

CEDAR LANE NEWS

Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church
9601 Cedar Lane • Bethesda, Maryland 20814

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October 25, 2011

Sunday Services 9 am and 11 am

October 30, 2011, 9 am and 11 am
"Open Hearts and Minds"

Nancy Bird Pellegrini, Intern Minister
Seeking that which unites us in interfaith work.

November 6, 2011, 9 am and 11 am.
"For They Are Now a Part of Us"

Evan Keely, Interim Senior Minister and Nancy Pellegrini, Intern Minister

A service of remembrance featuring our church's musicians and words of mourning, comfort and meaning from Rev. Keely and our Intern Minister Nancy Pellegrini. Daylight saving time ends today — remember to turn clocks back an hour.

November 13, 2011, 9 am and 11 am
"Who's in Charge?"

Evan Keely, Interim Senior Minister
Rev. Keely and the Rev. Julie Newhall, a Unitarian Universalist minister from New Jersey, explore together the complex and fascinating dynamics of power and authority in congregational life.

November 20, 2011, 9 am and 11 am
"For All Gathered Here"

Evan Keely, Interim Senior Minister
Join us in our intergenerational celebration of giving thanks.

November 27, 2011, 9 am and 11 am
"Draw the Circle Wide"

Nancy Bird Pellegrini, Intern Minister
In the spirit of the Lakota tradition of storytelling, Intern Minister Nancy Pellegrini will tell the story of her visit to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation and examine issues of racism and oppression.

Thomas Guthrie, Organ -
"Halloween Delights"

Saturday, October 29, 2011, 7:30 pm



Cedar Lane's popular organist, Thomas Guthrie, casts a Halloween spell with tasty morsels such as Michael Horvit's, "A Diet of Worms," and Bach's "Tocatta in d minor." Junior goblins lead us in "Pumpkin Carols" while howling choirs sing "Dances with Ghosts," "Monster Mash," and other hideous melodies.

Free Admission. Come in costume. It'll be a "creepy fun night for all!"

The **Sunday Morning Forum** meets from 10:10 – 10:55 am in the Chalice House. Coffee is served in 100% compostable hot cups.

Oct. 30. *The Secret Life of Guns (how thousands of US guns fuel crime in Mexico)* with Washington Post investigative reporter James Grimaldi.

Nov. 6. *Valerie Ervin, President of the Montgomery County Council and Chair of the Education Committee.*

Nov. 13. Talkback on the Kiplinger Lecture, "*The Social Justice of Food*," with Marion Torchia.

Nov. 20. *An Exploration of Ethics and Duty in the 'Global War on Terror'* with Glenn C. Carle, author of "The Interrogator."

Nov. 27. *The Fourth Principle: A Free and Responsible Search for Truth and Meaning*, an open discussion led by Tracey Stein.

Notes from the Ministers

Evan Keely

All across our country, when we think of November, we think of Thanksgiving Day, and for millions of Americans, that means getting together with family. What we often rediscover annually at the Thanksgiving table is that our relationships with our families can be very complicated. It's human nature to feel intense love, loyalty and connection to family members, and there can be immense joy in those bonds. At the same time, family relationships can be also be fraught with frustration, disappointment and pain. Probably every one of us could tell personal stories about love, loyalty, frustration, pain and a lot of other emotions around the Thanksgiving table. Even those that don't get together with family on the fourth Thursday in November have their stories to tell about their families and why they're not with them: perhaps stories of disappointment at being too far away or not being able to forsake some other commitment (think of our military personnel overseas, for instance), or stories of loss for those whose family members are no longer living, or stories of hurt from those who don't want to be with their families.

In many ways, congregational life is like that too. Even a large congregation like CLUUC, much bigger than any extended family any of us could identify with, has these characteristics. In church, we are bound together by love and by intense feelings of loyalty to shared values. And in church as in our families, we are confronted over and over again with our humanness—our own, and that of those we love—and the ways in which that is such a beautiful blessing as well as a source of frustration, disappointment and pain.

I've really enjoyed getting to know people at CLUUC and hearing your stories—stories of love and loyalty, stories of communal commitment to deeply held values, and yes, some stories of disappointment and hurt. No congregation is without these things. CLUUC, like all congregations, is a humans-only club, with all the beauty and all the brokenness of what that entails. What we need to come to terms with in all our human connections—family, church, country and all our relationships—is the truth about ourselves and those around us: the love that binds us, the values to which we are loyal, and the hope that we can learn from the inevitable disappointments we experience and move forward together in enduring connection.

Heather Janules

I hope you will indulge me as I use this space as more of an invitation than a reflection...

When I first came to Cedar Lane, I learned that a new Aging Support Group was forming, and I was asked to help get it off the ground. To that end, I gathered the people together who expressed an interest in this new group, and we discussed the kind of group experience folks wanted. I learned early on that "Aging Support" was not the right language to use for this group as this circle of women—as they were all women—were more focused on the many experiences of active living than the challenges of aging. So a new name was chosen, the "Friday Friends."

As this name suggests, welcoming and supportive relationships have been at the heart of the Friday Friends group. Meeting twice a month (except during the summer and holiday times), the Friday Friends check in with one another about the blessings and challenges of their lives. After an hour of check-in, we break for refreshments (at least one person usually brings something sweet to enjoy) and then, for the remaining 45-minutes or so, we focus on a previously-chosen topic. In the past we have discussed "spirituality," "keeping our family story alive," "favorite poems" and "the houses we have lived in." Participants have been creative in bringing in items to share with the group to illustrate their experiences—photos, illustrations, memoirs, small keepsakes.

Through these opportunities to share and hear one another's stories, meaningful bonds have formed. When one member is going through a particularly difficult time, two have lost spouses since the Friday Friends began, the group takes special care in being present and supportive to each other.

I share all of this as I am concerned that the Friday Friends may soon need to disband. While the group has twelve participants, due to travel, distance from the church, illness and competing demands in active lives, we are consistently getting only about 3 or 4 people at meetings. My experience has taught me that a group requires at least 6 people plus a facilitator for viability over the long term. As I have born witness to what this group offers, I am hopeful that it can continue and that a wider circle of Cedar Lane members and friends can have the experience of being among wise, creative, intelligent and active elders that care for each other with great kindness and grace.

The Friday Friends meet the second and fourth Friday of each month from 1:30 to 3:30 pm in the Cedar Lane Library. If you are interested in participating in this small, intentional community or have any questions, please let me know by calling me at the office (301-493-8300, x204) or sending me an email (hjanules@cedarlane.org). Although currently composed of women, the group is not women-only by design, and men are very welcome and encouraged to participate. The Friday Friends will decide

whether to continue or disband at the end of this calendar year, based on our enrollment and participation at that time. Please join us!

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 rejoice with Al and Maggie Brodnick

(Neighborhood 4) with the wedding of their daughter, Caitlin Brodnick, to Allen Arthur on October 15 in the Cedar Lane Chapel.

Congratulations go out to David Stewart (N9), whose new book, *American Emperor: Aaron Burr's Challenge to Jefferson's America*, will be released on October 25 . . . and is already getting great reviews!

We celebrate that Thomas Nissley, son of Connie and Peter Nissley(N5), will be in the upcoming JEOPARDY Tournament of Champions. The tournament will start airing on Wednesday, Nov 2.

Bob and Dorothy Britt (N23) celebrated the wedding of their grandson, Michael, to long-time sweetheart Susie in a ceremony at Brookside Gardens on October 15. Hooray!

We are proud that two Cedar Lane groups were recipients of awards at the annual UUSJ Open Door Social Justice Awards Gala this past Sunday, October 23rd. Cedar Lane's organizers for Action in Montgomery (**Nancy Janssen (N23)**, **Helen Strang (N5)**, **Debbie Trent (N4)** and **Sandy Shaw (N2)**) received the Collaborative Social Justice Award for their work towards the passage of the Dream Act in Maryland and the co-chairs of our LGBT Task Force (**Stephen Colgan (N7)** and **Marge Dimond (N1)**) received the GLBTQ Award. Congratulations!

Bob and Kate Harrison welcome granddaughter Phoebe Elizabeth, born on October 21 to Kate's son Peter and Candace Hammond. Phoebe joins brother Jeremy and sister Kazmiera.

Should you know of a member of our community in personal need, you are encouraged to reach out to them. If you learn that this person wishes to receive a response from the church, please contact Heather Janules at

hjanules@cedarlane.org. All ministers offer pastoral care to our members so you are also encouraged to contact any member of the ministerial team.

And, as shared in our ENews, we extend our...

Condolences to...

Carol Joffe and Alan Bergstein (N16) with the death of Carol's mother, Helen, from complications from surgery.

Richard and Asa Nugent and Eileen Kane (N26) with the death of Eileen's brother-in-law, Jack Rice, who died from injuries sustained in a fall.

Congratulations to...

Congratulations to **Jeff and Cal Leonard (N8)** for being one of this year's recipients of the Montgomery County Executive's Awards for Excellence in the Arts and Humanities!

Healing wishes to...

Marisol Scott (N22), who suffered a mild stroke and received care at Suburban Hospital. She is recovering at Adventist Rehab Hospital in Rockville.

From the Music Director

Got Halloween delights? Plan to attend Thomas Guthrie's organ concert on Saturday evening, October 29 at 7:30 pm. Thomas promises fun and merriment as he casts a delightful Halloween spell. He'll be assisted by the Choir, Gruppo Piccolo, members of the Children's and Youth Choirs, the Whatever Four Quartet and a special *Spooky Guest*. This will be a creepy, eery evening of free family fun for all. Donations accepted. See you then.

October 30 will feature Bell Canto and the close harmonies of our chamber ensemble, "Gruppo Piccolo." Bell Canto will ring the prelude "Meditation on Beautiful Savior." The Call to Worship will be the traditional song "Down to the River to Pray," popularized through the movie "Brother Where Art Thou?" The Offertory will feature the beautiful Marian Antiphon "Ave Regina Caelorum" by the famous seventeenth century composer, Isabella Leonarda. As the Anthem, Gruppo Piccolo has selected the song "One Voice," recorded by the popular vocal group, Wailin' Jennys. Congregational hymns will include "Enter, Rejoice, and Come In," and "Thou I May Speak with Bravest Fire."

November 6 will be a Service of Remembrance. Portions of the Choir's repertoire will include "Lacrymosa" from Mozart's "Requiem," "Hark I Hear the

Harp's Eternal" from the Sacred Harp hymnal, "Earthen Treasures" by Jane Marshall, "There Will Be Rest" by Frank Tichelli, Pie Jesu from Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Requiem," and a new song by UU composer Clif Hardin, "We Will Walk Together." We offer this service in loving memory of those loved ones and friends who have passed.

It's not too late to sing or to ring... We have many opportunities for singers, ringers, strummers and blowers. Our ensembles meet at the following times:

Adult Choir — Wednesday, 7:30 pm (no audition necessary)

Gruppo Piccolo — Tuesday, 7:30 pm (by audition - basses needed)

Children's Choir — Thursday, 6 pm (3rd-5th grade)

Youth Choir - Thursday, 6:30 pm (6th -12th grade)

Youth Handbell Choir - Thursday, 7:15 pm (by audition)

Bell Canto of Cedar Lane - Thursday, 8 pm (by audition)

Instrumentalists - individually scheduled

Contact **Henry Sgrecci** at hsgrecci@cedarlane.org to offer your talents or learn more.

From the Church Administrator

Church life is in full swing. We are moving ahead apace. Just a reminder to keep us all safe: when leaving the parking lot onto Cedar Lane, it is best to turn only right as there is limited visibility making left turns due to cars parked on Cedar Lane and the speed at which folks fly past. Other requests/reminders, please do not remove furniture/supplies/equipment from classrooms, if you need to move anything please make sure it is returned. If there are spills please clean them up. The staff is stretched especially thin this time of the year with all our glorious activities happening so your assistance is needed to keep up with it all. Lucy Dubinsky has updated the membership directory, drop by the office if you need a current copy. Hope everyone is aware that our church calendar is now accessible from our website. We received \$640 from the Safeway rewards program last year, but folks who signed up need to renew. We would, of course, greatly appreciate additional shoppers signing. Please go to eScrip.com for more information or to sign-up/renew by November 1. Thanks!

Sara Deshler

From the Membership Coordinator

Welcome Workshop Saturday, Nov 5

Twice a year we offer this opportunity to learn about Unitarian Universalism, our spiritual community, how we operate, what we offer and ways to get engaged. The workshop is hosted by the membership coordinator with interactive sessions led by each of the ministers. If you are a new member, longtime member or interested visitor, this is an ideal way to extend your knowledge of the faith, the church and to build relationships. Lunch is provided. No fee.

We want to extend a warm invitation to all members, friends and visitors to our Welcome Workshop, Saturday, November 5, in the church library from 10 am to 1 pm. And if you have already attended one, you are encouraged to do it again. Because there's a different group of people each time, it's always a little different and a great way to meet new people. Feel free to bring a friend.

For long-time members, this is a chance to extend the hand of welcoming and hospitality to our new members and visitors as well as an opportunity to learn more about our church. Each time we do this, people report being surprised at how the time flies by and that they enjoyed the experience, learned a lot and got to meet others. It's a great event.

The workshop is free, and we can provide childcare if you let us know in advance. It is listed in the Adult Programs booklet as course A9. To register, contact Adult Programs (301 493 8300 or RE@cedarlane.org). If you have questions contact our membership coordinator Andy Streich, astreich@cedarlane.org.

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 e-mail RE@cedarlane.org.

Religious Education for Children (RE)

Family Letter Coming Soon!

We are on the threshold of the season of celebrations and holy days, so our yearly holiday letter will be arriving soon. It will include all the details, sign up info and

overview of the amazing opportunities and activities from which you and your family can choose. In the meantime, here are the dates so you can begin to mark your calendars:

Sunday, Nov. 6: First Sunday Smart Sacks collection for children in Montgomery County who need food to tide them over the weekend (part of Manna Food)

Sunday, Nov. 20: Service for All Ages (first 20 min.) followed by Religious Education classes. Bring food for the All Souls Food Drive

Saturday, Dec. 3: Holiday Craft Day

Sunday, Dec. 4: First Sunday Smart Sacks collection for children in Montgomery County who need food to tide them over the weekend (part of Manna Food)

Celebrate Susan Archer reception at end of each session/service

Saturday, Dec. 10: Holiday Play and Potluck (all ages invited to present play, one hour rehearsal just before play, no stress, no memorizing, just for fun)

Sunday, Dec. 11: Santa Lucia Celebration in chapel, for Grades K-6

Sunday, Dec. 18: Service for All Ages (first 20 min.) followed by Religious Education classes.

Saturday, Dec. 24: Christmas Eve services,
4:30 (especially for young families),

6 (especially for families with older children),

10 (amazing service teens and adults will enjoy).

Sunday, Dec. 25: 10 a.m. Christmas morning service, no RE, no childcare

Sunday, Jan. 1: New Year's morning service, 10 am, no RE, no childcare

Sunday, Jan. 15: MLK Service for All Ages, no RE, childcare available

“Halloween Delights”

Hear Cedar Lane's revered organist and accompanist, Thomas Guthrie, in his finest hour as he casts a mischievous spell over his audience. Listeners will be treated to such tasty morsels as Bach's Toccata in d minor, Horvit's A Diet of Worms, and the CLUUC Choir singing Berlioz's Dance of Ghosts. Saturday, October 29, 7:30 pm in the auditorium.

First Sunday Smart Sacks November 6

Please bring food for hungry children in Montgomery County on Sunday, November 6. This will be Cedar Lane's twelfth First Sunday Smart Sacks collection since our program was initiated! Involve your children in the shopping, and place items in the **red bins** located outside the chapel and in the downstairs lobby. The food is taken to the Manna Food Center, and distributed to children on Friday afternoons to take home for the weekend (during the week, they are able to get breakfast and lunch from school, but on weekends they can't). In the past year, CLUUC has proudly collected about 2 ½

TONS of non-perishable healthy snacks, and we'd like to kick it up another notch this year. There will be a special announcement on Sunday, October 30th, by a new member of this task force, so stay tuned, and keep up the good work! For a list of suggested items go to:

<http://www.cedarlane.org/rep/FoodWishList.pdf>

RE Registration Forms!!

Still needed for many families! Please send them in, especially health and volunteer forms! Keep our RE program vibrant and volunteer where you can!

Youth Notes

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

Our full schedule is on our website at, www.cedarlane.org/rep/YouthActivityGroupSchedule.htm. Watch your email and mail for additional information on events and permission forms. If you have questions about the group or its activities, contact John Daniel (301-946-5509) or the Rev. Susan Archer.

Friday 11/4 Welcome Back, Movie/Pizza.

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

An email was sent to SHYG parents requesting permission to let their teens join our private FaceBook group and give us their emails. If you received that message and haven't responded, please respond NOW! We are looking forward to building this awesome way to communicate, as a group!

Friday 10/28 HangOut at Chalice House, 6:30 pm

For information about the SHYG contact Vanessa Steck, Coordinator of Senior High Youth Ministry, at vsteck@cedarlane.org. Please visit our web link at <http://www.cedarlane.org/srhigh.htm>

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

Upcoming AP Classes:

The Alexander Technique begins with a free introductory class on Wednesday, October 27, then

continues for the following six Wednesday evenings (there was a misprint in the brochure).

The Meaning of Ministry: Lay Ministry, with the Rev. Evan Keely, is on Thursday, Oct 27, at 7 pm, in the library. "Raw Faith" with guest speaker the Rev. Dr. Marilyn Sewell is on Fri, Nov 4, at 7 pm. This program wraps up with an open conversation with Rev. Keely and Nancy Pellegrini, our Intern Minister.

A Retreat for Women will be held in the Chalice House on Saturday, Oct. 29, from 10 am to 3 pm.

Graphic Novels: discussion and book idea exchange is on Thu., Nov. 3, at 7:30 pm.

Welcome Workshop for newcomers with our ministers and Member Services is Sat., Nov 5, 10 am to 1 pm.

Crock Pot Cooking is on Sat., Nov 5, 3 pm.

LGBT in Popular Media: Fri., Nov. 11, 7:30 pm.

Racism Then and Now: Fri., Nov. 18, 7:30 pm.

Brochures, with class descriptions and fees, and registration cards are on the counter in the sanctuary. Send registrations to the RE office.

Ongoing Weekly Classes:

Mondays:

Science and Religion, 10 am in the library.
Continuing Yoga, 5 pm in the Chalice House
Meditation, 7:30 pm in the Chalice House.

Tuesdays:

Just Sitting, 10 am in the chapel
Beginning Yoga, 7 pm in the Chalice House

Find the Adult Programs Fall 2011 brochure on-line at:

www.cedarlane.org/ap/REVFALL11.pdf

Download a registration card at:

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

Sunday Morning Forum

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

This Sunday, October 30, "The Hidden Life of Guns." More than 35,000 people have been killed in Mexico by guns that originated in the United States. Our speaker, James Grimaldi, a Pulitzer Prize winning reporter, was a member of a team of Washington Post reporters who undertook a year-long investigation for a series of articles on how US guns end up on Mexican streets. He will discuss their findings and as well as subsequent developments.

November 6. Montgomery County Council President, Valerie Ervin, will speak about her year as Council President, discuss pending legislation before the Council, explain her experience during the special Session of the Maryland General Assembly and address community concerns. Ms. Ervin is also Chair of the Council's Education Committee.

November 13: An Open Forum with Marion Torchia will offer you the opportunity for questions and comments on the Kiplinger Lecture, "The Social Justice of Food," given by Mark Winne, advocate for ethical eating.

November 20: Glenn C. Carle explores ethics and duty in the "Global War on Terror," against the background of his book, *The Interrogator*, a story of the interrogation of a premier "detainee." *The Interrogator* treats issues affecting us all, even though most Americans are unaware of what America's agents did clandestinely, yet with broad public support. The unnecessary erosion of our laws, habeas corpus, and standards of behavior towards prisoners and foreigners are important and disturbing matters. Public attitudes, coarsened since 9/11, now contemplate with detachment what before would have been considered crimes. The public needs to know what has happened so that we may redress some of the erosion of our values and laws.

November 27: "The Fourth Principle: A Free and Responsible Search for Truth and Meaning," an open discussion led by Tracey Stein. As Meg Barnhouse writes, "Who says Unitarian Universalism's Principles are easy?" In many discussions we have within our own congregations and with people of other faiths, the principle that stops us cold in our tracks is the Fourth Principle, "A free and responsible search for truth and meaning." My Baptist and Lutheran friends, will say if we accepted that Jesus is our Lord and Savior that we would not be searching for truth. My Muslim friend tells me that I do not live by the teachings of Mohammad. Friends ask are we always seeking and never finding the truth. What do you think?

Connection Circles (CC) Want You

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 there are new groups forming in October:

**A is for Aging
Connections—A Short-term Group
Raised Catholic
Seasons of Loss**

Living the Full Rainbow Flag

This group will meet to connect lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) members and allies in the UU community who face oppression for supporting full LGBT equality. The rainbow flag is a symbol of LGBT pride and has been used since the 1970s. The original flag consisted of 8 stripes with specific meaning; hot pink for sexuality, red for life, orange for healing, yellow for sunlight, green for nature, turquoise for magic/art, indigo/blue for serenity/harmony and violet for spirit. Members of this group will relate significant developments in their lives at “check-in” and develop a topic of mutual interest based on one of the eight themes of the rainbow flag. The group will meet on the second Tuesday of the month, November through June.

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. Pledgers \$15; non pledgers \$20, one time per year.

Cedar Lane UU Church - in partnership with River Road UU Congregation and the Joseph Priestley District - is delighted to offer a screening of the documentary film "Raw Faith" as part of our "Meaning of Ministry" program series. Find out more about the series in the Fall Adult Programs booklet. Admission is open and free but donations are welcome (\$5-\$10 suggested.)

If you haven't heard of "Raw Faith," in the words of the film's website, "This surprisingly open and revealing documentary follows two years in the private life of a [Unitarian Universalist] minister. Marilyn Sewell is successful and beloved in the pulpit, but behind the scenes she is lonely and yearning for change. As she considers leaving the ministry, she realizes she will be leaving her only social network. Yet when she falls in love for the first time, she realizes she does not trust intimacy. A study in contrasts, Marilyn must rely on raw faith as she questions her future, her difficult past, her God and, most importantly, her ability to love." You may view a trailer here:

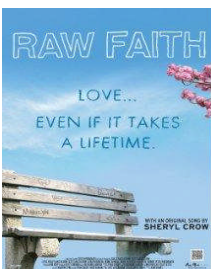
<http://alivemindcinema.com/req.php?req=static.php&page=RawFaithFIP> The subject of the film, Marilyn Sewell, will be present that evening and will engage the audience after the film.

Endowment Giving -You Have a Choice

November is Endowment Month as it has been for many years. For more than 25 years our congregants have responded generously to this appeal. Since 2007, in addition to contributing to the General Endowment Fund or the Memorial Fund, there is also a choice to direct your contribution to the Social Justice Endowment Fund.

The earnings disbursed by the Endowment Fund have been used to maintain and improve church buildings and property. Money generated by the Memorial Fund is, by direction of its charter, dedicated to care for the church grounds and the archives. When the Social Justice Endowment Fund reaches a total value of \$200,000, a portion of its earnings will provide a dedicated stream of income to be used for social justice initiatives—this will, of course, be in addition to the annual support from the church's operating budget.

Around the Church



RAW FAITH
November 4, 7:00 p.m. Cedar
Lane
With special guest,
the Rev. Marilyn Sewell

So there is a way for you to direct your contributions to that fund that best reflects your wishes. If you have questions about any of the endowment funds, call or email me or any member of the Board of Trustees and we will be happy to discuss this with you. Gerry Peterson, pete7517@verizon.net.



Fall Grounds Workday, November 5

We would like to inform you about an upcoming event which is an opportunity for all CLUUC members to participate in maintaining our lovely grounds environment. On November 5, the Grounds Committee will sponsor the annual Fall Grounds Workday. We invite you to participate in the Workday, with your families if you wish, in which we do grounds cleanup and prepare the grounds for the winter. This is always a fun and rewarding activity, and we appreciate your help. Please meet in the courtyard on Saturday, November 5, at 9:00am.

SIGN UP FOR CEDAR LANE'S 5th HOUSE REBUILDING MISSION TO NEW ORLEANS

February 4-11, 2012

SECOND CALL! Let us know NOW that you want to join our Cedar Lane volunteer mission to help rebuild much-needed New Orleans (NOLA) housing, badly damaged by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005. There's still huge work to be done to reconstruct housing for folks who have been out of their homes for so long. Owners' stories are sad; their bravery and spirit are breath-taking; their appreciation for our work is deeply heart-felt. Our Cedar Lane team, working with NOLA's expert nonprofit housing agency Rebuilding Together, spends 1 week helping to bring 1 house to fruition. Daytimes we work hard; off-work we explore social justice history and culture of fascinating NOLA during the first week of Mardi Gras. Don't have building skills? – not to worry: our skilled house captains train us; there's a job for almost every ability. Formal registration starts soon and it will fill up.

Please e-mail Cedar Lane's veteran trip leader Mike Burski mga1960@earthlink.com to get your name on his list of interested volunteers.

Social Justice Council

LGBT TASK FORCE

Community WE HAVE FAITH discussion and gathering: On Friday evening October 28, there will be a gathering at Cedar Lane for discussing the "WE HAVE FAITH: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Clergy and People of Faith Speak Out" exhibit that has been on display at Cedar Lane during this month. People from the local community beyond Cedar Lane (including faith leaders from various denominations, representatives of advocacy organizations, and individual activists) will meet to discuss how we can work together (using the WE HAVE FAITH exhibit and more generally) toward the goal of creating a safer and more just world. Interested Cedar Laners are invited to attend the gathering and to participate in this important conversation. See the following invitation for gathering details.

WE HAVE FAITH: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Clergy and People of Faith Speak Out. Join us for a preview showing of the newest photo-text exhibit created by Family Diversity Projects. Participate in a discussion about WE HAVE FAITH and its value as a resource for opening hearts and minds. Share ideas about using WE HAVE FAITH for moving toward full equality and inclusion of LGBT people in faith traditions and in society as a whole.

Where:

Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church
9601 Cedar Lane
Bethesda, MD 20814

When:

Friday, October 28 7:30 to 9 pm

RSVP:

Susan Staff dstaff44@comcast.net
Marge Dimond margeryjd@aol.com

For further information about Family Diversity Projects visit www.familydiv.org

ACTION IN MONTGOMERY (AIM)

Please mark your calendar....

October 26, Wed., at 7:30 to 9 pm

AIM County Wide Action Team Meeting AGENDA:

1. Outcome of AIM's Money Campaign
 2. DREAM Strategy
 3. Update Senior Issues Campaign
- Where? Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist, 9601 Cedar Lane, Bethesda

ENVIRONMENTAL TASK FORCE

**Tar Sands DC Rally at the White House Sunday, November 6 at 2 pm

Who: People who want to save the planet from the destruction of Big Oil's Tar Sands plans

What: Public protests to demonstrate to President Obama that Tar Sands will not be tolerated

When: Sunday November 6, 2 pm

Where: The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., Washington, D.C.

We are excited and inspired by the energy created when thousands of people decide to stand up to Big Oil! Can you spread the word to your friends and family? We're hoping to get 5,000 people together in DC.

Please visit our website for updated [GREEN TIPS!](#)

IN THIS TOGETHER FROM CLARITY*

Food for Thought: Sowing 10,000 Seeds

What if in the Joseph Priestley District (JPD) we planted at least 10,000 new membership seeds this year? What would change for Unitarian Universalist congregations in our region? Here is the challenge.

Invite 6 people to participate in a Sunday service or event at your church this year. Invite people from a range of identities and not only from your social groups.

We have 69 UU churches and fellowships in the JPD. If an average of 25 people per congregation each invited 6 people to a UU church service or event, collectively we would have made 10,350 invitations this year.

An invitation is a small offering of inclusion, a willingness to share an experience that we have found valuable. What is great about making or receiving an invitation is that the person who has been invited can accept the invitation or not. We have nothing to lose. Of course, 10,000 people will not come to our churches, but some will. Word of mouth is one of the best forms of advertisement. Seeds will only grow where they are planted. This is real important if we want to grow multicultural, multigenerational churches. We have much to gain. I have heard a number of people who are members or affiliates of

UU churches say, "Why didn't I know about this 'UUism' before?" (*excerpted from Paula Cole Jones, September issue of JPD Leadership Notes*)

Upcoming Events of Interest:

The 2nd film in the "**Racism Then and Now**" series will be "Tim Wise: On White Privilege" on Friday, Nov. 18 at 7:30 in the library. This talk by a very dynamic speaker explains white privilege and reflects on the damage it does not only to people of color, but to white people as well. Light refreshments will be served, and the film will be followed by a facilitated group discussion. Pay \$5 at the door if you have not already signed up for the series through Adult Programs.

All Cedar Laners are invited to participate in an assessment of our congregation's level of readiness to be part of a multicultural society. On **December 11**, Paula Cole Jones, Director for Racial and Social Justice for the Joseph Priestley district, will lead us through a group exercise following the 11 a.m. worship service. Lunch will be served.

RACE: Are We So Different? This exhibit at the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History through January 1, 2012, uses historical artifacts, iconic objects, compelling photographs and multimedia presentations to examine how the idea of race was created, how race differs from human diversity, and how race and racism shape our daily lives.

A Weekend with Rev. Dr. Mark Morrison-Reed UUCSS (Silver Spring), sponsored by the UUCSS Diversity Team. Book Reading & Conversation, Nov. 11: What is it like to grow up an African-American UU? Why does UUism find becoming more diverse such a struggle? Rev. Morrison-Reed will read excerpts from his books. Workshop, Nov. 12: "Torn Between Fuzzy Aspirations and Hard Realities: The Perversity of Embracing Diversity." If UUs really want to change, accepting the truth is the only place to start. This workshop considers why achieving diversity is challenging, the experience in Silver Spring and which congregations became successfully diverse and how.

** CLARITY/"Cedar Laners Against Racism -- In This Together --Yes!" is one of Cedar Lane's Social Justice groups. Our mission is to lead the process of Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church becoming a welcoming, multi-cultural, multi-racial congregation.*

IMMIGRATION PROGRAM

Held at Cedar Lane on Saturday, November 19, with
8:30 am registration, 9 -12:30 pm program

"The Road to Justice GA" will be our plenary title. Our Plenary speaker, Kat Liu, is Witness Ministries Program Associate for Multicultural Growth and Witness. She was the primary developer of the Study Action Guide for the "Immigration as a Moral Issue" General Assembly (GA) resolution. She'll address what other UU congregations are doing now, new UUA initiatives, and the state of planning for GA. Workshops will be on Ideas, Models and Resources for Congregational Study and Action on Immigration by Kat Liu, The Disposable Foreign Worker by Joanna Quiambo and Katrina Abarcar of Katarungan: Center for Peace, Justice, & Human Rights in the Philippines, Rapid Response Teams by John Gubbings and Sue Mosher of the Chesapeake UU Growth Committee (CHUUG) and on workplace issues for immigrant workers by Lisa Johnson Firth of Immigrants First. To register: Send name, congregation, email or phone to info@uusj.org or UUSJ 8730 Georgia Avenue, Suite 306, Silver Spring, MD 20910 301-588-1951, Please RSVP by Wednesday, November 16. There is no registration fee, but a freewill offering for UUSJ will be taken.

INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS COALITION

The International Concerns Coalition is looking for projects to fund through our Alternative Giving Campaign. There is a form to complete and a procedure to follow. You may find more information on our website at: <http://www.cedarlane.org/SJC/ICC.htm>

Beyond the Church

Another CSA Choice

Open Book Farm, a small, diversified livestock and vegetable farm located in the Catoctin mountains northwest of Frederick, will be offering a pick up location for their Winter Community Supported Agriculture Program here at Cedar Lane. The Winter CSA will include meat (chicken, pork, and beef), eggs, storage vegetables (sweet potatoes, onions, etc), winter-hardy fresh vegetables (spinach, carrots, beets, lettuce, etc), and apples. Pick ups occur monthly from 4-7 pm, on November 22, December 20, January 24, and February 21 in Rooms 32-35 (first room on the right as you come in the lower level entrance). Shares cost \$400. For more information or to subscribe, please visit their website: openbookfarm.com or email openbookfarm@gmail.com.

Letter writing campaign to help Rosie, the elephant. Nana, the matriarch of an elephant herd in Thula Thula, a game reserve in South Africa, used her trunk to unlatch a gate of an enclosure to free a group of captive antelope. Let's show this kind of altruism and write letters to help Rosie, the elephant get to an elephant sanctuary and not go to someone's backyard in cold Maine where she will be alone. Elephants are very social animals and form deep bonds. Elephants in the wild can walk as much as 40 miles a day. Solitary confinement, with no place to roam, in the cold, is no place for an Asian elephant. We'll be meeting on Saturday, October 29 at 11 am at the Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church Lower Level, in Room 30-31. If you're interested in joining in the fun and important efforts, or have any questions, please contact Beth at 301-807-2347 or Dancingbl@aol.com.

SWIM, (Southeast Winter Institute in Miami)

is an intergenerational gathering that takes place from December 26 through January 1 each year at Camp Owiassa Bauer, a Nature park in Homestead FL. 125 to 250 UU's from around the USA and Canada gather for workshops, worship, campfires and Everglades adventures for all ages. You may download a full brochure and decide on your program choices and later when registration opens, register at <http://www.swimuu.org>.

Look for the full 24 page brochure in the mail soon.

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CD Release Concert

November 1, Hyattsville MD, 7 pm. "Revolutions Per Minute" CD Release Concert with guest musicians Gary Johnson (keyboards) & Ken Quam (drums)

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\$15 in advance/\$18 at the door

Advance tickets at www.emmasrevolution.com

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Cedar Lane Calendar for October/November 2011

One-Time Events

- October 29 Retreat for Women 10 a.m. Chalice House Main Room
- October 29 "Halloween Delights" Concert 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary
- November 4 Family Fun Night 6 p.m. Chalice House Fireplace Room
- November 4 Raw Faith 7 p.m. Sanctuary
- November 5 Welcome Workshop Library, 10 a.m. Lounge
- November 5-7 Nashville UU Church Visit Chalice House
- November 12 Kiplinger Lecture 2 p.m. Sanctuary
- November 19 Tar Sands Movie 5 p.m. Sanctuary
- November 20 Senior High Youth Group Retreat, Offsite
- November 24-25 Thanksgiving Staff Holiday
- November 29 Junior High Youth Group Manna Food Packing 5 p.m. Offsite

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
Second Sunday Signing: 2nd Sun 10 a.m. Library
Sunday Morning Forum: 10:10 a.m. Chalice House Main Room
Senior Seminar 10:45 a.m. Chalice House Covenant Rm
Worship Service: 11 a.m. Sanctuary
Religious Education: 11 a.m.
Journey Women: 3rd Sunday 11 a.m. Room 7
Second Sunday Signing: 2nd Sun 12 p.m. Library
Community Lunch: 1st Sun 12:30 p.m. Chalice House Main Room
St. Augustine: 2nd and 3rd Sunday 2 p.m. Library
- MON:** Science and Religion: 10 a.m. Library
Continuing Yoga: 5 p.m. Chalice House Main Room
Meditation: 7:30 p.m. Chalice House Main Room
Alliance Jewelry: 1st Mon 9:15 a.m. Room 30-31
Martha's Table Prep: 2nd Mon 7 p.m. Kitchen
Writing Memoirs: 1st and 3rd Mon 1 p.m. Room 1-2
Sharing Covenant Group: 3rd Mon 7:15 p.m. Chalice House Covenant Room
Exploring oUUr History: 2nd and 4th Mon Rm 30-31
- TUE:** Just Sitting: 10 a.m. Chapel
Quilting: 10 a.m. Quilter's Room
Bridge: 10 a.m. Library
Heart to Heart: 2nd and 4th Tue 2 p.m. Chalice House Covenant Room

Beginning Yoga: 7 p.m. Chalice House Main 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
Seasons of Loss: 2nd Tue 7:30 p.m. Chalice House Covenant Room

AP Book Discussion: 3rd Tue 7:15 p.m. Library
Board of Trustees: 3rd Tue 7:30 p.m. Room 1-2
Raised Catholic: 3rd Tue 7:15 p.m. Chalice House Covenant Room
Committee on Ministry: 4th Tue 7:30 p.m. Library
Philosophy Club: 1st and 2nd Tue 7:30 p.m. Room 12 (starting 10/4)

WED: Martha's Table Prep: 2nd Wed 8:30 a.m. Kitchen
Pastoral Visitors: 2nd Wed 12:30 p.m. Library
Aging Support: 1st & 3rd Wed 1:15 p.m. Room 1-2
Adult Choir: 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary
Alexander Technique: 7:30 p.m. Chalice House Main Room
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: T'ai Chi: 10:30 Chalice House Main Room
Meaning of Ministry: 7 p.m. Library (starting 10/20)
Alliance Board Meeting: 3rd Thu 10 a.m. Rm 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
Youth Choir: 6:30 p.m. Sanctuary
Connection Circles Steering Committee: 4th Thu 7 p.m. Room 1-2
Youth Handbell Choir: 7:15 p.m. Sanctuary
Stewardship: 2nd Thu 7:15 p.m. Room 1-2
Introduction to Confucian Thought: 1st and 2nd Thu Room 30-31
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
Meaning of Ministry: 3rd and 4th Fri 7 p.m. Library
LGBT in Popular Media: 2nd Fri 7:15 p.m. Library
Racism: Then and Now: 3rd Friday 7:30 p.m. Library
Raising the Spirit: 3rd Friday 6:30 p.m. Rm 28-29

SAT: CSA Famer's Market: 9 a.m. Upper Parking Lot (through Oct 29th)
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

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TIME SENSITIVE MATERIAL



The Social Justice of Food Mark Winne

Saturday, November 12, 2011

2:00 p.m.

Followed by a Salad Bowl Social

Food, like air and water, is a basic necessity, but stands as a glaring example of how the gap between this country's "haves" and "have-nots" remains deep and wide. Mr. Winne will explore the ethical issues surrounding hunger, obesity, and the latest trends like local and organic food, describing how they are emblematic of a promise fulfilled for some, but falling short for many.

Open to the public

Advance registration is encouraged.

Adults \$10; students free

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