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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
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Saturday: By appointment
Sunday: By appointment

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Minister's Column

Dear UUCEL Members & Friends,

I won't be seeing much of you this month — July is the month when I take most of my study leave and vacation. I'll be reachable by my home phone and cell phone, though, for pastoral care emergencies and other emergencies. Should such arise, please don't hesitate to call. When I'm out of town, I tell board members how best to reach me, too, so if you have trouble reaching me, contact a board member. I take my cell phone with me when I'm out of town, and try to check messages on my home voicemail every 2-3 days when out of town. I'll be in town for most of the month, however.

Many may wonder just what a minister's study leave is for. I get four weeks of study leave annually, and take one after Christmas and three in July. What are they used for? Well, mostly they're used to read up on subjects for the next year. While four years of seminary prepares one well to preach on a wide variety of subjects such as world religions, church management, UU history, and the Bible, every year I also tackle a whole host of new topics, many on subjects that weren't even on the radar during my seminary days, which are now over a decade ago. During the average week during the regular church year, I have one day set aside for sermon writing (Fridays), and while I can sometimes use two Fridays and parts of my Saturdays to work on an individual sermon, the writing itself of what is about a six to eight page paper every week often takes up much of that time. Reading two to three books for a new topic is something that is hard to schedule in during the year. So over the month of July I begin by planning my worship schedule for the next year, and selecting the different sermon topics I'll be doing, and then I try to figure out which sermon topics are going to take the most research, and I begin that research. I'm also a member of a minister's study group, something that helps me to keep up with new ideas and continue to hone my writing abilities. The topic for the minister's study group always has "required reading," and I try to do that over the summer. I then use that research to plan a sermon around that topic. You might remember the three-sermon series I did on poetry. That was a study group topic that I was preparing a paper on, and my academic paper began as the three sermons. This year's study group topic is "Space." I'm not sure yet what sermons might come out of that one!

One highlight of my month will be attending the Southeast UU Summer Institute, or "SUUSI," which is one of the UU summer camps.

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Religious Education Report

It's looking like extra pledges will make it possible for the part-time staff at UUCEL to remain employed for at least a portion of their previous hours. Thank you for your generosity in helping shape young UU minds! For Sharon and Vicki this year that means staffing 10 months of the year, taking off some unpaid time in the summer.

Since I will be on vacation for the last two weeks in June, and off duty in July, I have set up a preliminary RE schedule starting in August and going the whole school year. I am now busy confirming the schedule with teachers, and will get August lessons out to teachers this week.

Our strategy was to recruit a set of regular teachers for K-6 who could be primarily in charge of lessons approximately once a month; a set of subs/occasional teachers who could be "assistant K-6 teachers;" and also a set of semi-regular assistants to Vicki in the nursery. I was hoping for more K-6 volunteers, but am pleased to say that in addition to last year's subs, we have a few additional who have said they would teach occasionally, and several who have said that they would do the nursery regularly; so the time commitment is spread out somewhat among several dedicated souls!

For youth and adults, we'll have a Sunday night movie each month that touches on the 7 principles and/or religion/faith issues, then have separate youth and adult discussion groups immediately following. The dates for these movies are to be announced – see August and September newsletters!

Please see page 5 for a list of RE supplies needed for K-6 RE class. If you have any of these items or would like to provide a gift card, see Sharon for more info.

Yuurs Truly,

Sharon

Sharon Pedersen, RE Coordinator

Rev. Cindy's Column Continued...

SUUSI is a big program with about a thousand participants annually. There are a number of UU camps across the country. One is even in Michigan — "AmUUuse," which is a singles camp, meets in Saugatuck. SUUSI is a family camp which my family will be attending in Radford, Virginia. I'm preaching at the camp, which gives us a discount. I've wanted for years to attend one of these camps, and particularly so since my daughter was born. I think UU camps can be a great way to strengthen our children and youth's connection to our faith, as well as just being a whole lot of fun. My daughter is looking forward to workshops on "Peace, Love, and Cupcakes" and making pet rocks. Peter is, which will come as no surprise, taking a four-day workshop on reading Herodotus, and doing some "altered art." I'll be doing art along with him and singing songs, which should be a lot of fun. We'll have lots to tell you about when we return. If you're interested in learning more about UU camps and conferences, <http://www.cu2c2.org/> has a list with links to more information.

Hope you have an enjoyable summer, too! Remember to bring back water from your summer travels or gather some from your lake or garden hose, as we'll be celebrating our ingathering when I return to the pulpit at the beginning of August. See you then!

Peace, Love, and Cupcakes,

Cindy

Minister's Schedule:

Rev. Cindy will be leaving for General Assembly in Phoenix on Sunday, June 17 and returning on Sunday, June 24. She will be following that with three weeks of Study Leave through July 15 and two weeks of vacation from July 16 through July 29. During all these times, please feel free to contact her for pastoral emergencies. Her cell phone number is 517-879-9565.

Notes from the Board

A very special thanks goes out to the Smith family who donated a lovely stained glass window in their parents' names which has been placed above the front door of the church. The window was especially designed for our church by a stained glass artist. The design incorporates very beautifully our history along with the major world religions. In the near future, there will be a service to dedicate the window, so watch for the announcement as to when. At the annual meeting in May we elected two very capable new Board members—Donna Hinton and Nena Obits. They are replacing two whose terms are up—Cecily Savick and Nancy Smith. It was a pleasure working with both Cecily and Nancy, and we're looking forward to working with Donna and Nena. There will be no Board meeting in July, but the regular schedule of meeting the first Wednesday will resume in August. The Board meetings are open, and any member may attend.

During the month of July we will have shortened services with a potluck held after each service. We will not have any paid music, so if you know of any musical volunteers, please inform the Worship committee, and they will do the scheduling. Mark August 5th on your calendar—this is the date of our annual picnic which is to be held at the home of Dee and Harry Reed at Crispell Lake. The congregation voted to support the following agencies: the Aware Shelter, Brooklyn Food Bank, Jackson Interfaith Shelter, and Planned Parenthood. The congregation will donate special collections on four Sundays throughout the year.

We are optimistic that our staff people will be back with us again thanks to you who increased your pledges and thanks to our friend who has donated matching funds. This information will be forthcoming sometime after July 1st. I want to thank all of you for the many ways you have supported the church and the Board this past year. Some difficult decisions had to be made, and you all stepped up when called

upon. Your thoughtful cooperation made the Board's job easier. If the person who wrote an anonymous letter to the Board wishes a response, please identify yourself so that we may do so.

Jane

Submitted by: Jane Volk
Board President

Illuminations: A Unitarian Universalist App

Illuminations, the Unitarian Universalist Association's (UUA's) first app is now available for free in the [iTunes App Store!](#) This version runs on iPhones, iPod Touch, and iPads. The Android version is right around the corner and will hopefully be ready by GA.

Illuminations has over 350 Inspirational Words, a Chalice Lighter with several chalice options, and a Seven Principles Guide in English and Spanish, along with examples of the Principles in action. The Chalice Lighter comes with five chalice designs. Tap the screen to light it and tap it again to extinguish the flame. Alternatively you can blow, near the microphone, to extinguish the flame. Inspirational Words and the Seven Principles can be shared via Facebook, Twitter, and email.

Caring Committee

A note from Alyce, the Caring Committee chair; if a need arises for you or a loved one to contact the Caring Committee this is the plan for the month of July. Alyce will be available up to the 10th of July; from the 11th to the 31st please contact Nena Obits with your caring needs. Thanks. Her information is on page 1 of this issue and on the bottom of the supplement page.

The next Caring Committee meeting will be **July 22** after the service.

Submitted by: Alyce Oosting

Meetings and Events

U.U. Church of East Liberty

Attic Sale - Yard Sale

Our Annual Attic Sale/Yard Sale will be on

Friday, August 17 -- 9:00 am to 7:00 pm

Saturday, August 18 -- 9:00 am to 7:00 pm

Sunday, August 19 -- 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
with a bag sale from noon to 3:00 pm

Please sign-up to help before, during and after the sale. The schoolhouse will be set-up by **Sunday, July 29** for you to place your items under the correct category signs. Meaning everyone helps place their own items where they belong. Please do not just drop items off at the door. We have a church book sale yearly—so NO books at this sale. Please also, nobody really buys used shoes. Just asking for no JUNKIE ITEMS to come; good resellable, larger, more valuable items are most preferred. – LETS ALL WORK TOGETHER AND FIND GREAT TREASURES IN YOUR ATTIC, GARAGE, YOUR BASEMENT AND EVEN YOUR YARD!! Sign-up now and help in any way you can. You can bring your items to the schoolhouse from **July 29th to August 12th**. On Mondays July 30, August 6 and August 13 all starting at 10:00 am, we will be in the schoolhouse to help organize the items that have been brought thus far. Come and help if you can. Thanks to Ann Green and Elissa Alden who will be co-chairs of this large church fundraiser. If anyone has questions or comments feel free to share.

Submitted by: Kathy Haynes,
Vicki Haynes & Donna Hinton

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...

Thursday, July 19, 6:30 pm
"Local Ballot Issues"

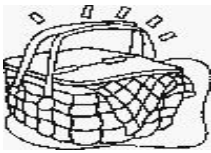
The two countywide ballot issues to be voted on in the August 7th primary are both millages. One is for Special Education through the Jackson Intermediate School District. The other is for senior citizen programs in the county. The forum will present details of the millages, programs funded with the money, as well as consequences if voters defeat the millages. Speakers include Kevin Oxley, Superintendent, Jackson Co. Intermediate School District, and Marce Wandell, Director, Jackson Co. Department on Aging.

Submitted by: Outreach Comm.



It isn't enough
To talk about peace.
One must believe in it.
And it isn't enough
To believe in it.
One must work at it.

-Eleanor Roosevelt



Church Picnic

Our Annual Church Picnic—will be on **Sunday, August 5** after the service at the home of Dee and Harry Reed. This is 5 minutes from the church; maps will be passed out that day (See Supplement Page for more contact information). Please bring a chair or two, and/or blanket to sit on and to eat on outside under the many shade trees along with a passing dish for this potluck dinner picnic. The food will be set up inside their kitchen. Dee and Harry will provide a sliced ham and the plates, cups and silverware along with a few lawn games. The Reeds live on Crispell Lake, so you can row a boat, use their sailboat, canoe or have the use of their two paddleboats, and of course you can swim. It is highly recommended to wear water shoes, or old tennis shoes when in the water, due to the number of sharp shells on the bottom. Note to all parents; you must watch your own children as no lifeguard in on duty. Don't forget the beach towel and life jackets. The Reeds have a shared driveway with their son who lives next door so there is room for parking but being so close to the church please think about carpooling! If the day is pouring rain the dinner will be inside the church.

Submitted by: Dee Reed & the Editor

Personal Care Ministry Project

Help Wanted. Jackson's new Personal Care Ministry is scheduled to open in June. First Congregational Church (FCC) has invited the Universalist Unitarian Church and St. John's UCC to work with them in support of this ministry that will supply those in need with personal care items and cleaning supplies. The ministry is scheduled to open in June and will be open each Thursday at the First Baptist Church downtown Jackson, 5:00-7:00 pm FCC has taken the second Thursday of each month and asks for volunteers to help. Contact Ed or Christine Peterson to express an interest in volunteering; 517-522-4021 or edpeterson@live.com

Submitted by: Rev. Cindy

"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~~

RE supplies supply's needed for K-6 RE class

- Glue sticks
- 4 candles in holders
- cardboard box (approx. 12 x 12 x 18") and additional cardboard pieces
- 12 plastic champagne glasses
- Red and yellow tissue paper
- Orange and yellow felt
- Silver, gold, and brown kraft wrapping paper
- Scotch and masking tape
- Construction paper, multiple colors
- Popsicle sticks
- 2 1/3 yds 42-45" wide brown cloth
- 2 yards or more cotton rope
- Brown crepe paper
- Old ladders, broom sticks/wood, and/or chicken wire to make small enclosure
- Kroger/Meijer/Polly's gift cards for refreshments and/or supplies
- Also, let me know if I can get from you willow boughs, pine boughs, corn stalks, straw, cranberries, fall fruits or vegetables from your garden for a fall harvest activity around end of September.

~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!

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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 AUGUST ISSUE, INFORMATION IS NEEDED BY: SUNDAY, JULY 22 ~~~~~ SEND SUBMISSIONS TO: UUCEL_BELLNOTE@YAHOO.COM OR IN WRITING TO

KATHY OR VICKI. THANK YOU –

We want to thank; Rev. Cindy Landrum, Sharon Pedersen, Dee Reed, 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

July

- 1 Sunday ~~~~ Service ~ This I Believe ~ 11:00 am
No meeting in July for the Board Meeting
- 5 Thurs. AUUW Meeting ~ 12:30 pm
- 5 Thurs. RE Meeting ~ 6:30 Pm
- 8 Sunday ~~~~ Service ~ This I Believe ~ 11:00 am
- 10 Tue. Meet Your Neighbor Coffee ~ 9:00 - 11:00 am
- 11 Wed. Outreach/Forum Committee Meeting. ~ Olive Garden ~ 5:30 pm
- 12 Thurs. No meeting in July for the Membership Committee
- 15 Sunday ~~~~ Service ~ This I Believe ~ 11:00 am
- 22 Sunday Caring Committee ~ After the Service
- 22 Sunday The Bellnote Newsletter Submissions Due
- 17 Tue. Worship Comm. ~ 2:30 pm at the Jackson Coffee Company
- 19 Thurs. JXN Forum **"Local Ballot Issues"**
@ Jackson District Library, Carnegie Branch ~6:30 pm
- 22 Sunday ~~~~ Service ~ This I Believe ~ 11:00 am
- 29 Sunday ~~~~ Service ~ This I Believe ~ 11:00 am

Upcoming Events

- Aug 5 Annual Church Picnic at Harry & Dee Reed Home after the church service
- Aug. 17 Attic Sale in the Schoolhouse and Yard Sale 9:00 am to 7:00 pm
- Aug. 18 Attic Sale in the Schoolhouse and Yard Sale 9:00 am to 7:00 pm
- Aug. 19 Attic Sale in the Schoolhouse and Yard Sale 9:00 am to 3:00 pm bag sale from noon to 3:00

WEEKLY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE:

Sunday	July 1	July 8	July 15	July 22	July 29
Greeters	Alyce O	Grace M	Joan B	Betty G	Carole H
R.E. Greeter	Sharon P	Sharon P	Sharon P	Sharon P	Sharon P
Nursery Helper	-	-----Summer Break -- No Child Care-----			-
Ushers	-	-----Summer Break -- No Assigned Ushers-----			-
Social H. Host	Potluck Cord. Worship Comm.	Potluck Cord. Kathy H Donna H	Potluck Cord. AUUW	Potluck Cord. TBA	Potluck Cord. Steve B Peg B
R.E. Pre.					
R.E. K-5		-----Summer Break -- No RE Classes-----			
R.E. Youth					

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

The month of July will be a shortened version of services with a volunteer speaking on a "This I Believe" topic of their choice, followed by a potluck dinner each week.

July 1

- "This I Believe" - Lynn Hightower
- Worship Associate, Lynn Hightower
- Pot luck Coordinator, The Worship Committee

July 8

- "This I Believe"- Kathy Haynes
- Worship Associate, Donna Hinton
- Pot luck Coordinator, Kathy H. & Donna H.

July 15

- "This I Believe"- Ann Green
- Worship Associate, Ann Green
- Pot luck Coordinator, The AUUW

July 22

- "This I Believe"- Anita Pepper
- Worship Associate, Anita Pepper
- Pot luck Coordinator, To Be Announced

July 29

- "This I Believe"- To Be Announced
- Worship Associate, To Be Announced
- Pot luck Coordinator, Steve & Peg Beison

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