

ALLIANCE NEWSLETTER



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

Lee McNair, *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, November 9, 2017

The Schedule for Alliance Day

- 11:30 a.m.** A relaxed time for socializing
- 12 noon** Potluck lunch. Please bring a main dish, salads, sides or desserts to serve eight. Please identify ingredients for those who are vegan/vegetarians or have allergies (e.g. meat, nuts, wheat, dairy). Please don't bring serving utensils.
- 1 p.m.** Program

Volunteer Assignments:

- Set-Up:** 10:30 Don Woodruff
Lee McNair
- Greeter:** 11:30 Dottie Mara
- Curb Assistant:** Wayne Mara
- Receiving Food:** 11:45 Earlene Green
- Clean-Up:** 12:45 Jessica Sawyer
- Tables:** Sandy Pike
- Serving Tables:** 12:45 Louise Stomierowski
- Tablecloths:** Joe Merenda
Pat Phillips
- Bartender:** 11:00 Barbara Ricketts
- Flowers:** Sue Woodruff
Diane Mahlmood

December Newsletter Deadline--

Because of Thanksgiving, the deadline for the December Newsletter is **Tuesday, November 14**. Send articles/ideas to Leslie Backus: backusle@verizon.net.

President's Message

"I believe we're all one family and we need each other in times of grief and gladness. And I believe in the power of human ingenuity and people of good will to make a difference in the world."

Christopher Reeve, UU (aka Superman)

This month is traditionally a time when we express our gratitude for families and friends and all the good things in our lives. But let us also meditate on the hope that human ingenuity and people of good will may sooner, rather than later, give all those peoples in our worldwide family reason to rejoice and be grateful for all the good things in their lives because there is no more hatred in the world. Let us set our minds to creating peace, love, and goodwill throughout the universe.

Lee McNair

Program: Norman Allen, Intern Minister



Norman will share the lifelong interest in theology that shaped his career as a professional playwright long before he was called to the ministry or stepped into a pulpit. He'll also share thoughts on his experiences on the Arizona-Mexico border as part of CLUUC's recent Border Witness Trip, a pilgrimage grounded in theological reflection aimed at helping others understand immigration issues and discern a path toward effective action.

Wayne & Dottie Mara

Something New for our December Luncheon:

Holiday Stories. We'd like to try something a bit new before our Holiday songs, but we need everyone's help. We want you to bring a holiday memento or picture that has special meaning for you. You will share its story at your luncheon table. We think we will have a treasure trove of wonderful stories.

Sue Woodruff



Alliance Bridge Tuesdays 10 am to noon in the Library

All bridge players are welcome for casual party bridge! No partner needed.

Chicago Scoring. Cost \$3.

Marilyn Hathaway & Mary Beth Nowinski



First Friday Book Club – 11 a.m. in Rooms 1 & 2

The First Friday Book Club welcomes old friends and new. Anyone who is interested in discussing books is welcome! Bring a sandwich and socialize over refreshments at noon.

November 3: *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption*, nonfic, Bryan Stevenson. The twenty-three year old Harvard law student interned in Georgia where his first assignment was to deliver a message to a man on death row. This became his calling: representing the innocent, the poorly defended, domestic abuse survivors, the mentally ill, children—the imprisoned. #1 on the NY Times bestseller list. Named one of the Best Books of the Year by *The Washington Post*.

December 1 *(The) History of Love*, Nicole Krauss. Award winning second novel by Krauss. Leopold Gursky, lonely Holocaust survivor, dreams of his long-lost love Alma
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Mereminski. He has one friend, Bruno, his “old faithful.” Meanwhile, Alma Singer is a fourteen-year-old girl who lost her father. Her heart aches for the mother that can barely get out of bed and make it to the next day. Rave reviews!

Barbara Lewis

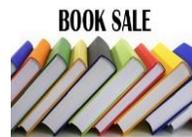
Transportation Services for Older Adults

Transportation is an important service for seniors and people with disabilities, especially those who don't. To help residents stay active, Montgomery County offers a range of transportation and mobility options. Examples include Connect-A-Ride (free information), Transportation Network Directory (for persons with disabilities), Call-n-Ride (discounted taxis), Metro Access, Senior SmarTrip® card and Senior Connection (volunteer transportation).

For more information on these and other transportation services, go to the [senior transportation website](#).

Nancy Janssen

Alliance Book & Jewelry Sales



Sales are after both services. Book Corner sales will be Nov. 5 and 26 after services and Jewelry sales will be November 19.

Mark your calendars! Come and buy some bargains!



Helen Pechacek

ALLIANCE MEMBERSHIP DUES 2017-2018

Join now! Dues are \$15 per person. (Any additional amount will help to do the work of the Alliance!) Please be sure to fill in your address, phone number and e-mail address. You may pay your dues at a monthly meeting or mail/drop off your check with this form to the attention of the Alliance Membership Chair, Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church, 9601 Cedar Lane, Bethesda, MD 20814. Make check payable to: CLUUC Alliance. You will receive an Alliance Directory!

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