



Cedarhurst
Unitarian
Universalists



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FROM THE MINISTER

The month of November is often thought of as a month of gratitude. This year, we begin the month with our auction which provides an opportunity to have fun with one another, give to the congregation, and express thanks for this wonderful faith community. Cedarhurst is a place of gratitude. So many times I hear members and friends expressing how grateful and happy they are to have found this place where they can be themselves and connect with others.

On the first Sunday of the month, we remember our ancestors and give thanks for all that they have given us and celebrate our own legacies. With each breath, we create legacies for the future and live out the gifts of our ancestors.

At the end of the month will be Thanksgiving, a time when many of us gather with family, or family of choice, to give thanks and to share in our bounty.

CUU has much to be grateful for; we are still here after COVID, we have new members joining, and we have had a successful outreach push which brought new visitors. With new visitors we have had new children; but without having made space or given energy to making children welcome with Religious Education opportunities, we have difficulty encouraging their return.

To grow we need to have an active Religious Exploration for children. For that we need to gather our gratitude for what CUU has given each of us, and give it forward to a new generation. We need to have people who are willing to go downstairs to share in the joy of being with that new generation. And it is a joy - we only have to look at the faces and listen to the delight of the darling children who sit in the back of the sanctuary playing to know the joy they bring.

FROM THE MINISTER cont.

I often hear about the large group of children we've had in the past, and I hear how CUU was there for your children. As we look to the future, we need to see how we can be there for a new generation. Soon Cedarhurst will turn 40; if we want to see our legacy continue, we need to have you join us in being part of a strong RE program.

Your board has already begun looking for two paid people to take care of the children in the back of the sanctuary, but if we want to take advantage of the space we have for children downstairs we will need you to join them. I know and appreciate that many do not want to miss worship service; as your preacher I delight in your presence. As your minister, I know that missing just one service a quarter can make all the difference in the world for our congregation and the next generation. Let us continue to be a congregation of gratitude and generosity.

Grace and Peace,

Rev. Amy



FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

November is a pivotal month. Most years it signals that summer is definitely over, and winter is near. Leaves are at their crunchiest. Root vegetables become the focus at my house, replacing zucchini, vine ripened tomatoes, and corn. Thanksgiving, my favorite holiday, arrives. This is a time to slow down, look around, and give thanks. Unlike Christmas, our gifts to each other are simply ourselves.

Here at Cedarhurst, November means Annual Auction time! This year it's on Saturday, November 4th. It is a **daytime** event, thanks to the Auction Committee's wisdom in scheduling it so that folks don't have to drive at night. I recently learned that Patty Koch, beloved member now living in Ohio, came up with the idea of *fixed price events* for people to sign up for at the Auction. This makes it a more inclusive event – the fixed prices are in the \$20-50 range, more affordable for more people. Both the fixed price events, and the events and items that go for bigger bucks, are good for CUU! Thanks, Patty!

Auction income is one of several ways we pay for repair & renovation projects (it is also used for social justice initiatives that directly help our community). From replacing a cracked window to making our building and grounds as safe and accessible as possible, we are carefully examining our options, including of course looking at costs. The Board takes its responsibility seriously, and as decisions are made, we will keep you informed.

There is one more Board position open for an At-large member! Could this be for you? Since we are between Annual Meetings, this is an appointed position not voted upon by the congregation. Our by-laws state that you must be at least 18 years old and have been a member of CUU for 60 days. This is an exciting time to serve in this capacity, as we are focusing on strategic planning for CUU's future in the Carroll County/northwest Baltimore County region. Let me know if you are interested in learning more!

FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT cont.

If Board work isn't for you, maybe you'd enjoy serving on a committee. Having done that...a lot...I can tell you that it's fun, rewarding, and very rarely boring! It's a great way to help out your CUU community and beyond, and get to know others better in the process.

My motto for my time as your Board President is "Put me in, coach!" Who is ready?



Becky Zimmerman

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SATURDAY IS THE BIG DAY!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4 at 11:30 A.M.



Cedarhurst Unitarian Universalists

35TH ANNUAL AUCTION OF GOODS & SERVICES



We are counting down the days to CUU's biggest event of the year! The excitement is building, and people are anxiously waiting to see the donations they can bid on. Make sure you don't miss out on the fun! We appreciate your generous support of this important fundraiser. Come bid at the Silent Auction, have a nice lunch, and desserts and join us for the Live Auction at 1:00 p.m.

Auction donations can be dropped off at Cedarhurst during the following times:

Thursday, November 2nd between 12 pm and 4 pm

Friday, November 3rd beginning at 1 pm

If you need to schedule a different time to drop off your donations, please contact one of the auction committee members below:

Auction Committee: Terri Ebaugh (terridonebaugh@gmail.com), Linda Joy (linda.joy@verizon.net), Barb Bradley, Beth Schilpp, Sherry Dean, Cindy Hirshberg, Sharon Kennedy

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CEDARHURST UU

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

1 November	Wednesday	Ladies Who Lunch	12:00 PM
1 November	Wednesday	Minister Office Hours	4:00 PM
1 November	Wednesday	New Members Class	6:00 PM
4 November	Saturday	CUU 35th Annual Auction	11:30 AM
5 November	Sunday	Sunday Service—In-person & on Zoom	10:30 AM
8 November	Wednesday	Ladies Who Lunch	12:00 PM
8 November	Wednesday	Minister Office Hours	4:00 PM
8 November	Wednesday	New Members Class	6:00 PM
8 November	Wednesday	Board of Trustees Meeting	7:00 PM
10 November	Friday	CUU Virtual Game Night	7:00 PM
12 November	Sunday	Sunday Service—In-person & on Zoom	10:30 AM
12 November	Sunday	CUU Book Club	12:00 PM
14 November	Tuesday	Caregivers Support Group	5:30 PM
15 November	Wednesday	Ladies Who Lunch	12:00 PM
15 November	Wednesday	Minister Office Hours	4:00 PM
17 November	Friday	Night-by-Night Shelter Dinner	6:15 PM
19 November	Sunday	Sunday Service—In-person & on Zoom	10:30 AM
20 November	Monday	Monday Musings	7:00 PM
21 November	Tuesday	Worship Committee Meeting	7:00 PM
22 November	Wednesday	Ladies Who Lunch	12:00 PM
22 November	Wednesday	Minister Office Hours	4:00 PM
24 November	Friday	Drinks & Dessert	7:00 PM
26 November	Sunday	Sunday Service—In-person & on Zoom	10:30 AM
26 November	Sunday	Dinner Outing & Festival of Wreaths	12:30 PM
27 November	Monday	Congregational Life Committee Meeting	7:00 PM
29 November	Wednesday	Ladies Who Lunch	12:00 PM
29 November	Wednesday	Minister Office Hours	4:00 PM
30 November	Thursday	Holiday Card Making Class	10:00 AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING PROGRAMS AT CEDARHURST UU

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 to join.

New Member's Class —Every Wednesday at 6:00pm

Rev. Amy invites new members to join her for six weeks ending November 8th. In this class new members will learn about Unitarian Universalism and have the opportunity to ask all their questions. Classes will be held both in person and via Zoom. Come, gather together for an opportunity to learn, join our community, and have fun!! Each session will be one hour in length—come and join the gang! Follow link on CUU Calendar to join.

CUU's 35th Annual Auction – Saturday, November 4th at 11:30am

Join Cedarhurst for our biggest event of the year! This is an opportunity to get together, support the congregation, and bid on some great events and items. Doors open and luncheon begins at 11:30am. The Silent Auction opens at 11:45am and closes at 12:45pm. The Live Auction begins at 1:00pm. Come join in on the fun! (See page 5 for additional information.)

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING - Wednesday, November 8th at 7:00pm on Zoom

Board meetings are open to all unless otherwise noted. Follow Zoom link on CUU Calendar.

CUU VIRTUAL GAME NIGHT – Friday, November 10th 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.



CUU BOOK CLUB – Sunday, November 12th at noon on Zoom

November's selection is *The Lonely Hearts Book Club* by Lisa Gilmore.



Sloane Parker lives a small, contained life as a librarian in her small, contained town. She never thinks of herself as lonely...but still she looks forward to that time every day when old curmudgeon Arthur McLachlan comes to browse the shelves and cheerfully insult her. Their sparring is such a highlight of Sloane's day that when Arthur doesn't show up one morning, she's instantly concerned. And then another day passes, and another.

Anxious, Sloane tracks the old man down only to discover him all but bed-ridden...and desperately struggling to hide how happy he is to see her.

Wanting to bring more cheer into Arthur's gloomy life, Sloane creates an impromptu book club. Slowly, the lonely misfits of their sleepy town begin to find each other and, in their book club, the joy of unlikely friendship—because, as it turns out, everyone has a special book in their heart...and a reason to get lost (and eventually found) within the pages.

-Amazon

All who are interested in the book club, please start thinking about what you want to read in 2024. We will be making our selections for next year on December 10th at noon on zoom. The link is on the calendar. Call Beth Schilpp with questions.

Follow Zoom link on CUU Calendar to join.

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP – Tuesday, November 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 to join.



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NIGHT-BY-NIGHT: FOOD PROGRAM – Friday, November 17th at 6:15pm



Human Services Programs
of Carroll County, Inc.

Every third Friday of the month we provide dinner for approximately 30 homeless in Carroll County, a community service CUU has provided for over ten years.

Interested in helping provide food or drinks? Contact Pamela Malkin.

MONDAY MUSINGS – Monday, November 20th at 7:00pm on Zoom

Rev Amy facilitates discussions based on quotes from the UUA on the theme of the month. The September theme is *Welcome*. All are welcome to join; no preparation needed. Follow Zoom link on CUU Calendar to join.



WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING – Tuesday, November 21st at 7:00pm on Zoom

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 to join.

DRINKS AND DESSERT – Friday, November 24th 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 to join.

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Lunch at Mediterraneo Restaurant and walk to Festival of Wreaths at Carroll County Arts Council - Sunday, November 26th at 12:30pm



We will meet at the restaurant at 12:30pm. After we eat, all who wish can go to the Carroll Arts Council to see the Festival of Wreaths. Bidding on line is available if you'd like to get one of the wreaths. The Mediterraneo does not require reservations. We hope to see you there! Call Beth Schilpp at 443-904-1304 with questions.

Mediterraneo Restaurant is located at 132 W. Main St, Westminster.

Carroll County Arts Council is located at 91 W. Main St.



"A holiday wonderland of creativity and generosity! This event features over 100 unique theme wreaths and holiday art pieces that range from whimsical to wacky to wonderful! The wreaths are sold through an online auction that benefits the Arts Council. Now in its 26th year, the Festival of Wreaths at the Carroll Arts Center has traditionally been one of the most eagerly awaited holiday events in the County. While all the bidding is done online, the Arts Center still hosts a cheery display of all the entries for patrons to visit!"

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE COMMITTEE MEETING - Monday, November 27th at 7:00pm on Zoom

The Congregational Life Committee sponsors a variety of activities for friends and members of the congregation. Many of these are on Zoom as the result of COVID, but we are moving toward more in-person events. The committee meets on Zoom on the 4th Sunday of the month at noon and anyone is welcome to attend.

Follow Zoom link on CUU Calendar to join.

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Card Making Class with Pamela Malkin – Thursday, November 30th at 10:00am

This class will feature 4 cards. Kits will be ready to go with everything you need except adhesive/glue. Please bring your favorite kind. I will have Tombow liquid glue available for purchase for \$5.50. You will be able to choose from several sentiments to personalize your cards. COST: \$22 per person. Please RSVP by Tuesday, November 21st.



Interested in receiving more information? Contact Nalina at outreach@cedarhurstuu.org to be added to our weekly CUUpdate mailing list!

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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@cedarhurstuu.org.

NEW MINISTER OFFICE HOURS

Wednesdays In-Office Meetings 4:00-6:00pm

Rev. Amy's Office hours for the Fall are now on Wednesdays, in-person only.

Feel free to stop in any time.

Reminder: Rev. Amy is always available for urgent pastoral matters and can be reached via phone or text.

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, December 3rd - Decorate CUU for the holidays –

Please help decorate after the service. We will not be putting up a tree. We will be decorating the mantel, the windows, and have several wreaths and some other decorations. We expect the decorating can be completed in less than an hour. When the decorating is over, have lunch together at Bistro 91 in the Finksburg Plaza. Call Beth Schilpp at 443-904-1304 with questions.



Saturday, December 9th — Carpool to a train garden in Jarrettsville or Glen Avenue. If there is time will stop at the one in Kenilworth Shopping Center. Exact time and place will be in the upcoming announcements.

Thursday, December 14th - Valley View Farms at 10am – We will meet at CUU at 10am to carpool to Valley View Farms to see all of their holiday decorations and have lunch at Wegmans in Hunt Valley. If you have never been to Valley View before, they have amazing displays. Call Beth Schilpp with questions.

Sunday, December 17th at noon - Bring your own lunch, chat a bit, and then have a sing along of Christmas carols for about an hour just to be joyous and get in the holiday mood.

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