

# The Bellnote

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Tuesday: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Wednesday: 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
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## Minister's Column

This month we have a special and unique opportunity. We're making a decision that will affect our worship for decades—we're choosing a piano. It's certainly my hope that the way we've arranged events for making this decision will be informative and fun and entertaining at the same time! And while we may hold differing views, it's important to remember that everyone is working to try and make our church the best and strongest it can be for years to come. There are important values that we hold, but these values can lead us to either decision.

In the end, the only person that any person can really speak for is oneself, and so I'm not going to try to tell you the diverse things that numerous other people have been saying to me, nor what is right or wrong for this church community—only the church community as a whole can decide that. And so I'm glad that we're finally going to have our vote after a long and thoughtful process. What I can tell you is what my own personal opinion is. I'm not a musician, but I am a worship leader with experience and training in worship, and with opinions as well. As such, I'm interested in what our current needs are and what the trends that I can see spell out as future needs.

The strengths of a traditional acoustic instrument, in my opinion, are its classic nature, its timelessness, and its durability. There are some strengths in sound and feel, I'm told, and am interested to see if my ears and fingers will be able to discern the difference enough that it affects my own choice, which is still undecided. An acoustic piano is never a *wrong* choice – it is a time-tested and classic choice. It's a choice churches have made for hundreds of years, and will continue to make into the future. The Yamaha acoustic piano we now have the option of isn't the classic and timeless instrument our Steinway could have been, but it will serve us well and produce fine music. Parts will be available indefinitely, and the value will most likely hold firm over decades.

On the other hand, the needs of a modern church are increasingly involved with technology. Our church is a little behind on this, which is okay, but we'll need to continue to grow and develop in this area in years to come. When I started ministry, the assumption was that ministers needed to have a good library, particularly if they served small country churches, so that we would have a world of information at our fingertips. Now, we do have a

## Rev. Cindy's Column Continued...

world of information at our fingertips, and it's more difficult to walk across the room and find the correct book and look something up than it is to look it up on the internet. Even when I had the booklet on Clavinovas sitting on my desk in front of me while preparing information for the newsletter, it was easier to cut and paste details from their webpage.

A digital piano will almost certainly have a shorter lifetime (my best guess is about 30 years) than an acoustic piano, but it has abilities to bring us into the digital age. Music pieces can be e-mailed to some choir members to rehearse; the piano can be playing while the music director directs without a second pianist needing to be present; recording and uploading pieces to e-mail or the internet is simple and easy. Hymns can be pre-recorded and played when a musician is unable to be present. All these are pluses for a small church with part-time music staff. They're also a plus for increasing our ability to move into a more digital age.

In addition, one of the trends I see is for congregations to become more diverse, more multi-cultural, and to reach out to younger members. Right now, our congregation is probably best served by an acoustic piano—it's traditional, familiar, and it represents no significant change from what we've known. But I think that is not true for what best serves us for the future. If in the future we want to create multicultural music and music that is diverse in style and genre, and appeal to younger and more multicultural new members, then a digital piano offers us a realm of possibilities literally at our fingertips. This can be done in other ways than a digital piano, such as bringing in guest musicians with their own instruments, but for a small church that would be more difficult to achieve.

I don't doubt that in the future a digital piano will either wear out or become outdated. Most things do, from our roof and plumbing to our computers and sound system. I think the church could plan to handle that need, though, as we should do with all these needs.

I'm still not sure what I will vote for, or if I will vote at all, as I didn't in the last vote. If the sound quality is significantly better on an acoustic piano, that's a strong argument for me. But I can tell you that I think a digital piano offers up solutions for the future that are very exciting for me. Whichever way you, the congregation, votes, however, I am sure that we will have a fine instrument that will improve our music program and the quality of our worship for decades to come. Thank you for your time and engagement in this issue and for caring so passionately about our church and its future.

Peace,

***Cindy***

Minister's Schedule:

Rev. Cindy will be on vacation December 27-January 2, and will follow with a week of study leave January 3-9. She will return to her usual schedule January 10th.

# Religious Education

December is one of my favorite times of year. While it's very busy, the intergenerational services allow a respite from some of the class preparation, so I can enjoy my belonging to this vital church. I also enjoyed volunteering for the Big Brothers, Big Sisters holiday breakfast on December 10. It turned out I could provide a vital role of delivering pancakes and sausage to many of the participants, along with restocking beverages and cleaning up plates and place-settings. All the children got to do crafts, hear Santa read a story, and get a gift from Santa. I saw some folks I knew, and met some others for the first time. I'd definitely like to help with this again next year, and hope some folks will join me.

Wasn't the intergenerational pageant fun?

Now that January is rolling around, we'll have a craft day on January 1 and then start in with the new teacher schedule. Teachers, if you haven't confirmed teaching dates with me yet, please do so ASAP!

We are hoping to get ideas from UUCEL parents of young children/youth on activities we can all do together that are fun or have a social action component/theme. Please send activity ideas my way for the Religious Education committee's consideration. In January we will have a penny drive for the Heifer Project International, and we'd like to have a monthly social action project for the rest of the school year, at least.

Soon the Religious Education Committee will be picking curriculum for the next school year. Life moves fast on the "wheel of the year," but it's been an exciting and growthful year thus far.

yUUs in Religious Education,

**Sharon**

Sharon Pedersen, RE Coordinator

# Notes from the Board

A special thank you to Rev. Cindy and Sharon Pedersen for our Christmas pageant. Not only did Rev. Cindy furnish the script, but both she and Sharon both participated as narrators and actors. Thanks, too, for all of you who took part in the pageant.

We are in need for volunteers to sponsor the First Friday dinners. These dinners provide much needed income for and because there were no dinners this past fall, we are three months behind in income. However, the December First Friday dinner in December sponsored by the Caring Committee brought in the goodly sum of \$205.00.

January's Board meeting has been changed to **January 11th** and will be held at the home of Hugh Tomlinson. The Board Retreat is scheduled for January hosted by Anita Pepper.

We, the Board, are looking forward to a productive year in 2012. We wish for our congregation a happy and healthy New Year!

**Jane**

Submitted by: Jane Volk  
Board of Trustees President

Please welcome our  
newest member  
**Joyce Kelley**  
who joined our church  
on **December 18th**

~~ Joyce joined the church at her request in her home due to her leg injury. The joining took place with Rev. Cindy along with board member Cecily Savick and a few other members of the church at her side.

Please welcome our newest member when she is able to return in mid-January.



## Congregational Meeting about the Piano New Piano Vote Options



This proposal comes from the Worship Committee, with the recommendation that the congregation choose to trade in our Steinway piano for a 45-inch Yamaha P22 upright acoustic piano. The proposal encourages the congregation to hear two pianos, an acoustic and a digital one, so that they can become better informed on what digital pianos are about for the future, and the congregation will have a vote to choose between the two pianos. The Worship Committee's recommendation is for the acoustic piano because of the greater certainty of being able to easily obtain parts for repairs over the lifetime of the piano, and the uncertainty of the length of the lifetime of a digital piano.

1. UUCEL has entered into an agreement with Jim King, of King's Keyboards in Ann Arbor. Jim King will trade our current Steinway piano for one of two Yamaha pianos, and handle the moving and installation of all pianos. King's Keyboards will provide two pianos for our congregation to experience and evaluate for the total cost of \$200. The pianos will arrive on Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. One will be a 45-inch Yamaha P22 upright acoustic (traditional) piano. The other will be a 35-inch Yamaha Clavinova CVP-503 Digital (electric) piano.
2. The congregation will hear both instruments played on **January 22** and **January 29**, with an additional information session following the service on January 22<sup>nd</sup> and a musical evening on **Friday, January 27** (see bottom of this page and also on page 9 for details). Both our Music Director, Nancy Cooper, and worship committee member and frequent guest musician Tom Pepper will also have the opportunity to play either or both pianos in front of the congregation, during these worship services and events.
3. Following the second worship service on **January 29**, there will be a congregational vote to determine which piano the congregation wishes to retain. At his convenience, Jim King will then pick up one piano.

What follows is a comparison of digital and acoustic pianos, with some specifications on the two pianos we're considering. The digital piano has changed models from the last time this information was presented, because we were able to upgrade the model at no additional cost.

**"Piano Information Session" Sunday, January 22** following the service. Join us after the service on January 22<sup>nd</sup> in the sanctuary. Tom Pepper and Nancy Cooper will be on hand to answer questions about acoustic and digital pianos and provide brief demonstrations. There will be opportunity for members of the congregation to see, touch, feel, and play the pianos at this event.

**"A Musical Evening of Performance, Sing-along, & Demonstrations" Friday, January 27** – 7:00 pm Optional Potluck preceding the entertainment at 5:30 pm --- Join us for a musical evening featuring Nancy Cooper and Tom Pepper playing and demonstrating the features and range of acoustic and digital pianos. We'll have an optional pot-luck beforehand for those who wish to join, and then the music will begin at 7:00 pm.

## Yamaha P22 Series - 45"

### Upright Acoustic ("Traditional") Piano



#### **Description:**

"Designed for schools and rehearsal areas, these Studio Pianos are often chosen by experienced players for both home and professional use." (All Information from the Yamaha Website.)

#### **Specifications:**

Size/Weight Dimensions: Height: 45", Width: 60", Depth: 24", Weight: 527 lbs.

Pedals: Standard 3 pedals

Keyboard: 88 spruce keys with hardwood buttons;  
White: Acrylic Resin; Black: Phenolic Resin

Finish Chosen: Light Oak (this is not the finish shown above)

#### **Features:**

This piano is specifically seasoned for the U.S. The tuning stability, finish and overall musical integrity are enhanced over the long life expected of a fine piano. It features a hard maple bridge & pin block; solid spruce soundboard, ribs, and back post; solid copper wound bass strings; extruded aluminum alloy action rails; balanced action; and uniform, grand piano key travel. Yamaha utilizes a process that creates a permanent crown in the soundboard and at the same time minimizes soundboard cracking. Not only will the piano last for years, but the beautiful sound will last a lifetime. Yamaha uses Spruce for the keys, which is very light and possesses a very high ratio of strength to weight. Yamaha keyboards withstand heavy use over years of fortissimo passages.

#### **More Information:**

[http://usa.yamaha.com/products/musical-instruments/keyboards/uprightpianos/p\\_series/p22/?mode=model](http://usa.yamaha.com/products/musical-instruments/keyboards/uprightpianos/p_series/p22/?mode=model)

## Yamaha Clavinova CVP-503

### Digital Upright Piano



#### **Description:**

"Many convenient features, such as the ability to make audio recordings of your own performance and voice as you sing along, give the CVP-503 outstanding flexibility. With its synthetic ivory finished GH3 keyboard, it achieves high performance standards." (All Information from the Yamaha Website.)

#### **Specifications:**

Size/Weight Dimensions: Height: 34", Width: 56", Depth: 24", Weight: 156 lbs., 8 oz.

Pedals: Standard 3 pedals

Keyboard: 88 keys, natural wood white keys with synthetic ivory keytops, with graded hammers.

Finish Chosen: Dark Rosewood (this is the finish shown above)

#### **Features:**

"Piano Button" resets all features to Grand Piano mode. Other features include folding key cover; music rest & clips; panel cover hides the operating panel; display with lyrics and score display function; multiple "voices" and effects; pre-recorded songs & recording ability; wide selection of realistic musical instruments, including organ; 272 accompaniment styles, lesson/guide functions, and others; 2.4 MB internal memory & external USB drive for data storage & transfer; headphone connectivity; amplifiers and speakers; and online services with hundreds of songs that can be downloaded directly to the Clavinova.

#### **More Information:**

[http://usa.yamaha.com/products/musical-instruments/keyboards/digitalpianos/cvp\\_series/cvp-503/?mode=model](http://usa.yamaha.com/products/musical-instruments/keyboards/digitalpianos/cvp_series/cvp-503/?mode=model)

## Acoustic (“Traditional”)

### **DESCRIPTION**

An acoustic piano is a traditional & classic instrument with strings, hammers, etc., like our current Steinway. Comes in a variety of styles and finishes. Traditional pianos are still the standard in the majority of churches.

### **PROS**

- Traditional & Familiar.
- Can last for an indefinite amount of time, even hundreds of years.
- Full-range sound dynamics.
- Best touch sensitivity & more expressive.
- When well maintained, customarily maintains or increases its value over time. Repairs are always obtainable.

### **CONS**

- Traditional & Familiar.
- Should be tuned at least once per year (about \$75), and twice is preferable.
- No organ, or other instrument sounds. To increase the range of our music means adding additional instruments.
- Can be damaged by extreme temperatures and humidity—ideally we would purchase a system to help deal with this.
- More difficult to feed into PA system (can be done with microphone), and to record. Less versatile for contemporary gospel, popular, and multicultural music.

## Digital (“Electric”) Piano

### **DESCRIPTION**

A digital piano replicates the sound of piano and other instruments using computer technology. Looks much like a traditional piano and comes in different finishes (Dark Rosewood and Ebony). Digital pianos are being used in an increasing number of churches, including UU churches, but are a minority

### **PROS**

- Contemporary/Modern & Different.
- No tuning required, & no/less sensitivity to temperature extremes & humidity.
- Can easily be fed into a PA system – a bonus for recording services & performances, putting services on the internet, and for assisted listening devices for the hearing impaired.
- The piano can sound like other instruments (14), including an organ. Some digital pianos have drum accompaniment.
- Fun! Digitals may appeal more to younger and more multicultural members. Can record performances for later playback on the piano, such as hymns, in case the pianist will be absent.

### **CONS**

- Contemporary/Modern & Different.
- Long life span possible (20+ years for previous models), but shorter than acoustic life span.
- Loses value over time, as newer models come out.
- Unusable if power goes out, uses electricity when played.
- Some sound and feel difference from acoustic & less touch sensitivity. This has improved in recent years, but still not as infinite in variation as acoustic. Repairs in later decades will likely be more difficult or conceivably nearly impossible to obtain, as is often the case with electronic devices.

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## Universalist Unitarian Church of East Liberty Winter Book Sale



Universalist Unitarian Church @ the Old School House

2231 Jefferson Road

**March 2-3, 2012**

9-5 pm

**\*Book dealers welcome the second day\***

Come browse our large selection of used books over wide categories:  
non-fiction (history, philosophy, religion, sports, biography, etc.)  
fiction (all genres), and coffee table books in paperback, trade paperback,  
and hard cover

Paperbacks \$.50

Trade paperbacks \$1

Hardcovers \$2

Coffee table books \$3

Children/youth books \$.25

A variety of baked goods and coffee for sale

**For directions or more information about the church visit :**

**[www.uuliberty.org](http://www.uuliberty.org)**

# Meetings and Events

U.U. Church of East Liberty

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## Book Sale coming Soon



Book sale at the church will be soon, so start sorting out your books for the sale. Please contact Jon Hart who will be chairing this event if you would like to help with the sale or have any book questions. Many bakers will also be needed to bring in the baked good items. Please help in any way you can, thanks.

U U Church of East Liberty Winter Book Sale  
This will be held in the Old School House next to the church **Friday and Saturday March 2-3.**

From 9:00 am -5:00 pm

\*Book dealers welcome the second day\*  
Come browse our large selection of used books over wide categories: non-fiction (history, philosophy, religion, sports, biography, etc.) fiction (all genres), and coffee table books in paperback, trade paperback, and hard cover. Prices will be; Paperbacks \$.50 -- Trade paperbacks \$1 -- Hardcover \$2 -- Coffee table books \$3 -- Children/youth books \$.25 -- A variety of baked goods and coffee will also be on sale,

For directions or more information about the church, visit: [www.uuliberty.org](http://www.uuliberty.org)

Submitted by Jon Hart

## Social Mission

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As noted in the RE Report, our December Social Action project was the Big Brothers/Big Sisters holiday breakfast with Santa, along with Guest at your Table collection boxes. Make sure to give Sharon your suggestions for future Social Action projects!

Please provide your children with some change in the month of January to raise money for Heifer Project International, which raises funds to provide animals around the world, such as fish, chickens, dairy goats, sheep, cows, rabbits, etc whose offspring can then be regifted to help the entire local community.

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Submitted by: Sharon Pedersen

## 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 Supplements Page for 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](http://www.myjdl.com)...

JXN Community Forum **Thursday, Jan. 19**

### "Anti-Bullying Part 2"

The Forum for January 19 will be a continuation of the forum that was held in December on the topic of Anti-Bullying. In part 2, we will have a panel of counselors, educators and community leaders on local issues and initiatives re; bullying followed by discussion.

6:30 pm, Jackson District Library,  
Carnegie Branch, Sergeant Auditorium.  
Submitted by: Outreach Comm.

"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--

## Contact Information Updates

We are looking to update our mailing list, telephone calling tree and computer e-mail contact list. There is a clipboard in the social hall with a printed out listing of all names as we have it. Would you please look at your line of information and make all corrections to it and add your cell phone number (if you have one) on the blank end of the sheet. You could also send an e-mail to

[uucel\\_bellnote@yahoo.com](mailto:uucel_bellnote@yahoo.com) if your information has changed and you would like the church to have your updated information. Also please indicate if you would like your home or cell phone number on the UUCEL calling tree; just looking for the best way to get in touch with you, if we need to.

In the spring of 2012 we will be having a new Church Directory made from the Life Touch Company and having this information now will be very helpful. - Thanks

Submitted by Kathy Haynes



## Church phone (517) 529-4221

There is no longer a phone at church.

The phone number has not been changed. If someone calls the number, it is answered by our new automated answering service. It is automatically transferred to Kathy Haynes' email and then Kathy will call or e-mail the appropriate person to respond to the call (let her know if you're not someone who checks e-mail frequently, if you are expecting a call from someone that would be calling the church's phone number). This is the same way our messages worked previously. The only difference is that there is no longer a phone which can be answered in the building. There is no phone service coming into the building anymore. It is recommended that if you know there is something going on at the church and you need to get in touch with someone there, please have some cell phone numbers available so you can call someone whom you know is there. To that end, we are adding cell phone numbers to our church directory. Please let Kathy Haynes know your cell phone number for this. This new service is costing us only \$5.00 per month vs ATT's charges of approximately \$40.00 per month. We plan to add a church cell phone for emergency calls, but are currently shopping to find the best deal. In related news, if you'd like to purchase a set of two cordless phones and an answering machine, please let Rev. Cindy or a board member know!

Submitted by Hugh Tomlinson and  
Rev. Cindy Landrum

## "A Musical Evening of Performance, Sing-along, and Demonstrations"

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Optional Potluck preceding the  
entertainment at 5:30 pm.

Join us for a musical evening featuring Nancy Cooper and Tom Pepper playing and demonstrating the features and range of acoustic and digital pianos. We'll have an optional pot-luck beforehand for those who wish to join, and then the music will begin at 7:00 pm.



## District & Denominational Meetings and Events

### UUA AWARDS MUUSJN IMMIGRATION REFORM, PUBLIC WITNESS GRANT

The Michigan UU Social Justice Network (MUUSJN), a state-wide network of UU justice advocates and allies, was recently awarded three grants totaling \$9,700 from the Unitarian Universalist Funding Program to implement an "Engaging UUs for Immigration Reform and Public Witness" project. The A \$2,500 challenge grant will allow donations to the Network to be matched with UUA funds over the next year. It also includes a \$2,000 fund raising technical assistance grant.

Activities under the grant include:

- Develop a database of UU activists who agree to respond to immigration issues;
- Encourage UUs, particularly youth, to attend the 2012 Justice GA;
- Host one or more discussions of Justice GA follow-up actions;
- Create opportunities for UUs to attend immigration reform training/workshops;
- Coordinate with other immigration reform organizations on campaigns;
- Develop and implement a plan for MUUSJN to become a non-profit organization; and
- Provide information UUs need to publicly witness their values on a range of issues.

Congregations are invited to become members of MUUSJN. Their \$100 dues can also be paid by sharing a plate collection on behalf of the Network. Individual dues start at \$25 or \$40 for a family. For more information go to:

[www.uujustice.org](http://www.uujustice.org)

Submitted by: Randy Block  
MUUSJN Director, at 248-549-5170

### "Piano Information Session"



**January 22** following the service. Join us after the service on January 22<sup>nd</sup> in the sanctuary. Tom Pepper and Nancy Cooper will be on hand to answer questions about acoustic and digital pianos and provide brief demonstrations. There will be opportunity for members of the congregation to see, touch, feel, and play the pianos at this event.

## And the Winner Is...UUCEL

If you are a movie fan and look forward to the Oscar Awards Ceremony, you might be able to help us develop a fund raiser for our church. Each year after the Oscar nominations are announced, the Jackson Citizen Patriot has a contest that provides free movie tickets to the winners. The tickets are accepted by numerous movie theaters throughout Michigan and surrounding Midwestern states and are good for one year. The first-place winner receives 104 tickets. Fewer tickets are awarded to second and third place winners. I have entered the contest for several years and discovered that, with a little research, I can pick most of the Oscar winners in the 12 categories that are required for the contest. Last year I decided I would offer the tickets as a fund raiser for our church if I won one of the top awards, but came one answer short. My intention was to sell the tickets at the going rate and give all the money to the church. It has occurred to me that several minds are better than one. It would take only one participant to correctly select the winners of the 12 categories for our church to be the real winner. If you would like to share your opinions about Oscar award winners and join me in doing some research, please contact Steve Beison (See Supplements Page for contact information). If several people offer to participate, we can meet together and share ideas about our strategy.

Submitted by: Steve Beison

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<b>Forum facebook page</b>	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/JXNCommunityForum">http://www.facebook.com/JXNCommunityForum</a>

**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 FEBRUARY ISSUE, INFORMATION IS NEEDED BY:  
 SUNDAY, JANUARY 22 ~~~~~ SEND SUBMISSIONS TO:  
 UUCEL\_BELLNOTE@YAHOO.COM OR IN WRITING TO

KATHY OR VICKI. THANK YOU –  
**We want to thank;** Steve Beison, Randy Block, Jon Hart, Kathy Haynes, Rev. Cindy Landrum, Alyce Osting, Sharon Pedersen, Hugh Tomlinson, Jane Volk, Caring Comm., 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

## January

- Rev. Cindy will be on vacation December 27-January 2, and will follow with a week of study leave January 3-9
- 1 Sunday ~~~~ Service ~ Nena Obits; Lay Leader~ 11:00 am
  - 5 Thurs. AUUW Meeting ~ 12:30 pm
  - 5 Thurs. RE Meeting ~ 6:30 Pm
  - 8 Sunday ~~~~ Service ~ Anita Pepper; Lay Leader ~ 11:00 am
  - 9 Tue. Meet Your Neighbor Coffee ~ 9:00 - 11:00 am
  - 11 Wed. Outreach/Forum Committee Meeting. ~ Downtown Library ~ 5:30 pm
  - 11 Wed. Board Meeting ~ 6:30 pm at a Board Member Home
  - 12 Thurs. Membership Meeting ~ 10:00 pm
  - 15 Sunday ~~~~ Service ~ Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum ~ 11:00 am
  - 15 Sunday Caring Committee ~ After the Service
  - 17 Tue. Worship Comm. ~ 2:30 pm at the Jackson Coffee Company
  - 19 Thurs. JXN Forums "Anti-Bullying Part 2" @ Jackson District Library, Carnegie Branch ~6:30 pm
  - 22 Sunday The Bellnote Newsletter Submissions Due
  - 22 Sunday ~~~~ Service ~ Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum ~ 11:00 am
  - 22 Sunday Piano Q. and A. to see, touch, feel, and play the pianos ~ Following the Service ~ A Musical Evening of Performance, Sing-along, and Demonstrations ~ 7:00 pm
  - 27 Fri. Optional Potluck preceding the entertainment at 5:30 pm
  - 29 Sunday ~~~~ Service ~ Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum ~ 11:00 am
  - 29 Sunday Hearing both Pianos a Digital and Acoustic in the Sanctuary - Vote to keep one

## Upcoming Events

March 2 and 3 Book Sale in the schoolhouse ~ 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

### WEEKLY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE:

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Jan 1</b>	<b>Jan 8</b>	<b>Jan 15</b>	<b>Jan 22</b>	<b>Jan 29</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	Alyce O	Grace M	Joan B	Carole H	Grace M
<b>R.E. Greeter</b>	Sharon P	Sharon P	Sharon P	Sharon P	Sharon P
<b>Nursery Helper</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Ushers</b>	Gary T -	Gary T -	Gary T -	Gary T -	Gary T -
<b>Social H. Host</b>	Steve B Peg B	Lynn H	-	Kathy H	-
<b>R.E. Pre.</b>					
<b>R.E. K-5</b>	Intergenerational	To Be Announced			
<b>R.E. Youth</b>	Intergenerational				

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

## Jan 1 - "Favorite Things"

- Lay Leader, Nena Obits

Bring in items of your "Favorite Things" and share why it is your favorite thing with others. Items in the past have been things like; things you collect, your hobbies, things you do in your spare time. Come and enjoy the favorite things of your members and friends.

## Jan 8 - "Apocalypse Not"

- Lay leader, Anita Pepper

Will the world end in 2012? A look at mankind's long history of apocalyptic fears and fantasies.

## Jan 15 - "Death in the Desert"

- Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

For Martin Luther King, Jr. Day this year, we'll turn our attention back to immigration rights with a service connected to our UUA Common Read book, *The Death of Josseline*.

## Jan 22 - "The Very Life of Life"

- Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

A reading from Kalidasa begins, "Look to this day! For it is life, the very life of life." What does this mean? Rev. Cindy will explore her thoughts on the issue.

## Jan 29 - "Anti-Bullying"

- Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

As a follow-up from our January forum, and as we enter the Season for Nonviolence, we'll turn our attention in worship to the issue of bullying.

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