

# ALLIANCE NEWSLETTER



Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church, 9601 Cedar Lane, Bethesda, Maryland 20814-4099

Lee McNair, *president*

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The Alliance of Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church is an affiliate member of the church open to all interested women and men. Its purpose is to promote programs and activities of a cultural and community nature that support Unitarian Universalist principles. In furtherance of these purposes the Alliance raises its own funds and establishes its own budget.

## Alliance Day Friday, June 14, 2018

### The Schedule for Alliance Day

- 11:30 a.m.** A relaxed time for socializing
- 12 noon** Potluck lunch. Please bring a main dish, salads, sides or desserts to serve eight. Please identify ingredients for those who are vegan/vegetarians or have allergies (e.g. meat, nuts, wheat, dairy). Please don't bring serving utensils.

**1 p.m.** Program

#### Volunteer Assignments:

- Set-Up:** 10:30 Don Woodruff  
Terry Tretter
- Greeter:** 11:30 Helen Pechacek
- Curb Assistant:** Len Adler
- Receiving Food:** 11:45 Pat Phillips  
Michael Thoryn
- Clean-Up:** 12:45 Barbara Warman
- Tables:** Linda Gianessi
- Serving Tables:** 12:45 Mario Torchia
- Tablecloths:** Wayne Mara  
Dottie Mara
- Bartender:** 11:00 Barbara Ricketts
- Flowers:** Sue Woodruff  
Diane Mahlmoood

**September Newsletter Deadline**—This is the last newsletter for 2017-18. The deadline for the September newsletter is Tuesday, August 21st. Please send any items to [backusle@verizon.net](mailto:backusle@verizon.net).

### President's Message

The June luncheon will mark my final time to address the Alliance as your president. It has been time well spent. Not only did my horizons broaden as I did things I had never foreseen myself doing, but it introduced me to so many wonderful people. It has been my honor to serve as your president. Thanks so very much for the memories.

*Lee McNair, President*

### June Program: A Language of Resistance and Liberation—In song & spoken word



Join us as our very own Steve Jones and Pam Parker take us on a journey through some of the strands that created Jazz: the sacred, the profane, and the

powerful human drive for freedom. Steve and Pam will touch on how jazz has transformed our culture, influenced how we interact as a society, and even how it has impacted theology. Steve



Jones is an award-winning composer of two Jazz operas. He has performed at Blues Alley and in music festivals in Ireland, Switzerland, and Portugal. Steve is also the piano accompanist for the D.C. labor chorus. He was Composer in Residence at Macalester College where students performed his show--*Forgotten: The Murder at the Ford Rouge Plant*--about union organizing. Together with Elise Bryant, he created the musical *Love Songs From the Liberation Wars: The 1940s Tobacco Workers Struggle*. Joining Steve, will be talented Jazz vocalist Pam Parker. Steve has recorded with Pam, who starred in both operas. It's been said that her style "blends Billie's precision with Aretha's brand of soul." (Cont'd)

Pam's exquisite, classic voice has been thrilling crowds in our area for many years. According to *Express Night Out*, Pam's voice is "a combination of sweet tone, spot on vibrato and something hauntingly reminiscent of jazz singers of old." Don't miss our June program; we are in for a rare treat.

Mike Harris



**Alliance Bridge Tuesdays  
10 a.m. to Noon in the  
Lounge**

All bridge players are welcome for casual party bridge! No partner needed. Chicago Scoring. Cost \$3.

*Marilyn Hathaway & Mary Beth Nowinski*



**First Friday Book Club –  
11 a.m. in Rooms 1 & 2**

The First Friday Book Club, continuing through the summer, welcomes old friends and new. Anyone who is interested in discussing books is welcome! Bring a sandwich and socialize over refreshments at noon.

**June 1**

***When We were Orphans*** by Kazuo Ishiguro. (2000). F. 335 pp. 2017 Nobel Prize winner for Literature for *The Remains of the Day*. Shanghai, late 30s. English detective Christopher Banks works to solve the disappearance of his parents when he was eight.

**Refreshments: Nancy Janssen**

**July 6**

***Standard Deviation*** by Katherine Heiny. (2017). F. 319 pp. A rueful, funny examination of love, marriage, infidelity, and origami. Both hilarious and heartbreaking, in the midst of the day-to-day difficulties and delights of marriage and raising a child with Asperger's.

**Refreshments: Barbara Lewis**

**August 3:**

***The Secret Place*** by Tana French (2014) F. 452 pp. A 16-year-old girl brings to a detective a photo on a card of a boy who was found murdered a year ago, on the grounds of a girls' school. The caption says, "I KNOW WHO KILLED HIM." The card was on a bulletin board at school called "The Secret Place" where the girls can anonymously pin up their secrets.

**Refreshments: Barbara Norland**

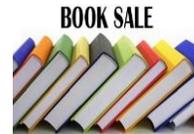
**September 7:**

***Five-Carat Soul*** by James McBride. (2017). F. 308 pp. Short story collection. On Barak Obama's 2017 list of favorite books. McBride explores the ways we learn from the world and the people around us. He writes with humor and insight about how we struggle to understand who we are in a world we don't fully comprehend.

**Refreshments: Terry Tretter**

*Barbara Lewis*

**Alliance Book & Jewelry Sales**



Sales are in the Lounge after the service. Over the summer, the book corner will be open one Sunday in July (exact date to be determined) and August 19<sup>th</sup>. Please leave book

donations (gently used, no dictionaries/ textbooks), bagged or boxed, labeled 'Alliance' in the coat closet at the RE stairs. Jewelry sales will be June 10<sup>th</sup> and August 5<sup>th</sup>. (Note: Dates may change, so check the Alliance Bulletin Board). Mark your calendars! Come and buy some bargains!



*Helen Pechacek*

**Nominating Committee Report**

The following individuals have been nominated for next year's Alliance Executive Board. Alliance members will vote on these nominations at the June luncheon.

**2018–2019 Alliance Officers**

- President:** Sue Woodruff
- Vice-President:** Louise Stomierowski
- Recording Secretary:** Jessica Sawyer
- Corresponding Secretary:** Jean Schaible
- Treasurer:** Don Woodruff
- Asst. Treasurer:** Joe Merenda
- 2019 Nominating Committee:** Wayne Mara, Helen Pechacek, and Sue Woodruff

**Lawton's Yappy Hour**

A free family-friendly social gathering for dogs and their owners. Yap-itizers, ice cream, and giveaways for the family. Free dog caricatures and treats. Dogs must be leashed and spayed or neutered. Free!

When? Friday, June 1, 2018, 5-7 pm  
Where? Jane E. Lawton Community Recreation Center  
4301 Willow Lane, Bethesda  
Contact Phone? 240-777-6855

