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NEWSLETTER

President's Message

Written by Pres. Becky Zimmerman

You probably already know, but just in case you didn't – we have a new minister!!!

Check your email for the Special Announcement that went out July 28. It has all the wonderful details about Rev. Kimberley Debus (pronounced **Dee**-bus). As you read this, she will have already begun her ministry with Cedarhurst UU! She will spend much of August getting to know the congregational leadership, but she is eager to get to know all of us. Her first Sunday service will be September 8 (summer lay-led services continue through September 1).

Amidst this great joy, Cedarhurst has also experienced the loss of two members, Pete White and Doug Morgan. As I am currently on vacation (typing this at a public library in Virginia Beach), others including Sherry Dean and Nalina White are taking care of communication with you about these losses. Personally, I enjoyed singing in the choir with Pete, and learned a lot about Doug's musical life while taking turns with Dean Camlin transporting Doug to and from CUU over the last year or two. Pete had a wonderful tenor voice, and Doug had previously been our piano accompanist at Cedarhurst. Doug had also played the trombone in a community band for many years.

They will both be missed, and we are lucky to have had Pete and Doug for the years we did.



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443-789-1886

9 am – 9 pm

On Saturday, August 17 at City Park in downtown Westminster, there will be a Justice Jam from 4-6 pm (alternate location if extremely hot will be St. Paul's UCC in Westminster). Justice Jam is sponsored by United Workers (www.unitedworkers.org), a Maryland non-profit focused on empowering citizens who are struggling with low wages, unemployment, health care costs, getting by day to day, etc.

I am a new volunteer with this group, providing music and other help, and Shirley Eatmon (long time CUU member) and Kelley Gordon (former CUU Director of Religious Education) are very involved with United Workers. Come on out on Aug 17 from 4-6 pm for food, fellowship, and to hear testimonies from some amazing people who are finding their voice in the face of poverty.

Finally, I've read several books this summer, but the one I recommend is the autobiography of Phyllis Diller (20th century comedienne). She has a lot of wisdom to impart, especially about believing in yourself and writing down what you want out of life. As always, call or text me to discuss anything CUU related, or email me at boardpresident@cedarhurstu.org.



Pastoral Care

As we transition to a new minister, please continue to call or text Becky Zimmerman at 443-789-1886 (day or night) for coordination of pastoral care needs.

Watch the weekly CUUpdate for new information soon.

Cedarhurst to Welcome a New Minister

I hope you're as excited as I am to welcome Reverend Kimberley Debus into Cedarhurst UU's family. Personally, I'm grateful because, as Chair of the Search Committee, I know how much time and effort the members of the Committee and the Board contributed to making this possible. After interviewing two candidates, and finding both to be more than satisfactory, the Committee asked the rest of the Board to join our selection process.

All of the search participants should be commended for giving this effort the attention it required and deserved. For example, Beth Schilpp called in to the meetings from her trip to New Hampshire. Sherry Dean topped that by calling in from her trip to South America. Steve Hirsh came to meetings both hyped up and frazzled from having just watched his son Isaac win another round on Jeopardy! Alan Bogage squeezed Cedarhurst into his busy schedule despite having pressing family obligations. At our request, Cindy Hirshberg stayed with our search team for a couple of extra weeks after her term on the Board ended. Lisa Miller attended our meetings during an especially demanding time at her job and her dog's sudden illness. In addition to everything else the members of the committee had to do, Roderic Hooks contributed excellent minutes after every Committee meeting. And regarding Becky Zimmerman, it shouldn't be necessary to point out how challenging it has been to lead our congregation in the absence of a minister while also participating in the process of selecting a new one. For me, this has been a rewarding opportunity to get to know each of these dedicated members a little better, and to make a lasting contribution to our congregation.

From the outset, we knew we'd have to find an exceptional candidate to satisfy your many and varied desires. Via your survey responses, you requested:

"A minister with a history of creative ways to energize and grow an intergenerational community."

"... more sermons that make me want to get out there and do something. We need a minister who can build excitement in our community. Someone who talks about what is going on in the world and how our faith community can get out there and make a difference."

"... a high energy minister ..."

"... someone who is dynamic. ... a pulpit presence that delivers thoughtful sermons that make you think and ponder that particular sermon. Someone who connects with old and young alike."

"... open-minded about spiritual paths that people might take and help them in their journeys."

"... a 'people person' in a new minister, someone with almost an entertainer personality who can compel attention during a sermon and tell a good story in a sermon."

"... someone with a much larger depth and breadth of experience, reading and understanding of world events, and is cognizant that vocal delivery is very very important."

"... a minister that has had experience helping a congregation grow. CUU needs a minister with pastoral counseling experience and is comfortable in this role. A minister that is comfortable with congregational response to sermons. A minister who knows the importance of social justice work. A minister who is comfortable at the pulpit. A minister who is flexible and able to adjust to the needs of the congregation. A minister with a fresh perspective to help us grow."

"I hope a new minister will bring a fresh approach to all aspects of church life and a willingness among the congregation to respond and try new ideas."

Whatever you were hoping for, please join me in welcoming Reverend Kimberley with an open mind and an open heart. Cedarhurst is very fortunate to have this opportunity to hire such an accomplished and well-rounded minister to lead us into a bright and prosperous future.

David Pittman
Search Committee Chair

A BIG THANK-YOU for making the July 4th Picnic at Shepherd's Staff a HUGE HIT!

Thank-you to all who helped with cooking, buying, set-up and clean-up Thursday, July 4th at Shepherd's Staff in Westminster. This is the only meal provided on July 4th to the public in Westminster. Most other days, meals are available at area churches and Salvation Army in Westminster and also in Eldersburg. We were asked to help provide the meal every July 4th, and some in CUU recall that we've been doing it for over 20 years. This cannot happen without the help of many!

July 4th, 2024 was HOT and Humid, hitting at least 98 degrees. We had one of our biggest group of volunteers show up! We served sliced boneless ham, chicken pieces, BBQ pulled chicken, sloppy joes, hot dogs, rolls and more rolls, baked beans, and a variety of sides, desserts, and refreshments. At the end of the day, we filled 180 plates and bagged up the leftovers for take-home dinners.



Kudos to our July 4th helpers (not all of them are in the photos): Cindy Hirshberg, Lisa Galuardi, Rebecca Davieau, Dean Camlin, Beth Schilpp, Bonnie Kaufman, Pamela Malkin, Maria Warburton, Sharon Kennedy, Holly Thompson, Brenda D'Antoni and husband Bill Jamison, Roderic Hooks and husband Larry Brenner.

It couldn't have been done without the behind-the-scenes help of cooking, shopping and donations\$\$\$: Steve Hirsch, Becky Zimmerman, Jan Pennington, Francine Hahn, David Pittman, George Bouis, Barb Bradley and Greg Thorne.

A total of 22 volunteers!

Apologies to any who donated something that I may have missed listing. There were several onsite who pitched in as well. Many canopies and ice chests were borrowed. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! It truly takes a village.

SPECIAL NOTICES

CUU's Annual Auction is coming soon!



Our annual "Auction of Goods and Services" is our biggest fundraiser. November will be here before you know it. We could use a little help on the Auction Committee – many hands make light work. There are many ways to help, both before the auction and on the day of the event.

Some of the tasks are soliciting donations from church people and local businesses, advertising, lining up people to help, food/decor, setting up, cleaning up, processing payments, and many minor tasks. You can help as little or as much as your schedule allows. The Auction Committee is lots of fun when there are enough people. Committee meetings and communications are usually by Zoom and email, and take about 1 hour per week.

If you would like to help with this FUN-raiser, please contact any current member of the committee.

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And... it's not too soon to start thinking about what you might like to donate.

Thank you!



SPECIAL NOTICES

Accepting Donations for August's Night-by-Night Shelter Dinner

The theme for August 16th is Picnic/On a Roll.

We have lots of needs for August!

Contact Pamela at 443-487-1299 if you can purchase rolls, make potato salad or provide pulled pork or chicken for 20 - all donations are appreciated.

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 AT LEAST ONE MORE PAID NURSERY ATTENDANT, TO ADD TO THE ONE WE'VE ALREADY HIRED.

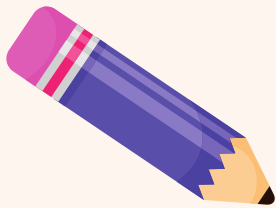
IF YOU HAVE A TEENAGE NEIGHBOR, GRANDCHILD, OR A MATURE FRIEND WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN SPENDING TIME HERE ON SUNDAY MORNINGS, PLEASE LET SHERRY DEAN OR JAN PENNINGTON KNOW.

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



SPECIAL NOTICES

PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE FROM
PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT!



Brenda & Bill D'Antoni are Having a
Cookout at Their House
and You're Invited!

On August 10th at 4:00 pm, the D'Antoni's are having a cookout and they would like to invite their Cedarhurst family to attend.



Please text Brenda to RSVP at 410-627-8964 and to get directions.
(Don't forget to include your name in the text, in case you aren't already in her contacts.)



ENJOYING COMMUNITY AT CUU



CUU's Members enjoying July's outing to the Baltimore Museum of Art!

AUGUST SPECIAL CUU EVENTS

IN-PERSON THEATRE EVENT - *ANASTASIA* Performed by the Glyndon Players

Sunday, August 4th at 1:00-4:00 pm

You can order tickets early or get them at the door. This group only does one play a year and I personally have never been disappointed...always excellent. Let's meet in the lobby at 12:45.

Location: 63 Sacred Heart Lane, 21071.

Tickets for adults are \$20; seniors are \$18;
children under 12 are \$15.



DINNER AT UPPERCO FIRE DEPARTMENT

Monday, August 19th at 5:30 pm

Suggesting a new experience in August with dinner from the food trucks at the fire department. No reservations needed - hope to see you.

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

Location: 5500 Fringer Rd., 21155



AUGUST SPECIAL OUTSIDE EVENTS

JUSTICE JAM PICNIC!

Saturday, August 17th at 4:00-6:00 pm

Westminster City Park

Poverty is one of the top 4 leading causes of death in America. People are struggling to pay for basic needs like food, housing & healthcare.

We are organizing because this poverty producing system is killing us!

Unite with your neighbors to defend our basic human rights. We believe that everybody has a right to health!

Free food! Kids Activities! Music! Family Friendly!

Want to volunteer to help? Let us know - central-west@unitedworkers.org



AUGUST SPECIAL OUTSIDE EVENTS

CELEBRATING Women's Equality Day

A NONPARTISAN GATHERING

AUGUST 22, 2024

PERSPECTIVES. STORIES. ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

HIDDEN FIGURES



LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS'
OF CARROLL COUNTY



Please use your cell phone photo app to scan this QR code to link to ticket sales!
Follow the instructions ~ it's easy!

AUGUST 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.



MONDAY MUSINGS

Monday Musings will continue its break during the month of August.

Please join us on Monday, September 16 at 7:00 pm on Zoom when we resume.



CONGREGATIONAL LIFE COMMITTEE MEETING Monday, August 5th at 7:00 pm on Zoom

The Congregational Life Committee sponsors a variety of activities for friends and members of the congregation. Check the "CUUpdate" weekly announcements or the CUU website calendar for details. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Follow Zoom link on CUU Calendar to join.



AUGUST EVENTS

CUU VIRTUAL GAME NIGHT Friday, August 9th at 7:00 pm on Zoom

Zoom in to play games just for fun. We do not really keep score. The games we have usually played are Scattergories, Tribond or Taboo - mainly because the owner of the game can also play. However, if you have another game that you think will work on Zoom, please come and we can try it. Call Beth Schilpp at 443-904-1304 with questions.

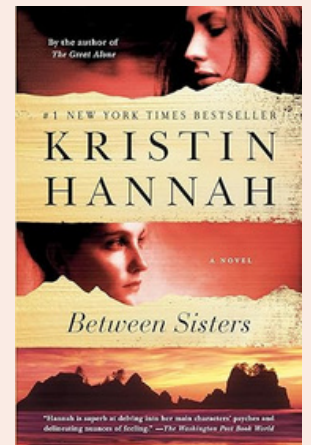


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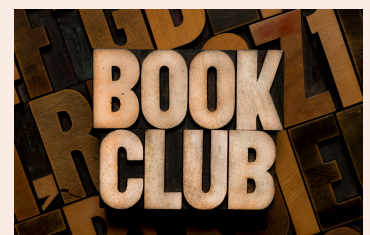
CUU BOOK CLUB Sunday, August 11th at noon on Zoom

August's book is *Between Sisters* by Kristin Hannah.

"Years ago, Meghann Dontess made a terrible choice that cost her everything, including the love of her sister, Claire. Now, Meghann is a highly successful attorney who doesn't believe in intimacy—until she meets the one man who can change her mind. Claire Cavanaugh has fallen in love for the first time in her life. As her wedding day approaches, she prepares to face her strong-willed older sister. Reunited after more than two decades apart, these two women who believe they have nothing in common will try to become what they never were: a family. Tender, funny, bittersweet, and moving, *Between Sisters* skillfully explores the profound joys and sorrows shared by sisters, the mistakes made in the name of love, and the promise of redemption—all beautifully told by acclaimed author Kristin Hannah." ~Amazon



We'd love to have new folks participating in this group. Call Beth Schilpp with questions.



September's book is *Tricks* by Ellen Hopkins.

Follow Zoom link on CUU Calendar to join.

AUGUST EVENTS

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP Tuesday, August 13th 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.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING Wednesday, August 14th 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,



AUGUST EVENTS

NIGHT-BY-NIGHT: FOOD PROGRAM

Friday, August 16th at 6:15 pm

Every third Friday of the month we provide dinner for approximately 40+ homeless in Carroll County, a community service CUU has provided for over ten years.

Mark your Calendar! Saturday, October 5th at 12 noon we will serve 80+ lunches at the Westminster Church of the Brethren. We often make about 10 sandwiches each and add salads, chips and dessert. Donations of food and money are both appreciated.

Contact Pamela Malkin at 410-857-5071 if you'd like to help.

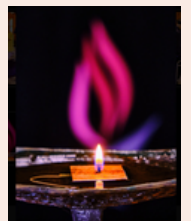


WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, August 20th 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, August 23rd 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 summer stories or whatever you wish.

Follow Zoom link on CUU Calendar to join.





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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4 10:30am Sunday Service 1pm Glyndon Players Theater event	5 7pm Congregational Life Committee Meeting	6	7 12pm Ladies Who Lunch	8	9 7pm CUU Virtual Game Night	10 4-6pm CUU Bldg. Reserved
11 10:30am Sunday Service 12pm Book Club	12	13 5:30pm Caregivers Support Group	14 12pm Ladies Who Lunch 7pm Board of Trustees Mtg	15	16 6:15pm Night-by-Night Shelter Dinner	17
18 10:30am Sunday Service	19 5:30pm Dinner at Uppercro Fire Dept.	20 7pm Worship Committee Meeting	21 12pm Ladies Who Lunch	22	23 7pm Drinks and Dessert	24
25 10:30am Sunday Service	26	27	28 12pm Ladies Who Lunch	29	30	31
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