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Tuesday: 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
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Thursday: 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
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Minister's Column

It has been a stressful time in our state and in our local community lately, what with the unemployment and foreclosure rates and the other negative effects of the economy. Even if those things are not affecting you directly, you may realize that you're experiencing greater stress. Religious communities are not immune to this either. For example, in the time after September 11th, 2001, even though some religious communities saw increased attendance, some also saw increased stress manifest through church conflict. It's easy for our personal worries and financial worries about our church, as well, to come out through an increase in negative energy in our personal lives and even in our spiritual lives. We start looking for the cause of the problem, and focusing all our energy on the unhealthy parts of ourselves or our community, rather than focusing on the positive, even if things are actually overwhelmingly positive.

If you find yourself more stressed in these times or any others, here are some things you can do, some from a religious perspective:

1. If you have a spiritual practice, engage in it more regularly, or for longer periods. Meditation, prayer, focused breathing—all of these can be relaxing and help the stress ease from your body and mind. Singing and chanting are uplifting spiritual practices that can help with stress, as well. Whatever your practice, from journaling to jogging, now is not the time to sacrifice it, but to really engage it.
2. If you don't have a spiritual practice, this is an excellent time to try out a new one, or to try multiple ones. You could make a practice of trying a new type of spiritual practice on a regular basis. Some things, like yoga or tai chi may require signing up for a whole class to really do right, but you can find simple steps on the internet for basic body movements and try a physical spiritual practice of a similar sort—or make up your own!
3. Try exercise—and in a relaxing, spiritual way. Now that the weather is getting warmer, take a walk, run, or hike in a natural setting.
4. Acknowledge the negative, but don't dwell on it. Rather, focus on the positive. One way I do this is when someone tells me about something negative someone else has done, I try to put myself in that later person's shoes. What made him or her act that way? What stresses might he or she be experiencing in her or his life?

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5. Avoid the news for a few days. The overwhelming negative nature of the news can increase our stress levels by making us focus on these things, even when they have little relevance to our lives and we can do nothing about them. Simply cutting out listening/reading/watching it for a few days can bring life back into perspective again. Instead, bring a positive influence into your life in its stead for a few days. Instead of reading the paper over your breakfast cereal, read poetry. Instead of listening to NPR in the car, listen to music. I'm not advocating complete ignorance of what's going on forever, but a few days respite will help decrease stress.
6. Laugh and smile—even if you don't mean it. Try it right now as you're reading this column. Set your timer or clock and take a laugh break every so often.
7. Spend time with an animal. Petting a cat or dog for a period, walking the dog, throwing a ball with one, can all help us lower our stress level.
8. Lastly, Make an appointment with your minister, your therapist or counselor, or even your massage therapist! With paid professionals, you may think this is a time you should be more frugal, but this may be just the time you need it most. (And a visit with your minister is always free!)

Peace, *Cindy*

We Welcome Your Membership Not a member? We'd love to have you join our spiritual community. New members signify their commitment by signing the Membership Book during a scheduled church service. It is understood that members actively support their congregation through attendance, service and financial commitment. To start your process of becoming an official member of our lively, compassionate and challenging congregation, speak with Rev. Cindy Landrum, (517) 529-4221, or a member of the membership committee, including Kathy Haynes, Joan Bernstein, Jann Krupa, and Carole Hartsuff.

Religious Education Report

What a great month we had! Preschoolers had two fun lessons, "Everyone Gets Scared Sometimes" and "Our Good Wishes Can Come True." The K-5 class wrapped up the "Moral Tales" curriculum, and the 'tweens wound down their curriculum about Jesus, which they'll be sharing with the church at the April 26th service.

In April, we'll have two teachers run a "no RE" day the first weekend, leading a K-12 activity in the Social Hall during church, since many kids may be at Spring Break. The next week is an intergenerational Easter service, followed by the traditional egg hunt. The K-5 class will start the "Toolbox of Faith" curriculum the third Sunday in April, while the 'tweens plan their service for the next week. Remember, we're still looking for donations or loans of several "props" for the class—see list below.

NOTE: We will need several of each of the following tools to use during our sessions, starting April 19th Please let us know if you can donate:

SESSION 1: **Toolbox and Ruler** (Faith)
SESSION 2: **Magnifying Glass** (Questioning)
SESSION 3: **Compass** (Integrity) SESSION 4: **Duct Tape** (Flexibility) SESSION 5: **Mirror** (Reflection) SESSION 6: **Paintbrush** (Expression) SESSION 7: **Chalk** (Democratic Process) SESSION 8: **Hammer** (Power)
SESSION 9: **Canteen** (Spirit of Life) SESSION 10: Saddlebags, such as **bike panniers** or backpacks (Courage) SESSION 11: Listening Tool, such as an **auto mechanics'** listening tool, a stethoscope, large seashells, or even a spy listening toy (Listening) SESSION 12: **Sandpaper** (Humor) SESSION 13: **Gloves** (Love) SESSION 14: **Flashlight** (Justice)
SESSION 15: **Level** (Atonement) SESSION 16: **Hardhat** (Resiliency) Thanks! Feel free to bring to church this Sun., or give me a call.

Sharon Pedersen
Enjoy the Spring weather!

Sharon 
Religious Education Coordinator



Sabbatical Information

The Reverend Cindy has given the Sabbatical Committee a *Handbook on Sabbatical Leaves*. It is helping to familiarize us with the concept of ministerial sabbaticals. The committee is working with Cindy to begin planning for her sabbatical in 2010. The handbook says, "Ministerial sabbaticals were not an invention of the current generation, but until [thirty-five] years ago they were granted only by large congregations . . . UU ministers and congregations have been pioneers in developing a rationale for sabbaticals, and in establishing standards and structures for them. Several other faith-groups have encouraged and provided funds for relatively brief study leaves for their ministers, but UUs have been among the first to develop and promote the sabbatical as a valid and valuable practice for ministers and the congregations they serve."

Please contact Steve Beison, Ann Green, Carole Hartsuff, or Victor Marshall for details.

Submitted by: Ann Green

Are you on Facebook?

If so, the Universalist Unitarian Church of East Liberty now has an un-official **Facebook** page. Search for it, or ask our minister for more details. Use it to get updates on the church, find church friends, or read the minister's blog.

Submitted by: Rev. Cindy Landrum

Gardening Group

I am organizing a gardening support group for sharing information, ideas and techniques on growing and preserving vegetables, fruits and herbs. Contact Nena Obits if you are interested.

Submitted by: Nena Obits

Minister's Office Hours:

Cynthia usually works from her home office and her office hours are T-Th 10-6. She is available other days by appointment. Friday is her sermon writing day and Monday is her day off.

UUCEL Annual Pledge Drive

UUCEL is in the midst of our annual pledge drive. As a free church, the voluntary contributions of our members are what makes the church possible. You will be getting a call from a member of our canvass team; when you do, please make an effort to meet with your canvasser, face-to-face, if possible. We want to hear from you what you're excited about in our congregation, and what your hopes and dreams are, and we want to tell you what our goals and hopes are, as well.

Yes We Can! Our church has an amazing can-do attitude. We've created an on-going commUnity forUm series that has made a significant impact in our community. We've become accessible, adding a ramp, lift, and accessible restrooms, and we've remodeled our kitchen in the last few years.

We recognize that, with the economic struggles in our community, many people will be unable to afford large increases to their pledge without making significant sacrifices. We're grateful for every amount that our members and friends are able to give. Any pledge of any amount is a welcomed amount and a pledge we're grateful for. Because, too, we recognize that not everyone is in a position to raise their pledge at all, we're trying new approaches this year, such as *taking the church's money* to use in projects to increase our revenue, putting your ideas, talents, and creative energy to make our church's dreams a reality.

Change Makes Us Possible! Little amounts, small increments – each penny makes a difference at UUCEL. That's why we're doing a symbolic change can drive this year. We're asking members to put their loose change in a can at home and bring it in and pour it in our larger can at church. We know that the pennies we bring can add up and make dreams possible we otherwise wouldn't achieve. We need to extend our willingness to change to how we approach stewardship. Our church is a gift that we give ourselves, a gift we give our community, and a gift we give the future. Thank you for your part in helping UUCEL achieve its goals!

Meetings and Events

U.U. Church of East Liberty

Church Cook-off

April's First Friday dinner is a cook-off! Is your favorite fish dish fabulous? Is your pumpkin pie perfection? Now is your chance to prove it! We will have a number of categories to enter in, or suggest your own. As long as there is competition for a category, the sky is the limit. There will be a sign-up sheet available in the social hall, see Chris Keith or email her to enter. The night of the dinner **Friday, April 3rd**, starting at 6:30 pm, diners will have a chance to vote for their favorite dishes with their pocketbooks or wallets. Each dish will have a jar next to it to put donations to indicate that is the preferred dish. The winner of each category will be the one with the most money in its jar and will be announced during the following Sunday's service and in the May Bellnote. The winners will also get a certificate proclaiming they have the best dishes in the church!

Submitted by: Chris Keith

Hymn Sing

Following the next First Friday Dinner held on **Friday, April 3rd** will be entertainment for the piano and you the singers. Please plan to attend the Hymn Sing hosted by Nancy Cooper starting round 7:15 pm. Let Nancy know if you have any special requests before hand.

Submitted by: Nancy Cooper

Caring Committee

Our next Caring Committee meeting will be on **Sunday, April 19th** after the service.

Submitted by: Nena Obits

Annual Meeting

On **Sunday, May 17, 2009** will be the Annual Meeting of UUCEL. The church year calendar runs July 1st through June 30th. Please plan to attend this important meeting after the service in the sanctuary. Childcare will be available. Watch for more information to come from the board.

commUnity forUms

...are free and open programs to facilitate dialogue about the challenging issues of our time. ForUms are usually held at the Jackson District Library, located at 244 W. Michigan Ave. between Blackstone & N. Jackson Street. ForUms are usually on the third Thursdays at 6:30-8:30 pm. This month's forum is at a special time and location. The commUnity forUm is sponsored by the Universalist Unitarian Church of East Liberty in conjunction with the Jackson District Library.

Thursday, April 16th at 6:30 pm

"Michigan's Energy Future"

Speaker David Gard, Energy Program Director, Michigan Environmental Council will address clean energy alternatives within the context of the current economic crisis. Discussion and comments will follow. Location is the Jackson District Library - Carnegie Branch, 244 W. Michigan Ave., Jackson in the Clare H. Sergeant Auditorium (lower level) The program begins at 6:30 pm. Childcare is available on site by calling in advance. The Community Forum series consists of free and open programs to facilitate dialogue about challenging issues of our time, co-sponsored by the Universalist Unitarian Church of East Liberty and the Jackson District Library.

Submitted by: Outreach Committee

Adult Religious Education Programs

Join us on **Saturday, April 18th** from 1:00 – 3:00 pm or **Tuesday, April 21st** from 6:30 – 8:30 pm for a special workshop detailing the issues before this year's UUA General Assembly. The General Assembly elects the UUA President this year as well as makes statements of conscience—this year voting on "Peacemaking," and congregational study/action issues, this year voting on "Ethical Eating" and "Nuclear Disarmament." This year we will be looking for two people to serve as delegates, because delegates can vote by mail in this year's Assembly. Delegates must be active members of the church. If you are interested in serving as a delegate, please try to attend one of these two meetings. Even if you are not interested in voting for the church, please come and find out about these issues facing the UUA!

Submitted by: Rev. Cindy Landrum

Craft Day

Please plan to attend the **Saturday, April 25th** Scrappin' & Craftin' Day (any kind of craft project you are working on, bring it and your supplies to work on it; as others do theirs). Our monthly get-togethers are on the 4th Saturday of each month.

Contact Caroline if you are interested in coming. **Please note:** the time has changed now starting at 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. There is no charge for participating, but donations to help cover the church's costs are welcome.

Submitted by: Caroline Landrum

Spring Nature Hike

A hike is being planned for **Sunday, May 3rd** starting at 1:00 pm. We will be hiking at The MacCready Reserve it's located only a short distance from the church, at the corner of Jefferson Road and Skiff Lake Road. This is a large area of forests and prairies; the land was donated by the MacCready family to MSU and opened to the public in June 2008. Please bring a lunch and we will eat before we hike. Any questions, call Nena.

Submitted by: Nena Obits

AUUW Mother's Day Tea

Please join us on **Saturday, May 9th** at 2:00 pm for an afternoon tea party. Your favorite tea will be offered along with coffee and punch; also on the table will be cookies and finger food. Remember this is not your lunch, it's a tea party. The theme this year will be "Quilts" with many on display. If you would like your quilt to be a part of the event contact Joan Bernstein, or you can just bring it with you on the 9th and show it. Sign up sheet is posted in the social hall.

Submitted by: Joan Bernstein

Cooks needed

Still looking for volunteers to step up and take a turn at cooking the First Friday Dinners for the months of **June** and beyond. Tell someone on the membership committee if you would like to do so.

Submitted by: the Membership Comm.

Annual Church Auction

Our annual church auction will be **Saturday, May 2nd**, with dinner at 5:00 pm in the social hall and bidding starting at 6:00 pm. Our goal is to complete the auction by 9:00 pm. One of four church members (Debbie Marshall, Carole Hartsuff, Nena Obits or Steve Beison) will be making calls seeking donations, so please think ahead of what you might be able to offer. Don't be afraid to try something new. Be as creative as you can be. A good auction item does not have to be expensive. If you have favorite stores where you shop, ask if they could donate an item for our auction. As items are offered, a list will be posted in the social hall. Childcare will be provided again this year, and the kids will be able to "bid" on their favorite treasures (see article below). The auction has been a major fundraiser for our church, so invite your friends and family members. The evening will be filled with food, fun and bargains. On the next page you will see a list of items as an idea of what we've had in the past take a look.

Submitted by: Steve Beison

Kid's Auction Too!

Bring the children to the Annual Church Auction on **Saturday, May 2nd**. As the Kids will have an auction too: children and youth "shop till you drop!" Kids will enjoy pizza and movies, and get tickets to "bid" on items to take home, just like the adults. Donation of \$5.00 each requested.

Submitted by: Sharon Pedersen



Amazon Bucks for the Church/ Fundraising

If you are an [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) shopper, you can also help the church earn money by clicking first on our links at www.libertyuu.org/shop.html. The link will take you to Amazon.com where you can shop as normal, but the church will earn rewards for each dollar you spend.

An example for our the
new members and friends
of what was
auctioned in passed years
is the following:

Sermon topic of your choice
Restaurant and other gift certificates
Homemade baked goods and fudge
Quarts of canned tomatoes
Home made pizza sauce
Flowers and plants
Homemade Maple Syrup
Biscotti and Coffee Baskets
Knitting Lessons
Quilts
Fabric Art Wall Hanging
Sewing Alterations
Aerial Photos of the Church
6" subs from Subway
Handmade Table Cut from Tree
½ hour of Massage -- Orthopedic Rehab
Comic Packs
Mother's Day silk flower arrangements
Ceramic Cat dish
Rosenthal cup and saucer
Stained glass
One-hour of Decorating consultation
Hot Dog roast and raft ride on Clark Lake
Toad Stool lawn ornament
Fishing Trips
Lake Michigan home near Escanaba
Lake Michigan home near South Haven
Painting
Dinners cooked to order
Seasonal Nature Hikes
Handyman work
and much, much, more.

Meijer Community Rewards Program

A small percentage of your **cash, debit card or Meijer Credit Card** purchases can go to help our church. If you are not already registered for this program call 800-962-7011, or go online at <http://www.meijer.com/mymeijer/SignUp1.asp?pgm=mcr&url=/rewards/mcrsignup2.asp>

Bring non-perishable food
to fill at the food pantry!



~The Brooklyn Food Pantry is an
organization that we have voted to support
under our Social Mission policy~

Brooklyn Food Pantry

We now have the new schedule for when it is our church's turn to have one or two volunteers to work at the C.C.I.S. (Brooklyn) Food Pantry, 171 Wampplers Lake Road, Brooklyn. The days the pantry is open are every Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. There are 10 local churches that take turns to help fill the orders of those in need of food and restock shelves. Our next dates are

May 12th and May 14th

if you are available to help in this rewarding work please contact Paul Jenkins at church or give him a call. Don't forget to bring canned food or any non-perishable items for donation to the pantry. There is a basket in the foyer under the desk for your contributions. Canned fruit is especially appreciated. Thank you!

Submitted by: Paul Jenkins

~~Visitor Tips for Everyone~~

Here are some ways to make people feel welcome that everyone can follow:

- Introduce yourself and get to know a visitor by name.
- Invite a visitor to social hour.
- Wear a nametag.
- Sit toward the middle of the pew or nearer to the front of the church so visitors can be more anonymous if they choose.
- Watch for people who may be alone during social hour and ask them about the sermon or their faith journey.

Thank you!

Church growth is everyone's responsibility

"Go now and live your religion;
It's truth reflect in all you do.
Go, may love's presence ever guide you.
Live the good life the whole day through."
~~ Our Closing Song~~



If there is to be Peace in the world,
There must be Peace in the nations.

If there is to be Peace in the nations,
There must be Peace in the cities.

If there is to be Peace in the cities,
There must be Peace between neighbors.

If there is to be Peace between
neighbors,
There must be Peace in the home.

If there is to be Peace in the home,
There must be Peace in the Heart.
— Lao Tzu

"1st Friday Dinners" Update

Thanks to all that have attended the "1st Friday Dinners" the past few months. They were also a great social events and fundraisers. The board set a goal for the 1st Friday Dinner and that amount was reached! Thanks again. The following is a list of dinners and fundraisers we have had so far; October 1st Friday AUUW Dinner \$247.00 ~ November's 1st Friday Men that Cook \$400.00 ~ Fall Harvest \$2,415.87 ~ Book Sale \$500.00 ~ December 1st Friday Cindy's Hungarian Dinner \$238.00 ~ February 1st Friday Dinner by Alyce & Corole \$168.00 ~ March's 1st Friday Dinner Women that do not Cook \$150.00 ~ April dinner's did you go and vote for your favorite dish? ~ This list is to inform you and not meant to make you think that we do not need any more fundraisers. Church expenses are high and I do not know many UU's that do not like to eat and it is more fun to eat with friends. So what month can we sign you up to be the host/ hostess? Let Kathy, Joan, Carole, or Jann know and we hope to hear your ideas soon thanks from the Membership Committee.

Submitted by: Membership Comm.

Meetings and Events

not directly affiliated with UUCEL

Our Rev. Cindy Landrum is on the panel and would love to see familiar faces in the crowd.

Lord, Save Us from Your Followers!

On Good **Friday, April 10th**, Pathway Community Church, Rivertree Community Church, and Parents, Friends and Family of Lesbians And Gays (PFLAG) of Jackson will co-host a public screening of the documentary film, *Lord, Save Us From Your Followers*. The movie will be shown at the Michigan Theatre, 124 N. Mechanic St., at 7:00 pm. Admission is free. An open-forum panel discussion will take place immediately following. UUCEL Minister Cynthia Landrum will be participating in the panel.

"Our goal is to help people engage with one another in respectful dialogue across cultural divisions," says senior pastor of Pathway Community Church, Scott Hardaway. "Too much of the discourse that takes place in the public square is divisive, insulting, and makes us feel that we can't have a relationship with one another."

That same sentiment was behind the creation of this movie. Fed up with the strident language that has come to represent the Christian faith, writer/director Dan Merchant set out to discover why the Gospel of Love is dividing America. A thought-provoking, often amusing documentary that uses expert interviews, man on-the-street encounters, animation and "I've never seen *that* before" stunts, *Lord, Save Us From Your Followers* brings everyone into the conversation that this country is aching to have.

With exclusive interviews with comedian/ Senatorial candidate Al Franken, former senator and religious right ally Rick Santorum, noted liberal evangelical Tony Campolo, conservative radio host Michael Reagan and racial reconciliation activist Dr. John Perkins as well as film clips of Bono, Pastor Rick Warren (*The Purpose Driven Life*), and evangelists James Dobson, Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson, the film leaves no stone unturned in presenting an engaging, unpredictable and challenging look at the conflict over religion in America.

FROM THE EDITOR:

IF THIS IS YOUR FIRST COPY OF THE CHURCH'S NEWSLETTER "THE BELLNOTE" WELCOME ABOARD, AND HAPPY READING. OUR CHURCH CALENDAR YEAR RUNS FROM JULY 1-JUNE 30, THE CHURCH BOARD ASKS THOSE THAT RECEIVE THE PAPER VERSION OF THE NEWSLETTER TO PAY A \$17.00 PER-YEAR SUBSCRIPTION FEE AND WE STARTED THIS IN AUG., 2007. NEW VISITORS WILL GET 3 MONTHS FREE, AFTER THAT A SUBSCRIPTION FEE WILL BE ASKED FOR, OR CHANGED TO AN ON-LINE VERSION THAT IS NO CHARGE.

THANK YOU – KATHY AND VICKI

THE DEADLINE FOR THE MAY NEWSLETTER IS:

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

SEND SUBMISSIONS TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

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Kathy & Vicki Haynes

or the Bellnote mailbox.

We want to thank --Rev. Cindy Landrum, Steve Beison, Joan Bernstein, Nancy Cooper, Ann Green, Kerry Hart, Paul Jenkins, Chris Keith, Caroline Landrum, Nena Obits, Sharon Pedersen, Outreach Comm., and the Membership Comm., *for their news items this month.*

**"May it be true that a joy shared
is a joy doubled and a sorrow
shared is a sorrow halved"**

OUR 7 PRINCIPLES AND PURPOSES

WE, THE MEMBER CONGREGATIONS OF THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION, COVENANT TO AFFIRM AND PROMOTE:

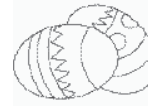
- ☞ THE INHERENT WORTH AND DIGNITY OF EVERY PERSON
- ☞ JUSTICE, EQUITY, AND COMPASSION IN HUMAN RELATIONS
- ☞ ACCEPTANCE OF ONE ANOTHER AND ENCOURAGEMENT TO SPIRITUAL GROWTH IN OUR CONGREGATIONS
- ☞ A FREE AND RESPONSIBLE SEARCH FOR TRUTH AND MEANING
- ☞ THE RIGHT OF CONSCIENCE AND THE USE OF THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS WITHIN OUR CONGREGATIONS AND IN SOCIETY AT LARGE
- ☞ THE GOAL OF WORLD COMMUNITY WITH PEACE, LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL
- ☞ RESPECT FOR THE INTERDEPENDENT WEB OF ALL EXISTENCE OF WHICH WE ARE A PART

The Bellnote Calendar

All events are at the church, unless otherwise noted

April

- 1 Wed. Board Meeting ~ 6:30 pm
 2 Thurs. AUUW Meeting ~ 12:30 pm
 3 Fri. First Friday Dinner hosted by Chris Keith ~ 6:30 pm
 5 Sunday ~~~~ Service ~ 11:00 am ~ Lay Leader, Gratia Karmes
 8 Wed. Worship Committee Meeting ~ 5:30 pm
 9 Thurs. Membership Meeting ~ 1:30 pm
 10 Fri. Film and Discussion ~ **Lord, Save Us From Your Followers** @ Michigan Theatre ~ 7:00 pm
 12 Sunday ~~~~ Service ~ 11:00 am ~ Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum
 12 Sunday Easter Egg Hunt ~ After the Service
 14 Tue. Meet Your Neighbor Coffee ~ 9:00 - 11:00 am
 15 Wed. Religious Education Committee Meeting ~ 7:00 pm
 16 Thurs. commUnity forUm ~ **"Michigan's Energy Future"**
 @ Jackson District Library ~ 6:30 pm
 18 Sat. Special Workshop the issues before this year's UUA General Assembly ~ 1:00 - 3:00 pm
 19 Sunday ~~~~ Service ~ 11:00 am ~ Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum
 19 Sunday Caring Committee Meeting ~ After the service
 21 Tue. Special Workshop the issues before this year's UUA General Assembly ~ 6:30 - 8:30 pm
 25 Sat. Scrapping & Crafting ~10:00 am - 5:00 pm
 26 Sunday ~~~~ Service ~ 11:00 am ~ Religious Education Program



Upcoming Events

- May 1 No First Friday Dinner
 May 2 Annual Auction ~ Dinner at 5:00 pm ~ Bidding at 6:00 pm
 May 3 Spring Nature Hike ~ 1:00 pm
 May 9 Mother's Day Tea ~ 2:00 pm
 May 12 Brooklyn Food Pantry ~ Work day Tuesday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
 May 14 Brooklyn Food Pantry ~ Work day Thursday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
 May 17 Annual Meeting ~ After the Service

WEEKLY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE:

Sun.	Greeters	Ushers	Social Hour Host	Nursery Helper	R.E. Teachers
Apr. 5	Alyce O.	Gary T. & Paul J.	Nancy J.	Open	Spring Break No RE
Apr. 12	Grace M.	Gary T. & Open	Jo Y. & Steve N.	Open	IG: Easter
Apr. 19	Joan B.	Gary T. & Open	Joyce W. & Joan B.	Open	Pre; Jackie & Jane H. K-5; Rob & Peter Teens; Sharon & Lynn
Apr. 26	Betty G.	Gary T. & Jackie J.	Pat & Peg G. & Sharon P.	Joyce W.	K-5; Chris & Anne Teens; Youth Sunday

All Sunday Services Start at 11:00 am ~ Celebrating Over 150 Years of Liberal Religion

April 5 - "On Being There-
-Washington D.C. 1/20/09"

- Gratia Karmes, Lay Leader
Gratia Karmes will share her experiences of traveling to Washington, D.C. for the Presidential Inauguration, including the spirit of goodwill and community.

April 12 - "Being a Doubting Thomas
on Easter Morning"

- Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum
Join us on Easter morning for a service talking about the important role of doubt in our faith, as well as a look at the Gospel of Thomas. There will be an Easter Egg Hunt following the service.

April 19 - Auction Sermon:
"Where Do We Go When We Leave Here?"

- Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum
Our minister will give her annual sermon topic purchased at the year's auction, this one on what happens after death. This will be a special look at the question, including perspectives on reincarnation and Heaven and Hell.
- Special Collection: Aware Shelter

April 26 - "Youth Sunday"
- Religious Education Program
Join us for our annual Youth Sunday program featuring the youth from the teens and 'tweens class as they share what they've learned in their Religious Education class with the curriculum, "Jesus and His Kingdom of Equals."

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