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FROM THE MINISTER

Welcome to October as we continue our ministry together. It is amazing to realize that we have shared ministry since 2015. It is an honor to be your minister – in the good times, the bad times, the times we work together, and the times we play together.

I am your minister and I am here for you – always at urgent times, but at so many other times. You can join me at Office hours on Wednesdays and I am available for appointments Tuesday – Thursday, and any time you need your minister.

When I was a lay person I would often wonder when to call my minister. As a minister, I want to help clarify when to call me. The list below is adapted from a from that website of the Unitarian Universalist Community Church of Augusta Maine.

When to call me as your minister:

- You just want to talk.
- When you are looking for a way to deepen your spiritual life.
- When you have guestions of faith and you would like me to visit with you.
- When your children have questions of faith and you would like me to visit with them.
- When you have religious or spiritual questions.
- When you are celebrating one of life's joys and want to share the good news.
- When your family has joys and accomplishments to share with their minister.
- When you are feeing sad or lonely, or lost.
- When you have lost your job, found a new job, been promoted or demoted.
- When you or a family member is ill.
- When you are going to the hospital or know of someone else in the congregation who is.
- When someone close to you has died or is critically ill or you're dealing with a significant loss of some kind.
- When you would like to make plans for a memorial service. When you would like to make plans for your memorial service.
- When you are planning to be married. When you are challenged by the demands of marriage. When you are separated or planning to get a divorce.
- When you are pregnant and glad you are or wish you weren't, also if you want to be pregnant but aren't.
- When you are challenged by life's daily happenings.
- When you don't know me, but would like to.
- When your family doesn't know me, but would like to.
- When you feel ready to join the congregation.
- When you want to share your experience of or appreciation for our beloved community. When you have concerns about the church or our faith community.
- When you have a good story to share.
- When you just want to talk.

Grace and Peace,

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Welcome Autumn! The air finally has a chill and sweater weather is right around the corner.

The Board will set up a Strategic Planning Team to help coordinate all activities and writing. The Strategic Planning Team will serve as facilitators for the Creating the Future event, and the Team, will be crafters of a Strategic Plan draft for consideration by the Board, minister, and congregation.

The <u>Creating the Future Exercise</u>, a time-bound event during which the congregation considers some fundamental questions and starts to develop a vision statement will be scheduled in the next month via Zoom. The following questions will be considered:

Question 1: Who are we at our best, when the congregation is most alive, engaged and committed? What have we done best as a congregation?

Question 2: What are our most courageous dreams for the future of our congregation? What are we going to need to do best as a congregation two years from now/ five years from now? Question 3: What are our greatest possibilities for making a spiritual difference in our world? Where do the greatest needs for wholeness, healing, and inspiration in our community intersect with our strengths and values?

Please consider volunteering for the Strategic Planning Team. Ponder the above questions in preparation for our upcoming Zoom meeting, date and time TBA.



Card Making Craft Class—Saturday, September 18, 2021 From L to R- Becky Z., Francine H., Pamela M., Lisa G. and Beth S.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING PROGRAMS AT CEDARHURST UU

GAME NIGHT—SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9 AT 7:00 PM

No reservations required -- just Zoom in and have fun! Zoom Link here. The ID is 874 9447 4228 and the Password is 841804.

BOOK CLUB SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10 AT NOON

The Second Sunday CUU Book Club book for October is **Evicted** by Matthew Desmond. We will discuss the book at 12 noon on Sunday, October 10th on Zoom

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP—TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12 AT 5:30 PM

On the Second Tuesday of the month at 5:30pm is the Cedarhurst Caregiver Support group. Join in to share/support the folks doing this arduous task. Maybe learn some stress relief techniques or just vent—it's all safe here.

FOLKS WHO FEAST - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14 AT FRANCINE HAHN'S HOME

Enjoy an old-fashioned pot luck supper on Francine's deck. Bring a dish to share (**keep it simple**) - you may want to cook, but carry out is also fine. Francine has dibs on pizza so choose another easy thing to bring. **Capacity is 8 people** so make your reservation early. Text Francine at 443-756-7451 or email her at boardpresident@cedarhurstuu.org to reserve your spot. Call Beth Schilpp at 443-904-1304 with any questions.

OUTDOOR GATHERING/COOKOUT - OCTOBER 16

Spaces are available for the outdoor gathering/cookout on October 16 hosted by Sharon K and Maria W. This was a sign-up event during the spring auction and spots are \$25/person. It will be held under a large pavilion on Sharon's property - 2904 Emmitsburg Rd Gettysburg PA starting at 1:00 PM. Contact Sharon or Maria for more information or to RSVP.

MONDAY MUSINGS—MONDAY, OCTOBER 18 AT 10:30 AM

Done in the style of "Mysteries", Monday Musings is a discussion group on general topics, chosen each week. More information on the <u>CUU Calendar</u>.

CUU PICNIC - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23 - 4 PM

Folks who came to the picnic on September 18th voted to use the rain date for another picnic, so join your CUU friends for the final CUU picnic of the year! Bring your own food, drink and chair. The plan is to have the picnic outside, but if it is raining, we will be inside and spread out for COVID safety. Regardless of weather, the bathroom will be available. **NOTE THE TIME CHANGE...THIS WILL NOW START AT 4PM.** That will allow those who do not like to drive at night to participate and we can all see what we are eating. Please call Beth Schilpp at 443-904-1304 with questions. Hope to see you there!

READ ALOUD GROUP - OCTOBER 27 AT 7 PM ON ZOOM

The Read Aloud Group is open to everyone and is very casual. Each month a topic is chosen and participants bring a short reading related to that topic. We take turns reading and discussing the readings. You can also just come and listen and take part in the discussion or just listen. The topic for October is "Scary Stories" in honor of Halloween. The topic for November will be "Indigenous People" and that will be on November 24th. Just look around your house for material or try the internet. If finding a story does not work for you, quotes on the subject are also good. The Zoom ID will be on the CUU calendar. Call Beth Schilpp at 443-904-1304 with questions. Hope you can join us.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CEDARHURST UU

Calendar is subject to change. Check the website calendar <u>here</u> for most current schedule.

29 Sept	Wednesday	Ladies Who Lunch	12:00 PM
29 Sept	Wednesday	Minister Office Hours	3:00 PM
3 Oct	Sunday	Sunday Service	10:00 AM
5 Oct	Tuesday	Religious Services Committee Meeting	7:00 PM
6 Oct	Wednesday	Ladies Who Lunch	12:00 PM
6 Oct	Wednesday	Minister Office Hours	3:00 PM
9 Oct	Saturday	Virtual Game Night	7:00 PM
10 Oct	Sunday	Sunday Service	10:00 AM
10 Oct	Sunday	Book Club	12:00 PM
12 Oct	Tuesday	Caregivers Support Group	5:30 PM
13 Oct	Wednesday	Ladies Who Lunch	12:00 PM
13 Oct	Wednesday	Minister Office Hours	3:00 PM
13 Oct	Wednesday	Board of Trustees Meeting	7:00 PM
15 Oct	Friday	Night to Night Shelter Dinner	6:15 PM
17 Oct	Sunday	Sunday Service	10:00 AM
17 Oct	Sunday	Congregational Life Committee	12:00 PM
18 Oct	Monday	Monday Musings	10:30 AM
20 Oct	Wednesday	Ladies Who Lunch	12:00 PM
20 Oct	Wednesday	Minister Office Hours	3:00 PM
24 Oct	Sunday	Sunday Service	10:00 AM
27 Oct	Wednesday	Ladies Who Lunch	12:00 PM
27 Oct	Wednesday	Minister Office Hours	3:00 PM
27 Oct	Wednesday	Cedarhurst Read Aloud	7:00 PM
31 Oct	Sunday	Sunday Service	10:00 AM
2 Nov	Tuesday	Religious Services Committee Meeting	7:00 PM
3 Nov	Wednesday	Ladies Who Lunch	12:00 PM
3 Nov	Wednesday	Minister Office Hours	3:00 PM
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