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President's Message

Written by Pres. Becky Zimmerman

April begins the first full month without Rev Amy as our minister at Cedarhurst. It feels strange to me. My column is normally preceded by hers in the Companion. Wednesdays at 4:00 pm I don't have a meeting with her. I won't have another opportunity to participate in a religious education class or a study group with her. And I won't be able to bring my own pastoral counseling needs to her.

Is there anyone else to turn to in the meantime? YES. One of my new responsibilities in light of departure of a minister is to see that there is pastoral coverage in the interim. So far, we have had three ministers covering different weeks since Amy's leaving. I want to encourage you to reach out, if you've been hesitant. Believe me, I know that the pastoral relationship is very important, and you may have finally gotten really comfortable with our former minister.



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443-789-1886

9 am – 9 pm

But now there are equally capable, confidential, sensitive and supportive ministers available to you. The way it works is: call or text me, Becky Zimmerman, at 443-789-1886 (day or night), let me know briefly what you're in need of (such as illness or death of a loved one, or a personal need) and I will contact the on-call minister to get you connected as quickly as possible.

Here's what's coming down the pike at Cedarhurst:

1. The Search Committee for a new minister, chaired by David Pittman, has begun meeting and will be seeking your input very soon. Please read David's update elsewhere in this Companion!

2. Stewardship Season will kick off on **Sunday, April 14** with a **Fellowship Lunch** (right after Gerry Galuardi's all-music service)! This a time for learning from each other what motivates our giving to CUU, including our time, talents, and financial resources. I hope you can be there on April 14 for this fun kick-off.

3. **Sunday, May 5** is *another* lunch after the service, this time to roll out for you the proposed renovation plan for our building. Don't worry – nothing is starting immediately – we will discuss it on May 5, and vote on it at the Annual Meeting on June 2. The “flinging of dirt with a shovel” is a long way off yet!

As we continue down this path of ministerial transition, please know that you may reach out to me or any Board member, to David and the Search Committee, and to our on-call ministers (call/text me to get connected) for any reason. We are here. We are in this together. And we are Cedarhurst Strong.

Pastoral Care

There IS pastoral care available during this time of transition to a new Minister.

Rev. Crystal Saiyge is on call April 1-7.

Should you need a pastor for ANY reason, please contact Board President, Becky Zimmerman, at 443-789-1886 (call/text 24/7) and she'll get you connected with a Reverend.

Cedarhurst UU Search Committee

Cedarhurst UU's Board has designated a Search Committee to fill our vacant minister position. The members of this committee are David Pittman (Chair), Alan Bogage, Roderic Hooks, Lisa Miller, Beth Schilpp, and Becky Zimmerman.

We're following the UUA's recommended process for hiring a contract minister. A critical early step will be to obtain input from the congregation. Therefore, we will soon distribute a short questionnaire via email. We hope you will respond quickly so we can consider your preferences as we prepare to post the position on the UUA's **Ministry Search and Jobs Application Portal**. This electronic forum for connecting congregations with prospective ministers will be our primary source of candidates. While we may reach out to certain individuals to let them know we would welcome their application, we won't circumvent the UUA's recommended process.

Spring might not be the optimal season for starting a ministry search. Those who are looking for new positions may have already applied for other positions and might even be receiving offers. While we would prefer to fill the vacancy quickly, please be patient while we make an earnest effort to find a great candidate. Meanwhile, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact David Pittman at d.s.pittman@verizon.net or 301-801-8032.



Sunday Service Updates

All Sundays in April and May are now filled by guest speakers.

The first two Sundays in June are currently open but will be filled as the dates get closer.

June 16 begins our traditional summer services which run through September 1 (Labor Day weekend). These services are lay-led by members or friends of the congregation and tend to be less formal than the services during the rest of the year.

For those who haven't attend summer services before, they are far-ranging and have included insight on a history, science, or religious topic, as well as a songfest, an art project, and even Elvis. Begin thinking about what topic you might like to share with others and look for a sign-up sheet in a few weeks.

Thank you to everyone who has been helping out with services this year. Every Sunday, we have a volunteer lay-leader, Zoom coordinator, and provider of snacks (hospitality) along with a music coordinator and choir. Plus Beth Schilpp who comes early almost every Sunday and makes the coffee!

We are always happy to have a few more volunteers, so If you would like to try out any of these roles, please let me know.

Maria Warburton
Worship Committee Chair
mariawarburton@comcast.net



HAVING FUN AT CUU AND OTHER EVENTS

**Pamela Malkin and Holly Thompson
at National Cryptology Museum,
March 21st.**

**This sign was at the NSA main
office, now at the museum, along
with countless devices used to
break codes.**



**Francine Hahn and Alan Bogage met up in
Sarasota at an Orioles Spring Training
game. The Os won!**

SPACES STILL AVAILABLE FOR CUU AUCTION EVENTS

LOOKING FOR THINGS TO DO IN THE COMING MONTHS?

THERE ARE MANY AUCTION EVENTS THAT STILL HAVE AVAILABLE SPACES.

CHECK OUT THE EVENTS BELOW AND CONTACT LINDA JOY AT LINDA.JOY@VERIZON.NET OR TERRI DON EBAUGH AT TERRIDONEBAUGH@GMAIL.COM IF YOU'D LIKE TO ATTEND!

PLEASE NOTE THE DATE ON THE SKINNY DIP POOL PARTY HAS CHANGED FROM JULY 6 TO JULY 13, 2024.

Donor	Event	Event Date	Donation	Spaces open
Gerald Galuardi and Barb Bradley	An Afternoon of Live Music and Refreshments	04/07/24	\$25	24
Dave Joy	Skinny Dip Pool Party (clothing optional)	07/13/24	\$35	9
Linda & Dave Joy	Pool Party (clothing required)	07/20/24	\$35	4

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HELP
NEEDED**

CUU, Feeding the Community



Loaves and Fishes

We will be serving lunch to 80+/- at the Saturday, April 6 at 11:30. We need packaged chips/snacks, salads or other sandwich sides, fruit snacks, desserts, fruit and a variety of sandwiches. Lunch will be served at Westminster Church of the Brethren. We provide lunch for Loaves and Fishes twice a year. Contact Rebecca at rdavieau@gmail.com.

April Shelter Pizza Dinner

Our Friday, April 19 Shelter Dinner is just a few weeks after the large lunch for Loaves and Fishes. We will serve pizzas, salads and desserts. Donations for pizzas are needed! We serve 40-45, so will need 10 pizzas. Contact Rebecca at rdavieau@gmail.com, or cash donations can be made directly to Pamela at service.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Goo Goo Ga Ga

IF YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO SPEAKS THE LANGUAGE OF INFANTS AND TODDLERS, PLEASE SEND THEM OUR WAY. CUU IS CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR A PAID NURSERY ATTENDANT TO JOIN THE STAFF.

IF YOU HAVE A TEENAGE NEIGHBOR, GRANDCHILD, OR A MATURE FRIEND WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN SPENDING TIME HERE ON SUNDAY MORNINGS, PLEASE LET BECKY ZIMMERMAN, BOARD PRESIDENT, KNOW.

WE ARE CURRENTLY RE-VAMPING OUR RE PROGRAM AND THE PAID NURSERY ATTENDANT IS OUR FIRST STEP.



Do we have any budding or closet photographers in the group?

We'd love to see your photos from CUU events!

They might get shared in our Weekly Newsletter, monthly *Companion*, or even placed on the Website!



Please share your event photos with Nalina at outreach@cedarhurstuu.org



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



It isn't too early to plan your summer vacation!
Consider Summer Institute as a perfect vacation for
the whole family. Spend a week with a few hundred
UUs and make some life-long friends.

Summer Institute 2024: July 7th-13th

Summer Institute 2024 is going to be jam-packed full of fun,
community, music and learning, back at Penn West California
University.

Theme Speaker is Rev. Julian Soto, a UU minister and activist,
presenting "Unlikely Superheroes: Skills for Practicing Faith and
Ethics in Tough Times." Rev. Soto brings a remarkably loving
presence and a depth of spiritual leadership. Prior to being a
minister, they were also a teacher and a lawyer. Each of these has
been a way for them to engage with people, with transformation, and
with the goal of making the world a better place.

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In peace and love, The Summer Institute Planning Committee

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO](#)

APRIL SPECIAL EVENTS

AN AFTERNOON OF LIVE MUSIC AND REFRESHMENTS!

Sunday, April 7th at 1:00-4:00pm

Live music featuring Gerry Galuardi and Ayanna Chen

There are still plenty of available spaces for this CUU Auction fundraising event! The requested donation is \$25 and proceeds go directly to CUU. See Auction Events above to get your ticket!



SHERWOOD GARDENS Thursday, April 11th at 10:00am

Meet at CUU at 10am for a visit to Sherwood Gardens, located at 4310 Underwood Road, Baltimore. Bring your own lunch for a picnic in the gardens. We should be back by 2:30 or 3pm.



“ANNIE” – PLAY AT LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL Saturday, April 20th at 2:00pm

The school is located at 5855 Bartholow Rd. Eldersburg. Make it a day by enjoying the play and then having dinner at Oscar's or just go to the play or just go to Oscar's. Tickets can be obtained at the door or on line at <https://www.lhsdramaclub.com/>

DINNER AT OSCAR'S ALE HOUSE

Saturday, April 20th at 5:00pm

Enjoy dinner with CUU friends at Oscar's – 1438 Liberty Road, Eldersburg. Please contact Beth Schilpp by 5pm on the 19th so reservations can be made.



APRIL EVENTS

LADIES WHO LUNCH every Wednesday at noon on Zoom

LADIES WHO LUNCH is a social Zoom gathering 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.



CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP Tuesday, April 9th at 5:30pm on Zoom

Please Zoom in if you are or have been the physical or emotional caretaker for a loved one. We have no experts – this is just a place to share your issues and experiences.

Call Beth Schilpp at 443-904-1304 with any questions.

Follow Zoom link on CUU Calendar to join.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING Wednesday, April 10th at 7:00pm on Zoom

Board meeting will be on Zoom for all who wish to attend.

Board meetings are open to all unless otherwise noted.

Follow Zoom link on CUU Calendar to join,



APRIL EVENTS

CUU VIRTUAL GAME NIGHT

Friday, April 12th 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 to join.



MONDAY MUSINGS

Monday, April 15th at 7:00pm on Zoom

Join in a discussion based on quotes from Soul Matters, provided by the UUA on the theme of the month. All are welcome to join; no preparation needed.



Follow Zoom link on CUU Calendar to join.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, April 16th 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.



APRIL EVENTS

NIGHT-BY-NIGHT: FOOD PROGRAM

Friday, April 19th at 6:15pm

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 at 410-857-5071.



DRINKS AND DESSERT

Friday, April 19th at 7:00pm on Zoom
NOTE DATE CHANGE, for this month only.

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.

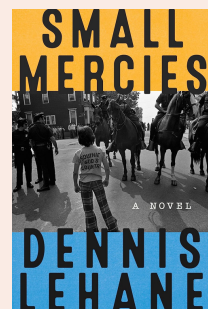


CUU BOOK CLUB

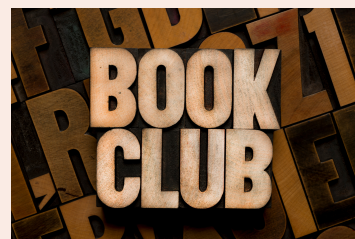
April's book is *Small Mercies* by Dennis Lehane.

Sunday, April 21st at noon on Zoom
NOTE DATE CHANGE for this month only.

"One night Mary Pat's teenage daughter Jules stays out late and doesn't come home. That same evening, a young Black man is found dead, struck by a subway train under mysterious circumstances. The two events seem unconnected. But Mary Pat, propelled by a desperate search for her missing daughter, begins turning over stones best left untouched—asking questions that bother Marty Butler, chieftain of the Irish mob, and the men who work for him, men who don't take kindly to any threat to their business. Set against the hot, tumultuous months when the city's desegregation of its public schools exploded in violence, *Small Mercies* is a superb thriller, a brutal depiction of criminality and power, and an unflinching portrait of the dark heart of American racism. It is a mesmerizing and wrenching work that only Dennis Lehane could write." ~ Goodreads



We'd love to have new folks participating in this group. Call Beth Schilpp with questions. Follow Zoom link on CUU Calendar to join.



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CONGREGATIONAL LIFE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Congregational Life Committee sponsors a variety of activities for friends and members of the congregation. Some events remain on Zoom, while others are in-person. Check the “CUUpdate” weekly announcements or the CUU website calendar for details. 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.

Monday, April 29th at 7:00pm on
Zoom



UUA APRIL EVENTS



Trans Day of Visibility 2024

Tuesday, April 2nd @ 5pm PT/ 8pm ET

Led by Rev. Julián Jamaica Soto

REGISTER: bit.ly/upliftTDOV2024

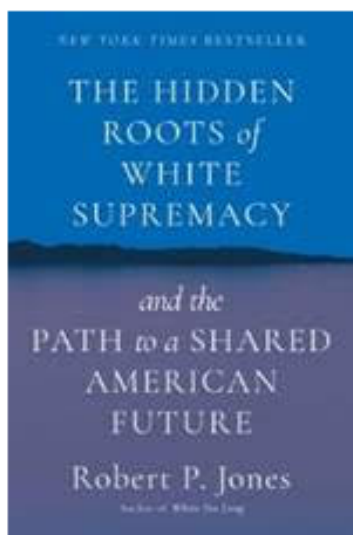
Trans Day of Visibility is upon us! And this year, it's on Easter Sunday, and in the midst of, or shortly before/after, so many other holidays--Ramadan, Nawruz, Purim, Holi, Lent, and more. Now is a good time to celebrate that trans people are sacred, trans people are divine, trans people are worthy of living lives full of joy and satisfaction.

This year for Trans Day of Visibility, we're excited to share that TRUUsT Director Rev. Julián Jamaica Soto will be leading our time together.

All are welcome--all ages, all (a)gender identities, all religious experiences that include folks happy to attend a UUA event.

We'd love you to invite friends, family, and community members by sharing this link: <https://bit.ly/upliftTDOV2024>. You can also repost and share on [Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook links]. Hope to see you there!

UUA APRIL EVENTS




All Souls Author Event: *The Hidden Roots of White Supremacy and the Path to a Shared American Future*

Wednesday April 3, 7:00 PM, at All Souls and Online.

All Souls is pleased to welcome New York Times bestselling author, leading scholar and commentator on religion and politics, Robert P. Jones, talking about the 2024 Election and his new book.

Follow Link to the Flyer for more information: [Robert P. Jones at All Souls, April 3, 2024](#)




**Keep Calling And Writing:
How the Climate Justice Movement
Affects Federal Legislation**

**A conversation with former Bernie Sanders
staffer, Katie Thomas Carol, Esq.**

Thursday, April 4
8:00 p.m. ET • 7:00 p.m. CT • 6:00 p.m. MT • 5:00 p.m. PT
RSVP: bit.ly/KeepCallingAndWriting

Drawing from almost a decade of experience on Capitol Hill working on energy and environmental policy and legislation, Katie will speak in her personal capacity about the power UUs have to help drive the progressive agenda.

Katie Thomas Carol, Esq.,
Director of Energy and Environment Programs,
Congressional Progressive Caucus Center



Buzzworthy Policy Talk: Katie Thomas Carol, Esq. Thursday, April 4th
8:00 p.m. ET • 7:00 p.m. CT • 6:00 p.m. MT • 5:00 p.m. PT
[RSVP for Katie Thomas' Talk - April 4th](#)

SAVE THE DATE



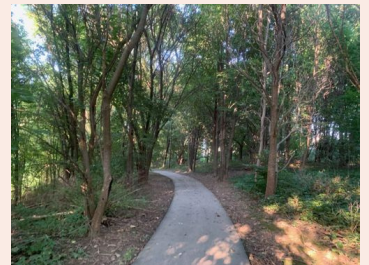
NATIONAL ARBORETUM Thursday, May 2nd at 9:15am

We'll meet at CUU at 9:15am to carpool to the National Arboretum in D.C. Hopefully, many of the spring plants will be blooming. After having lunch in the general area, we will try to be back at CUU by 4pm. Call Beth Schilpp with questions. Rain date is May 9th.



SANDYMOUNT PARK Sunday, May 5th at noon

We'll be gathering after the Special Congregation Meeting and luncheon to take a walk on the park's paved paths. Enjoy Spring by getting out and walking with friends at our local park. Located at 2250 Old Westminster Pike, Finksburg. There will not be a rain date. Call Beth Schilpp with questions.



LUNCH AT LIBERATOIRES Thursday, May 23rd at noon

Enjoy a little Italian food with friends from CUU with the option to do a little shopping later on your own. Please call Beth Schilpp by 5pm on the 22nd at 443-904-1304 so reservations can be made. Located at 140 Village Shopping Center.





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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3 12pm Ladies Who Lunch	4	5	6
7 10:30am Sunday Service 1pm An Afternoon of Live Music and Refreshments	8	9 5:30pm Caregivers Support Group	10 12pm Ladies Who Lunch 7pm Board of Trustees Mtg	11 10am Trip to Sherwood Gardens	12 7pm CUU Virtual Game Night	13
14 10:30am Sunday Service 12pm Fellowship Lunch	15 7pm Monday Musings	16 7pm Worship Committee Meeting	17 12pm Ladies Who Lunch	18	19 6:15pm Night-by-Night Shelter Dinner 7pm Drinks & Dessert	20 2pm "Annie" Play at Liberty High School 5pm Dinner at Oscar's Ale House
21 10:30am Sunday Service 12pm Book Club	22	23	24 12pm Ladies Who Lunch	25	26	27
28 10:30am Sunday Service	29 7pm Congregational Life Committee Meeting	30				
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