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FROM THE MINISTER

The Soul Matters theme for this month is Love. Within Greek language there are four different types of love: Agape, Sargos, Philos, and Eros.

Eros, passionate love, applies to both physical love and a deep passion for things that bring you pleasure. This can be painting, reading, physical activity, or things that engage the embodiment of who you are as a human being.

Sargos, love for family, is also translated as devotion. Sargos applies to that which you give yourself to – both family, friends, and community.

Philos is love between friends. We each know the power of friendship and the love we have for friends who might even be closer than family.

Agape love is love for the world. It is a love that transcends individuals and extends to the world. It is out of agape love that justice and right relation with the world comes.

When I think of agape love, I think of ways that we bring more hope to the world. We are in a world that is at its brink. Ecological devastation, injustices, and inequality permeate the world. Yet as people of love, we bring ways of addressing the problems of the world. In agape love, we are not on our own or even with one or two people – agape love also includes that which transcends us. Some call this the spirit of love, others the human spirit, others even name it as God. How it is named does not matter as much as how it empowers us to act with one another to make a difference in this world.

FROM THE MINISTER cont.

No matter what kind of love we express in the world, it deepens our humanity. 1 Corinthians 13 of the Christian scriptures put it this way:

“Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.”

Grace and Peace,

Rev. Amy



Food, Laughter and Generosity at Cedarhurst

For the first time since the global Pandemic, friends and members of CedarhurstUU again gathered for the 34th consecutive Annual Auction — this time in person. Almost 30 people packed into the Sanctuary, which had been transformed into a cafe complete with luncheon buffet and beverage bar. Lunch featured foods contributed by a number of talented home chefs. The space had been laid out to highlight more than 40 Silent Auction items on four 6-foot tables set end-to-end. The Live Auction items, with Maria Warburton serving as Auctioneer, included craft classes, excursions to thrift shops, meals together at friends' homes, and special experiences like an Escape Room or Beer Tasting. Preliminary numbers suggest that the event raised upwards of \$11,000, a very important and welcome contribution to Cedarhurst's yearly budget and the programs we offer.



Sincere thanks go to the dozens of people who enjoyed good company and good food while participating so generously, and to the Auction Committee members who worked diligently for many months to pull together such an enjoyable afternoon.

Thank you all.



Rev. Amy (left) studies her Live Auction catalog as helpers by the windows along the far wall wrap up the Silent Auction bidding.



Becky Zimmerman entertains as we transition from the Silent Auction to the lively competitive bidding of the Live Auction.



Francine Hahn, Board President, (center) shares applause with other Bidders.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CEDARHURST UU

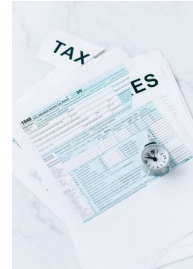
Calendar is subject to change. Check the website calendar [here](#) for most current schedule.

1 Feb	Wednesday	Ladies Who Lunch	12:00 PM
1 Feb	Wednesday	Minister Office Hours	3:00 PM
5 Feb	Sunday	In-Person & Online Sunday Service	10:30 AM
7 Feb	Tuesday	Religious Services Committee	7:00 PM
8 Feb	Wednesday	Ladies Who Lunch	12:00 PM
8 Feb	Wednesday	Minister Office Hours	3:00 PM
8 Feb	Wednesday	Board of Trustees Meeting	7:00 PM
11 Feb	Saturday	CUU Virtual Game Night	7:00 PM
12 Feb	Sunday	In-Person & Online Sunday Service	10:30 AM
12 Feb	Sunday	CUU Book Club	12:00 PM
14 Feb	Tuesday	Caregivers Support Group	5:30 PM
15 Feb	Wednesday	Ladies Who Lunch	12:00 PM
15 Feb	Wednesday	Minister Office Hours	3:00 PM
17 Feb	Friday	Night to Night Shelter Dinner	6:15 PM
19 Feb	Sunday	In-Person & Online Sunday Service	10:30 AM
19 Feb	Sunday	Build Your Own Theology	12:00 PM
20 Feb	Monday	Lunch at Johansson's	1:00 PM
20 Feb	Monday	Monday Musings	7:00 PM
22 Feb	Wednesday	Ladies Who Lunch	12:00 PM
22 Feb	Wednesday	Minister Office Hours	3:00 PM
24 Feb	Friday	Drinks and Dessert	7:00 PM
25 Feb	Saturday	Cardmaking at CUU	10:00 AM
26 Feb	Sunday	In-Person & Online Sunday Service	10:30 AM
26 Feb	Sunday	Congregational Life Committee	12:00 PM

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

2022 DONATIONS STATEMENT

To obtain a statement of the monetary donations you made to Cedarhurst UU during the calendar year 2022, please email your request to treasurer@cedarhurstuu.org.



UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Let's make plans to attend the UUA annual General Assembly in person this year as it's only a four hour drive away in Pittsburgh, PA. I have only gone once years ago and have always wanted to return. The experience is beyond description. This link <https://www.uua.org/ga/registration> has all sorts of information, including early bird specials, financial aid, volunteer opportunities and more! Many of the early bird specials end February 28. Dates are June 21 -25. Contact Maria Warburton for more information and to start making plans together!

FUNDRAISING FUN



Beth and Sharon show off their new wreaths, made Sunday, January 29th in the Wreath Making class benefitting CUU!

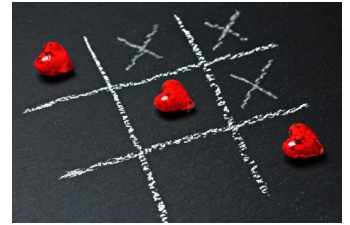
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LADIES WHO LUNCH – Every Wednesday at noon on Zoom

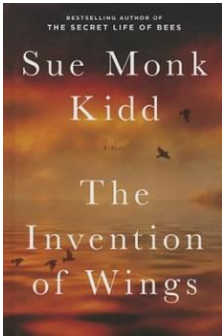
LADIES WHO LUNCH is a social Zoom that is open to ANY woman who is a member or friend of CUU. We invite you to drop in any Wednesday between 12:00-1:00 pm. Whether you have 10 minutes to spare, or the full hour, you are welcome here! Follow Zoom link on CUU Calendar.

CUU Virtual Game Night – Saturday, February 11th at 7pm on Zoom

Each time we pick a game to play that works well on Zoom and allows everyone to play including the person who has the game. It is all for fun – we do not even keep score and we usually laugh a lot. Contact Beth Schilpp if you have trouble with the Zoom link. Follow Zoom link on CUU Calendar.



CUU Book Club – Sunday, February 12th at noon on Zoom



The book is *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd. This is a fictional account of the Grimke sisters who were suffragists and abolitionists from 1800s Charleston.

Participants have selected the books for 2023. If you would like a list, please contact Pamela Malkin. We'd love to have new folks participating in this group. Follow Zoom link on CUU Calendar.

Caregivers Support Group – Tuesday, February 14th at 5:30pm on Zoom

On the Second Tuesday of the month at 5:30pm is the Cedarhurst Caregiver Support group. If you are or have been a physical or emotional caregiver, please Zoom in to share your experiences, vent a bit or just listen. Our goal is to support each other. Call Beth Schilpp at 443-904-1304 if you have trouble getting onto Zoom. Follow Zoom link on CUU Calendar.



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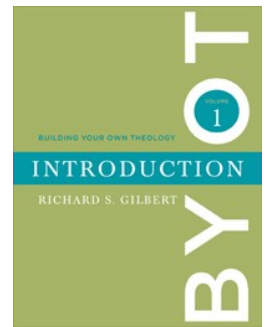
Night to Night: Food Program – Friday, February 17th at 6:15pm

Every third Friday on the month we provide dinner for approximately 30 homeless. Interested in helping provide food or drinks? Contact Pamela Malkin.

Build Your Own Theology (BYOT): Mapping Our Spiritual Landscape – Sunday, February 19th at noon

The sessions will be held on the **first and third Sundays of every month at noon** following our regular Sunday Service and will run approximately 1-1/2 to 2 hours.

These are in-person conversations guided by Reverend Amy using the BYOT handbook published by the UUA. The BYOT handbooks have been ordered and will be available for a \$5.00 minimum donation of at the first session.



If you are still thinking this over, consider this. What has your faith journey been? Were there positives and negatives? And where does that leave you now? Maybe it is time to take a look. To join this shared spiritual exploration, please inform Rev. Amy by email at Minister@cedarhurstuu.org or call Cindy Hirshberg.

Lunch at Johansson's – Monday, February 20th at 1 pm



Congregational Life Committee is trying to schedule an in-person event every month. When possible, will try to have them on days when those who are employed would be able to attend. Hopefully everyone is off on the 20th which is Presidents Day.

The restaurant is closed on Sundays, so please contact Beth Schilpp by 4pm on Saturday, February 18th so we can make reservations.

Johansson's is at 4 W. Main St. in Westminster. Hope you can come.

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Monday Musings – Monday, February 20th at 7pm on Zoom

Monday musings is always on the 3rd Monday of the month and is open to everyone for discussing quotes on specific topics from Soul Matters which we get from the Unitarian Universalist Association. Each month Soul Matters suggests a topic and provides materials related to that topic. Beginning with this December gathering, the group will be facilitated by Rev. Amy Williams Clark. No prep work required – come give it a try. Follow Zoom link on CUU Calendar.



Drinks and Dessert – Friday, February 24th at 7pm on Zoom



This is our no agenda social time – come with or without drinks and dessert to chat and enjoy each other. Maybe share your holiday stories or whatever you wish. Follow Zoom link on CUU Calendar.

Card Making at CUU – Saturday, February 25th at 10:00am

Create cards with Arleen. Perfect for all of your friends and family (male or female), you'll make four cards with your choice of sentiments: Happy Birthday, Thinking of You, or With Sympathy. \$20 materials fee. Please bring your own scissors and adhesive.

Contact Pamela Malkin by February 18th to reserve your spot.



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Grief Group –

Grief Group will reconvene again this year. If you are interested in attending, please contact Rev. Amy at minister@cedarhurst.org

Minister Office Hours—Zoom and In-Person

Rev. Amy's Office Hours are 3-5 PM on Wednesdays.

NOTE: There will be no ministry hours on Wednesday, January 4th. However, Rev. Jane Smith will be available for any urgent pastoral matters on that day and can be reached by contacting Francine at boardpresident@cedarhurstuu.org.

Rev. Amy's office hours will take place at CUU and on Zoom. Looking forward to seeing you in person!

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](#)

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