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Universalist Unitarian Church of East Liberty

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The Bellnote

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Monday: Minister's day off
Tuesday: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Wednesday: 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
Thursday: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Friday: Sermon-writing day,
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Minister's Column

I'm writing you from our family's second annual trip to SUUSI, a Unitarian Universalist summer camp for all ages held in Radford, Virginia on the Radford University campus. It's the second largest annual gathering of Unitarian Universalists, the largest being our annual General Assembly. While I'm here I'm leading workshops on blogging and on science fiction and fantasy. Both are well-attended and going well, although there are certainly many people here that know more than me about both subjects.

A UU camp experience is something I wish I had had when I was a child, and I'm glad my daughter is having this experience. She already has friends who remember her from last year that she eagerly greeted, which is great for her. What is great for me is knowing that she has one more experience in her life to help her in connecting to Unitarian Universalism and one more experience which teaches her Unitarian Universalist values and beliefs.

Some areas in our country have UU camps like this that are held on facilities that we rent, and some areas have UU campgrounds. Our Heartland District has been a district that doesn't have a UU campground, although a few smaller UU camps have been held in our district (there's one for singles, AMUUSE, that meets in Saugatuck, Michigan). Overall, however, going to a UU camp is not as much a part of our UU experience as it is for UUs in the Southeast, who seem to have someone from most churches here. However, as of the beginning of July, we are not in the Heartland District, but the MidAmerica region, and the MidAmerica region has camp Unistar, a camp in Minnesota that runs for ten weeks in the summer. It would be great if one of the things that happened with this regionalization is we found more UUs from our region involved in these great faith-based camps during the summer.

This August we have first weekend board meeting of the MidAmerica region. As one of the new board members, I'll be gone for the last weekend in August to attend that board meeting in Illinois. I'll look forward to knowing more about our region and the strengths it offers, and being able to share that information with you.

Meanwhile, don't forget to collect water from your summer locations, whether that's your backyard hose, Clark Lake, or places farther flung. I'll try to remember to bring back some water from SUUSI for you!

Peace,

Cindy

Religious Education Report

I'm off work in July and back in August as your RE Coordinator, but since August is just around the bend I've started to verify schedules with volunteers and get a list of needed supplies together for the coming Fall "semester." Please let me know if you have or would like to donate any of the items listed below:

Session # and Items

- 1 Copy paper: a case would be nice!
- 1 Fabric paint
- 1 Markers: fine pt. & thick, perm & watercolor
- 1 Masking Tape
- 1 Newsprint
- 1 Scissors for adults, also left-handed scissors
- 1 Shells with holes through them
- 1 Two sticks or dowels 3 feet long
- 1 Wide ribbon in each of the colors of the rainbow (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, violet)
- 2 3 large floor puzzles with 25+ pieces each
- 2 Embroidery floss or hemp cord, many colors
- 2 Lots of glue sticks & Elmer's glue
- 2 Heart shaped cookie cutters
- 2 Large sheets of poster board or art paper
- 3 Decorative items, bells, buttons, feathers
- 3 Card stock & construction paper - colors
- 3 Plastic cups, small plates, paper towel
- 3 Rubber bands
- 4 A few clean hats of various types
- 4 A roll of plain wrapping paper
- 4 Bag of rice
- 4 Different size empty boxes (cereal box, cracker box, cake mix box, etc.)
- 4 Optional: Decorative stickers
- 4 Optional: Envelopes
- 4 Scotch tape
- 4 Optional: Envelopes
- 5 Large paper grocery bags
- 6 Xerox Copies of member picture directory
- 6 Drinking straws, six for each participant (preferably milkshake straws, which are both longer & wider than a standard straw)

- 6 List of UUCEL committees and their members
- 6 Sewing needles, one for each participant, appropriately sized for yarn, beads, straws
- 6 Variegated (multicolored) yarn
- 7 Yarn, fine hemp cord, or embroidery floss; and sewing needles
- 9 Origami paper in a variety of colors
- 10 Elastic thread in black or silver
- 11 A tree seedling for planting (next Spring)
- 11 Empty salt or oatmeal containers
- 11 Planting soil
- 11 Several shovels (ideally, one for each participant)
- 12 Embroidery floss: variety of colors
- 12 Popsicle Sticks
- 12 Toothpicks
- 16 Polar Fleece in two coordinating colors/patterns

I'd like to plan for teacher training to be **Thursday September 5**, 6:30-8pm & **Sunday September 8**, 12:30-2pm. Attending one of these sessions is mandatory for teacher volunteers (including nursery and our new RE "monitors"), or you can schedule a make-up time with me. Please let me know which of these two possibilities you can attend, or make arrangements for a make-up session. Thank you in advance!

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Sharon

Sharon Pedersen, RE Coordinator

Notes from the Board

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The Board met primarily to elect officers; Gratia Karmes president; Jackie Johnson vice-president; Martha Koopman treasurer. Action was taken regarding transfer of funds to the UUA account. The next meeting will be on **Wednesday, August 7**, 7:30pm at the church. Those wishing to submit agenda items are asked to do so in writing, no later than the Sunday before board meeting.

Gratia Karmes

Board President

Missing Item

One of our Assisted Listening Devices, (hearing aids) is missing from the sanctuary. These are pricey, \$100 each, so please return to the church. Thanks, from the Board of Directors



"Go now and live your religion.
Its 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~~

"The Bellnote" Paper Copy Payment Due

It's that time of year again, folks. – This is a friendly reminder to the 36 friends and members who receive the paper "The Bellnote" copy. The three (3) Rev.'s receive a copy for free and eight (8) have already paid, looking for payment from the other 25. The editors will be collecting the \$17.00 per person for the year's expenses of printing and postage. – Please give to Kathy Haynes or mail to her (See Supplement Page for more contact information) and she will mark you paid and pass the money on to the church treasurer.

If you want to change over to the on-line version that is no charge, just send a message to uucel_bellnote@yahoo.com. This may be your last newsletter if we do not hear from you soon. —

Please & Thank You.

Submitted by: the E ditors

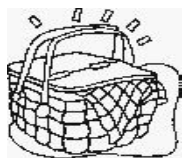
Book and Video Sale

Please check out our book and video sale in the Social Hall. Many items are like new and would make good gifts. Thanks,

Submitted by: Nena Obits

Meetings and Events

U.U. Church of East Liberty



Annual Picnic

The first Sunday in August is our **Annual Church Picnic**, so after the church service on **August 4** it will be! This year it will be at the park on Castlewood Drive, near Alyce Oosting's home. You can park in her driveway and along the side of the road, or you could carpool from the church. This is on Lake Columbia with tables, playground and bathroom with lots of trees for shade. Please bring a passing dish, and your own plates, silverware and own drinks. Also bring a folding chair and please pick-up a "Parking Pass" and place on your cars dashboard. These passes are in the Social Hall or ask Alyce Oosting for one. Come and enjoy the friendship of others and a good meal and the lake. Submitted by: Membership Comm.



New U.U. Class

Are you new to the church? Do you want to learn more about our faith? Please join us **Aug 18** for a class to meet each other and learn about UUism. The class is intended for anyone: newcomers, the curious, and the seasoned and will begin after church at about 12:30. If you are interested, please contact Rev. Cindy, as she along with others in the church will teach the class.—

The Attic Sale

Word of mouth is an important way to promote our Grandma's Attic Sale. Please tell your friends and neighbors about it. If you have other ways to publicize it (email, Facebook, Twitter, other), please share with Ann Green, Marketing Organizer: (See Supplement Page for more contact information.)

The Attic Sale, otherwise known as the annual fundraiser rummage sale, will be **Thursday August 8, 9:00 am-5:00pm — Friday August 9, 9:00 am-5:00pm & Saturday August 10, 9:00 am-3:00pm** Chaired by Kathy Haynes — Please mark your calendar now and plan on helping to support our sale.

ALL ITEMS will be placed into the schoolhouse, shed, the church's tent and the social hall by you the week of the sale ONLY. NOTHING GETS DROPPED OFF BEFORE THE WEEK OF THE SALE — Please and Thank You!!!!—THIS WAY EVERYONE SHARES THE WORK LOAD —

The names, times and dates that we have volunteered to be on hand for you to come and place your items in "their correct spots." are the following: on

Sunday, August 4 9:00–11:00am Kathy Haynes and/or - **Monday, August 5** 10:00–noon Gratia Karmes and /or **Tuesday, August 6** 2:00–4:00pm Ann Green & Margaret Johns and/or

Tuesday, August 6 7:00–9:00 pm Dorothy Kerr & Carole Hartsuff. The different parts of the days were chosen to fit everyone's busy lives so please choose the day and time that's good for you! — Let Kathy Haynes know if you can also help the names above and/or work the sale on the 8, 9 and/or 10. — MORE helpers are needed on the afternoon of the 9th and also the 10th to pack up the unsold items at 3:00. The volunteers will have information about where your items belong and for you to place your great sellable items within one of the 4 building/spaces. Signage will be posted. The clothing does not need to be marked. Would you please add the price tags or colored dots to your items; they will be in each area with a pricing chart to follow and this would be so helpful if you would do your own items as you are the best person to know the value of your items. Please, no items come in on that Wednesday, August 7.

The packing up of everything unsold will start at 3:00 pm Saturday. The Sign-up sheets are in the social hall. If you have any questions please contact Kathy Haynes. (See Supplement Page for more contact information.)

Submitted by: Kathy Haynes

JXN Community Forums

...are free and open programs to encourage dialogue about the challenging issues of our day. The series is sponsored by the Universalist Unitarian Church of East Liberty and the Jackson District Library. All forums are held at the JDL, 244 West Michigan Ave., Jackson, MI and they are usually on the third Thursdays at 6:30-8:30 pm. Childcare may be available for a modest donation: (See Supplement Page for more contact information to RSVP for childcare). Call Debby Sears at the library at 517-788-4087 ext. 234 for more information or see the JDL website at www.myjdl.com.

Freedom Forum

Thursday August 8, 6:30pm

"Fifty Years After the March on Washington" presented by the Jackson Human Relations Commission at the JDL Carnegie Auditorium

Submitted by: Outreach Comm.

Welcome Baby Boys

Kemry Walker: born --- June 29th
at 11:07 pm - 9lb. 2oz. - 21 and 1/2 " long
and

Tommy Hinton: born --- July 11th
at 12:27 pm - 7lb. 14 oz. - 20 and 1/2" long
Congratulations to the parents! ☺

**Tim & Elizabeth Walker
and**

Jason & Donna Hinton

Still Looking for the

"Missing Painting" Pass the Word

The night of May 10 was our church annual auction and the editors have been asked to spread the word. Someone has mistakenly picked up and taken home a painting donated and hand painted by Dee Reed, it is titled "**Autumn Homes**" and about 6" by 6" in size. This was purchased by Gratia Karmes and she would love to have it in her home. If you have it, or know anything about it would you please contact Gratia. (See Supplement Page for more contact information) Thank You.
Submitted by: The Editors

Personal Care Ministry

The Jackson Personal Care Ministry has been very successful, serving 120-150 Jackson County households per week. Each week the following items are offered: shampoo, lotion, toothpaste, and tooth brushes, deodorant, bar soap, razors, combs, sanitary napkins, dish and laundry soap, all purpose cleaner, toilet paper and paper towels. Donations of products and monetary gifts are needed. Donation baskets are located in the Social Hall and in the church foyer. Checks can be made out to Westminster Presbyterian Church with Personal Care Ministry written on the memo line. Our church has had good participation and I'm encouraging everyone to volunteer. We work on the Second Thursday for August, 4:30-7:00. **Starting in September our team will start volunteering at the Personal Care Ministry on the third Thursday of the month**

Submitted by: Nena Obits

Please see the bottom of page 7. The Volunteer Schedule is very blank this month, and your help is needed. Please see what you can do. The sign-up clipboards are on the bulletin board in the social hall awaiting your name. Thanks.

Church Wish Lists on Amazon

Do you shop on Amazon.com? Do you ever find yourself adding on an item or two to get free shipping? Well, now you can help the church at the same time! We've created Amazon.com wish lists for church items. We may add more wish lists over time, if this proves to be popular with our members, but we're starting with the Religious Education wish list and a couple of items for Worship. Give us a while to get this set up and add items (the ones appearing now are just Rev. Cindy's suggestions, not the ones selected by our RE team, except that Sharon told her they need glue sticks). The wish list can be found at <http://amzn.com/w/266ZXC3M9OM3Y>, or by searching for wish lists of "Universalist Unitarian" and then selecting the one with our church's picture.

Church Website	http://www.libertyuu.org
The Bellnote Newsletter	http://www.libertyuu.org/newsletter.html
Church e-mail	EastLibertyUU@yahoo.com
Church's facebook page	http://www.facebook.com/libertyuu
Forum facebook page	http://www.facebook.com/JXNCommunityForum

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/or 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 and Carole Hartsuff.

FROM THE EDITOR:

"THE BELLNOTE" IS A MONTHLY PUBLICATION OF UUCEL. IF THIS IS YOUR 1ST COPY OF THE CHURCH'S NEWSLETTER, WELCOME. OUR CHURCH 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. NEW VISITORS WILL GET 3 MONTHS FREE, AFTER THAT A SUBSCRIPTION FEE WILL BE ASKED FOR, OR CHANGE TO AN ON-LINE VERSION THAT IS FREE OF CHARGE.

THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE, INFORMATION IS NEEDED BY:
SUNDAY, AUGUST 18. ~~~~~ SEND SUBMISSIONS TO:
 UUCEL_BELLNOTE@YAHOO.COM OR IN WRITING TO

KATHY OR VICKI. THANK YOU –

We want to thank; Rev. Cindy Landrum, Nena Obits, Committee on Ministry, Outreach Comm. and Membership Comm. **for their news items this month.**



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

August

- 1 Thurs. AUUW Meeting ~ 12:30 pm
- 1 Thurs. RE Meeting @ Carnegie Library, MacIntyre Room ~ 7:00 – 8:30 pm
- 4 Sunday Bring Sale items for the Attic Sale from 9:00- 11:00
- 4 Sunday ~~~~ Service ~ Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum ~ 11:00 am
- 4 Sunday Picnic ~ After the Service @ Castlewood Park
- 5 Mon. Bring Sale items for the Attic Sale from 10:00- 12:00
- 6 Tue. Bring Sale items for the Attic Sale from 2:00- 4:00pm and from 7:00-9:00pm
- 7 Wed. Board Meeting ~ 7:30 pm
- 8 Thurs. Attic Sale ~ 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
- 8 Thurs. Personal Care Ministry ~ 4:30-6:30 pm @ 1st Baptist Church, 201 S. Jackson, Help Distribution
- 8 Thurs. Membership Committee ~ 10:00 am -Not meeting due to Attic Sale
- 8 Thurs. Freedom Forum "Fifty Years After the March on Washington"
@ Jackson District Library, Carnegie Branch ~ 6:30 pm
- 9 Fri. Attic Sale ~ 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
- 10 Sat. Attic Sale ~ 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
- 11 Sunday ~~~~ Service ~ Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum ~ 11:00 am
- 13 Tue. Meet Your Neighbor Coffee ~ 9:00 - 11:00 am
- 14 Wed. Outreach/Forum Committee Meeting @ JDL ~ 5:30 pm
- 18 Sunday ~~~~ Service ~Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum ~11:00 am
- 18 Sunday The Bellnote Newsletter ~ Submissions Due
- 18 Sunday New UU Class ~ After the Service
- 20 Tue. Worship Comm. ~ Meets at Members' Homes in the Evening
- 25 Sunday ~~~~ Service ~ Lay Leader: TBA ~ 11:00 am
- 25 Sunday Caring Committee Meeting ~ After the Service

Upcoming Events

Sept 7 Social Hall~ Rental

Sunday	Aug 4	Aug 11	Aug 18	Aug 25
Greeters	Alyce O	Grace M	Joan B	Betty G
R.E. Greeter	Sharon P	Sharon P	Sharon P	Sharon P
Nursery Helper	Joan B	Becky B	Open	Donna H
Ushers	Gary T OPEN	Gary T OPEN	Gary T OPEN	Gary T OPEN
Social H. Host	Picnic	OPEN	Nena O	Open
R.E. Pre.				
R.E. K-5	Intergenerational	Intergenerational	Intergenerational	Intergenerational

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

Aug 4 - "This Is Water"

– Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Water Communion Service – Bring water from wherever you've been this summer and join in our annual water communion service.

Aug 11 - "Sacred Art: Then and Now"

– Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

In the first of a two-part series on art, we will look at how the images of the sacred in art have changed throughout history.

Aug 18 - "The Artistic Impulse and our UU Faith"

– Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

What is Unitarian Universalist art? Is there an identifiable artistic movement that is connected to our faith? This service will explore these questions and more.

Aug 25 - "To Be Announced"

– Lay Leader:

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