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FROM THE MINISTER

Awakening:

This month's theme for soul matters is awakening. As I began writing this newsletter, I came upon these words by Rev. Tamara Lebak. I was drawn to the words because they bring to mind the theme of awakening that runs through this season.

A Prayer of Risk

Holy one who has given us the breath of life,
Today we remember
To breathe deeply
To rest

To take in

To pause before we act...

And then to take in another deep breath poised on the edge

And risk jumping in

Risk taking action

Risk speaking up

Risk using the gifts we have been given
So that at the end of our life we can say with absolute clarity
That no part of our existence was wasted in fear of failure or fear of success
Hold us;

Prepare us the way to begin to offer the gift of our awakened presence, Full of love and light today.

These and the prayers of our hearts we lift up now in the silence ... Amen

These words seem particularly relevant in this time when the world is awakening from the sleep of winter and three Abrahamic faiths celebrate Holy Days: Passover, Lent and Easter, and Ramadan. In the Jewish faith Passover is a remembrance of the liberation of the Hebrew people from slavery in Egypt. It is a story where people are liberated and the power of God is shown to Egypt. Passover is a time of telling the story of liberation, awakening each generation to the power of liberation. Lent is a time of remembrance, repentance followed by the liberating message of Easter. Ramadan is one of the holy pillars of Islam, a time to reflect and call upon Allah to cleanse and awaken the body to repentance. Each of these seasons calls one to awaken to the message of hope that is within their faith. Let us call upon the power of awakening to crack open our hearts with love. Grace and Peace,

GAME NIGHT—SATURDAY, APRIL 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, APRIL 10 AT NOON

The CUU Second Sunday Book Club will meet on Sunday, March 13th at 12 noon on Zoom Meeting ID: 910 3702 3644 Passcode: 499965 Stay tuned for more information.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP—TUESDAY, APRIL 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.

MONDAY MUSINGS - THIRD MONDAY (APRIL 18) AT 7:00 PM

Monday Musings meet the third Monday of each month at 7 pm on Zoom. All are welcome. We gather to ponder quotes on a different topic each month. Monday, March 21 at 7 pm on Zoom, discussing quotes provided by UUA's Soul Matters.

BALTIMORE CLUSTER MEETINGS WINTER/SPRING

TUESDAY APRIL 26

Rev. Rob Keithan: Social Justice in congregations with a spotlight on reproductive rights (Rob is the minister of social justice at All Souls and heavily involved in organizing around reproductive rights. He's got close networks and ties with great organizations working on this in the DMV.)

TUESDAY MAY 24

Rev. Dayna Edwards: Poor People Campaign & UU Congregations

STEWARDSHIP

Please go to the <u>Giving page</u> on the Cedarhurst website and submit your pledge amount for the 2022-2023 church year. The fair share document can be found on the Giving page as well. It guides you through various factors to consider when figuring out how much to pledge. Thank you for supporting Cedarhurst!

BUILDING CLEAN-UP DAY - SATURDAY, APRIL 2ND

The building needs a spiffing-up before we begin in-person services. Please consider giving your time and energy on Saturday, April 2nd between 10 AM and 2 PM to sweep, mop, dust and shine up the place. Drop-in when you can and stay as long as you can. Francine will be there to open up the building and get things started.

ACTIVITIES OVER NEXT THREE MONTHS SPONSORED BY CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Train Garden in Frederick - Saturday - April 23 at 11am.

Meet at CUU at 11am to carpool to the train garden in Frederick. Those who have been say it is amazing. We will drive to Frederick, have lunch and visit the museum. The fee at the museum is \$10. Please call Beth Schilpp at 443-904-1304 with questions.

Pot luck Lunch at CUU - May 14th at noon

Bring a dish to share and if the weather is good we can be outside. More details to follow but mark your calendar now.

Brookside Garden in Montgomery County - June 11th at 9:30am

Meet at CUU at 9:30 to carpool to Brookside. This garden has flowers, sculptures and hopefully the butterfly garden will be open. As always we will find a place for lunch. Call Beth Schilpp with questions.

Let's Talk About the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival

Following the service on April 24, Shirley Eatmon will be available to discuss the Poor People's Campaign and how you can be involved in this important movement to challenge the inequality in our country and it's root causes. The Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival has been building momentum for 3 years now. Shirley will update you about all that we have accomplished.

The Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival

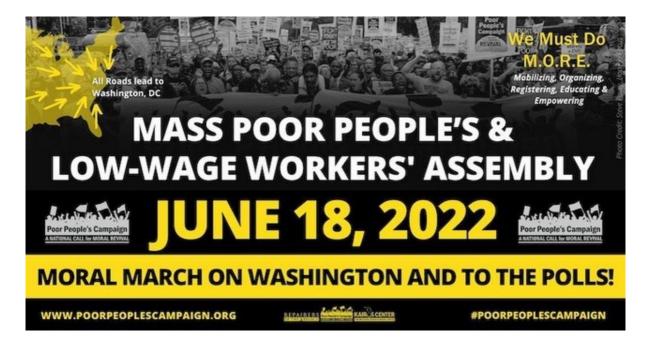
The Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival is mobilizing nationwide to bring people to Washington D.C. for the Mass Poor People's and Low-Wage Worker's Assembly and Moral March on Washington and to the Polls. We are standing together to challenge the interlocking injustices of systemic racism, poverty, ecological devastation, the military economy and militarism and to change the distorted national narrative that wants to blame people for being poor rather than the policies that continue to oppress us all. We will be marching to build the power we need to make the policy makers say yes when they want to say no. We are assembling and marching to call for the enactment of the Third Reconstruction Resolution that demands the U.S. fully address poverty and low wages from the bottom up.

As a Mobilization Captain, I have committed to contacting my friends, family, organizations and activists to go to the Assembly and March with me. Will you join me in going to the Moral March or be a Mobilization Captain? There will be transportation from Westminster to the Assembly and March. Learn more about the Mass Poor People's and Low-Wage Worker's Assembly and Moral March on Washington and to the Polls Here. This link also has information on being a Mobilization Captain and sign-up.

Shirley Eatmon western@mdpoorpeoplescampaign.org

ART IN ACTION!! With The Maryland Poor People's Campaign

All are welcome to join in a celebration of the power of the arts to inspire our movement! Join us at St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Westminster, MD on May 1, 11:30 AM -2:30 PM to share food, music, art & fellowship. Bring a dish for the potluck lunch. Beverages & paper goods provided. Learn about the powerful songs that motivate us as we make a joyful noise together! Musicians are encouraged to bring instruments. Create a banner & other art projects to be used at the Poor People's and Low-Wage Worker's Assembly and Moral March on Washington on June 18th and at other events. All art materials will be provided. Discover more about the history of the Poor People's Campaign and the vital role we all have in bringing about a moral revolution. It is time to nonviolently disrupt, protest, shake up and alter the direction of our nation towards love, truth, justice and equal protection under the law. In accordance with St. Paul's UCC's COVID safety policies, all participants are encouraged to wear a mask during this event. Register Here



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Will you join us to sharpen your skills this spring with our Skill Up Spring Series: Action Center 101 Soup to Nuts?

What's a Skill Up?

This is our monthly series of trainings on organizing skills to help build our UU the Vote and Side with Love Volunteer Squads and help YOU build stronger teams in your congregation and community. We'll start the session with some spiritual fun and then launch into our training. This is also a chance to find out how to get more involved as a Side with Love volunteer and meet members of the Volunteer Squads.

Sign up now to come live, or be the first to get the recordings!

Skill Up Spring Series 2022

Every 3rd Sunday

1 PT • 2 MT • 3 CT • 4 ET pm





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April Sign up

The Art of the Ask with Nicole Pressley, UUA Side with Love Field & Programs Director

May Sign Up

"How Do I Get People to Care?!" Building Strong Grassroots Actions for Justice with Susan Leslie,
UUA Side with Love Partnerships & Coalitions Organizer

Past Skill Ups

View past Recordings and resources on our Skill Up Resource Page. Slack, Canva, Zoom, recruitment, faith framing, one-on-ones and more!

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FEB. 20: Creating Effective Guest Opinions & Letters to the Editor - Jeff Milchen

MAR. 20: Grounding, Welcoming & Energizing - Canedy Knowles & Rev. Kristina Church

APRIL 17: The Art of the Ask - Nicole Pressley

MAY 15: How Do I Get People to Care? Building Strong Grassroots Actions for Justice

- Susan Leslie

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General Assembly 2022- CUU has money budgeted to assist with GA expenses. Please ask a Board member for info!

General Assembly 2022! In 2022, we will have the option of meeting online or in-person! For those who enjoyed the convenience and accessibility of remote participation, General Assembly will continue to offer a virtual experience with robust programming and enhanced delegate discussion tools. For those who miss the in-person experience, GA 2022 offers opportunities to re-connect with friends old and new, local site attractions, and more! Join us June 22 - 26, 2022 online or in-person in Portland, Oregon. *In Person* Registration and the Housing Reservation system is





now open. Find out about all the plans at the <u>UUA website</u>.

GRIEF GROUP

Grief group will be forming and will be held on the 4th Thursday of the month (Beginning March 24) at 7:00. Over the last couple of years many of us have experienced grief. Loss comes in many forms, death of a loved one, loss of a job, becoming more isolated, even the loss of a pet, and so much more. If you are finding that you are grieving or experiencing loss, we are here for you. Group will be facilitated by Rev. Amy.

MINISTER OFFICE HOURS

Rev. Amy's Office Hours are 3-5 PM on Wednesdays. Office Hours are presently over Zoom only. Any changes will be reflected in the calendar and announcements.

You can also make appointments with Rev Amy on Tuesdays or Thursdays. She is always available for urgent pastoral matters and can be reached at minister@cedarhurstuu.org.

Zoom Link

Meeting ID: 980 9298 0551

Passcode: 121055



Reminder: The Best Parts Lie Ahead for the 2021 Fall Auction

A big hello to the many successful Bidders from the 2021 Fall Auction. This is a reminder about checking to be sure that the events you won are booked on your calendars. Nothing worse than bidding and winning an opportunity to join friends, and then accidentally making a commitment to be somewhere else. Ouch!

Your hosts/hostesses will be contacting you with reminders. And if you aren't clear about what things and events you won in the Auction, please refer to your final email from BidBeacon where your winnings were itemized and totaled up for payment.

BTW: If you enjoy Ayanna Chen's singing at Sunday Services you will have an opportunity to hear more of it at Bonnie Kauffman's "Summer Solstice Celebration with Music" on June 18th. Ayanna will join Gerry Galuardi for the musical entertainments. There are still some seats available so please contact Bonnie Kauffman directly if you are interested in attending.

And please remember to start thinking about items to offer in the next Cedarhurst Auction coming up in the Fall.

Thank you, The 2021 Auction Committee

Since the Auction, we have learned that Ayanna Chen, whose wonderful voice has been a part of our Sunday Services recently, has agreed to join in the singing. You can contact Bonnie to sign up for these seats. Remember, these dollars support Cedarhurst and are always welcome and put to good use.

The 2021 Auction Committee

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CEDARHURST UU

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

3 April	Sunday	Online Sunday Service	10:30 AM
5 April	Tuesday	Religious Services Committee Meeting	7:00 PM
6 April	Wednesday	Ladies Who Lunch	12:00 PM
6 April	Wednesday	Minister Office Hours	3:00 PM
7 April	Thursday	Exploring Grief	7:00 PM
9 April	Saturday	CUU Virtual Game Night	7:00 PM
10 April	Sunday	Online Sunday Service	10:30 AM
10 April	Sunday	Congregational Life Committee	12:00 PM
10 April	Sunday	Book Club	12:00 PM
12 April	Tuesday	Caregivers Support Group	5:30 PM
13 April	Wednesday	Ladies Who Lunch	12:00 PM
13 April	Wednesday	Minister Office Hours	3:00 PM
13 April	Wednesday	Board of Trustees Meeting	7:00 PM
14 April	Wednesday	Exploring Grief	7:00 PM
15 April	Friday	Night to Night Shelter Dinner	6:15 PM
17 April	Sunday	Online Sunday Service	10:30 AM
18 April	Monday	Monday Musings	7:00 PM
20 April	Wednesday	Ladies Who Lunch	12:00 PM
20 April	Wednesday	Minister Office Hours	3:00 PM
21 April	Thursday	Exploring Grief	7:00 PM
24 April	Sunday	Online Sunday Service	10:30 AM
27 April	Wednesday	Ladies Who Lunch	12:00 PM
27 April	Wednesday	Minister Office Hours	3:00 PM
27 April	Wednesday	Drinks & Desserts	7:00 PM
28 April	Thursday	Exploring Grief	7:00 PM
1 May	Sunday	Online Sunday Service	10:30 AM
1 May	Sunday	ART IN ACTION	11:30 AM
3 May	Tuesday	Religious Services Committer Meeting	7:00 PM
4 May	Wednesday	Ladies Who Lunch	12:00 PM

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