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FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENTS — GOOD-BYE AND HELLO

I have been honored to serve CUU as your Board President for the past 2 years. I'm always proud to represent our congregation to the larger community and within our UUA communities. I served with dedicated, creative and patient Board members: Pete White, Alan Bogage, Bekah Waters, Sherry Dean and Cindy Hirshberg. Our Treasurer, David Pittman, is really the backbone of the Board as he works so hard at the day-to-day finances and keeps us on track with all of the details that are required to stay true to our fiduciary responsibilities. Of course, Rev. Amy Williams-Clark's leadership always brought us back to the greater responsibility of ministry and covenant. Each time I serve on the Board I get to know my fellow Board members in a deeper way which is one of the best gifts of walking this journey. Thank you.

In the coming year, I will restart the Social Justice Committee. Please join me in this effort because I cannot do it alone. UU the Vote has a lot in store for us (all UUs) regarding the 2024 elections. Side with Love has many opportunities for us to engage in important social justice work. In 2025, General Assembly will be in Baltimore!!! The UUA General Assembly and Conference Office will seek input from multiple congregations in the Baltimore DMV area. Get ready, hon, it will be a week to show off Charm City!

Francine K. Hahn Board President

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Hello! And thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Board President. I began attending Sunday services at Cedarhurst in 2013, and signed the book in 2014. I had been looking for a faith community that welcomed my questions instead of feeding me answers, and one that was actively working for justice and inclusion. I found that community here. I am home.

Since arriving at Cedarhurst, I have served on the Board twice — as Worship Trustee and Finance Trustee. Now we have At-Large members of a smaller Board, and I look forward to working with Cindy Hirshberg, Sherry Dean, and Steve Hirsch (a new CUU member!), as well as Rev Amy and Treasurer David Pittman, both ex-officio members of the Board.

"Put me in, Coach!" (credit to John Fogarty and Credence Clearwater Revival) is my overall theme for the next two years. This is not a time to sit on the bench. We must all pitch in to keep Cedarhurst moving forward. Francine Hahn has paved the way so that my "entry road" is smooth – thank you, Francine!

CUU needs to exist and to thrive in Carroll County. Do you agree? There are ongoing, as well as one-time, opportunities to help out, and you have gifts that will benefit our community. And I am all about partnering with other organizations to get things done, so it's not all on us. I will also work to streamline communication between the Board, CUU Committees, our Minister Rev Amy, and all of you.

The next person who walks through our door might be another "me" – or another "you" – what were you looking for? Let's make sure that person finds a welcoming home at Cedarhurst.

NOTE: Our next two Board meetings are Wed 7/19 and Wed 8/16 (not the usual 2^{nd} Wednesday) at 7 pm on Zoom (see calendar for link). Board meetings are open to all unless otherwise noted.

Becky Zimmerman
boardpresident@cedarhurstuu.org
443-789-1886 9 am – 9 pm

CUU OUTREACH AT SUMMER FESTIVALS

Summer is the perfect time to host a Cedarhurst booth at a local festival. We can say hello to visitors, introduce them to our Unitarian Universalist faith, and invite people to come to Cedarhurst and get to know us. This season we can also mention a list of specific up-coming activities which might interest newcomers.

There are six kinds of activities we talk over with booth visitors: Family Programs, Personal Spiritual Growth, Women's Theology, Nature/enviro Programs, More Cedarhurst Info, and Voting Action and/or Braver Angels. Booth visitors are responding well to info about specific activities coming up in the Fall.

There have been requests for info in every category. Yet, the three getting the most interest are Family Programs, the Women's Theology program "Cakes for the Queen of Heaven" planned for October. And there is also a lot of interest in two Braver Angels events scheduled for later this Summer to be offered in conjunction with other organizations.

"Walk a Mile in My News" is being offered with the Community Media Center in August. "Skills for Bridging the Divide" is being offered in conjunction with the Democracy Lab at the Community College late in September. Booth visitors seem pleased to find some way to address the divisiveness damaging our friendships, families, communities and country.

The accompanying photos are from recent booth events, "Art in the Park" on June 3 and "Juneteenth" on June 17. Our next booth is the PRIDE Event on July 8 from Noon until 6:00pm. There are still several 2-hour slots open for volunteers to cover. If you are available, please contact Cindy Hirshberg to sign up.





Very Capable booth volunteers!



Equipment failure...

Many thanks to the booth volunteers who are doing such a terrific job of representing Cedarhurst.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CEDARHURST UU

Calendar is subject to change. Check the website calendar **here** for most current schedule.

2 July	Sunday	In-Person Ley-Led Sunday Service	10:30 AM
4 July	Tuesday	Outreach at Shepherd's Staff	12:00 PM
5 July	Wednesday	Ladies Who Lunch	12:00 PM
5 July	Wednesday	Minister Office Hours	3:00 PM
8 July	Saturday	CUU Virtual Game Night	7:00 PM
9 July	Sunday	In-Person Ley-Led Sunday Service	10:30 AM
9 July	Sunday	CUU Book Club	12:00 PM
11 July	Tuesday	Caregivers Support Group	5:30 PM
12 July	Wednesday	Ladies Who Lunch	12:00 PM
12 July	Wednesday	Minister Office Hours	3:00 PM
13 July	Thursday	In-Person Dinner at CUU	6:00 PM
16 July	Sunday	In-Person Ley-Led Sunday Service	10:30 AM
18 July	Tuesday	Worship Committee Meeting	7:00 PM
19 July	Wednesday	Ladies Who Lunch	12:00 PM
19 July	Wednesday	Minister Office Hours	3:00 PM
19 July	Wednesday	Board of Trustees Meeting	7:00 PM
21 July	Friday	Night to Night Shelter Dinner	6:15 PM
23 July	Sunday	In-Person Ley-Led Sunday Service	10:30 AM
23 July	Sunday	Congregational Life Committee	12:00 PM
26 July	Wednesday	Ladies Who Lunch	12:00 PM
26 July	Wednesday	Minister Office Hours	3:00 PM
28 July	Friday	Drinks & Dessert	7:00 PM
30 July	Sunday	In-Person Ley-Led Sunday Service	10:30 AM

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.

Note: On June 14th lunch will be in-person at Carroll Lutheran Village Bistro. All are welcome.

OUTREACH AT SHEPHERD'S STAFF —Tuesday, July 4th at 12:00 PM

Cedarhurst UU is serving the hungry at Shepherd's Staff. We expect approximately 80 hungry people and will serve them a broad assortment of food. We will be joined by Wetzel's Pretzels and a Shaved Ice food truck, as well as entertainers from Common Ground on the Hill.

Want to help or contribute? Call Pamela Malkin at 443-487-1299 for more information.

CUU VIRTUAL GAME NIGHT – Saturday, July 8th at 7:00pm on Zoom

Zoom in to play games with CUU friends....we usually play Tribond, Taboo, or Scattergories, but are always open to new ideas. We do not keep score...just have a lot of fun. Contact Beth Schilpp with questions. Follow Zoom link on CUU Calendar.



CUU BOOK CLUB - Sunday, July 9th at noon on Zoom

June's meeting was postponed until July. **June/July's Selection** is *The Lions of Fifth Avenue* by Fiona Davis

The "Lions of Fifth Avenue," by Fiona Davis, is a novel set in the legendary New York Public Library; the storytelling alternates between the two smart, strong-willed women living 80 years apart: Laura Lyons, the wife of the library's superintendent and a famous essayist, in 1913, and Sadie Donovan, a curator at the library in 1993.

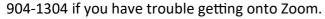
Laura is Sadie's estranged grandmother, whom she knows very little about. But when rare manuscripts about Laura Lyons for an exhibition Sadie is curating go missing, unwelcome truths about her family heritage are uncovered. Davis said the book is "historical fiction plus a mystery all rolled up into one."



Zoom in to discuss! Follow Zoom link on CUU Calendar.

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP - Tuesday, July 11th 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. Follow Zoom link on CUU Calendar. Call Beth Schilpp at 443-





IN-PERSON DINNER AT CUU —Thursday, July 13th at 6:00 PM

We'll keep it simple; everyone can bring their own food and beverage, or just show up to socialize. This worked well when we were coming out of the pandemic isolation and is less work for everyone.

If the weather permits, we can eat outside. The trail behind our building has been cleaned up so you may also want to take a stroll.

Hope to see you there! Call Beth Schilpp if you have any questions.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING - Tuesday, July 18th at 7:00pm

Interested in helping to create the Sunday worship services?

Then this is the committee for you! All are welcome. Follow Zoom link on CUU Calendar.

NIGHT TO NIGHT: FOOD PROGRAM - Friday, July 21st 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.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE COMMITTEE MEETING — **Sunday, July 23rd** at 7:00pm on Zoom

DRINKS AND DESSERT - Friday, July 28th at 7:00pm 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.





Monday Musings will not meet in June or July, but will resume on August 21st at 7:00pm, facilitated by Rev. Amy.

GRIEF GROUP -

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

MINISTER OFFICE HOURS —Zoom and In-Person

Rev. Amy's Office Hours are 3:00-5:00pm on Wednesdays.

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

Meeting ID: 980 9298 0551

Passcode: 121055

CUU AUCTION ITEM: CROQUET EVENT



Croquet competitors enjoy a pre-game picnic lunch prepared by hosts Barb B. and Cindy H.



Barb B. demonstrates proper croquet mallet technique to competitors and gallery.





The lively competition was followed by Barb. B.'s homemade desserts and relaxed conversation. All competitors finished the round and ranked in the top 6!

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