throughout the service in short segments. Several middle schoolers will be our “Worship Associates” and will play roles in the story. Each person who attends should bring a flower (dandelions to roses, all equally welcome!) to share. Each will go home with a flower brought by someone else. It is a ritual that proclaims “From you I receive, To you I give, Together we share, From this we live.” Simple and potent. Children are invited at our closing to distribute the flowers as we all join in one circle.

Childcare will be available for those 5 and younger if you prefer that option for them, but all ages are very welcome to the service!

June 13, 2010

“The Pace of Life”

The Rev. Roger Fritts

“Why should we be in such desperate haste to succeed and in such desperate enterprises? If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music which he hears, however measured or far away.” The sermon will reflect on Thoreau’s words.

June 20, 2010

“Inklings and Wondering - What is Faith for Unitarian Universalists?”

The Rev. Susan Davison Archer

In Krista Tippets book, “Einstein’s God” she said of the great scientist, “He was more than content with what he called a ‘cosmic religious sense’ - animated by ‘inklings’ and ‘wondering,’ rather than by answers and conclusions.” In our UU communities of faith there is often a dance between reason and spirit, between wonder and wonderings, between what moves us and what informs us. How do we each as individuals decide what is our credo, our belief? What moves us, what informs us? We also, of course, on this Father’s Day, will pay homage to the good men who have made a difference in our lives.

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

Each June the Unitarian Universalist Association holds its annual meeting (called General Assembly). This year it will be in Minneapolis, Minnesota June 23-27. If you are interested in attending, there is still time to register. Members of Cedar Lane can be voting delegates.

This year we will discuss and vote on whether or not to cancel our reservation to hold the General Assembly in Phoenix in 2012. (Back in 1988 we canceled the Phoenix General Assembly because the state would not pass a law creating a holiday for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday.) This time the boycott is proposed because of a new state law cracking down on illegal immigration in Arizona, which many fear will lead to increased racial profiling and civil liberties violations.

Pulling out of Arizona will be expensive for the UUA. According to Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer Tim Brennan, the UUA would be subject to penalties of up to \$615,000 if it canceled its contracts with Phoenix hotels.

At this point I do not plan to vote for this boycott. Many lawyers believe the Arizona measure will quickly be struck down as unconstitutional. Courts in the past have ruled that states have no power to pass immigration laws because it is an attribute of foreign affairs. Just as states cannot have their own foreign policies or enter into treaties, they cannot have their own immigration laws either. Instead of paying penalties to Phoenix hotels, if we have the money, we can use it to support the lawsuits questioning the law.

In the unlikely event that Arizona is still enforcing the law in 2012, we can use our presence in Phoenix to protest the law. During the civil rights struggles in Selma in 1965 Unitarian Universalists did not boycott Alabama – they went there in the hundreds to raise objections to unjust laws. We should follow this example.

Susan Archer

I opened my eyes, rolled out of bed, heated up my coffee, and stared at the headlines: “Oil Slick Staining Wetlands.” Most of us having been watching this unfold for weeks. It sadly is not the first environmental disaster of human making.

My heart says, dear Earth, we are so sorry, for this, for the gaping holes in ocean bottoms, for the plants, the marine life, the marsh critters, the birds, the interdepen-

dent ecosystems. Dear Earth, our hearts say, we didn't mean it, really.

A dear colleague of mine, during the first Gulf War, used to look at the news with combinations of anger and tears, seeing the deep scars the bombings left upon the earth. He kept displaying photos of the earth from space (fairly new to us back then). When we built our new sanctuary, we built into the front, for all to see each time we gathered for worship, a rose window of stained glass - the earth from space.

This morning, after the headlines, I also saw a rabbit rooting out and relishing his delicious breakfast from my back lush yard. Part of the larger deliciousness of the dawn.

And I remembered the beginning of song I have for sung with children for so many years:

This pretty planet, Spinning through Space, You're a garden, You're a Harbor, You're a holy place . . . (Tom Chapin)

Dear Earth, we did not mean it. We will do better. May we make it so.

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.

We are sorry to report that **Fred Peters'** wife, **Martha**, died May 15, after a short illness. The visitation is Wednesday, May 26, from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m., and the family will hold a brief service Friday, May 28 at 11 a.m. Both the visitation and the service are at Collins Funeral Home, 500 University Blvd. West, Silver Spring.

Our best wishes go out to **Al Reese** who had a series of very small strokes May 4, temporarily affecting his ability to walk. Al is recovering at Apex Nursing Home.

Catherine Burns' memorial service will be Sunday, June 6, at 2 p.m. in the Chapel, Rev. Fritts officiating.

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

What's in a Church Choir? Perhaps it depends upon one's perspective. A church worshiper might think purely in terms of the beautiful sounds that a choir can produce. A minister might believe that the consistently good music of a choir can serve as an anchor for each Sunday service - something to be counted upon. The choir director looks upon the choir almost as a piece of clay, to be molded and shaped into hundreds of varying colors, sounds, volumes, and languages. Like an artist with a new canvas, each time a choir director introduces a new work the choir knows it will be in for an exciting journey.

And how about the choir members themselves? What's in it for them? First and foremost a choir becomes a vehicle that enables each singer. If the choir possesses a degree of skills, it can enjoy being a part of so much that is historical; Renaissance madrigals, glorious masses by J.S. Bach, rich harmonies of the Romantic period, Medieval Chants and African prayer songs, delightful hymns from the shaped note tradition of Southern Harmony, American spirituals, and a breathtaking host of new compositions written by composers from all over the world. Must one be super talented to sing in a choir? Not necessarily. It helps if the choir has a handful of solid singers who are grounded and "know where the notes are." But virtually every choir has its share of singers who gain strength from being in a large group where they can blend in and follow. That's probably the case with a few singers in the CLUUC Adult Choir.

Above all the members of the choir recognize the interdependency they have upon one another; to be teammates, to work together as sections so that the whole is a fabulous amalgamation of its parts. The CLUUC Adult Choir is renowned for its long standing dedicated members who work diligently to provide our Congregation with the finest in worship music. Imagine what our services would sound like without those dedicated singers? Here's a bit of a secret - choir singers aren't everlasting. They do step away for a variety of reasons. That might be the scariest part of a Choir Director's responsibilities - replenishing the Choir. If no one steps forward to pick

up the folder left behind through a vacancy, the Choir diminishes in size, and in its ability to effectively lead the musical worship. So, next time you find yourself admiring the sounds of our fabulous CLUUC Adult Choir, ask yourself if that is something that you would enjoy doing? If you try it, you might just get hooked. And you would make your Director of Music very, very happy.

May 30 - On Memorial Day we will celebrate one of America's great folk artists, Mary Travers of Peter, Paul, and Mary, who passed away earlier this year. The Adult Choir will sing "If I Had a Hammer" and "Blowin' in the Wind." The Congregation will join in with "Michael Row the Boat" and "Come and Go With Me." CLUUC member Liz Brinker will be our special guest, singing Mary Travers' signature tune, "For Baby."

June 6 - On Flower Communion Day the Adult Choir will sing the Scottish tune "Oh, My Love is Like a Red, Red Rose" and Jack Noble White's lovely arrangement of "Morning Has Broken." The Congregation will join in singing another tune made popular by Pete Seeger called "The Garden Song (Inch, Inch)."

June 13 - Gruppo Piccolo will make its final appearance of the season and sing three selections: "The Church Within Us," the anthem "In Time of Silver Rain" by American composer Z. Randall Stroope, and the Spiritual "Plenty Good Room."

June 20 - Michael Sgrecci helps us celebrate Father's Day, performing the first movement of Mozart's "Concerto no. 1" for french horn with accompanist Thomas Guthrie. The Adult Choir will sing an arrangement of the classic tune from Southern Harmony, "How Can I Keep from Singing." And, as a special treat, two of CLUUC's most beloved musicians will join Henry Sgrecci for a Father's Day bonbon. Don't miss it!

Education for All Ages

Religious Education Notes

"Summer Sundays" for Grade 5 and Younger

Children in Grades K-5 are invited to join Dawn Steinfeld and Tod Chernikoff for a stressless hour of fun activities (outside as weather permits), beginning June 13. This is a time for relaxing and enjoying one another. "Young Fun" childcare for children ages 5 and younger runs simultaneously with Vanessa Steck. The two groups may join for some activities. We are fortunate to have such special leaders for the summer!

June 11-13: All-Church Retreat for all ages at Camp Tockwogh

Relax and enjoy the beauty of the bay as well as swimming, boating, archery, hiking or quiet peace with other Cedar Laners. Details at www.cedarlane.org or pick up registration info at the Administration desk downstairs, or in the church office. *REGISTRATION DEADLINE HAS BEEN EXTENDED*, but registrations will be finalized in order of receipt; limited space. LEAVE YOUR FORM OR A NOTE OR CALL THE OFFICE, PLEASE. (Payment can be made later.) Financial aid available through confidential request to Susan Archer.

Last Call for Child Dedications!

We will do this touching ritual for those who request it for their babies and children during the Flower Communion Service on June 6, at 10 a.m. If you are interested, call or email Susan Archer by June 3: sarcher@cedarlane.org; 301-493-8300 x206.

Spring B Was a Wonderful Time this Year!

There were so many exciting opportunities to explore; new interests or reconfirming old ones. Kids, seniors and in-between played, shared and learned together in true Spring B spirit. We had 128 families making up 254 registered participants.

Of course, a 4-week series of 20 classes and activities takes a lot of people dedicating themselves to its success. We thank our registrars, administrators, picnic volunteers and ice cream makers. We especially thank our program leaders: Teresa Eyet, Larry Lawrence, Arlene Schneider, Ted Gryder, Mary Farrar, Glenn Hall, Tamara Meyer, Herma Dupre, Matthew Scherer, Dirk Dupre, Lynn Goldman, Henry Sgrecci, Zander Robinson-Gabel, Barbara Falcigno, Hannah Hayward, Adam Rosenbaum, Vanessa Steck, Vivian Yao, Zach Saraf, Fawaz Saraf, Deborah Scott Goodwin, Keith Levchenko, Steve Jones, Susan Clark, David Yano, Martha Lisle, Katherine Spurlock, Gale Luce, Martin Franke, Chris Mauro, Susannah Vesey, Julia Ryan-Silva, Ed Meyer, Pam Yarrington, Carolyn Morrissey, Bob Ratcliffe, Celia Nathan, Charlotte Brewer, Molly Hauck, David Hawver, and Naomi Manzella.

Hooray for one and all!

*Lesley Carlson and Sarah Kobrin,
RE Council Spring B Coordinators*

CLUUC Seder

The Passover Seder, held at Cedar Lane on April 11, was the result of an enormous amount of team work, coordination, volunteers, and good will. This is the first time we've had a Seder in quite a few years and we hope

to make it an annual event that invites participation across all age levels and religious background. Thanks especially to the following people who donated their time and energy: Herma Dupre, Susannah Vesey, Michael Lentz, Celia Nathan, Clara and Sarah Joyce, Sarah Kimball, Donna Runyan, Gale Luce, and the Adult Program volunteers who tackled the huge job of clean up: Silvia Baldares-Saari, Maria Dinger, Nancy Manning, Paige Emerson, and Susan Griefer. If we've left anyone out, please accept our apologies and heartfelt thanks!

Elisa Klein and Lynn Goldman

Youth Notes

2010 Graduations!

Congratulations to the following Cedar Laners graduating this spring:

from High School:

Fuad Balashov will be attending the U of Maryland; Liana Dayhoff, Montgomery College; Janet Hawver, Hampshire College; Josh Foster Heller, Susquehanna U; Claire Mauro, Elon U; Tim Nadeau-Rifkin, Rhode Island School of Art and Design; Mariah Perry, St. Mary's College of MD; Anastasia Silva, U of St. Andrews, Scotland; Julian Spector, Duke U; Samantha Steinfeld, American U; and Will Yarrington, taking a gap year—starting in India!

from College:

Anna Leonard is graduating from Princeton University; Gannett Cassidy, graduated summa cum laude from Temple University with a BA in Film and Media Communications; and Katie Wilson, University of Delaware, has accepted a one-year fellowship with the Andrew McDonough B+ Foundation.

More graduates? Send your information to RE@cedarlane.org to be included in our newsletter.

Senior High Youth Group (SHYG)

Senior High aged youth, (9th - 12th grade) are invited to participate in an Interfaith Youth Steering Committee and Conference. The Unitarian Universalist Church of Rockville, (UUCR) is hosting an Interfaith Conference and Service weekend on July 16-18, 2010. We are inviting youth and their advisors from the area to participate. The Conference will be held at UUCR (located in Rockville) and will have both workshops and time for group service. The model we are following is the Interfaith Youth Core's idea of guided discussion about what in each of our faiths call us to serve. The Steering Committee will plan the conference and youth are encouraged to invite friends as well if they feel they would be interested. Please RSVP by May 31, to RE@cedarlane.org, if you would like to go with Archene.

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.

Youth Activity Group (Grades 7 and 8)

We are planning an all day biking trip (on a Saturday) to Jim Thorpe, PA (yes, there is a town by that name). Also, we will reschedule the orienteering with the Quantico Orienteering Club. Plus we might be able to hike 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.

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

Spring 2010 has been a very successful season for Adult Programs! We would like to thank the community for participating, bringing friends, and the positive feedback on course content, leaders, and fun!

As our spring programs are wrapping up, our committee is hard at work. Our May meeting was a potluck dinner to welcome some of our new members, Catherine Schuler, Tracey Gipson, Kathleen Reedy, Michael Thoryn, Anne Fretz; and thank our out-going members, Sara Bever, Donna Runyan, Helen Worth, Marilyn Hathaway, and Ed Meyer. We are also wrapping up the programming for fall 2010.

Our annual retreat, on June 19, will be a time to greet more new members, get to know one-another and begin brainstorming the spring 2011 program.

Summer classes:

Meditation for all levels, a mini session, is being offered on Monday evenings, June 7, 14, 21, and 28, 7:30 to 9 p.m. with Carole Rogentine and Adam Asare. Cost: \$32/4 sessions or \$9/session. Contact Carole with

questions at crogentine@gmail.com. Register through the RE office.

During the summer you can still join a Connection Circle and meditate with the Just Sitting group. Contact the RE office for details.

Save the Date: Saturday, November 6 for the 10th Annual Kiplinger Lecture

From the Administrator

From the Church Administrator
Sara Deshler

Wireless Achieved: Cedar Lane UU Church now has a wireless campus, thanks to Andy Streich and Mickey Sigsbee pulling cable, installing antennae, and setting up routers. The wireless network is open and doesn't require a password to be able to sign on and access the internet.

Pledging: This week pledge statements were mailed out to those who have not completed their pledges for this fiscal year, 2009-2010. We have received about 90% of the amount pledged so far. We appreciate all pledges being paid prior to June 30, when our fiscal year ends.

Rummage Sale Update: Save the date, and save your rummage! The Cedar Lane Labor Day weekend sale is on. Some wonderful volunteers are planning the sale from intake (when to start, and where to store) sorting and pricing, how many days the sale should run for, and finally what to do with leftover items. They are also considering what else to take on as part of the Rummage sale, including food concessions, and a fall family celebration.

Farmers Market: Saturday morning from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. the Kecklers will return to sell their wares in the upper parking lot. This is from them-

Dear Shareholders and Friends,

The countdown is on! By May 15 we will be planting all our tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, summer squash, and zucchini. We are cutting tons of asparagus and lettuce, and our spinach is coming on slowly. The shell peas, sugar snap peas, and snow peas are looking good. This year the shallots look great (compared to last year). We are picking spring onions and radishes. The rhubarb is very thick. Last week we had a single stalk that weighed over ½ lb. We should be picking red beets in a couple weeks. Our chickens are laying heavy, so we have plenty of eggs. We are actually selling some at market because there are so many. All the fruit looks

great. Strawberries have lots of flowers. Our berries are later than Maryland or Virginia because we are further north. But hopefully we will have berries by the first week of June.

Gregg and Louise Keckler - Orchard Country Produce The CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) pick ups will begin June 5. For more information visit their web site, www.orchcountry.com

Denominational Affairs Committee

Will the UUA meet in Phoenix, Arizona, in 2012 or pay to cancel?

The UUA Board voted earlier this month to put a business resolution on the floor of next month's General Assembly regarding moving the 2012 GA out of its scheduled location in Phoenix, AZ in response to AZ's new law expanding police enforcement against illegal immigrants which supporters believe is carefully crafted, but which the Obama Administration opposes and opponents believe could lead to racial profiling. Moving the 2012 GA to another state will cost the UUA \$600,000 (the cancellation penalty in the signed contract) which the resolution **commits to raising from congregations**. The Washington area GA delegates prep session working group recommended instead going forward with the 2012 GA, but parlaying the venue into an opportunity to protest the law, if it is still in effect.

Whereas the state of Arizona has recently enacted a law—HB 1070—that runs counter to our first principle, affirming the worth and dignity of every person,

Whereas the Association stands in solidarity with allies using a widespread economic boycott of Arizona as leverage for Love against this hateful legislation;

Be it resolved: we will not meet in a state of fear.

Accordingly, the Assembly hereby:

- Directs the UUA General Assembly Planning Committee to recommend to the Board of Trustees an alternate location for General Assembly 2012 at a location outside the state of Arizona;
- Pledges to generate from Member Congregations the amount sufficient to cancel arrangements in Phoenix for GA 2012;

- Pledges further to generate an equal or greater amount to fund ongoing efforts to Stand on the Side of Love in Arizona.

- Pledges to renew and redouble our efforts to become a multicultural, anti racist Association; to live as a people standing faithfully in opposition to systematic racism in our congregations, local communities, and in our own lives.

End text of BOT resolution of May 6, 2010.

Pledge Drive Committee

Many thanks to those of you who thoughtfully considered your pledge this year. The good news is that our median pledge has now risen to \$1100 per giving unit. We are moving in the right direction!

However, that leaves us \$193,000 behind where we need to be to fully support Cedar Lane, its staff and its mission.

Our staff members will bear the brunt of our inability to raise enough to support our large and vibrant church. Because staff salaries and benefits constitute more than 70% of our budget, the Finance Committee has had to ask the Personnel Committee to cut a significant portion from their budget. Healthcare costs have gone up by almost \$16,000, or 42%. As a result, unless pledges increase, the Personnel Committee has recommended elimination of the church's contribution to staff retirement funds. In addition, there will be no increase in staff salaries for the 2nd year in a row. We have been unable to honor our commitment to meet UUA guidelines for staff salaries. Cuts could be made in other church programs and activities as well.

Other Unitarian Universalist congregations in the area are in better shape, because their members give more.

Local Congregational Annual Giving Levels - 2009-10 or 2010

The mean is the total dollars divided by donor units, and the median is a mid-point where half of the pledges are below this number and half are above. The congregations on this chart are ranked by median levels - a better indicator of overall strength.

Around the Church

Congregation	Donor Units	Total Dollars	Mean	Median
Annapolis, MD	249	\$552,300	\$2218	\$1800
Oakton, VA	472	\$939,800	\$1987	\$1500
Reston, VA	126	\$244,400	\$1940	\$1500
Camp Springs, MD	85	\$160,000	\$1882	\$1470
Silver Spring, MD	211	\$425,800	\$2018	\$1300
River Road, MD	422	\$803,550	\$1904	\$1300
Cedar Lane, MD	576	\$893,500	\$1551	\$1100
Arlington, VA	765	\$1,187,600	\$1552	\$1000

We have a healthy, exciting religious community. However, we have fallen behind other Unitarian Universalist congregations when it comes to our financial support. We are concerned about the future consequences of our long-term support issues – things like further staff pay reductions, delayed maintenance to the buildings and grounds, participation in many activities available to our church, and our ability to attract and keep the best staff we can. If you have not yet pledged for 2010-11, this is the time! If you have pledged and are willing to contribute more, we are truly grateful for your added support. Please contact the Church Administrator, Sara Deshler, ext. 209 or at sdeshler@cedarlane.org with your new commitment.

Thank you for helping us to become a more generous congregation!

Ardene Shafer, Pledge Drive Chair, Duncan Ferguson, Chair, Board of Trustees, and Roger Fritts, Senior Minister.

Community Lunch: June 6, 11:15 am - 12:30 pm
Sponsored by the Member Services Committee. More information will be available in the upcoming ENews.

Donate Your Old Flat Screen TV!

Some of you may have a perfectly good 42-inch or larger flat screen TV, but you are thinking of upgrading. The church could use a large one in the library, where we often watch movies. Ideally we could use an LCD (less glare) with a place to plug in an HDMI cable.

We can also use a flat screen TV in the choir loft. The choir cannot see the stage because organ pipes block the view. We will focus a camera on the stage and hook it to the TV. So, if you are thinking of an upgrade but have been holding off because the TV you have still works, this is your chance to get a tax deduction by donating to the church.

Graduating?

Every year we list our graduations in the newsletter because our community likes to hear about our youth and young adults. We have heard from some of you, but if someone in your family is graduating from high school or college and would like to be included, please send their name, school graduating from, and plans for future if they know them to RE@cedarlane.org.

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).

Cedar Lane Stage Auditions May 26

Cedar Lane Stage will hold auditions for church members only for a staged reading of “The Night Thoreau Spent In Jail” on May 26 at 7 p.m. at CLUUC. Can you act? Want to try it? Can you read aloud and walk? Only 4 or 5 rehearsals! And 2 performances!

“The Night Thoreau Spent in Jail” is one of the most widely produced plays of the past 50 years (its authors also penned the American classic “Inherit the Wind”). It is an imaginative recreation of that night and of Thoreau’s journey from seclusion to civic engagement.

Performance dates are Friday and Saturday, June 18 and 19 at 8 p.m.

Director: David Dieudonne

Producer: Dick Messalle 301-681-5069

12 Wonderful Roles:

Waldo (Ralph Waldo Emerson); Lydian, his wife; Henry’s Mother; Henry (Thoreau); John Thoreau, (Henry’s brother); Bailey, a vagrant; Ellen; Sam Staples; Edward Emerson; Woman; Williams; Deacon Ball

Call 301-681-5069 to let us know you are coming.

Social Justice Council

Beacon House will receive half of the offering on Sunday, May 30.

Beacon House is a neighborhood based organization that supports *at-risk* youth and families of the Edgewood Terrace community in northeast Washington, D.C. Founded in 1991 by Reverend Donald E. Robinson, a Unitarian Universalist Minister, Beacon House provides a wide range of opportunities for learning to increase the likelihood of high school graduation, and eventual involvement in higher education, vocational training, or other productive adult work paths.

Each year, Beacon House serves over 500 youth through after school and summer academic enrichment, mentoring, cultural, athletic, and outreach programs with demonstrated success over the years. In recent years, Beacon House has implemented education programs that have been proven to raise the reading and math skill levels for involved youth by at least one grade level in just 20 two-hour sessions. Additionally, an evaluation of our athletic program revealed that youth involved are learning more than athletic skills. That is, youth who participate in athletic programs at Beacon House are

learning about sportsmanship, discipline, and leadership principles and gain social and behavioral skills well beyond the football field. At Beacon House, all programs are carefully selected and developed in order to ensure that each program offers opportunities for learning and exploring. Please consider responding generously.

Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton, speaking at Beacon House’s Tenth Anniversary Celebration, had the highest praise for Beacon House. She stated: “I want to encourage your work not only because what you have done here is magnificent, but because I want to encourage other communities around this town to do what Beacon House has done. I can’t thank you enough for the way you focus on education. You have found a way to make education come alive in so many ways for your children.”

Find more information at www.beaconhousedc.org/.

♻️GREEN TIPS♻️ **Environmental Task Force**

Polluted Storm Water

According to the Audubon Naturalist Society, polluted storm water threatens our drinking supplies, life in area waterways, and the health of the Chesapeake Bay. Working together, we can reduce the amount of dirty storm water heading to our drains by making sure our vehicles aren’t leaking oil and other fluids that will be washed away; by not fertilizing frozen ground or before a rainstorm; and by considering benign de-icers (for next year!), such as calcium magnesium acetate, or CMA. Let your voice be heard on critical legislation and attend workshops at Woodend on managing rainwater (also called Environmental Site Design). You can stencil the words “Don’t Dump -- Chesapeake Bay Drainage” on a storm drain in your ‘hood. For more information, please contact: Ms. Diane Davis, Montgomery County Dept. of Environmental Protection, 240-777-7714, Diane.Davis@montgomerycountymd.gov

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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
Childcare: 10 am Room 28-29
Summer R.E.: 10 am Room 32-35
Cedar Lane in 6 Minutes: 11 am Sanctuary
Second Sunday Signing: 2nd Sun 11 am Library
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: 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: Mon before 2nd Wed 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
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
Board of Trustees: 3rd Tue 7:30 pm Room 1-2
Ministerial-Congregational Committee: 4th Tue 7:30 pm Library

WED: 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
Breakthrough Task Force: 2nd Thu 7:30 pm Room 30-31
Safety: 2nd Thu 7:30 pm Library
CLARITY: 2nd and 4th Thu 7:30 pm Chalice House Covenant Room
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

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

May 30: Memory Wall Dedication after service Memory Wall
May 31: Memorial Day - **Church Closed**
June 2: "The Night Thoreau Spent in Jail" Rehearsal 7 pm Chapel
June 5: R.E. Retreat 9 am Chalice House Main Room and Fireplace Room
Board of Trustees Auction Dinner 6 pm Lounge
June 6: LGBT Task Force Meeting 11 am Rm 1-2
Member Services' Committee Community Lunch 11:15 am Chalice House Main Room
Alliance Bridge Pot Luck 2 pm Chalice House Main Room
Memorial Service for Catherine Burns 2 pm Chapel
June 11: All-Church Retreat at Camp Tockwogh
June 12: All-Church Retreat at Camp Tockwogh
June 13: All-Church Retreat at Camp Tockwogh
"The Night Thoreau Spent in Jail" Rehearsal 7 pm Chapel
June 15: "The Night Thoreau Spent in Jail" Rehearsal 7 pm Rm 30-31
June 16: "The Night Thoreau Spent in Jail" Rehearsal 7 pm Rm 30-31
June 17: "The Night Thoreau Spent in Jail" Rehearsal 7 pm Chapel
June 18: "The Night Thoreau Spent in Jail" Performance 6 pm Chapel
June 19: Adult Programs Retreat 10 am Library
"The Night Thoreau Spent in Jail" Performance 6 pm Chapel
June 21: Summer Solstice Labyrinth Walk 7 pm Sanctuary
June 23: General Assembly
June 24: General Assembly
June 25: General Assembly
June 26: General Assembly
June 27: General Assembly

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Duncan Ferguson *Chair, Board of Trustees*
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TIME SENSITIVE MATERIAL

Annual Name Plate Dedication to Take Place

Please join us as we dedicate the next group of name plates to be installed on our Memory Wall on Sunday, May 30 immediately following the 10 a.m. service. Name plates for the following will be dedicated:

Margaret Lee Bingman
Donna A. Czajkowski
Eugene Gressman
Nan K. Gressman
Jeffrey Lawrence Kellogg
Charles Richard Maxwell
Martha E. (Tommy) Miller
Ann C. Steele
Frances Willoughby