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Minister's Column

June is "Pride" month, and as I write this I have just returned from the HRC Clergy Call in Washington D.C. where I was lobbying for justice and equality for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people. Several times the question came up, "Why are you here? What is your story that brought you here? What called you to do this work?" I struggled to find an answer. It's not because of my own identity or a family member's, as it was for many of the clergy there. And our UU churches have a history of advocating for LGBT justice and equality, yet many UU ministers were not there — the vast majority were not. Why did I go? The simple answer is, they called me and asked me to go, and I was available. But the more complicated answer has to do with who we are as a church in this community. We are the only church in the county that has gone through a denominational process to become a welcoming church (or "open and affirming" or "reconciling" as other denominations call it). As far as I know, I'm the only minister who can say that I can openly and proudly perform a same-sex wedding in my church's sanctuary. These things give me a responsibility to speak out, since I can speak out without fear, unlike some of my colleagues who have to tiptoe around with either their congregation or denomination. Frankly, I know many clergy in Jackson who privately are in favor of becoming welcoming congregations, but fear the division that might happen in their churches.

The good news is that the latest research from an opinion poll conducted by HRC shows that the majority of Christians are in favor of justice and equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people. The highest percentage is in Catholicism, where it's the clergy who are lagging behind, but even in other groupings that include evangelicals, the numbers are over 50% on most issues regarding justice and equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people. The one exception was in some subgroups on the specific issue of marriage.

I long for the day when I would not be the only clergy person from our state, and when I could not even be the only clergy person from Jackson who would attend something like the HRC Clergy Call. And, of course, it will be a great day when the HRC Clergy Call is no longer necessary at all. Until then, I guess I go because I can. One UCC minister I spoke to at the Clergy Call said that she wanted to help her UU colleagues in her area understand that to whom much is given, much is expected, as so because we are given this wonderful faith tradition with the freedom and support to stand up for LGBT justice and equality, we should be expected to do so.

Last spring we voted to fly our *Standing on the Side of Love* banner every June. I'm so proud of all of you in this church for creating the space where I am *expected* to be a voice for justice and equality.

Blessings,

Editor Note:

Below you will see page one of the volunteer survey. Due to the long article about the piano starting on page 5 and ends on page 8, you can find the second half of the survey on the backside of the Supplement Page.

On-line readers please open the attachment in your e-mail inbox and print off both survey pages. Please staple your pages together or write your name on both before return to Sharon Pedersen at church or you can mail them to the church att: Sharon. We are asking everyone to do this if they would please and return as soon as you can.

Volunteer Survey 2011

Name: _____

It takes many volunteers to run our church, and we're grateful for every one of them. Many people, we know, already volunteer in multiple ways. At the same time, we have many roles needing volunteers, and we have more volunteer opportunities than we have members. Members may not be aware of some of the volunteer opportunities that are available, or how to connect with them. Some of these are proposals we are interested in gauging interest in, as well. We appreciate, therefore, each member and friend of the church taking a few minutes to fill out this survey. Please only list additional ideas that you would be interested in helping with. I Am Interested in Volunteering in the Following Areas

(In Addition to Ways I Already Volunteer)

Worship:

- ___ Choir Member
- ___ Worship Committee Member
- ___ Worship Associate (Help with Services)
- ___ Sunday Morning Service Speaker
- ___ Provide Special Music
- ___ Help with Flower Arrangements

Religious Education:

- ___ Nursery Helper
- ___ Religious Education Committee
- ___ Religious Education Classroom Teacher:
 - Pre-K ___ K-5 ___ Youth ___
- ___ Adult Education Class Teacher
- ___ Substitute Teacher
- ___ Other Religious Education
- Volunteer: Curriculum Help ___
- Supplies Help ___
- ___ Donating Supplies/Snacks
- ___ Peace/Summer Camp Volunteer
- ___ Field Trip Driver/Chaperone
- ___ Youth Group (Evening) Leader

Pastoral Care:

- ___ Caring Committee Member
- ___ Send Cards
- ___ Call or Visit Members
- ___ Prepare and Bring Food Dishes to Members

Board & Nominating Committee:

- ___ Board Member
- ___ Nominating Committee Member
- ___ Work on Special Board Projects

Community Forum:

- ___ Forum Committee Member
- ___ Coordinate a Forum
- ___ Present at a Forum
- ___ Publicize Forums
- ___ Bring Snacks for Forums
- ___ Provide / Assist with Childcare

Membership:

- ___ Membership Committee Member
- ___ Send Cards/Make Phone Calls
- ___ Lead a Covenant Group (Small Regularly-Meeting Group, Sometimes on a Theme)

Fundraising:

- ___ Fundraising Committee Member
- ___ First Friday Dinner Host
- ___ Annual Rummage Sale Helper
- ___ Help with Harvest Bazaar
- ___ Provide Craft Items for Harvest Bazaar
- ___ Plan a Bake Sale
- ___ Help with Book Sale
- ___ Plan a Fundraiser — Ideas:

Religious Education Report

The children's last classes of the school year were held on May 22. The K-5 class had a celebration of its completion of the *Honoring our Mother Earth curriculum*, and got to see Gaea's beautiful regalia (outfits) she has worn at Pow-Wows. It was a joy to hear some of the children continue singing "The Earth Is Our Mother" later in the class. Dorotea and another foreign exchange student from Germany attended the youth class, where the topic of the day was prejudice, stereotyping, and discrimination. It was sad to hear that some Americans still assume that Germans hate Jews, though this is hardly the case anymore in Germany, which had a thorough re-education program after Hitler was defeated, according to Cecily. Steve and Cecily are interested in discussing this topic more with the other youth class members, to hear their perspectives.

One word comes to mind as we wrap up this school year's education program – grateful. I am grateful for the support of the entire church for an outstanding Religious Education program, and especially grateful to all the volunteers that made this year's program possible:

Pre-K

Becky Bowen, Barb Hill, Jane Hill & Jackie Johnson

K-5

Rob Gaecke, Jon Hart, Kerry Hart, Barb Hill & Anne Seifert

Youth

Lori Bowden, Chris Keith, Gretchen Marshall Alyce Oosting & Steve Nason

Subs/occasional

Pat Gordon, Nena Obits, Dee Reed, Cecily Savick, Nancy Smith & Laura Thurlow

Of course, Vicki Haynes went above and beyond as our nursery caregiver, and the entire Haynes family along with Jeff Wisniewski helped out in the nursery so much! Thanks also to the Haynes family for cookin' up our great RE Breakfast in February.

Also, I want to thank those of you who provided donations of supplies this year, and those who indicated on the volunteer survey that you'd be willing to do that in the future.

Along with volunteering, those donated supplies help keep our costs low.

If you haven't completed a volunteer survey for the church yet, please do, as it will help us identify potential volunteers who we might not have thought of for RE and other regular and occasional "tasks" of running the church. This will help us determine if we have enough volunteers to run a "Peace Camp" for a few days/evenings this Summer, for example.

We will have a Summer RE program, with K-12 classes meeting twice in June and July and all four weeks of August. Classes will extend the theme of social action, especially relating to the environment, and tying in with the seven principles of Unitarian Universalism.

The RE Program earned \$215.00 profit from the Little Caesar's Pizza kits fundraiser, a big thank you to everyone that helped with the sale.

Happy warm weather!

Sharon



Religious Education Coordinator

Please welcome our
newest member
Martha Koopman
who joined our church
on **May 15th**

Aware

Through the 2-1-1 hotline an e-mail that was forwarded to me, by Rev. Cindy said—
The Jackson Aware Shelter is calling out a request to the community, for bath towels and pillows with cases. If you can help out please drop them off at the shelter or call 783-1638 and someone can pick them up.

Meetings and Events

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AUJW News

There are plans for a potluck luncheon on **Thursday, June 2nd** (the regular day and time of the AUJW meeting) this will be a "Spring is Here" luncheon at 12:00 noon everyone is welcome. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the social hall.

Submitted by: Joan Bernstein

Service Project

Volunteers needed for serving dinner at the Interfaith Shelter. Arrangements have been made for our church to serve dinner at the Jackson Interfaith Shelter on **June 5th**. We need approximately 6 volunteers. Volunteers would need to meet at the shelter at 4:00 pm, and we should be done by 5:30 pm.

If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer please contact Michelle. (See Supplements Page for more information) Thank you! Submitted by: Michelle Vanover

A New Church Year is Near

Our present church year will end on June 30, and our new year will begin July 1. Everyone should have received a notice about individual contributions made to our church from July 1, 2010, through the month of April, 2011. A final notice that includes contributions made during May and June, 2011, will be available early in July. If you would like to know how much you have contributed prior to receiving the final notice for this church year, please contact Steve Beison (See Supplements Page for more information)

Submitted by: Steve Beison

First Friday Dinners

Board members are looking for other committees, groups and/or individuals who would like to host the 1st Friday Dinners. We'd like to have one every month since the dinners are an important part of our fundraising. Information can be given to the editors to print in the newsletter and/or by making an announcement on Sunday morning.

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JXN 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, Carnegie Branch, located at 244 W. Michigan Ave. between Blackstone & N. Jackson Street. Forums are usually on the third Thursdays at 6:30-8:30 pm. The Forum's are co-sponsored by the Universalist Unitarian Church of East Liberty (UUCEL) and the Jackson District Library (JDL).

The Community Forum does not meet during the summer months. It will return in September. Submitted by: Outreach Comm.

Grandma's Attic Sale

The dates and time for this year's annual yard sale will be **Thursday, June 23** 9:00-4:00, **Friday, June 24** 9:00-4:00 and **Saturday, June 25** 9:00-12:00. Starting June 12th you can bring in your GOOD, CLEAN, SELLABLE items only please, for the sale and place them in the schoolhouse. Please leave your bad, dirt, broken items at home! — There will be a sign-up sheet for workers, before-during-after the sale. Contact Joan Bernstein or Dorothy Kerr if you have any questions. (See Supplements Page for more information) Submitted by: Joan Bernstein

Ice Cream Social /Fundraiser

On **Sunday, July 3rd** during the social hour, there will be an ice cream sundae Sunday. Ice cream will be dipped up and you can add your own toppings and add a donation in to the money jar. Enjoy.

Submitted by: The Membership Comm.

Caring Committee News

The Caring Committee would like to share some good news of the "Spiritual Pain: How to Help Others Heal" Workshop we had on May 18th. We invited members of other churches to this workshop and we had a very successful turn out; over 20 attend of which 6 were from the UU Church in Lansing and our large screen TV was used for a power point presentation. The next Caring Committee meeting will be **June 26.** Submitted by: Alyce Oosting

George Tramp reported;

When moving around the table that holds the candle and chalice after the auction, the shims that need to move with the table were not replaced. Due to the fact the floor in the raised up step area on the left of the podium is not level, we must use shims. If someone knows the whereabouts of the **missing shims** please add them under the table legs. Thanks.

Double Auction Results

The Silent Auction and the Saturday Auction along with our two dinners generated over \$6000 for our church. A big thank you to everyone who donated goods, services or cash and to all who participated in the auctions. Thanks also go out to the many people who helped put together the auctions and the two dinners. The behind the scenes people who entertained our young people in the parsonage while the adults were bidding also deserve our thanks.

If you have not yet paid for your auction purchases, please make out your check to UUCEL and indicate it is directed to the auction. If you are paying by cash, please place the money in an envelope and write on the outside the money is for the auction. Your payment can be placed in the collection plate or given to Vic Marshall or Steve Beison.

Submitted by: Steve Beison

All Committee Night Meeting

Meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month through June. Outreach at 5:30, Worship 5:30 and RE 6:30 pm and all other committees are welcome to join in as well. Take part at the downtown library in the auditorium. This is for better communication about all church upcoming events. The next meeting is

Wednesday, June 8th.

Meetings and Events not directly affiliated with UUCEL

Dear Unitarian Friend, I know many of you found *The Blue Cotton Gown: A Midwife's Memoir* supportive and I wanted to let you to know that my new book, *Arms Wide Open: A Midwife's Journey* (Beacon Press) is just out! You can take a peek on www.amazon.com or at my website www.patriciaharman.com This one goes back to the hippie, home birth, home-steading days of the 1970s...then fast forwards to now, a midwife's story of innocence, survival and hope dedicated to all who love Mother Earth. I hope you like it. Keep up the important work, Patricia (Patsy) Harman CNM MSN

One perspective on our piano By Rev. Cynthia Landrum

At church at our annual meeting we heard information from the Worship Committee about our piano and various options about what to do about it. It was requested that the congregation have this information in writing. With the understanding that the information is not complete, because we are looking for feedback from the congregation before proceeding further, we will attempt to present that information in the next few months. At this time, the Worship Committee is not attempting to put forward any specific proposal – indeed, we are not even in agreement about what proposal we would wish to put forward yet. We want the congregation to understand the issue better, and to tell us some of your opinions before we get to that point. To that end, I thought it might be helpful to begin by sharing my understanding of how this issue came up.

For many people who are not musicians, as I am not, it might come as a surprise to hear that our piano is in poor condition. One of the reasons this is difficult for us to hear is that our musicians do a good job of covering up the flaws in our instrument, such as working around unplayable notes, or knowing which keys have to be pounded to get a sound out of them, or not trying to use a sticky pedal. But, indeed, there are several problems our current instrument has. I'll try to begin by sharing what is good and bad about our instrument, from my non-musician point of view, based on what I learned from the piano experts the Worship Committee brought in to assess our piano. The options going forward are, in a nutshell, to continue on with this piano unchanged, to sell it and purchase another (and there are various options here, continuing through page 8), to partially rebuilt the piano, or to fully rebuild the piano

First, what is wrong with our current piano? Well, it turns out quite a bit. First, the strings need replacing, along with the pins that hold the strings in place. If you think of pins like little screws which over time get stripped, while this is not a perfect analogy it will give you the idea. Over time the pins become loose and lose their ability to stay in place even when the piano is tuned. Thus the piano can be tuned, 5 ~

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but will not hold the tune—it slides right back out of tune at a much quicker speed than a piano with strong pins would do. The strings, too, over time lose their tension, and need replacing.

In addition, the hammers and hammer shanks need replacing. Each key on a piano works a hammer that hits the string. If you think of the hammers as a handle (the shank) with a padded hammer at the end, you get the idea. Over time, our pads have worn off to the point that the hammer is not round at the end, but flat. In some cases, the keys are basically being hit by the shanks themselves. This means the hammer doesn't hit the string as perfectly as it should – the musician has to know if he or she should strike that key harder to make it sound, for example, because the hammer has to go further to hit the string. And the sound of a wooden shank hitting a string is not the same as the sound of a hammer.

A similar situation is happening with the dampers – these are the felt pieces that come down over the top of the strings. They are similarly worn down, affecting their ability to do their job of stopping the string vibration.

Another thing that needs replacing that affects the sound is the bushings – this is the felt around and between the keys. The bushing on our piano has gotten worn and moth-eaten. Without the bushing, the keys slide more left to right. This means that when you play the key, the hammer will also slide left to right, making it more difficult to get a true note to play, and making it difficult to adjust your playing for loudness and softness.

There are some other issues going on with our piano, such as a stuck pedal, but these are some of the primary things that affect its playability. Many of the additional items are covered under the term the “action” of the piano. The action is the hammers, dampers, hammer shanks, and knuckles and whippens (two other mechanical parts that work to make the hammers hit the strings). Replacing the action and pins and strings of our piano in a partial rebuild is one of the options. This would make our piano's sound quality and playability almost equivalent to a new Steinway. It would not address one other major issue – aesthetics.

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Another thing that is flawed about our piano is its aesthetics – the finish on our piano has been quite damaged due to smoke and fire exposure, primarily. This doesn't affect it acoustically, but aesthetics are also something to consider. We're unlikely to get the aesthetics professionally restored unless it is part of a complete rebuild of the piano. Some other options that could be considered are refinishing it ourselves, as amateurs, or covering the piano with a nicely made drape. These options wouldn't be as professional a result, but might suit our church fine.

I'm sure there are those who will say, “Well, I didn't notice any of this – it seemed fine to me!” I was one of those. And one of the options we have is to know all this now and decide to not take any action on it.

Now, what is good about our piano? Well, there's actually more than you might think. While the action is shot, the harp is good. The harp is the metal structure inside the piano that the strings are strung on. If a harp is damaged, there's really no point in fixing a piano. Our soundboard is also pretty sound. This is an extremely expensive piece of a piano to replace (6000-7000 for the soundboard alone), if it is cracked enough to ruin the sound. Ours has a crack in it, but it is a crack that is not really a problem to the sound of our instrument. Another thing that is good about our piano is that the wood is still sound. It has aesthetic finish issues, but it is not falling apart or warped or cracked in major ways that would affect the sound. Another important thing that is good about our piano is that it is a Steinway, and Steinways will always retain a certain value, even when in the sort of condition ours is in. A Steinway of the era our piano is of is not something one would ever just throw away – it is worth rebuilding to someone, unless it is beyond repair, which ours is not. Unlike some later Steinways, ours also has some nice art deco details on the legs which make it appealing to purchasers. And, lastly, something good about our piano is its sentimental value—it is a piano given to us by a church musician, Ron Reese, who served this church for several decades.

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The worship committee got two estimates on the value of our piano and also what it would take to restore our piano. The two estimates we got were very different in nature. Kollar is understanding of the need for a church to do piecemeal rebuilding of a piano. Reeder, on the other hand, is reluctant to do rebuilding in pieces, with the exception that the refinishing/external cabinet work could be done separately. His bottom line for complete restoration appears to be lower.

There are essentially four options of how to proceed:

- **Continue on** using the current piano without change. - **Sell** the existing piano for \$2-3000, and use that money and potentially additional monies to purchase a used but more playable piano.

- Questions that would need to be considered include how expensive a piano we would want to purchase would be (anywhere from \$2000 for a used upright to \$60,000 for a new Steinway grand, such as we have).

- A second question is what type of piano we would want to purchase. Within mechanical pianos, two choices are upright or grand. A used grand piano would be more than a used upright piano, but would change the look of our sanctuary. A whole separate category of pianos to consider are digital pianos (also called electric pianos). We believe that we could get one of these for \$1000-2000 above the sale of our current piano, and it would be of the quality used by professional musicians and music schools. These also have different aesthetic styles, so we would still need to consider not just sound but how we want our piano to look.

- Do a **partial rebuild** of the piano, doing one, two, or three stages with Kollar. This process leaves some things (like replacing the soundboard) undone.

- Rebuild the action – \$5500. Does not require moving the piano, as the action can be taken out separately.

- At the same time or later, rebuild the pins and strings - \$2-3000. Will require the piano to be moved for about a month. Moving costs \$2-300.

- Purchase a Dampp-Chaser system at the same time for \$550.

- Total costs for a, b, and c: \$8250-9350.
- Refinishing the piano ourselves, covering it with a drape, leaving it as-is, or sending it in a second or third time at a price to be determined.
- Do a **complete rebuild** of the piano at the total cost of about \$23,130. A substitute piano can be supplied by Reeder for the time the piano is in the shop.

Right now on our worship committee, we have people who would opt for continuing on with no change, for selling and purchasing an upright piano, for selling and purchasing a digital piano, and for doing some stages of a partial rebuild. There is no real consensus on this issue, except that no one is particularly arguing for a full rebuild. Most of us are not wedded to any of these ideas, however, and all are concerned about what the will of the congregation is. There is also a feeling that there is no point to getting further estimates of what a new used piano would cost unless the congregation is likely to want to go that route. Indeed, it is probably more a matter of the congregation telling us they want to go that route and telling us what is reasonable for a new used piano to cost this congregation, since there is such an enormous range of piano costs. However, if the congregation is interested in either doing nothing or doing a partial rebuild, there would also be no need for that further research into piano costs, and so the committee also doesn't want to waste its time if that is not a likely outcome. I know there may be questions or concerns about what my own opinion is on this issue. For myself, I have learned a lot about pianos, and have mixed opinions. I can see doing any of these options. None of them are ideal, but each one has its arguments. I slightly lean towards a partial rebuild, because I think that for \$7000 we can get a much better instrument by rebuilding our piano than we could for spending \$2000 (plus the sale of the instrument). And that amount of money, while considerable, is nothing when you consider that amount of time a quality instrument will serve this congregation. On the other hand, I still don't have solid numbers and a solid understanding of what we could purchase for a couple of thousand beyond the sale of the instrument. If we could, indeed, get a piano

that would better serve us for less, then that also makes sense. I hear the argument for a digital piano, and I also think that makes a lot of sense in many ways—we could keep the heat and air conditioning lower, save on tuning, and probably get a better sound for our money. And I like the aesthetics of a grand piano, rather than an upright one, in our sanctuary, yet I can also see that the increased floor space could be useful—think of the pageants, for example. (And when I do weddings, the wedding party is always squeezed around the piano.) As you can see, I have a lot of opinions, but none of them firm, and none of them final.

I think it's important to consider what is the right instrument for our church—any decision we make has a lasting impact, yet also consider our music director's opinion. Those may point us in the same direction, or they may point us in different directions. I also don't have a sense of where our congregation as a whole is – I know we're fiscally concerned, even conservative, but

also emotionally attached to objects with connection to our history. One thing we hoped to gain from the congregation by presenting this information is a sense of where the congregation's interest would lie. I don't think we have that yet, but hopefully presenting this information further will help a feeling to emerge and we can built towards consensus on this issue.

Our Church Website
www.libertyuu.org



Rev. Cindy's book,

An Extremist for Love & Justice

is now available! She'll be bringing copies in June to purchase, but it is also available online at [https://](https://wwwcreatespace.com/3593257)



wwwcreatespace.com/3593257.

Use the coupon code 88R6LTTM for \$3.00 off at CreateSpace.

It is also available at [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com).

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 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.

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KATHY OR VICKI. THANK YOU –

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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

June

1 Wed.	Board Meeting ~ 6:30 pm
2 Thurs.	Brooklyn Food Pantry - Work day Church Volunteers needed ~10:00 am - 2:00 pm
2 Thurs.	AUW Potluck Luncheon ~ 12:00 pm
5 Sunday	~~~~ Service - Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum ~ 11:00 am
5 Sunday	Serving Dinner at the Jackson Interfaith Shelter ~ 4:00 - 5:30 pm
8 Wed.	All Committee Night Meeting @ Downtown Library Auditorium - through April Outreach 5:30 pm - Worship 5:30 pm - RE 6:30 pm, other comm. are welcome
9 Thurs.	Membership Meeting ~ 10:00 pm
12 Sunday	~~~~ Service - Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum ~ 11:00 am
12 Sunday	Start to bring in your items for the Attic Sale
14 Tue.	Meet Your Neighbor Coffee ~ 9:00 - 11:00 am
17 Fri.	Regional "Cluster" Meetings of Religious Educators ~ 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
19 Sunday	~~~~ Service ~ Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum ~ 11:00 am
21 Tue.	First day of Summer
23 Thur.	Grandma's Attic Sale ~ 9:00 am- 4:00 pm
24 Fri.	Grandma's Attic Sale ~ 9:00 am- 4:00 pm
25 Sat.	Grandma's Attic Sale ~ 9:00 am- 12:00 pm
26 Sunday	~~~~ Service ~ Guest Speaker, Rebecca Philip ~ 11:00 am
26 Sunday	Caring Committee ~ After the Service

Upcoming Events

July 3	Ice Cream Social /Fundraiser ~ During Social Hour
Aug. 7	Annual Church Picnic ~ After the Service held at Church this year

WEEKLY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE:

Sunday	June 5	June 12	June 19	June 26
Greeters	Alyce O	Grace M	Joan B	Betty G
R.E. Greeter	Sharon P	Sharon P	Sharon P	Sharon P
Nursery Helper	-	-	-	Donna H
Ushers	Steve J Gary T	Joyce K Gary T	- Gary T	Lynn H Gary T
Social H. Host	-	-	Lynn H	Kathy H Donna H

R.E. Pre.

R.E. K-5

Summer RE program, with K-12 classes meeting twice in June will extend the theme of social action, especially relating to the environment, and tying in with the seven principles of Unitarian Universalism.

R.E. Youth

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

June 5 - "Flower Communion"

- Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Bring a flower for our annual flower communion service honoring the diversity of humanity.

June 12 - "Wheel of the Year"

- Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Come and share your life transitions as we honor the changes in our community and in our church.

June 19 - "Father's Day"

- Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Bring a story about your own experiences fathering for our celebration of fatherhood.

June 26 - "Why She Stays"

- Guest Speaker Rebecca Philip

Rebecca is the Executive Director of the Aware Shelter. She will share some insights into domestic violence and why she stays.

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