



**Cedarhurst
Unitarian
Universalists**



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FROM THE MINISTER

On October 17 at 11:30 AM, members of the congregation gathered to dedicate our new sign. Though the sign was erected earlier this year, it seemed right to dedicate it when we celebrated the birth of Cedarhurst Unitarian Universalists.

Dean Camlin, Maria Warburton, Cindy Hirshberg, Kathy Sheridan, Pamela Malkin, and Carl Byrne worked for several months considering designs and thinking about our congregation. After tireless work they came up with the design, which can be seen from both directions on the highway, includes banners stating our values of openness to all, commitment to Siding with Love, and Black Lives Matters.



As a focal point of the sign a Chalice was designed and created by Carl and Steve Byrne, and their brother in law Glen Norris. The brothers personally installed the Chalice as a sign of our liberal faith.

We thank Teel Byrne's family who gave their time, treasure, and talents to this project in memory of their mother. We also give thanks for the endowment fund which met the remaining financial needs for the project.

This sign will bring us into the future as a center piece calling people to our liberal and liberating faith. Below are the words of the dedication, inspired by the Meditation on the Four Directions by Rev. Julia Hamilton.

NORTH: EARTH

Earth is the element of the north representing deep wisdom, stability, and strength.

We dedicate this sign to the strength of this community, to the ways that it is nurtured, and embodies deep wisdom and strength. We dedicate this sign.

EAST: AIR

Air is the element of the east reminding us of air, breath, and inspiration – literally taking in air*. East reminds us of fresh starts, intellect, and new ideas.

We dedicate this sign to the inspiration- the taking in breath, the new ideas, the intellect and the mind that we utilize in ourselves and our community. Blowing with a fresh start, and inspiration we dedicate this sign.

SOUTH: FIRE

Fire is the element of the south reminding us of transformation and change. We are reminded of birds moving to south seeking warmth.* South is a call to action, inner passion and inner force, inner cold seeking change—call to action.

We dedicate this sign to the inner passion and inner force, the call to action we have, the transformation that this sign represents. We dedicate this sign.

WEST: WATER

Water is the element of the west. It reminds us of coming together, self reflection, and self understanding. Water is always flowing – both calm and turbulent.

We dedicate this sign to water as we come together in community, always flowing, turbulent and clam water- coming together in community, always flowing, turbulent, calm. Full of self-reflection and self-understanding. We dedicate this sign.

CENTER: SPIRIT

We come to the center – connection with the spirit and the inner self. We dedicate this sign to the connection of the inner self of this community and to our faith in the spirit of life and change and to one another. We dedicate this sign.

Grace and Peace,

Rev. Amy

* From *Meditation on the Four Directions* by Rev. Julia Hamilton



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

November is chock full of activity. Our annual Auction is on November 6th and the planning committee has worked hard to bring a hybrid auction to fruition. A new platform, Bid Beacon, is being used to better accommodate both a live auction and online auction experience. Please join us and bid away!

November 11th is Veterans Day. This is a time to honor all of those who have served in the armed forces during war time and peace time. As a Veterans Service Officer in our community, I have the honor of meeting our veterans on a daily basis. Every person has their own experience. I am reminded of the great sacrifices made by all of these men and women, and their families, who serve our country. I hope that someday our government will include in the price of war the proper care of veterans who served in the wars. The toll is immense and generational.

November 25th is Thanksgiving Day. A time to gather with family and friends. It is also a time to rethink the holiday and its origins. The sanitized story of Thanksgiving blocks out the horrors of how land was brutally stolen from Indigenous Peoples. This time is also a good time to reflect on the true history of our country from the perspective of Indigenous Peoples, not the whitewashed version we have been taught.

November is full of opportunity for spiritual stretching and growth.

In faith and partnership,

Francine K. Hahn

CUU Board President

CEDARHURST ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CALENDAR UPDATES

Just a friendly reminder: To all committees and ad hoc groups please send all announcements and calendar updates (if no one in your group has access to the calendar) to Phil at outreach@cedarhurstuu.org. The deadline for postings in the weekly announcements is Mondays at noon and calendar listings should be send as early as possible prior to the event. This will help streamline internal communication. Please designate a person in your group to be responsible for communications. This will help your group and Phil if he has any questions. As always, thank you for all that you do to keep CUU a vibrant community.



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING PROGRAMS AT CEDARHURST UU

GAME NIGHT—SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13 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, NOVEMBER 14 AT NOON

Second Sunday Book Club will discuss *Born a Crime, Stories from a South African Child* by Trevor Noah, Sunday, November 14th at 12 noon on Zoom.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP—TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9 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.

NEW MEETING TIME FOR MONDAY MUSINGS - THIRD MONDAY (NOVEMBER 15) AT 7:00 PM

Monday Musings changes to EVENING meetings. Please join the discussion on the third Monday of each month at 7 pm on Zoom. November 15th we will discuss RELATIONSHIPS. We will use quotes provided by UUA and any additional quotes you share. All are welcome! Check the Cedarhurst calendar for more information.

MINISTER OFFICE HOURS

On November 24, the Rev. Amy's office hours will be on Zoom only from 3-5. On the other weeks she will continue her regular hours of 3-4 zoom and 4-5 outdoor office hours. The Zoom information is on our calendar.

BALTIMORE CLUSTER MEETINGS FALL 2021

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26 AT 7PM
WITH REV. SUNSHINE WOLF
TOPIC: HEALTHY COMMUNICATION & CONFLICT IN CONGREGATIONS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30 AT 7PM
WITH REV. TYLER COLES
TOPIC: COVENANT & GOVERNANCE IN CONGREGATIONS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17 AT 6PM
BALTIMORE CLUSTER HOLIDAY MIXER!

ON ZOOM:
MEETING ID: 917 7193 7553
PASSCODE: 360645



OCTOBER 31 START DATE FOR CEDARHURST FALL AUCTION

Although we cannot meet in-person for the Auction this year, the Fall Auction Committee is inventing a way to simulate the fun of our previous auctions. Everyone has been very generous and clever in making donations for the Auction. Between 80-90 items have been donated and the array is wonderful. Need a Solstice celebration, a way to keep crackers crisp, taxes completed, low-maintenance succulent house plants? The Cedarhurst Fall Auction has these and more.

At present, the donations are being entered into Bid Beacon.com, our auction site. The instructions for signing up as a Bidder and a few other tips will be emailed to you shortly along with a summary of the available items. You will have access to reviewing the auction items online very soon so you can plan your bidding selections accordingly.

The Auction opens for active bidding at 1:00 PM on Sunday, October 31st. Please also join the Watch Party which starts at 12:30PM just before the Auction goes live. Just use the Zoom link on the Cedarhurst Calendar. Once you are signed up as a bidder, you will be able to bid and counter bid, affectionately referred to as a bid-volley, day and night until the Auction closes on Sunday, November 7th at 6:00PM. Feel free to also join the Closing Watch Party, which is also shown on the Cedarhurst Calendar.

A special treat will happen on Saturday, November 6th at 5:30 PM. It's an online "live Auction" where we'll use the magic of Zoom to bid on some of the most popular and unusual meals and experiences donated for the Auction. Again, look for the Zoom Links on the Cedarhurst Calendar.

On a more serious note, Cedarhurst Unitarian Universalists, like many other faith communities, has become very creative and resourceful about raising funds to fulfill our budget goals during the COVID-19 pandemic. Even though we are limited to 20 people who may gather in the Sanctuary for Sunday Services, we are still active in the wider community. We support civic and social justice issues including preparing hot meals each month for the Night to Night Shelter program which feeds homeless individuals.

Our Congregational Reading, recited in unison as a part of each Sunday Service, refers to Service as our faith's equivalent of a sacrament. We fulfill that collective promise by participating in programs like these. Please draw some personal satisfaction as Cedarhurst members and friends carry on this Service, despite the many difficulties and challenges thrown our way over the past several years. This is the kind of work you support with your donations and bids at the Fall Auction. The December Companion will provide more information about the results of our 2021 Fall Auction. Wishing you an enjoyable online Auction adventure and a fun Zoom-based Live Auction on Saturday evening, November 6th. Remember to check the Cedarhurst Calendar for the links. See you then!

The Auction Committee

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CEDARHURST UU

Calendar is subject to change. Check the website calendar [here](#) for most current schedule.

31 Oct	Sunday	Online Sunday Service	10:00 AM
31 Oct	Sunday	Auction Opening Watch Party	12:30 PM
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
6 Nov	Saturday	Special Auction Event—Online/Zoom Bidding	5:00 PM
7 Nov	Sunday	Online Sunday Service	10:00 AM
7 Nov	Sunday	Fall Auction Closing Watch Party	6:00 PM
7 Nov	Sunday	Fall Auction Closes	6:30 PM
9 Nov	Tuesday	Caregivers Support Group	5:30 PM
10 Nov	Wednesday	Ladies Who Lunch	12:00 PM
10 Nov	Wednesday	Minister Office Hours	3:00 PM
10 Nov	Wednesday	Board of Trustees Meeting	7:00 PM
13 Nov	Saturday	CUU Virtual Game Night	7:00 PM
14 Nov	Sunday	Online Sunday Service	10:00 AM
14 Nov	Sunday	Book Club	12:00 PM
15 Nov	Monday	Monday Musings	7:00 PM
17 Nov	Wednesday	Ladies Who Lunch	12:00 PM
17 Nov	Wednesday	Minister Office Hours	3:00 PM
19 Nov	Friday	Night to Night Shelter Dinner	6:15 PM
21 Nov	Sunday	Online Sunday Service	10:00 AM
21 Nov	Sunday	Congregational Life Committee	12:00 PM
24 Nov	Wednesday	Ladies Who Lunch	12:00 PM
24 Nov	Wednesday	Minister Office Hours	3:00 PM
24 Nov	Wednesday	CUU Read Aloud	7:00 PM
28 Nov	Sunday	Online Sunday Service	10:00 AM
1 Dec	Wednesday	Ladies Who Lunch	12:00 PM
1 Dec	Wednesday	Minister Office Hours	3:00 PM
5 Dec	Sunday	Online Sunday Service	10:00 AM

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