

ALLIANCE NEWSLETTER



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

Lee McNair, *president*

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Leslie Backus, *editor*

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 Thursday, May 10, 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 Len Adler
- Curb Assistant:** Janice Krause
- Receiving Food:** 11:45 ????????
- Clean-Up:** 12:45 Russ Parker
- Tables:** Judy Parker
- Serving Tables:** 12:45 Helen Pechacek
- Tablecloths:** Margaret Levchenko
Jean Schaible
- Bartender:** 11:00 Barbara Ricketts
- Flowers:** Sue Woodruff
Diane Mahmood

May Newsletter Deadline-The deadline for the May newsletter is Tuesday, April 24th. Please send any items to Leslie Backus at backusle@verizon.net.

President's Message

If you can come to Alliance luncheons and enjoy the programs, that's a wonderful opportunity and joy. You know what else is a wonderful opportunity and joy? You and I, if we are American citizens, have the amazing opportunity, responsibility, and yes, the joy of being able to cast a vote. There may never be a more important time than now to exercise that right.

Bad officials are the ones elected by good citizens who do not vote. (George Nathen). We must vote for hope, vote for life, vote for a brighter future for all of our loved ones. (Ed Markey).

Hope to see you at the polls.

Lee McNair, President



May Program: 2018 Maryland Legislative Session

Maryland Delegate Al Carr will review the recent MD legislative session, its successes & disappointments, preview issues for next year, and talk about influencing legislation. Al joined the House of Delegates in 2007 and was elected in 2010 and 2014. He is a member of the Environment and Transportation Committee and its subcommittees on Real Property, Local Government, and Land Use & Ethics. He is the chair of the Metro-politan Washington Committee, which vets legislation related to local utilities. He is also House Chair of the Joint Committee on Federal Relations, which guides the relationship between State and federal governments. Focusing on sustainable solutions, he has secured passage of legislation on education, environmental protection, clean energy, economic development, consumer protection, transportation, open government, public safety, affordable housing, and historic preservation. Al has a degree in engineering. He spent his private-sector career working in the telecommunications industry. He and his wife, Barrie, and three sons live in Kensington.

Mike Harris

June Program: Professor Gary Coley from Montgomery College will explore the lives and musical contributions of some of the Jazz greats past and present. These include Horace Silver, Gloria Lynne, Dave Brubeck, Sara Vaughn, Dizzie Gillespie, and Quincy Jones to name a few. This is an opportunity to enjoy some great music!

Sue Woodruff

**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 welcomes old friends and new. Anyone who is interested in discussing books is welcome! Bring a sandwich and socialize over refreshments at noon.

May 4: *LaRose* by Louise Erdrich (2016), pp. 384. **Fiction.** On an Ojibwa reservation, a man stalks a deer on the land that borders his and his neighbor's. He takes aim and hits it. As he moves closer, he realized he has actually killed his neighbor's five-year-old son. **Refreshments: Patricia Spencer**

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 heart-breaking, in the midst of the day-to-day difficulties and delights of marriage and raising a child with Asperger's. **Refreshments: Barbara Lewis**

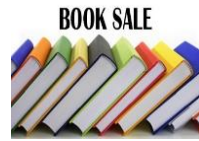
Barbara Lewis

Regarding the Menu at the May Luncheon
Many lovely salads and an incredible number of desserts arrived for the April Alliance luncheon. For our May luncheon, we would like to encourage folk to consider bringing a main dish. They don't need to

require home cooking. Consider getting your favorite take out dish or something pre-made at your favorite market. Homemade dishes are always welcome, of course!

Jessica Sawyer

Alliance Book & Jewelry Sales



We plan to sell books every Sunday in May after both services. There will be jewelry for sale on June 10 after the service. Donations of used books in good condition and marked "Alliance" may be left in the coat closet at the top of the stairs. (cont'd)



(Book & Jewelry Sales cont'd) Donations of Jewelry may be left with the receptionist at the reception desk during the weekdays.

Come by and BUY. Profits from sales are given to a variety of charities and to the church general budget.

Helen Pechacek

Do You Drive Yourself to Our Luncheons?

We have learned that some Alliance members miss our luncheons because they lack transportation. Would you be willing to bring a passenger once or twice during the year? If yes, please sign up on our monthly volunteer list when it comes around to your table at our luncheon. Under **TRANSPORTATION**, please provide your name, telephone number, and general area. For example: Jane Doe (123) 456-7890 *downtown* Silver Spring. We'll contact you when someone in your neighborhood needs a ride.

Sue Woodruff

Active Aging Expo

The Active Aging Expo draws older adults from all over Montgomery County to Bohrer Park for a day filled with energy, educational talks, interactive demonstrations, pampering stations, manicures, fun activities, and preventive screenings.

A free lunch is provided to all who attend.

Admission is free.

Monday, May 7, 2018, 9am – 2pm

[Activity Center at Bohrer Park,
506 S Frederick AVE,
Gaithersburg, MD 20877](#)

Leslie Backus