

CEDAR LANE NEWS

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Sunday Services at 9 and 11 a.m.

March 29, 2009

“New Conversations about the Death Penalty”

Pam Gehrke

Years ago, I made up my mind that the risk of human error makes capital punishment untenable. But what about public safety? What about victims’ families? What about justice? Anticipating Good Friday and Easter, I lift up stories and statistics to explore some of the issue’s complexities.

April 5, 2009, Palm Sunday

“When the Protesters Take Charge”

Roger Fritts

Palm Sunday is a celebration of protest, marking a day nearly two thousand years ago when Jesus entered Jerusalem and challenged the government and religion of his time. But what happens when the protesters take power?

April 12, 2009, Easter Sunday

We are trying an experiment this Easter.

9 a.m. Adult Service

“Sacrificial Love”

Roger Fritts

For 9 a.m. we have designed a service for adults that will explore Adrienne Rich’s words “I cast my lot with those who age after age, perversely, with no extraordinary power, reconstitute the world.”

11 a.m. Family Service

“Many Miracles”

The 11a.m. service will be for all ages, full of celebration, story and shared amazements about and gratitude for life. Childcare will be available for children ages 5 and younger.

The Sunday Morning Forum meets 10:10 to 10:55 a.m. in the Chalice House. Coffee is served.

3/29 *Legalizing Marijuana: The Implications* with **Ed Jurith**, Acting Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy

4/5 *The Delicate Balance: Business and Society—Can We Harness the Business Beast?* with **Judith F. Samuelson**, Executive Director, Business and Society Programs, The Aspen Institute

April 5 is the last date of the spring Forum.

Annual Plant Sale Coming

Daffodils and crocus and hellebores are blooming. It’s time to start thinking about your gardening, and the Cedar Lane Grounds Committee has just the stuff you’re looking for at the Annual Plant Sale. The date is Sunday, April 19 (the first day of Spring “B”) so mark your calendars!



Don’t forget, first we need your donations. We suggest hosta, azaleas, ferns, bulbs, native plants, hydrangea, violets, bee balm, black-eyed susans, American holly seedlings, nandina, and all kinds of herbs. Drop them off between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 18!

And then come and buy. The sale is on from 9 a.m. to noon on Sunday, April 19. We’ll have some colorful annuals and all profits go to purchase more trees and plants for our church grounds!

Notes from the Ministers

Roger Fritts

I have many memories of past Spring Holidays.

My earliest memory of Easter is of picking purple sweet peas outside the small house I first lived in as a child in Phoenix, Arizona. Later I remember attending a Unitarian Universalist Church out in the desert. In the spring I had to be careful about walking on the church grounds because when temperatures begin to warm in April, rattlesnakes come out of hibernation. In college I often spent the Spring break camping in the Grand Canyon.

After I became a father, spring took on a new meaning. After living mostly inside in winter, spring was the time of the year when I could begin again to walk or ride a bike through parks and woodlands with my young children. For them, every sight, every sound, every smell was fresh. They looked at the buds on the trees. They chased a squirrel and walked in the mud. They studied the birds and the bugs. They shouted with joy expressing their delight at the sight of flowers breaking through the ground.

Now that my children are all young adults, they still enjoy the spring season. After a winter of cold grey skies, we see the world again as if we are looking at it for the first time. We study the buds. We watch the squirrels and breathe deep the fresh air. We enjoy the flowers. It is good to be alive.

Susan Archer

A couple of weeks ago I spent three days in Boston at meetings with colleagues who share both my passion and concern about UU religious education and its future in our faith movement. It was our fourth of six meetings over three years to design a blueprint for improving depth of and accessibility to both seminary education and continuing education in R. E. for all levels of religious educators and all parish ministers. This is a committee I helped to form during my recent three-year tenure as President of LREDA (Liberal Religious Educators Association), which is the continental UU organization for R. E. professionals.

Why do I do this? Well, not because there isn't plenty to keep me busy and happily engaged in the work I love right here at Cedar Lane! It is rather because I am deeply aware that no one congregation can stand alone. Part of our history and theology speaks not only to the independence of each congregation, but also to the

covenantal interdependence among congregations, the ways we can help one another and have a combined presence in the larger world.

All of our Cedar Lane ministers are involved in denominational activities. Just a few of our current involvements include Roger's role on the board of the Starr King School for Ministry. Among Heather's roles is her service as an officer in CUUMA, the local chapter of our continental ministers' association. Archene's role in the UUA leadership group designing recommendations for the future of youth ministry is just one of her many involvements in our larger UU movement.

And it is not only our ministers who support our faith movement! Many Cedar Laners are also deeply connected to our national, district and local UU efforts. Just a few of those involvements include those working with the Baltimore-Washington Growth Committee, or on General Assembly (our UU yearly national gathering) resolutions, or on other projects with our Denominational Affairs Committee. Some of us will be trekking to Salt Lake City in June to participate as delegates and/or participants in the Annual General Assembly of our UU Association of Congregations. There will be rich and diverse opportunities to learn about every aspect of our movement, to connect with others from our thousand congregations and to direct our collective future through our democratic process (including the election of a new UUA President).

Perhaps some of us who are not yet involved beyond our congregation would like to become involved in the larger movement! Some possible ways:

- Connect with our own Denominational Affairs Committee, Brian Belanger and Dino Drudi, co-chairs.
- Come to hear Chuck Wooldridge, our district rep to the UUA board, speak about the UUA and our Joseph Priestley District on March 29, 12:15 p.m. in the chapel!
- Watch our newsletter for events in our area, in our Joseph Priestley District, and our national UUA.
- Consider coming to our District Spring Conference on April 24-25 in Wilmington, DE (see details at jpduua.org).
- Check out our denominational websites: uua.org (national); jpduua.org (district).
- Consider coming to General Assembly this year June 24-28 in Salt Lake City or in the future. Check out this year's array of workshops, worship opportunities, lectures and much more described in the program at uua.org/ga. Talk about delegate status with

Sara Deshler in the church office.

- Read *World* magazine, our UUA magazine sent to all members.

Warm regards to each of you as we swing into spring and the new life and energy it brings!

We Care

Our love and best wishes are with **Kathleen Reedy (Neighborhood 7)** as she companions both her son and her partner through cancer treatment.

Cedar Laner **Jeff Leonard (N8)** is featured in the most-recent issue of *Harvard Magazine*: “Turning Green into Gold: A Private Equity Firm Invests in Alternatives to Oil Around the Globe.” Hooray! You can read a copy of the article here:

<http://harvardmagazine.com/2009/03/turning-green-gold>

Healing wishes are with **Peg Weaver (N30)** who is recovering from an illness at the Wilson Health Care Center near her home in Asbury Village.

We are delighted to receive word from **Hiltje Irausquin**. She writes, “I am healing fast, and much stronger... Tell the choir I miss them.” Friends may reach Hiltje at the Tower Lodge Care Center, 1506 Gully Road, Belmar, NJ 07719. The main phone number is 732-681-1400.

If you know of anyone in need of a pastoral visit, a call or a prayer, please contact Minister for Pastoral Care Heather Janules at x204 or hjanules@cedarlane.org.

Support for People Living with Mental Illness

A new support group is forming at Cedar Lane for people who have been diagnosed with a mental illness. The format will be casual; the group will likely meet twice a month on a weekday afternoon. To participate, one must also be under the care of a therapist or psychiatrist.

If you are interested in participating or have any questions, please contact Minister for Pastoral Care Heather Janules at x204 or hjanules@cedarlane.org.

Pastoral Visitors Seek Volunteer Companions

The Pastoral Visitors, a group of lay leaders who provide companionship to members facing difficult times or limited mobility, are seeking more Cedar Lane members who may be interested in this ministry. After a compre-

hensive training, Visitors are paired with individuals seeking on-going pastoral support. Pastoral Visitors meet monthly with the Minister for Pastoral Care to share how they—and the person they are visiting—are doing and for continuing education and reflection. If interested, contact Heather Janules at x204 or hjanules@cedarlane.org for more information.

Music Notes From the Interim Director of Music

Thank you Susannah Vesey and Susan Easterly!!!

The Youth and Handbell Choirs and I have been privileged to work with two very devoted and talented women who have been of tremendous assistance throughout the year. Susannah Vesey was accompanist for the Youth Choir from fall through the beginning of the New Year and now finds herself working as a full time substitute bell ringer. Ms. Vesey’s guidance and suggestions were crucial to the early success of the Choirs and their director. Susan Easterly stepped in as accompanist during January and has contributed immensely as the Youth Choir has continued to learn new music. Her assistance was quite evident when the Youth Choir sang at the Teacher Appreciation Dinner. Both women were called into handbell ringing during worship services on Teacher Recognition Sunday. **THANK YOU!!!** to Ms. Vesey and Ms. Easterly for helping us make beautiful music and grow as musicians.

As postlude on March 22, Thomas Guthrie performed a majestic organ solo based on the chorale *Wer Nur Den Lieben Gott Lasst Walten* (He who will ask God to Guide Him). Mr. Guthrie offered this rendition in celebration of J. S. Bach’s birthday on March 21, 1685, and filled the church with joyous resonance from our Canarsa organ.

March 29 will feature subdued sounds of Lent as the Adult Choir sings *Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us* by the Baroque composer Henry Purcell and *A Lenten Prayer* by David Ashley White (with violin soloist). Our Anthem for the day will be a varied setting by Mack Wilberg of the beloved American folk hymn, *Come Thou Font of Every Blessing*. The hymns will be “Morning Has Broken” and “When Our Heart is in a Holy Place.”

On Palm Sunday, the Youth Choir sings *The Rivers are Running Again* by Amy Bernon and the Youth Handbell Choir will ring *Come, Let Us Eat!* by Cathy Moglebust (lots of special effects to see!). The Adult Choir sings the traditional Southern Folk Hymn *What Wondrous Love is This* and J. S. Bach’s *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*.

Thomas Guthrie's postlude will be *Maestoso in C Sharp Minor* from the "Messe Solennele, Kyrie" by Louis Vierne, originally for chorus and two organs, arranged by Alexander Schreiner.

Easter morning's celebration will begin with *Easter Proclamation*, rung by an intergenerational handbell choir, followed by music from the Masters. The Adult Choir will sing Handel's *Halleluyah from Judas Maccabeus*, *Lacrymosa* from Mozart's Requiem, and William Byrd's Motet *Haec Dies*. Thomas Guthrie's jubilant postlude will be *Toccata for the Morning of Easter* by Gilbert Martin. **Bring your scores of Handel's Messiah. The Congregation is invited to join in singing the "Alleluia Chorus" as the final hymn of the morning!**

Religious Education Notes

April 12, Easter Sunday: The many miracles of new life are a great reason for all of us to worship together. This year there will be two services: The 9 a.m. service will be most enjoyed by adults and older youth. It will be our normal 60 minutes and will have extraordinary music. Child care for ages 5 and younger will be available. Our 11 a.m. service will be enjoyed by all ages. It will have the same music as enjoyed by our 9 a.m. attendees, but the service itself will be 45 minutes long, full of celebration, story and shared amazements about gratitude for life. Child care for ages 5 and younger will be available.

EGG HUNT for children in grades 5 and younger will follow the 11 a.m. service.

Teacher recruitment for next year is underway. Teaching is one of the major ways we minister to our children and one of the primary ways kids experience "church." Our classes form the most intimate part of their faith community where they will, we hope, build lasting connections with ideas, feelings, commitments, and, of course, with people! Please consider teaching as one way of making a lasting contribution to our children and youth! Call Susan Archer about possibilities or with questions.

ALL CHURCH RETREAT: May 29 to 31 (week *after* Memorial weekend) at Camp Tockwogh. To see site go to ymcade.org/branches/tockwogh. Registration forms coming soon.

Bending the World Towards Justice:

Session II - 7th Grade Project: Want to do something that pets and wildlife will appreciate? After services on April 5, the 7th grade RE class is selling delicious, nutritious homemade dog biscuits to benefit pet rescue and wildlife rehabilitation organizations in the area. We are also collecting supplies that these organizations need to care for the animals they take in. Please look for the signs that describe needed supplies, or contact Mary Snieckus at msnieckus@gmail.com for more information.

Upcoming Events:

- March 29** (Sunday) *Stepping Stone Year Ceremony* in Chapel; Spring "B" Registration begins.
- April 5** (Sunday) Last "Regular" R. E. classes! Spring "B" Registration
- April 12** (Sunday) Easter services (11 a.m. especially good for children); egg hunt at noon
- April 19** (Sunday) 10 a.m. church service by our Senior High School Graduates, Spring "B" begins at 11 a.m., for all ages
- April 25** (Saturday) 5 p.m., service by our 9th graders as we honor their "Coming of Age." All-church potluck dinner follows.
- May 29-31** (Friday - Sunday) All-Church Retreat at Camp Tockwogh

Youth Notes

Junior High Notes

Junior High Youth Group (JHYG) activities are open to young people in grades 7 and 8. Information is sent via e-mail and snail mail.

Upcoming Event:

March 31 (Tuesday), is our next date for Manna Food Packing. As you have heard, Manna's client count has gone up by 50%. That means that we must pack more boxes of food—192 boxes to be exact. We will need lots of volunteers so come and bring a buddy. We will meet in Kensington for pizza at 5:30 p.m. before going to Rockville. Service hour credits are authorized for food packing.

April 18 (Saturday) is our second Old Rag Mountain Hike led by Chris Mauro. This is a great event combining hiking, rock scrambling and teamwork. Last year's hikers were champs. Be sure to join us next month.

You should have already received an announcement for Manna Food packing, and in a few days one will be coming about the Old Rag Mountain hike.

Orienteering Big Success: Last weekend was our first orienteering course event. Fourteen youth and two adults went on the course and experienced a big challenge of

map reading and hiking (actually some ran the course!). Thanks to Tom Nolan, Addie's father, for inviting us and helping get us started. We will want to do this again next year. Should you have any questions, call JHYG Coordinators John Daniel 301-946-5509 or Kimberly Clarkson 301-587-3051.

Senior High Notes Senior High Youth Group (SHYG) activities are open to young people in grades 9 to 12, and activities happen at non-Sunday morning times as much as possible. Watch for information by e-mail and snail mail. If youth are not receiving e-mail notification and would like to, please send addresses to Archene Turner at 301-493-8300 x205 or aturner@cedarlane.org or archene@gmail.com.

Upcoming events: If interested in any of the events please contact Archene ASAP so chaperones can be arranged.

March 31 – LGBT & Ally Youth Summit planning meeting at 6 p.m. in the chapel. Come help plan this one day event SHYG is hosting on April 18 for youth in Anne Arundel, Prince George's, Howard and Montgomery counties.

April 5 – Youth Hang Out Time after 2nd session from 12:15 p.m. til about 1:00 p.m. downstairs in the Chalice House. Eat pizza and hang out with your peers.

– Youth Advisory Committee meeting from 12:15 p.m. til about 1 p.m. in the fireplace room of the Chalice House. We will talk about what we need to do to support the upcoming senior high youth activities.

– Planning for the Senior High Service 1 to 2 p.m. downstairs in the Chalice House. Seniors will meet face-to-face to plan the worship service.

April 18 – LGBT & Ally Youth Summit “Breaking the Silence” from 10 a.m. til 9 p.m.. Join 9-12th grade youth from Anne Arundel, Prince George's, Howard and Montgomery counties. We aim to identify needs and make plans to provide support, services, and safe spaces, to create community and connections for youth around sexual orientation and gender identity during the day. And we'll dance in the evening! All happening here at Cedar Lane.

April 19 – Senior High Worship service at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary.

April 25 – Maryland Day. We will travel to the University of Maryland for their open house to learn about colleges and universities.

April 25 – 9th grade Coming of Age Service at 5 p.m. in the sanctuary.

April 26 – Earth Day on the National Mall. We will travel down to the Mall after Spring “B” classes via metro to participate in a local event for Earth Day.

Young Adults (Ages 18-35)

The UU Young Adults of Maryland (UUYAM) group plans activities for local UU Young Adults. Visit <http://groups.google.com/group/uuyam> to join the UUYAM e-mail list and view schedule of upcoming events, or call Tama Yarina with questions at 906-281-2537 or tryarina@gmail.com. For resources and information on Joseph Priestly District (JPD) Young Adult events, visit the JPD Young Adult Network at www.jpduuyan.org.

Join other Young Adults for Brunch: Meet in the vestibule at the back of the sanctuary 15 minutes after the end of the 11 a.m. service. We will car pool to a local restaurant for lunch or brunch and fellowship.

Adult Programs Notes

Upcoming Adult Programs

SAVE THESE DATES for the second and third in the *Meet the Artist* series:

Thursday, April 2 (7 - 9 p.m.): with Marie Ringwald who constructs unique architectural sculptures with wood, rubber, glass and sheet metal. She will discuss her artistic path, and share her fascination with utilitarian buildings, such as warehouses and factories, as embodiments of “hopefulness, possibilities, history and mystery.” Marie has exhibited in many galleries and museums. She is a former chair of the Foundation Department and a full professor at the Corcoran College of Art and Design. \$5 Pledgers/ \$10 Non-pledgers

Thursday, May 7 (7 - 9 p.m.): Anna Glodek completes our series of *Meet the Artist* evenings. From her North Potomac studio, she creates vibrant flower and figures compositions in watercolor and oil. Her works have been described as falling “somewhere between realism and abstraction, with an expressive use of color and texture.” Ms. Glodek will conduct a watercolor demonstration and talk about watercolor techniques. \$5 Pledgers/\$10 Non-pledgers.

Also Coming Up:

March 31: *Introduction to Chinese Characters* (1 session) \$5/10

April 7 *How Safe is Our Produce?* (1 session) \$5/10

April 8 *Spirit in Practice* (6 sessions) \$15/20

May 1 *Olive Oil Tasting* (1 session) \$5/10

May 9 *Spring Bird Walk* (1 session) \$5/10
Dinner Discussion Express B (potluck),

- 1 evening)
- May 15** *Beyond the Beltway: Montreal* (1 session) \$5/10
- May 16** *Hiking at Little Bennett Park* (1 session) \$5/10
- May 21** *Planning and Leading a Worship Service* (4 sessions) \$15/20
- April 26** *Choose Civility* (2 sessions) \$10/15

For complete information on these and more Adult Programs, please visit our website www.cedarlane.org.

To register for a class, complete a registration card, attach your check, and mail or bring it to the R. E. office. Use the registration card mailed with the brochure, pick one up at the church, or download one from our website. For additional information contact the R. E. office by calling 301-493-8300 x207, or emailing re@cedarlane.org.

You'll be glad you did!

The Sunday Morning Forum. meets in Chalice House on Sundays, 10:10 to 10:55 a.m. Everyone is welcome. No registration is required.

March 29: *Legalizing Marijuana: The Implications.* Is it any more dangerous than alcohol or nicotine? Ed Jurith is the current "Drug Czar" in the Obama Administration and an expert on policy and considerations surrounding this issue. He will discuss the complexities of current law as governing marijuana's medicinal and recreational use and the implications of changing those laws.

April 5: *The Delicate Balance: Business and Society—Can We Harness the Business Beast?* with Judith S. Samuelson, Executive Director, Business and Society Program, The Aspen Institute. Our country's history is closely intertwined with commerce; business and entrepreneurship are central to our self-image and success—so how did we arrive at a point that is so precarious and where business seems to be creating more harm than good for society? A quick dive into the history of the corporation, discussion of what is needed to restore the delicate balance between business and society, and why it is so important to do so. **This is the last Forum until next fall!**

Connection Circles A Connection Circle is a small group that meets regularly. It is led by a trained facilitator, includes an opening ritual, a check-in time, discussion of a topic, and a closing ritual.

The following groups are currently accepting new members:

Connections meets the 1st & 3rd Sun, 8:30 a.m.;

Attitudes Towards Living meets 2nd & 4th Sun, 8:30 a.m.;
Journeywomen meets the 1st & 3rd Sun, at 10:45 a.m.;
Crones meets 2nd & 4th Tues. at 9:30 a.m.;
Living by Heart I meets 1st & 3rd Sat. at 8 a.m.;
Living by Heart II meets 2nd & 4th Tues. at 7 p.m.;
Living by Heart III meets 2nd & 4th Sat., at 8 a.m.;
The Sharing Group meets 3rd Mon., at 7 p.m.;
Living Alone, Living with Loss is no longer meeting.

If you have questions about joining a group, please contact Heather Janules at 301-493-8300x204, or hjanules@cedarlane.org. To join a group, register through Adult Programs.

Around the Church

Spring Grounds Clean Up: We had 21 people work on our Spring Grounds clean up day Saturday March 14. We raked leaves, pruned the old leaves off the Helleborus, covered the paths with wood chips, removed invasive plants, and picked up litter. We enjoyed seeing the new bulbs coming up and got some great exercise. Many thanks to: Betty May and Don Cleary, Sandy Dawsey, Penny Douglas, Rusty Flint, Linda Gianessi, Fred Guenther, David Hawver, Ken Jones, Rebecca Lee-Duffell, Brian, Elizabeth, and Jonathan Lofgren, Ken Maddox, Carrie Meyer, Jennette McCarthy, Peter Nissley, Helen and Bob Pechacek, Jean Schaible, and Alice Wahl.

Denominational Affairs

The Denominational Affairs Committee invited Chuck Wooldridge, our district's UUA Board representative to visit Cedar Lane after second service on March 29—a wonderful opportunity to learn more about current denominational issues.

Cedar Lane members who intend to attend General Assembly this year—please contact Brian Belanger (301-258-0708, radiobelanger@comcast.net) or Dino Drudi (202-691-6172, drudi.dino@bls.gov) DAC co-chairs. We need to make a list of potential attendees and encourage communication among those planning to go. Official delegates will receive partial reimbursement for expenses to attend. Obviously, if the church doesn't know you are going, you cannot be a candidate for official delegate. Go to the UUA website to make your hotel reservations early since the hotels nearest the convention hall fill up almost immediately.

In past newsletter messages we have discussed the Peace-making Statement of Conscience (SOC) issue, which recently received enough "yes" votes by congregations to

appear on the GA agenda this June. There is another important SOC issue under consideration, called Ethical Eating. This topic is fairly wide-ranging, and includes elements such as eliminating hunger, fair trade agricultural products, and many others. We urge you to go to the UUA website to read more about it:

<http://www.uua.org/socialjustice/issuesprocess/currentissues/ethicaleating/55648.shtml>

Those with a particularly keen interest in this topic might form a discussion group to explore the issue. Again, contact Dino or Brian if you would like to be part of such a group.

Remember What Your Mother Taught You?

If you do, P.M. Forni's *Choosing Civility* will sound hauntingly familiar. Its subtitle is *The 25 Rules of Considerate Conduct*. We'll be talking about those rules and their roles in our lives—sign up now through Adult Programs (\$10, \$15) for April 26 and May 3 at 2 p.m. And in the meantime, can you come up with 25 (or fewer, or more!) of your mother's rules?

Social Justice Council

Breaking the Silence: LGBT and Allies Youth Summit

Cedar Lane is hosting an LGBT Youth Summit. We are inviting 9 to 12th graders in Anne Arundel, Howard, Montgomery and Prince George's counties, as well as adults active in supporting our youth, to gather for the purpose of identifying needs and to begin to make plans to provide support, services, safe spaces, community and connection for youth around sexual orientation and gender identity. Saturday, April 18, 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. at Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church in Bethesda. Cedar Laners are invited to donate their time and talent to help make this event a success. **All are welcome to attend our next planning meeting on Tuesday, March 31, at 6 p.m., in the Chapel.** Please contact Rev. Archene Turner (archene@gmail.com 301-493-8300 x205) or Stephen Colgan (smcolgan@hotmail.com. 240-381-7386)

LGBT Task Force News: a Call to Current Community Action and an Upcoming CLUUC Film Event

Equality Maryland, the State's LGBT Civil Rights Organization, has called for immediate citizen action regarding support for this year's proposed bills to outlaw discrimination on the basis of gender identity in housing, employment, credit and public accommodations state-

wide. Two key political contact people have been recommended for focus, **Governor O'Malley** (who has written a letter of support but needs to demonstrate stronger advocacy) and **Senator Brian Frosh** (Chair of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee), who has the power to push the Senate Bill (#566) out of committee to a full vote of the Senate, but has been resisting taking this action. ALL voters are encouraged to contact Senator Frosh, but especially those in his own District (# 16.) For Governor O'Malley (1-800-8336; www.governor.maryland.gov) the message to be conveyed is thanks for his support offered to date and a request for strong, vocal leadership in helping to enact gender identity antidiscrimination measures (SB566/HB474) into law in Maryland. For Senator Frosh (410-841-3124; brian.fosh@senate.state.md.us), the message would be a strong request for doing everything he can to move SB566 out of committee to a full vote by the Senate. FYI, our own Senator Rich Madaleno is a co-sponsor of this senate bill.

Save the Date: Family Film Night on Saturday, May 16 from 6:30 - 9 p.m. at CLUUC, sponsored by the LGBT Task Force. This event will include films for all ages, from young children through adults, with a theme of "Being Different." (No R-rated movies.) Board/card/table games will be an additional choice. Pizza, popcorn, and drinks will be available, \$5.00 donation per person. Stay tuned for more information. For further information and/or to volunteer to help with this fun family evening, contact Liz Quinn at 301-537-0163 or lizquinn07@gmail.com

✿GREEN TIPS✿

Cedar Lane's Environmental Task Force

To Protest Global Warming/Climate Change turn off all the lights for an hour Saturday, March 28 at 8:30 p.m.

PRACTICING WHAT I PREACH

How to Clean an Oven with Baking Soda My toaster oven just got a long needed cleaning with the baking soda paste solution that the Environmental Task Force has long been touting. It works, folks! Apply the baking soda paste, turn on the heat for about ten minutes, wipe off the softened, baked on grease and rinse. Admittedly, if you have waited too long to clean your oven (like I did), you may have to repeat this process. Best of all, baking soda is not nearly as caustic as normal oven cleaners (I, for example, have had to repaint a kitchen after I had slopped oven cleaner solution onto the wall next to the oven I was cleaning). First, of course, buy a 12 lb. bag of baking soda from Costco at \$4.35.

And Beyond Cedar Lane

Save the Date: Meadville Lombard's Prospective Student Conference is April 8 and 9

Meadville Lombard Theological School, a Unitarian Universalist seminary in Chicago, Illinois, is holding a Prospective Student Conference on April 8 and 9, 2009. Visit the school, meet our award-winning, full-time faculty, and the students who will be your future colleagues. Learn about our Master of Divinity degree program that infuses practical experiences throughout your academic career. And learn how you can earn your degree through our innovative **TouchPoint distance learning format**, where you travel to Chicago for academic courses and orientation, but do your community and congregational experiential work where you live. For more information, visit our website or call the Admissions Office at 773-256-3000 x250.

Theological Education for Lay Leaders and Seminarians at Meadville Lombard

Deepen your Unitarian Universalist theological understanding as you study with current and future leaders of our movement, including: **Rev. Dr. William F. Schulz**, Senior Fellow at the Center for American Progress and former President of the UUA, former Executive Director of Amnesty International, USA; **Dr. Sharon Welch**, Provost, world-renown ethicist and author; **Dr. Mark Hicks** our new Angus MacLean Professor of Religious Education, author of UU RE curriculum, and lay leader at All Souls in Washington DC. Visit our website to view course descriptions and syllabi of these summer offerings:

- **Preaching As If You Mean It** with Rev. Dr. William F. Schulz, July 6 to 10, 2009, Chicago.
- **Chancel Drama Practicum** with the Rev. John Tolley, Ph.D., July 13 to 17, 2009, Chicago.
- **Ethical Wisdom: A comparative study of Buddhist, Native American, African American, and Humanist traditions** with Dr. Sharon Welch, July 20 to 24, 2009, Chicago.
- **UU History Through UU Women's Hymns** with Rev. David Johnson, August 16 to 21, 2009, Ferry Beach, ME.
- **Educating for Barack's World: Creating Educational Experiences that Advance Social Justice with Dr. Mark Hicks**, August 16 to 21, 2009, Ferry Beach, ME.

These week-long courses can be taken for credit at full-price (\$1500), or can be audited at half-price (\$750). Registration opens online on March 16. Early registration is recommended to save your spot, but also so that you have time to do the pre-class readings and other work. If you are not a current student at Meadville Lombard or have never taken a course there, you will need to register as a student-at-large, first. You can do that here or contact our Admissions Office for more information at admissions2@meadville.edu, or 773.256.3000 x250.

Join UUs from around the country in Niagara Falls, July 19-22, 2009

Come experience the wonder of Niagara Falls including some great educational opportunities while being taken care of like royalty. The UU Church of Niagara is conducting a four day UU Niagara Experience which is a lifetime opportunity to encounter the Falls up close from every perspective. Spend four days with us exploring the rich history and natural beauty around the Falls. For information visit our web site : <http://www.uunex.net/>

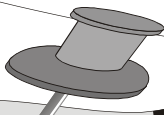
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Memo

Your brochure is in the mail!

Spring "B"

Sundays, April 19 through May 17, 2009

Spring "B" is our amazing 5-week period of classes for all ages, allowing young ones, teens and elders to intermingle as they wish, or join with peers, in an amazing array of offerings! Everything from baseball to crafts, bell playing to dramatics, bridge, to in-depth discussions, and much more will be offered.

We are trying something new this year! To give people the opportunity to attend Spring "B" AND Sunday worship, we have a new schedule. You may choose both experiences if you wish! Our worship service will run from 10 – 10:45 a.m. using themes accessible to all ages, with lots of music. We will end worship in time to see friends in the lounge and get to Spring "B" classes, which run from 11 a.m. – 12: 15 p.m. Take your time to carefully peruse the activity offerings. There are many wonderful choices for all ages. But don't delay in registering, classes fill quickly! There is one form per family included in the brochure. Each family member must enroll individually, from babies to adults. Please note that "grade" on the registration form, refers to the grade your child is enrolled in this year (not 2009-2010.) Return completed forms to the R. E. office anytime or after Sunday services on March 29 and April 5.

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