

January 2013

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

Happy New Year! There's an article written originally by Peter Lee Scott, but adapted over time by others, called "When to Call the Minister." I've shared these words before, but it has been a while, so it's good to share them again, particularly as we start off a new year together. Here's a recent version I found:

### CALL THE MINISTER WHEN...

- When you don't know me, but would like to.
- When you have problems you would like to discuss with your job, children, marriage, or anything else where a sympathetic ear might help.
- When you are going to the hospital or know of someone else in the congregation who is.
- When someone close to you has died or is critically ill or you're dealing with a significant loss of some kind.
- When you are planning to be married or divorced.
- When you would like your child dedicated.
- When you are pregnant and glad you are or wish you weren't, also if you want to be pregnant but aren't.
- When you feel ready to join the congregation.
- When you have concerns or suggestions.
- When you have religious or spiritual questions.
- When you are seeking to deepen your spiritual life.
- When you are upset with me or would like to express appreciation.
- When you have won the lottery and want to make a large donation to the church!

I'll add that I'm always happy to talk or to visit, whether it's at home or the hospital, but I usually wait until asked, unless it's a death or a life-threatening situation. Please give me a call!

Peace, *Cindy*

# Religious Education

## Report

I can't believe it's almost 2013! December was busy as usual, with a movie for kids, the holiday pageant, Santa's Workshop, the Christmas Eve service, and several intergenerational services. We'll get advice from parents on future movies, if any! The snow on Christmas Eve made getting to church challenging, but we still had a fairly full house, and lots of cookies afterward.

I heard adults say they thought the kids were well-behaved during the Christmas Eve service—and we had no takers on nursery services! Part of this is because we didn't have many kids there, and the kids we have coming are getting older and more mature. This reminds me that we need to continuously work on recruiting families with kids to come to church. So please help by mentioning the kids' program to your neighbors and friends with children or grandchildren...you can tell them that the Kindergarten through 6th grade kids are studying various religious and cultural practices this year, from the world around, in hopes of increasing tolerance and knowledge. What a wonderful gift to the next generation! We'll be having a "Bring a Friend Sunday" that emphasizes bringing children's friends...date to be announced.

The children's lessons in January include New Year, Mohammed's birthday, Martin Luther King Day, and Powamu, a Hopi Indian mid-winter festival. Soon after comes Mardi Gras, Chinese New Year, Susan B. Anthony's birthday, and other fun celebrations.

A shout out of thanks to all of you helping to staff the nursery and K-6 class. We couldn't do it without you! And to the whole congregation, thanks for your support.

Luvv,

**Sharon**

Sharon Pedersen, RE Coordinator



## from the Piano Bench

### Part time Musician

Hi I am Gary Grueneberg, your new part time musician! I am humbled to be able to play here, and look forward to experiencing the Unitarian Universalist music, teachings and friendships. For the most part, the hymnal and supplemental book has music that I am not familiar with, which is great. I normally play an hour or so a day and enjoy trying new music. But I was pleasantly surprised to see that when I received a copy of the music from Jon, thank you Jon, the first page that I opened was the song "Dona Nobis Pacem", a three part round that I have been singing for years.

Here's a little about my background. I started in choral music when I was six as a member of the cherub choir at the First United Methodist Church in Jackson. I learned a lot from Bernard Stone and Edwin Crowle. I wish I had kept the music note-book I made as I learned music theory from Bernie and voice from Mr. Crowle. From First Methodist that had an awesome music program, I continued singing all types of music situations throughout the years. I teach voice in Jackson. When I was seven, I began learning the piano: it is a continuous work in progress. I am self taught and have played in bands, at dinner parties, conferences, weddings, etc. and too many church services to count. I see myself as a motivator to encourage participants in any situation to sing together, inspiring an awesome joyful noise. I am grateful for those who have joined the choir and I encourage others to join and grow together.

By the way, I had an opportunity at the Jackson Medical Care facility to hear Gaea play. We are all blessed with her talent and enthusiasm. If you have any inspiration to sing or play an instrument, please see me. I treasure accompanying voice or instruments. I look forward to meeting you all, and enjoying the music that we all can make and savor. I am thankful for Reverend Cindy, Nina, Tom, Jon, Jane, George, and the many others that have welcomed me. We should have a spirited new year!

Enjoy your days,  
Submitted by: Gary Grueneberg

# Meetings and Events

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## Minister's Schedule

Cindy is on study leave from **January 1 through January 8**, and will be away at a conference in hopefully-sunny Florida from January 28 through February 4<sup>th</sup>. Please feel free to call her for pastoral care emergencies or other emergencies. During her study leave she can be reached at her cell phone or home phone, (See Supplement Page for more contact information). She may be switching cell phone carriers before the end of the month, so the best way to get messages to her during this time is to call her home phone number, where she will be checking in frequently.

## Favorite Things Sunday

"Raindrops on Roses and....." Favorite Things Sunday is coming on **Feb 3rd** 2013 so get your Julie Andrews on and bring your favorite things to share with your church community. As usual, we won't hold to any rules. Things can mean places, activities, or people. The sharing of your favorite "thing" should be about 1-2 minutes. Contact Lynn Hightower with any questions. (See Supplement Page for more contact information)

Submitted by: Lynn Hightower

## Book Sale

Our next Book Sale will be in **Mid-March** watch for more info to come in the February issue. Jon Hart will be the chair person for this church fundraiser.

## 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).

### Thursday, January 17

JXN Community Forum presents: **Water Quality in the Wake of Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations**, with Lynn Henning, community activist.

Submitted by: Outreach Comm.

## 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** of each month, 4:30-7:00

Submitted by: Nena Obits

## CDs of Services

We now have the technology to record our worship services on CD and make copies of the CD to give to members. In the next month or so we'll be creating a system where you can sign up to get a CD of a particular service if you want to have one to give away or listen to again, or if you know you've missed a Sunday that you wanted to hear. Just think—religious education teachers can listen to the sermon on their drive home, and hear what the social hour buzz was all about! Until we have a system in place, contact Rob Gaecke or Tom Pepper if they are there on a Sunday if you're interested, as they're the ones who might be able to help you. Please be patient if it takes us a few weeks to learn our new technology and implement it. One thing we'll be deciding is what the fee, if any, should be for CDs. Some churches give them away free, others charge up to five dollars. The materials do have a price tag, and so we'll probably charge a nominal amount, but let us know what you think would be a fair and not prohibitive price. Should there be a different price for members, or for RE teachers, or for visitors? These are the things your worship committee will be discussing in December, and those committee members are Jon Hart, Gratia Karmes, Anita Pepper, Dee Reed, Tom Pepper, and Cindy Landrum.

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**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, JAN. 20. ~~~~~ SEND SUBMISSIONS TO:  
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KATHY OR VICKI. THANK YOU –

**We want to thank;** Rev. Cindy Landrum, Sharon Pedersen, Nena Obits, 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

- 3 Thurs. AUUW Meeting ~ 12:30 pm  
 3 Thurs. RE Meeting ~ 6:30 Pm  
 6 Sunday ~~~~ Service ~ Lay Leader, Anita Peper ~ 11:00 am  
 8 Tue. Board Meeting 6:30 pm  
 8 Tue. Meet Your Neighbor Coffee ~ 9:00 - 11:00 am  
 9 Wed. Outreach/Forum Committee Meeting @ JDL ~ 5:30 pm  
 10 Thurs. Membership Committee ~ 10:00 am  
 10 Thurs. Personal Care Ministry ~ 4:30-7:00 pm @ 1st Baptist Church, 201 S. Jackson, Help Distribution  
 13 Sunday ~~~~ Service ~ Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum ~ 11:00 am  
 17 Thurs. JXN Community Forum "Water Quality in the Wake of CAFO's"  
                   @ Jackson District Library, Carnegie Branch ~ 6:30 pm  
 20 Sunday ~~~~ Service ~Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum ~ 11:00 am  
 20 Sunday Caring Committee Meeting ~ After the Service  
 27 Sunday ~~~~ Service ~Lay Leader, Peg Beison ~ 11:00 am  
 20 Sunday The Bellnote Newsletter Submissions Due  
 29 Tue. Worship Comm. ~ Meets at Members' Homes in the Evening

## Upcoming Events

Mid-March                      Book Sale

### WEEKLY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE:

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Jan 6</b>	<b>Jan 13</b>	<b>Jan 20</b>	<b>Jan 27</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	Alyce O	Grace M	Joan B	Carole H
<b>R.E. Greeter</b>	Sharon P	Sharon P	Sharon P	Sharon P
<b>Nursery Helper</b>	Joan B	Joyce W	George H	Donna H
<b>Ushers</b>	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
<b>Social H. Host R.E. Pre.</b>	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
<b>R.E. K-5</b>	Kerry H Joyce K	Cecily S Janette M	Sharon P Kelley E	Michelle V Nancy S
<b>R.E. Youth</b>				

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

**Jan. 6 - "Fear Itself "**

**- Lay Leader, Anita Pepper**

Sophocles once said, "To him who is in fear, everything rustles." Today's sermon will examine the effects of fear on our minds and spirits.

**Jan. 13 - "Claiming the Future"**

**- Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum**

How can our religion thrive in a changing world? How do we need to change? What is serving us well? This service will explore some possible answers to these questions.

**Jan. 20 - Martin Luther King Day Service: "The Dream Today"**

**- Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum**

How is the Rev. Dr. King's dream still relevant? What would his dream be today?

**Jan. 27 - "Belief and Doubt: Two Perspectives from Epicurus and Ecclesiastes"**

**- Lay Leader, Peg Beison**

We shall examine the philosophies of two ancient Teachers, Epicurus and Ecclesiastes, as they struggle to resolve their own religious beliefs and doubts, especially as they relate to the role of God in their lives.

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