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NEWSLETTER

President's Message

Written by Pres. Becky Zimmerman

I want to thank each of you who completed the congregational survey emailed in late March, to help us identify what we are looking for in a new minister. The Search Committee is reading every survey and compiling your feedback – essential to the search process. If you didn't receive a survey, please contact David Pittman at d.s.pittman@verizon.net and he will send it to you.

It is Stewardship Canvass time, and we are "Supporting Our Beloved Community" by pledging to CUU for the 2024-25 fiscal year, July 1- June 30. Co-chairs Jay Levenson and David Pittman are counting on you to give careful thought to what you are able and willing to give to help Cedarhurst continue to thrive. Circumstances change from year to year. In my case, my college in Alabama is closing its doors after 168 years at the end of May, and I will be rolling that annual donation into my CUU pledge.



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443-789-1886

9 am – 9 pm

We are also about to roll out **"Elevate Cedarhurst!"** on Sunday, May 5 with lunch catered by Santoni's of Glyndon, the Board's renovation and addition proposal for our wonderful building, and a time for questions & comments. The whole building needs to be fully accessible to all, regardless of mobility challenges, as this is central to the principles and values we hold.

With that accessibility, along with other improvements you'll hear about on May 5, CUU will be able to support:

1. Continued growth of the congregation including families with children.
2. Accessible CUU programs or events on the upper and/or lower levels.
3. Hosting a conference or workshop for the larger UU community in Baltimore & surrounding area.
4. Religious exploration/education activities & events on the lower level, in which children or their parents with mobility challenges can participate.

I hope you will be here in person or online on Sunday, May 5 for Elevate Cedarhurst! In case you can't tell, I am **very excited** about this! And I think you will be, too.

Finally, our Annual Meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, June 9** [not June 2] after the service. All are welcome to attend! Members who signed the book by 3/31 are eligible to vote. Watch for an email with attachments, with "Special Announcement: Annual Meeting" in the subject line. Sprinkled with a little music and laughter (I can't stand a boring meeting) we will review the past year at Cedarhurst, approve the 2024-25 budget, elect Board members, elect some committee members, and end with more music. And hopefully laughter.

"Most of us look at our ideals...how far we are from them, and get depressed. But it is heroic simply to say, 'Here are my ideals,' state them before the world, and then spend your life trying to live up to them."

~ Keshavan Nair, 91-year-old author of Higher Standard of Leadership - Lessons from the Life of Gandhi

Cedarhurst UU Search Committee

Cedarhurst's Ministerial Search Committee recently finished filling out the lengthy electronic form by which UU congregations recruit ministers to fill vacant positions. We described Cedarhurst as a "relatively small but active and vibrant community" that is spiritually "diverse" but "leans toward a humanistic view of spirituality." We described how Cedarhurst "lives its values" through "social justice, community services and initiatives," and also by sharing our "joys and concerns" and our "perspectives and opinions following each sermon."

We stated that providing "inspirational Sunday services" will be the minister's most important responsibility. "The congregation wants to feel moved by the sermon with a thought-provoking message that can sustain us through the week." Other areas of focus will include pastoral care, new member education, being "a strong supporter of RE for children," and serving as a presence in the community of other faith groups.

The information and opinions that many of you expressed in your survey responses was invaluable. We will continue to draw on your survey responses during interviews with prospective ministers.

Now we must wait for prospective ministers to apply. Although we specified a preference for our new minister to start this September, we won't rush this process to satisfy an arbitrary deadline.



Pastoral Care

There are 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.

Sunday Service Updates

How is it already May?! This means the start of the summer services is only six weeks away. For those newish to Cedarhurst and never been to a summer service: they are led by one (or more) of us; we generally sit in a circle; there usually isn't music, but sometimes there is; we still have Joys and Concerns; and as lay leader you get to pick the topic, speak about it awhile and then have a discussion about it.

Topics can include a favorite book or movie, a trip that you took or would like to take, a current event or person, a historical event or person, a local issue or one further afield, a UU or other religious topic, or something else that strikes your fancy. You can either take care of the entire service or a lay leader can be scheduled to help you out. We will also have a building volunteer scheduled to open and close the building.

As of now, there are numerous open dates but they may start filling up soon. A spreadsheet link will be coming out in future weekly announcements. For now, if you are planning to do a service or would like more information about the summer format, please reach out to Maria Warburton at mariawarburton@comcast.net or 410-967-2100.

Thanks so much!

Maria Warburton
Worship Committee Chair

"I would like to look back six years from now and find UUs with a deepened commitment to living our values and being able to express those values in language that's expansive, specific, and non-exclusionary, and leaves room for their Beloveds in community. I hope we still have vibrant brick-and-mortar congregations that promote grassroots efforts in the street, and support entrepreneurial ministries that don't necessarily look like what we've had for the last hundred years."

Rev. Dr. Sofía Betancourt, UUA President in an interview for UU World magazine just after her installation in July, 2023



HAVING FUN AT CUU AND OTHER EVENTS

Thank you Pamela Malkin for your diligence taking photos at CUU's events!



With heavy clouds overhead, Maria, Sharon, and Beth visited Sherwood Gardens on April 11, followed by a yummy lunch at Alonso's.



"Annie" was attended by six people on Saturday, April 20th. Folks came from Catonsville, Marriottsville, Finksburg, Boston, and Gettysburg. All exclaimed the show was great! (no photo available.)



Dinner was at Oscar's in Eldersburg with sixteen attending! We love to eat with our friends!

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



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looking for things to do in the coming months?

There are some Auction events that still have available spaces. Check out the events below and contact Linda Joy at Linda.Joy@verizon.net or Terri Ebaugh at terridonebaugh@gmail.com if you'd like to attend!

Dave Joy's Skinny Dipping Pool Party (clothing optional) Event Date:
07/13/24* Donation: \$35 Spaces Open: 9

Linda & Dave Joy's Pool Party (clothing required) Event Date: 07/20/24
Donation: \$35 Spaces Open: 4

• Please note the change of date from July 6 to July 13

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CUU ANNUAL PLEDGE CANVASS

Our annual Pledge Canvass began Sunday, April 14 with the Fellowship Lunch; it ends in early May so the Board can create a draft budget at its May 8 meeting to present to the congregation at our June 9 Annual Meeting. The budget, plus officers and any other significant matters on the agenda must be approved by membership. Pledges by members and friends are the cornerstone of our budget planning as they represent about 70% of CUU's income; the balance comes from plate donations, the Endowment Fund, our annual Auction, and funds from the sale of grocery gift cards (SCRIP).

Members and friends should refer to CUU's website "Giving" tab [Click Link Here](#) for giving guidelines and a pledge form. If you have previously pledged, please proceed to complete the process asap. If you are a new member, have not previously pledged or have any questions, feel free to contact Jay Levenson or David Pittman. Jay has requested volunteer canvassers to follow up with members who have not pledged on-line by the last week in April. If you prefer, a canvasser would be happy to visit with you privately before / after Sunday services, or at a convenient place.

When signing the Membership Register ("The Book"), members agreed to honor the Expectations of Membership, one of which is financial support. Moreover, CUU's By-laws require an identifiable financial contribution of record annually as a condition to maintain active status. No minimum sum is stipulated, and this commitment may be honored as a member wishes (eg. mail a check, donate on our website, or put your donation in an envelope with your name on it, and place it in the offering plate on Sunday).

However, an annual pledge is preferable, indeed essential, because it enables your board and all committees to plan for the coming fiscal year.

Thank you for promptly and generously "Supporting Our Beloved Community."

UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

General Assembly: The Unitarian Universalist Association's Annual Meeting



UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
VIRTUAL GA • JUNE 20 - 23, 2024

General Assembly 2024

General Assembly is the annual gathering of Unitarian Universalists, where we conduct business of the Association, explore the theological underpinnings of our faith, and lean fully into our mission and principles.

Love Unites, Stories Ignite

In a world filled with division and challenges, the theme for this year's General Assembly is a powerful reminder of the core principles that unite us as Unitarian Universalists. "Love Unites, Stories Ignite" celebrates the profound impact of love as a binding force that transcends boundaries and fosters connections within our faith community and beyond.

Our faith has always been rooted in the power of storytelling, and this year we'll explore how our stories can ignite change, inspire compassion, and help us build a more just and equitable world. Through storytelling, we share our experiences, our dreams, our struggles, and our triumphs. It is through these stories that we can find common ground, deepening our understanding of one another and the world around us.

The 63rd General Assembly will take place **virtually** Thursday, June 20 through Sunday, June 23, 2024.

You may now [view the GA schedule](#) to see the lineup of informative workshops, inspirational worship services, and more!

MAY SPECIAL EVENTS

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

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.



SPECIAL CONGREGATION MEETING Sunday, May 5th at noon

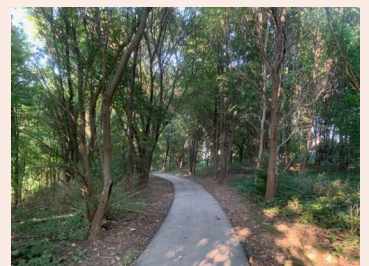
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SANDYMOUNT PARK Sunday, May 5th at 1:30 pm

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.



MAY SPECIAL EVENTS

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.



GREETING CARD MAKING WITH PAMELA MALKIN

Saturday, May 25th at 10:00 am

Create greeting cards together at Cedarhurst UU Saturday, May 25th at 10 am.

You may order your choice of card kit (by May 3) at <http://www.stampergraham.stampinup.com> (click on left corner of site and choose "kits") Host code 32WTWEK3. Cost varies based on kit selected (\$12-23/kit). Shipping (\$7.98) and tax is additional. There are over 30 kits to choose from to create up to 9 cards.

Please place your order no later than May 3rd so it will be received in time for our gathering. Arleen will be on hand to aid us.

Hope you can join the fun. Creating is more fun with friends! Speaking of... friends are welcome!



Sample Kit \$24

MAY 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.



CONGREGATIONAL LIFE COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, May 2nd at 7:00 pm on Zoom

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.



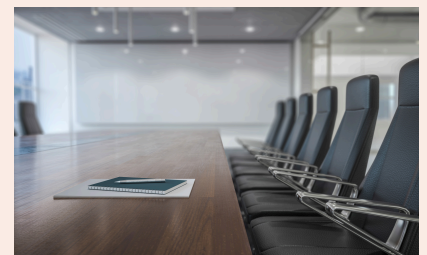
Follow Zoom link on CUU Calendar to join.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING Wednesday, May 8th at 7:00 pm 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,



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CUU VIRTUAL GAME NIGHT

Friday, May 10th at 7:00 pm 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.



CUU BOOK CLUB

Sunday, May 12th at noon on Zoom

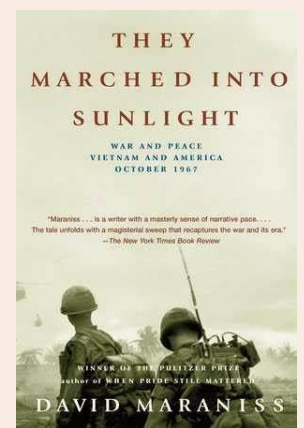
May's book is *They Marched into Sunlight* by David Maraniss.

"The epic story of Vietnam and the sixties told through the events of a few gripping, passionate days of war and peace in October 1967. They Marched Into Sunlight brings that tumultuous time back to life while exploring questions about the meaning of dissent and the official manipulation of truth, issues as relevant today as they were decades ago....Based on thousands of primary documents and 180 on-the-record interviews, the book describes the battles that evoked cultural and political conflicts that still reverberate." ~ DavidMaraniss.com

We'd love to have new folks participating in this group. Call Beth Schilpp with questions. Beth Schilpp noted that Lt. Clark Welch in Vietnam was a year younger than her and grew up 2 houses away from her family. Follow Zoom link on CUU Calendar to join.

Please Note: Due to CUU's Annual Meeting, June's Book Club will not meet on June 9th, but has been moved to June 16th.

June's book selection is *All Boys Aren't Blue* by George M. Johnson.



MAY EVENTS

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP Tuesday, May 14th at 5:30 pm 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.



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

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.



MONDAY MUSINGS Monday, April 15th at 7:00 pm 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.



MAY EVENTS

WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING Tuesday, May 21st at 7:00 pm 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, May 24th at 7:00 pm 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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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5 10:30am Sunday Service 12pm Special Congregation Meeting 1:30 Sandymount Park	6	7	8 12pm Ladies Who Lunch 7pm Board of Trustees Mtg	9 9:15am National Arboretum 7pm Congregational Life Committee Meeting	10 7pm CUU Virtual Game Night	11
12 10:30am Sunday Service 12pm Book Club	13	14 5:30pm Caregivers Support Group	15 12pm Ladies Who Lunch	16	17 6:15pm Night-by-Night Shelter Dinner	18
19 10:30am Sunday Service	20 7pm Monday Musings	21 7pm Worship Committee Meeting	22 12pm Ladies Who Lunch	23 12pm Lunch at Liberators	24 7pm Drinks & Dessert	25 10am Greeting Card Making
26 10:30am Sunday Service	27	28	29 12pm Ladies Who Lunch	30	31	
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