

ALLIANCE NEWSLETTER



Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church, 9601 Cedar Lane, Bethesda, Maryland 20814-4099

Sue Woodruff, *president*

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Leslie Backus, *editor*

The Alliance of Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church is an affiliate member of the church open to all interested women and men. Its purpose is to promote programs and activities of a cultural and community nature that support Unitarian Universalist principles. In furtherance of these purposes the Alliance raises its own funds and establishes its own budget.

Alliance Day Thursday, June 13, 2019

The Schedule for Alliance Day

11:30 a.m. A relaxed time for socializing

12 noon Potluck lunch. Please bring a main dish, salad, side, or dessert to serve eight. Please identify ingredients for those who are vegan, vegetarian, or have food sensitivities (e.g. meat, nuts, wheat, dairy). And Please don't bring serving utensils!

1 p.m. Program

Volunteer Assignments:

<i>Set Up:</i>	10:30	Jessica Sawyer Louise Stomierowski
<i>Greeter:</i>	11:30	?????? (Contact Glenis)
<i>Curb Assistant:</i>		?????? Bellais to help)
<i>Receiving Food:</i>	11:45	Marion Torchia
<i>Clean-Up Tables:</i>	12:45	Pat Phillips Linda Gianessi
<i>Serving Tables:</i>	12:45	Darrell Pelavy
<i>Tablecloths:</i>		Joe Merenca Leslie Backus
<i>Bartender:</i>	11:00	Don Woodruff
<i>Flowers:</i>		Sue Woodruff Diane Mahlmoood

Deadline for September Newsletter: Tuesday, September 24, Email items to Leslie Backus at backusle@verizon.net.

President's Message for June

I'm sure you've heard the expression "Life is not a destination but a journey." Ralph Waldo Emerson said it, but I learned it first hand from the Alliance. Thank you for allowing me to lead the Alliance "journey" this year. It has been my honor to serve as President and my privilege to work with so many dedicated and hard-working individuals. A special kudos to Leslie Backus for the outstanding job she did getting out our newsletter monthly. Thank you to our programs team for a year of excellent presentations. Lastly, I want to extend my deep appreciation to all of you who regularly volunteer with the Alliance and to a remarkable Alliance Board. You make the Alliance possible.

Sue Woodruff

June Program: Presentation by the CLUUC India Tour Group

A UU Journey to India: In February, Rev. Abhi led a group of Cedar Lane pilgrims on a journey to southern India. More pilgrims than tourists, they explored cultures very different from our own,



visited temples, mosques, and churches, and were guests in people's homes. A couple broke from the group and visited Unitarians in the Khasi Hills in northeast India.

When they returned, several members of the group highlighted what the journey had meant to them spiritually in a March worship service. They will do a more in-depth presentation on: What it's like to be in India; Unitarian Universalism in India; and Religious plurality in India.

Wayne Mara

Pill Bottle Recycling Program

Thanks for the overwhelming response for the pill bottle collection for Matthew 25 Ministries! Now, however, the bottles for collection will be limited to the transparent prescription bottles and not the O.T.C. (Over the Counter) containers.

Dottie Mara

Book Corner

The June dates for book sales will be June 9, 23 and 30. We should have a good selection of books so do stop by after the service. Remember, profits go to charities and the church general fund.



Helen Pechacek

Jewelry Sales

The monthly Jewelry Sale will take place on June 16th. Come find some lovely, very inexpensively priced pieces! If you wish to donate your no longer worn jewelry, you can bring it to the jewelry sale or to the Church Office other times (there's a cabinet in the volunteer room).



The First Friday Book Club—11 a.m. in the Library

The First Friday Book Club welcomes old friends and new. Bring a sandwich and socialize over refreshments at noon.



June 7, *Nora Webster* by Colm Toibin. 385 pp. F (2015) In Wexford, Ireland, Nora Webster is widowed at 40 with 4 children and little money. Drowning in her sorrow and blind to the suffering of her young sons, she still has moments of stunning insight and empathy.

Refreshments: Jean Schaible

July 5, *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles. 466 pp. F (2016) In 1922, an unrepentant aristocrat is sentenced to house arrest in a grand hotel across from the Kremlin. As he stays in his room, history unfolds just outside.

Refreshments: Helen Pechacek

August 2, *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas. 447 pp. F (2017) 16-year-old Starr moves between two worlds: her poor home neighborhood and the fancy prep school she attends. The uneasy balance between these worlds is shattered when she witnesses the fatal shooting of her unarmed, childhood best friend at the hands of a police officer.

Refreshments: Nancy Janssen

September 6, *Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the F.B.I.* by David Grann. 347 pp. NF (2016) A chronicle of the investigation of a series of murders of wealthy Osage Indians after oil is discovered in their land.

Refreshments: Barbara Lewis

Dottie Mara

Care for the Caregiver Event: A Day Devoted to Caregiving.

Saturday June 15, 2019 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
Silver Spring Civic Building, One Veterans Plaza, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

This **FREE** event will inspire, educate and motivate. This

day is especially for unpaid family/friend caregivers. By attending you will increase your awareness of caregiver's supports, health and wellness programs and lifelong engagement available in Montgomery County. Learn how to maintain well-being through support, community connections and education programs. Event highlights include:

- * Stimulating presentations that welcome caregiver questions
- * Unique caregiver conversations with the County's African, Latino and Asian American health programs
- * Networking and support for LGBTQIA+ care partners
- * Information Resource Fair featuring (free or low cost) supports available for unpaid caregivers
- * Listening Session inviting unpaid caregivers to share their needs associated with caring for a loved-on at home. [Registration](https://moco-caregiver.blogspot.com/) Appreciated: <https://moco-caregiver.blogspot.com/> or call 240-777-1131.

Nancy Janssen

Alliance Board Candidates for 2019-2020

A more comprehensive handout at the June luncheon.

President: Louise Stomierowski—our vice president, 6 year member, recording secretary, membership chair.

Vice President: Bob Harrison—Three year member, new to our Board, a regular volunteer.

Recording Secretary: Dottie Mara—6 year member, First Friday Book club, covered for indisposed, Corresponding Secretary, book corner, Social Responsibility chair, 2018-19 nominating committee.

Corresponding Secretary: Jean Schaible—twenty year member, Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, hospitality coordinator for luncheons & memorial receptions, book corner volunteer.

Treasurer: Don Woodruff—two year member, Assistant Treasurer, Treasurer, frequent luncheon volunteer, book corner volunteer.

Nominating Committee:

Nancy Janssen—thirty-eight year member, frequent luncheon volunteer

Glenis Bellais—member since 1968, treasurer, newsletter editor, currently organizes monthly luncheons and memorial reception crews.

Sue Woodruff

2019-2020 Membership and Dues

We are starting our membership renewal early this year and will be collecting dues and directory information at our June luncheon. Dues are still a modest \$15 for all of our activities in 2019-2020. Be sure to bring cash or a check. We are looking for a great turnout! Questions: martha.merenda@gmail.com.

Martha Merenda