

ALLIANCE NEWSLETTER



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

Louise Stomierowski *president*

September 2019

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, September 12, 2019

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:

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| <i>Set Up:</i> | 10:30 | Terry Tretter
Bob Harrison |
| <i>Greeter:</i> | 11:30 | Louise Stomierowski |
| <i>Curb Assistant:</i> | | Janice Krause |
| <i>Receiving Food:</i> | 11:45 | Jean Arp |
| <i>Clean-Up:</i> | 12:45 | Jean Arp |
| <i>Tables:</i> | | Don Woodruff |
| <i>Serving Tables:</i> | 12:45 | Bob Harrison |
| <i>Tablecloths:</i> | | Joe Merenda
Wayne Mara |
| <i>Bartender:</i> | 11:00 | Jessica Sawyer |
| <i>Flowers:</i> | | Sue Woodruff
Diane Mahlmoood |
| <i>Transportation:</i> | | Jessica Sawyer |

Next Newsletter Deadline:

Tuesday, September 24th. Send items to Leslie Backus at backusle@verizon.net.

President's Message

Gratitude and hope are key elements in starting our 2019-2020 Alliance year. As Forrest Church so simply and clearly voiced our common goals:

Want what you have.

Do what you can.

Be who you are.

I want to be an active member of Cedar Lane's Alliance; I can carry out the President's duties this year; I am a hard worker and willing to try. Please ask yourself these same questions and say yes when someone taps you on the shoulder or volunteer when you see an unmet need that strengthens the team. Your unique story/personality/humor are welcome here! *Louise*

Program:

The speakers at the September Alliance program will be our own Cedar Lane delegates to the 2019 Unitarian Universalist General



UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY



Assembly in Spokane. They will report on their observations and experiences at this annual event, and they will comment on the sessions they attended, which include the Indigenous Experience, Mass Incarceration, White Supremacy, Public Safety While Preserving Rights, Progressive Faith Beyond Optimism, and the Future of Outreach.

Mike Harris

October Program Preview

"Good Grief—Making Good Choices"

Annie Hisle, LCSW-C is a practicing psychotherapist and a retired Montgomery Hospice Grief counselor and bereavement group facilitator. She is also a N Street Shelter group facilitator, ex-offender mentor,

and published author on healing grief. She will offer up practices that are helpful in dealing with our inevitable losses
Mike Harris

Alliance Officers 2019–2020

- President:** Louise Stomierowski
- Vice-President:** Bob Harrison
- Corresponding Secretary:** Jean Schaible
- Recording Secretary:** Dottie Mara
- Treasurer:** Don Woodruff
- Assistant Treasurer:** Joe Merenda
- Publicity:** Wayne Mara
- Nominating Committee:** Nancy Janssen, Glenis Bellais

In the Lounge Sundays in

September:

Alliance used book sales will be every Sunday after both services except the third when we will hold jewelry sales. September's dates will be the 1st, 8th, 22nd, and 29th.



Leave book donations (good condition and labeled 'Books for Alliance') in the coat closet at the top of the RE stairs (No textbooks or encyclopedias, please!).

Alliance Jewelry in September will be the 15th after both services. Meanwhile, we welcome jewelry donations! Bring them to the church office during regular hours (cabinet in volunteer room) or give to the jewelry volunteers during the jewelry sales. We hope to see you at our September 15th sale! Help us raise money for Alliance projects!

Helen Pechacek and Judy Laurenson



First Friday Book Club—11 a.m. in Rms 1–2

The First Friday Book Club welcomes old friends and new. Bring a sandwich and socialize over refreshments at noon. Reading list for this quarter:



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

October 4:

The Chosen by Kristina Olsson. 497 pp. F (2016) On a cold winter's day, a pre-school teacher is shot to death in front of parents and children at the Jewish Congregation in Stockholm. Just a few hours later, 2 boys go missing on their way to tennis practice, and a blizzard destroys any trace of the perpetrator.

November 1:

Life After Life, by Kate Atkinson. 512 pp. F (2013) In 1910, Ursula Todd is born to an English banker and his wife. She dies before she can draw her first breath. On that same night, Ursula Todd is born, lets out a lusty wail, and embarks upon a life that will be, to say the least, unusual.

Barbara Lewis

A Reminder!

Whether you're a new or returning member, we want to welcome you to the Alliance as we start our 2019-20 program. Please fill out the form and pay \$15 dues (cash or check) at our first luncheon meeting on Thursday, September 13, 2018, or mail it to the church (Att: Alliance Membership Chair)

ALLIANCE MEMBERSHIP DUES 2019-2020

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 the September meeting or mail a check, payable to CLUUC Alliance, with this form to: Alliance Membership Chair, Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church, 9601 Cedar Lane, Bethesda, MD 20814. You will receive an Alliance Directory later.

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NAME _____ TEL _____

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Membership dues _____ \$15.00 e-mail _____

Additional donation _____

Total amount paid _____ Date of payment _____