



CEDAR LANE NEWS

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September 13, 2011

Sunday services are at 9 and 11 a.m.
Religious Education classes begin this Sunday 9/18

September 18, 2011; 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
“The View from Mount Nebo”

The Rev. Evan Keely

Our new Interim Senior Minister reflects with us on the challenges and opportunities that we face as congregational leadership changes.

September 25, 2011; 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
“Consider the Lilies”

Nancy Pellegrini, Intern Minister

What are the ramifications of anxiety and excessive need for control that plague many of us in our frenetic Washington DC Beltway lives? Our Intern Minister invites you to *Consider the Lilies* as expressed in Matthew 6.

The Sunday Morning Forum meets from 10:10 - 10:55 a.m. in the Chalice House. Coffee is served in 100% compostable hot cups.

September 18: *Pepco - A Company in Failure or a Partner in Progress?* with Montgomery County Council Member Roger Berliner.

September 25: *Inside Washington’s Muslim Communities* with Johari Abdul-Malik, Outreach Director, Dar Al-Hiraj Islamic Center, Falls Church, VA.

Notes from the Ministers

Evan Keely, Interim Senior Minister

*Questions frequently asked of our new
Interim Senior Minister, the Rev. Evan Keely*

Where are you from?

I was born in 1969 and grew up in Commack, New York, on the north shore of Long Island. I lived in Boston for many years, attending Boston University and Harvard Divinity School. I’ve served congregations in Massachusetts, Texas, New Jersey, Virginia, and now, of course, the great state of Maryland.

How did you become a Unitarian Universalist?

I was raised with this faith. My parents are active members of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Huntington, NY.

What made you want to be a minister?

I want to help people make sense out of life. I want to empower people to discover and strengthen their gifts and share them with the world. I want to help people organize themselves to be of compassionate service to the world. I want to help create safe spaces where people can be challenged and emboldened to think about matters of ultimate importance. I believe that our congregations are places where all these things and more can happen, and being a minister gives me a role in congregational life that I can understand and to which I can commit myself. I love being a minister and wouldn’t want to do anything else.

Why are you an interim minister?

Because I love this work! An interim period can open up extraordinary possibilities for revitalization and self-discovery in a congregation, presenting a particularly ripe opportunity to build on existing strengths and to face challenges with renewed vigor. CLUUC is the fifth congregation I’ve served as an interim minister, and I’m always learning new things about how to do this very special and exciting kind of ministry.

Do you have a family?

I am blessed with a wonderful wife and two marvelous sons. Sarah and I first met during our Boston days at the First Parish in Cambridge, Unitarian Universalist in 1996 — our first encounter was at a music committee meeting. We were married in 2000, and our sons were born in 2002 and 2005. Sarah is a psychotherapist and, like me, grew up in a home where she was exposed to Unitarian Universalism but (also like me) didn't participate very much in a UU congregation during childhood and adolescence. In our early twenties, before we met, we both became very committed to this faith and joined a congregation — in fact, one of the things that drew us to one another when we first met was a shared devotion to Unitarian Universalism. Today we live in Reston, Virginia, a half hour from CLUUC. Sarah and our boys attend the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax.

How can we connect with you?

My email address is ekeely@cedarlane.org — that's probably the best way to reach me. I can be reached by telephone at the church or at (703) 864-5551. I'm thrilled to be here and am eager to do whatever I can to help Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church move into this next chapter with renewed strength, vitality and joy.

Susan Archer

It's just NOT TRUE!!!! All of you who have called or emailed after reading the current UU World (who would have guessed so many read it so carefully!), know that under "Milestones," somehow my name plus River Road plus Interim Ministry got placed together. I still haven't figured out HOW this happened but have asked the UUA Transitions office to request a correction! Yes, I retire from full time ministry in December but I still plan to move to Greensboro and be a very-present grandma. Someday, I might do part-time ministry or even an interim of short duration, but no plans at all in the immediate future! Sorry for any kerfluffel this error caused, but I am still laughing.

With continued affection, Susan

Nancy Pellegrini, Intern Minister

Intern Minister Onboard!

Let me introduce myself. I am Nancy Pellegrini, your new **Intern Minister** or student minister. This is not to be confused with the Interim Senior Minister Evan Keely—I know there are many changes going on and things can be confusing!

I am currently a candidate for Unitarian Universalist ministry and am completing my Master of Divinity Degree at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC. I am very excited to be doing my internship at Cedar Lane, which has a long history as a teaching congregation.

During the next few weeks I will be working with my internship supervisor, Associate Minister and Minister for Pastoral Care Heather Janules, and the Cedar Lane Ministerial Formation Committee, led by John Daniel, to determine my areas of focus during the coming year. This "Learning and Service Agreement" will be designed to provide me the experience necessary to meet UU credentialing requirements as I contribute to Cedar Lane's mission.

In terms of my background, I graduated from Dartmouth College longer ago than I'd like to admit and then went on for master's degrees in international relations from the London School of Economics and the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts. Evolving from my commitment to nuclear arms control, I had a 20 year career at the Central Intelligence Agency as a military analyst. I decided to pursue a second career in the ministry because I believe in the church as a community where people support each other, take time for spiritual renewal, and work together to achieve social justice.

My husband Vin and I live in Severna Park, Maryland. He is an orthopaedic surgeon and chairman of the department of orthopaedics at the University of Maryland. We have five daughters between us ranging in age from 21 to 28, so there is never a dull moment.

I am very much looking forward to my internship year at Cedar Lane! I can be reached by e-mail at npellegrini@cedarlane.org or by phone at 301-493-8300 x305.

From the Church Administrator

As with sadness we see our beloved Corinne Woodward off on her travels to Australia we welcome with gladness our new Administrative Assistant, Sara Davidson. Sara is a graduate of GWU and coming to us from a similar position at Massage Envy in Bethesda. Please take a moment to stop by and introduce yourself and welcome her to our Cedar Lane family, she will start this week. Same extension as Corinne, ext. 202, email is sdavidson@cedarlane.org.

Music Notes from the Director of Music

Dr. Henry Sgrecci
hsgrecci@cedarlane.org

Concerts at Cedar Lane returns on Saturday, Sept. 24 at 7:30 p.m. Lutenist Ronn McFarlane and his band, *Ayreheart*, open the series with a fusion of Folk, Bluegrass, Classical, Celtic, Rock and Jazz. Vocalist Audrey Tomblom adds her voice to the mix for an enchanting and energetic night of acoustic music. Admission is free and donations support Concerts at Cedar Lane. Visit www.ayreheart.com. Hope to see you there!

To Sing or to Ring... that is the question! We have many opportunities for singers, ringers, strummers, and blowers. Our ensembles meet at the following times:

Adult Choir - Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. (no audition necessary)
Gruppo Piccolo - Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. (by audition, basses needed)
Children's Choir - Thursday, 6:00 p.m. (3rd -5th grade)
Youth Choir - Thursday, 6:30 p.m. (6th -12th grade)
Youth Handbell Choir - Thursday, 7:15 p.m. (by audition)
Bell Canto of Cedar Lane - Thursday, 8:00 p.m. (by audition)
Instrumentalists - individually scheduled
Contact Henry to offer your talents or learn more.

Do you have chops on an acoustic instrument - guitar, mandolin, bass, violin, dobro, spoons...? Shouldn't CLUUC have an acoustic band to add some kickin' tunes to our Sunday morning worship? To discuss further drop a note to Henry.

EDUCATION FOR ALL AGES

Susan Archer, Minister of Religious Education
Vanessa Steck, Coordinator of Senior High Youth Ministry
Gale Ginther Luce and Jeannette Wilson, Administrators
For information and to register for classes and programs
call 301-493-8300 x207 or email RE@cedarlane.org.

Religious Education for Children (RE)

RE Classes begin this Sunday, September 18!
We are ready! Teachers have been preparing, the classrooms have been cleaned and set up, and now, all we need are the children, bring them, bring them!

Most children are registered by now, thank you! But, if we haven't heard from you, please contact the RE office NOW! Registering children for Religious Education is a two step process:

1. Respond to the email (sent 6/23) confirming data.
2. Go to www.cedarlane.org/rep/re.html, download forms, complete them, and return them to the RE office.

Just for Children and Youth

Do you enjoy helping when we have worship services in the sanctuary? If so, please sign up to be a Worship Associate. This program, that began a few years ago, integrates children into our worship services. They may be asked to: ring a chime to signal the beginning of the service; light the chalice (perhaps as a family); do a reading (occasional, as appropriate, with rehearsal); assist with greeting; or do artwork for the order of service or for the big screen. Children and youth can always say "No thanks!" if it is something they do not want to do. Sign up forms will be sent with the September family letter, or just contact Susan! *I look forward to hearing from you!* Love, Susan (sarcher@cedarlane.org)

Youth Notes

Cedar Lane has two active youth groups: Youth Activity Group (YAG, for grades 7–8) and the Senior High Youth Group (SHYG for grades 9–12). We email and mail information to the Cedar Lane youth we know about, but WE LOVE NEW FACES! So, if you are interested in joining the fun, but haven't heard from us, please contact the RE office.

Youth Activity Group (YAG, for grades 7–8)

Veteran Coordinator John Daniel has a year packed with fun and adventure. The calendar has been emailed and mailed to all the Cedar Lane 7th – 8th graders. It is also on our website at www.cedarlane.org/rep/YouthActivityGroupSchedule.htm

Upcoming events:

Sat-Sun 9/24–25 Caving in WVA
Sat-Sun 10/15–16 Retreat at Camp Tockwogh
Watch your email and mail for additional information on events and for permission forms. If you have questions about the group or its activities, contact John Daniel (301-946-5509), or the Rev. Susan Archer.

Senior High Youth Group (SHYG, grades 9–12)

Our new coordinator, Vanessa Steck, is not new to our senior high youth, just finding more time to spend with them! She is looking forward to seeing all of you in September!

Upcoming events:

Sat-Sun 9/17-18 Camp Tockwogh Retreat
Retreat permission forms, and the full schedule of activities have been emailed and mailed, and are available on our website at www.cedarlane.org/srhigh.htm. If you haven't received yours, please contact the RE office. For additional information about the SHYG contact Vanessa at vsteck@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.

Have You Ever Taken an Adult Programs (AP) Class?

A dedicated volunteer committee, the Adult Programs Committee, has put together over 40 classes to stretch you spiritually and physically! They have paved the way to make new friends, spend time together, and feel more connected to the church. And they've made it easy! Classes are right here at church, are inexpensive, and you can invite friends!

You'll find classes on religion; UUism, Confucian Thought, Saint Augustine, and the meaning of ministry. You can learn and practice meditation, walk the labyrinth or come to a retreat. Then there's science and religion, looking at the stars, taking a look at how LGBT is reflected in popular media, and exploring racism through film and discussion. Plus exercise, cooking, poetry, and birding. And oh, so much more!

It's all in the *Adult Programs Fall 2011* brochure!

1. Read it at:

<http://www.cedarlane.org/ap/REVFALL11.pdf>

2. Download and complete the registration card at:

www.cedarlane.org/ap/RegistrationCard2011-12.pdf

3. Send your registration and payment to the RE office at 9601 Cedar Lane, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Or, even easier, bring it with you to church! The AP Committee will be in the lounge after worship on

Sundays, September 18, 25, and October 2. They will be available to answer questions and accept registrations.

More Adult Programs

Sunday Morning Forum

Everyone is invited to participate on Sunday mornings between services, 10:10 to 10:55 a.m., in the Chalice House. Just drop in, there is no registration, and coffee is served! Upcoming topics:

September 18: "Pepco—A Company in Failure or a Partner in Progress?" We are pleased to welcome Montgomery County Council Member Roger Berliner back to our Sunday Forum. He will bring us up to date on the Public Service Commission's investigation of Pepco and the development of reliability standards that Pepco needs to meet. He will also discuss the role a progressive public utility could play in advancing energy efficiency and the future of energy production.

September 25: Imam Johar Abdul-Maliki, outreach director, Dar Al-Hijrah Islamic Center.

Connection Circles (CC)

Start the RE year by joining fellow Cedar Laners in an engaging circle! Connection Circles are an opportunity to gather in a small group with a facilitator. You meet on a regular schedule, talk, read, listen and develop caring relationships. Many ongoing groups welcome new members, and here are new groups forming in October:

A is for Aging

Connections—A Short-term Group

Raised Catholic

Raising the Spirit for Parents with Young Children Seasons of Loss

For a full description of all our Connection Circles, please refer to the *Adult Programs Fall 2011* brochure. There is a group for everyone! Questions can be sent to the RE office, or referred to the Rev. Heather Janules, hjanules@cedarlane.org.

To register: complete an Adult Programs

Registration card and send it to the RE office. All CC participants register and pay a fee, one time per year. Pledgers \$15; non pledgers \$20.

Mark Your Calendar:

**The 11th Annual Kiplinger Lecture
Saturday, November 12, 2:00 p.m.**

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The next deadline is Wednesday, September 21 at noon.

Please submit to newsletter@cedarlane.org.

Cedar Lane Calendar for September 2011

One-Time Events

- September 14** OWL Parents Meeting
September 18 We Care Neighborhood 23 Meeting 12:30 p.m. Library
September 24 “Ayreheart” Concert (part of Cedar Lane Concert Series) 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary
September 29 Denominational Affairs Committee 7:30 pm Room 1-2

Regular Activities

SUN: Attitudes Toward Living: 2nd and 4th Sun 8:30 a.m.
 Chalice House Covenant Room
 Worship Service: 9 a.m. Sanctuary
 Religious Education: 9 a.m.
 Cedar Lane in 6 Minutes: 10 a.m. Sanctuary
 Coffee Hour: 10 a.m. Lounge
 Second Sunday Signing: 2nd Sun 10 a.m. Library
 Worship Service: 11 a.m.
 Religious Education: 11 a.m.
 Journey Women: 3rd Sunday 11 a.m. Room 7
 Coffee Hour: 12 p.m.
 Second Sunday Signing: 2nd Sun 12 p.m. Library
 Community Lunch: 1st Sun 12:30 p.m. Chalice House
 Main Room

MON: Science and Religion: 10 a.m. Library
 Martha’s Table Prep: 2nd Mon 7 p.m. Kitchen
 Writing Memoirs: 3rd Mon 1 p.m. Room 1-2
 Sharing Covenant Group: 3rd Mon 7:15 p.m. Chalice
 House Covenant Room

TUE: Just Sitting: 10 a.m. Chapel
 Quilting: 10 a.m. Quilter’s Room
 Bridge: 10 a.m. Library
 Staff Meeting: 12:30 p.m. Room 1-2
 Heart to Heart: 2nd and 4th Tue 2 p.m. Chalice House
 Covenant Room
 Gruppo Piccolo 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary
 Partner Church: 1st Tue 7:30 p.m. Library
 Personnel: 1st Tue 7:30 p.m. Room 1-2
 Facilities: 1st Tue 7:30 p.m. Room 30-31
 Finance: 2nd Tue 7:30 p.m. Library
 AP Book Discussion: 3rd Tue 7:15 p.m. Library
 Board of Trustees: 3rd Tue 7:30 p.m. Room 1-2
 Committee on Ministry: 4th Tue 7:30 p.m. Library

WED: Martha’s Table Prep: 2nd Wed 8:30 a.m. Kitchen
 Pastoral Visitors: 2nd Wed 12:30 p.m. Library
 Aging Support: 1st and 3rd Wed 1:15 p.m. Room 1-2
 Adult Choir: 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary
 R.E. Council: 1st Wed 7:30 p.m. Room 1-2
 Member Services: 2nd Wed 7:30 p.m. Room 1-2
 Adult Programs Committee: 3rd Wed 7:30 p.m. Room 1-2

THU: Alliance Board Meeting: 3rd Thu 10 a.m. Room 1-2
 Alliance Film Series: 4th Thu 10:30 a.m. Library
 Alliance Luncheon: 2nd Thu 11:30 a.m. Sanctuary
 Cancer Support Group: 2nd and 4th Thu 2 p.m. Library
 Children’s Choir: 6 p.m. Sanctuary (starting 9/22)
 Youth Choir: 6:30 p.m. Sanctuary (starting 9/22)
 Connection Circles Steering Committee: 4th Thu 7 p.m.
 Room 1-2
 Youth Handbell Choir: 7:15 p.m. Sanctuary (starting 9/22)
 Stewardship: 2nd Thu 7:15 p.m. Room 1-2
 SJC: 1st Thu 7:30 p.m. Library
 Kiplinger: 1st Thu 7:30 p.m. Room 4
 CLARITY: 2nd Thu 7:30 p.m. Chalice House Covenant Rm
 Bell Canto: 8 p.m. Sanctuary

FRI: Library Committee: 10 a.m. Library
 Alliance Book Group: 1st Fri 11 a.m. Room 1-2
 Living with Mental Illness: 1st and 3rd Fri 1 p.m. Library
 Friday Friends: 2nd and 4th Fri 1:30 p.m. Library

SAT: Living by Rhyme and Reason: 2nd and 4th Sat 8 a.m.
 Chalice House Covenant Room
 Men’s Group: 2nd and 4th Sat 8 a.m. Library
 Grounds: 2nd Sat 9 a.m. Room 30-31

Are you registered for the *ENews*? Do you read it?

***ENews* is our electronic newsletter.** To keep up with Cedar Lane’s active community, we send out *ENews* every Friday!
 Included are events for the week, We Care, time and date changes, plus newly added events.

To sign up, please send an e-mail to office@cedarlane.org with the subject line “ENews Subscription.” Make sure to send it from the e-mail address you’d like us to use or include it in the body of the e-mail.

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TIME SENSITIVE MATERIAL

Cedar Lane News: Special Edition

We have so many changes and so much coming up in the next few weeks that we thought it would be helpful to put out a special newsletter announcing it all!

- Getting to know Rev. Evan Keely, our new Senior Interim Minister — *Frequently Asked Questions, pg. 1*
- Getting to know Nancy Pellegrini, our Intern Minister, *Onboard!, pg. 2*
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 - join the choirs — which one fits best for you?
 - are you interested in helping Henry start an acoustic band?
- Religious Education classes for children and youth start this Sunday, September 18 — We're ready for you, are your children registered?, *pg. 3*
 - our two youth groups are already underway in their outings for the year
- It's time to register for Adult Programs; classes begin in October. *pg. 4*
 - a few classes have already resumed including: Science & Religion and the Sunday Morning Forum