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Universalist Unitarian Church of East Liberty

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The Bellnote

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Minister's Column

This month, on October 25th, I begin my five-month sabbatical. I'll actually be beginning with a week of study leave and then a week of vacation (and have two more tucked in for the winter holidays) that I'll be taking from November 1 through November 7th, and then the following week I'll be in Ohio for my regular minister's study group. Going out of town for two weeks at the beginning will be a good way to break myself out of my regular work cycle.

It'll be very hard for me not to be with you all regularly. My first Sunday gone is October 31st, and I would love to come and hear Jill Terwilliger and see all the children in their costumes. I know there are dozens of church events through the fall and winter that I'm going to be sad to be missing. It's possible you may see me pop in for one or two. As a mother, I know I'm going to want to see the children's holiday pageant in December, for example, so don't be surprised to see me slip into one of the back pews on that day and a couple of others. My daughter would definitely miss church and her church friends terribly if I made her take a five-month break, so she'll be coming frequently either with Peter or with another member.

Meanwhile, if you see me or Peter around town, it's definitely okay to say hi. You don't have to pretend I'm invisible. Ask how I'm doing and tell me how you are—I still care! What you shouldn't do is ask my opinion about church events and issues. If I'm needed to be brought in for a serious issue, the board president will do that. I may be available for some funerals, and Jill Terwilliger and Alyce Oosting will coordinate with me for these types of events, which we all hope won't be necessary. If you have any questions, the Sabbatical Committee members are Ann Green, Steve Beison, Carole Hartsuff, and Vic Marshall—or ask me before I leave.

Now, before I go, we've got a lot of October to experience, and some fun events are coming up, like our Harvest Bazaar, an October forum, a potluck, and more. I hope I'll be seeing you at many of them!

Peace, *Cindy*

Please welcome our newest members
Harry and Dee Reed,
who joined our church on September 12th.
Our next new member ingathering service will be October 17th;
contact Rev. Cindy if you would like to take part.

Minister's Office Hours

Tuesdays/Thursdays: 9am – 4pm

Wednesdays: 9am – 6pm

Fridays: Sermon-writing day—no office hours

Saturday and Sunday: by appointment

Monday: Minister's day off

October 3-6: Heartland UU Minister's Association Conference, Pokagon State Park, Indiana

October 25: Sabbatical Begins

Religious Education Report

Another September has flown by, with Autumn colors advancing. The kids are all enjoying their lessons, and teachers are doing a wonderful job. On September 26 the RE program will host social hour in the schoolhouse to highlight their lessons so far this year: cookies from the preschoolers, peace posters and banners from the K-5 class, and perhaps even some of the youth's credo statements.

In October, the youth will start their new curriculum, "It Starts with Me!," which is also geared toward community service. The RE Committee hopes to coordinate monthly service opportunities for youth and families, starting with the AIDS Walk on September 25 and the CROP Walk on October 10. Families and individuals have a unique opportunity to help fund the Brooklyn Food Pantry, along with other hunger projects around the world, by participating in the **CROP Walk** on Sunday October 10, starting at the Brooklyn Presbyterian Church at 1pm (registration), 1:30pm walk.

Don't forget the Harvest Bazaar on **October 22, 23 and 24** held in our schoolhouse (further information available on page 5 in this newsletter).

Thanks for your support!

IUUv, Sharon Pedersen

Sharon



Religious Education Coordinator

Notes from the Board

The UU Board met on Wednesday, September 1, with all members in attendance! Issues reviewed included: 1) The Building Committee reports progress on the belfry painting and repair project. In fact, it should be completed soon. The Board is also exploring options for maintaining/improving the windows in the sanctuary. The congregation charged us with the task of exploring whether it is wise and or feasible to replace or repair them, and we have not forgotten! We expect to hear a report at our next meeting on relative costs, etc. Another congregational meeting will probably be needed to finalize any plans, and the board will schedule and announce that meeting. 2) We were pleased to learn that many "lost or missing" files and documents have been found. This helps with several outstanding issues, including staff contracts. Ann Green, Gretchen Marshall and others are working to compile, file, and organize various materials which have been stored for quite some time. 3) We also discussed the need for more fundraising efforts. Becky Bowen volunteered to help with the "Mom to Mom" sale, and we are looking for volunteers to help with the used book sale. More complete minutes will be available in the social hall soon.

Submitted by: Gratia Karmes
Board President

"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 ~~

Worship Associates Training October 2 and/or 17

The Worship Committee is trying to arrange a worship associates training with Rev. Cindy before she leaves for sabbatical. Worship Associates would assist with the worship service when we have guest speakers by communicating with guest speakers about hymn choices, and potentially selecting opening words, chalice lightings, closing words, and other pieces of the service, and lead those pieces that the guest speaker does not wish to lead. Training will include tips on finding these resources, as well as how to handle difficulties that arise during worship and how to smoothly handle the transitions. The two dates available for this training are **October 2** (10 am or 2 pm) and **October 17** (after church and social hour). If you are interested in becoming a worship associate and are available for one of these dates, please notify Lynn Hightower or Cindy Landrum.

Michigan Social Justice Network Fall Conference on Immigration & LGBT Justice

Join MUUSJN on Saturday, November 20 from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm for their fall conference focusing on "Standing on the Side of Love for Immigration Reform and LGBT Justice" at the Northwest UU Church, at 23925 Northwestern Hwy, Southfield, MI 48075. Our inspirational keynote speaker will be **Gini Courter, Moderator of the UUA Board of Trustees**. We will hear **immigrants and LGBT people tell how they have been affected by oppression. Immigration Reform for America and Equality Michigan** will hold afternoon workshops. Discover what a congregation can do **AFTER becoming a welcoming congregation**. Early registration for \$30 includes meals & childcare, and home hospitality if needed. Registration after Nov. 6: \$30. Mail a check to: MUUSJN, Randy Block, 4220 Arlington Dr., Royal Oak, MI 48073. (Make check out to Heartland District - UUA; write "MUUSJN Conference" in memo line.) or register on-line at <http://www.uujustice.org>

A German girl in great big America

Hi, I'm Marie Muhr. Actually I'm a German exchange student, while I'm staying here with Family Bowden. I also feel half American! (o: Wait a minute, I will start at the very beginning telling you about my stay in your community, in your great country.

Two years ago I went to the East Coast with my mom and my little sister. We all got so fascinated about this country especially about the friendliness of the Americans that we didn't want to fly back. Last year I was thinking about doing an exchange. An exchange would offer me the chance to get a great experience in a new family, household, community, making new foreign friends and get a great experience in studying at a new school. And all this kind of stuff in English! When I made the decision to leave my family, friends, school, community, country, I knew exactly where to go! The country with which I fell in love years ago: America! Therefore I tried my best to present myself to the families in the US with a great picture of me and my life! It worked! Not much time went by when the Family Bowden contacted me and I was so excited to get to know them! Now I'm here since August 27th! I really enjoy my stay with the greatest host family ever and already found some friends. Life couldn't get better!

P.S. It's so nice being part of your community.

Marie Muhr, high school exchange student from Germany living with Brianna and Lori Bowden until Jan. 23, 2011. She is from Düsseldorf Germany, is 16 years old (will be 17 on Jan. 16) and a senior at the Chelsea High School in Chelsea, Michigan. While here she is taking English, Pre-Calculus, Psychology, Art, and US History. She is also taking a dance class at the Chelsea Dance Arts Studio.

Submitted by: Marie Muhr
and Lori Bowden

Meetings and Events

U.U. Church of East Liberty

First Friday Dinner

We would like to have the First Friday Dinners held every month if possible. All we need is a host or hostess with an idea and info about the fundraiser. It can be printed here in the newsletter or announced on Sunday morning.

Submitted by: The Membership Comm.

Caring Committee

The Caring Committee's next meeting is **October 17** after the service.

Submitted by: Alyce Oosting

Check out the updated new look on our church web page, it looks great.
www.libertyuu.org

Mom to Mom Sale

A fundraiser maybe scheduled in November a "Mom 2 Mom Sale." Watch for more information to come soon. The Mom 2 Mom Sale is a fairly new way to sell your children's clothes and other items. The church rents table space to the sellers, customers pay to come in to buy and money from items sold goes to the seller. This event will be co-chaired by Chris Keith and Becky Bowen.

All Committee Night Meeting

This meeting will take place on the 2nd Wednesday of each month through April. The start times are staggered with Outreach at 5:00, Worship 5:30 and RE 6:30 pm, with one person each for the board and membership there also. All other committees are welcome to join in. All this takes place at the downtown library in the auditorium while Rev. Cindy is on Sabbatical so each committee can have better communication about all church upcoming events. Thanks; the next meeting is **Wednesday, October 13th.**

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 and the Jackson District Library.

October 21 - "Pets and The Economy - Keeping Best Friends Together"

JXN Community Forum - **Thursday, October 21**, 6:30 pm, Carnegie Library Auditorium. This month's forum is co-sponsored by the Cascades Humane Society. Together with Dr. Melissa Owings, a local veterinarian, and Steve Hall of the Jackson County Animal Shelter, we will discuss the impact of the current recession on families with pets and on pet rescue organizations. We'll also offer information on programs that give assistance at Cascades Humane Society as well as elsewhere in the community. Childcare may be available for a modest charge. Please contact Nancy Smith if you will need this service. 6:30 - 8:30 pm in the Carnegie Auditorium.

There will be no Forum held in December.

Submitted by: Outreach Comm.

Potluck Dinner

Rev. Cindy's sabbatical will be starting on October 25, 2010 - April 11, 2011. Join us on **Sunday, October 24** after the service for a potluck dinner. This is also the same weekend of our annual Harvest Bazaar (see page 5) **October 22, 23 and 24**. The potluck dinner will be starting at 12:30 pm, not directly after the service as most other potlucks so everyone has a time to shop first. Please bring a passing dish and your tableware or you wash the dishes. Come and wish Cindy a quick and restful Sabbatical.

Submitted by: The Membership Comm.



Jiffy Muffin Mixes

Once again it's time for our Harvest Bazaar

It will take place in the schoolhouse on

Friday, October 22 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Saturday, October 23 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Sunday, October 24 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

A luncheon will be server in the social hall on Friday and Saturday from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Food items to buy are homemade soups, hot dogs, desserts, coffee, tea, cider and donuts will be also be available before, during and after the luncheon.

Think Holiday - Looking for new and kindly used items for sale: Fall, Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas and nice non-holiday items as well. We really need **lots and lots of baked goods**: Cookies, Breads, Cakes, Cupcakes, Muffins, Pies, and Candies with and without the Holiday appeal to your packaging. Please bring in ready to sell ~ Contact the names below if you have any questions.

Homegrown products of jellies, jams, pickles and more... Craft items of all kinds. Wreaths of all kinds sell very well.

-- Please use your Creativity and Imagination Start on your items now.

Many items are needed to sell to make this a great fall fundraiser for the church.

See Ya There! Contact Anne Seifert, Carole Hartsuff or Dorothy Kerr (check the supplement page for more info).

Submitted by: Anne Seifert

Brooklyn Food Pantry

It is our church's turn to have one or two volunteers to work at the C.C.I.S. Brooklyn Food Pantry; 171 Wamplers Lake Road, Brooklyn. The days the pantry is open are every Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Local churches take turns to help fill the orders of those in need of food and restock shelves. Our next dates are **October 12 and 14**. If you are available to help in this rewarding work please contact Paul Jenkins at church or give him a call.

Submitted by: Paul Jenkins

Brooklyn Food Pantry Christmas Food Basket

Our church was sent a letter asking if we would like to participate in this year's upcoming food basket drive for area families in need. The information was sent to us by the Brooklyn Food Pantry, an organization we have voted on to help support and they are asking for our help now. Their needs are higher now than last year with 280 families that will be getting a Thanksgiving and a Christmas Basket. Each participating church will be collecting only one item that goes into the baskets, and our item is **small boxes of muffin mix**. We need to have **280** boxes of mix by December 5, and taken to the pantry by December 7 where others will put together each basket and all of the baskets will be same.

So.... we have the Christmas Food Basket and collecting 280 small boxes of Jiffy Muffin Mix. It can be any variety; corn muffin, raspberry muffin, blueberry muffin, apple cinnamon muffin, banana muffin, bran with dates muffin, chocolate muffin, oatmeal muffin or even the biscuit mix, but all in the same small size 7oz - 9oz not the large boxes please. Any brand name is OK if the store you shop at does not carry the Jiffy Mix name. A large box will be in the social hall soon to store them till we have collected 280 boxes.

Thanks, watch for sales and bring in what you are able to do. Kathy has volunteered to set this up: the letter was in her mailbox at church and I contacted the board first so it could be printed in this issue of the Bellnote. The next year's schedule for our church to work at the pantry was enclosed in the letter with dates 11 weeks apart with 11 area churches taking turns.

March 15 & 17 ~ May 31 & June 2 ~

August 16 & 18 and November 1 & 3.

Submitted by: Kathy Haynes

Meetings and Events not directly affiliated with UUCEL

Blood Drive

The editors were asked to please list these dates in the Bellnote. I know of at least one current member who benefits from blood transfusion products.+++++ November 17, January 26, March 23, May 25 & July 27. Please mark your calendars. All drives are on Wednesdays from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm and are held in the Federer Rooms of Potter Center on the campus of JCC. ++++++ Thanks for your help!
Submitted by: Vic Marshall

"MUSIC OF FAITH"

Marge Duane and Gretchen Marshall are members of our church and The Jackson Chorale.

They invite you to:

The Jackson Chorale and the Jackson Chorale Children's Choir

Schubert's Mass in G

Handel's Judas Maccabaeus (portions)

Sunday, October 31, 2010 – 3:00 PM

First United Methodist Church,
Downtown Jackson

Admission: \$10 adults \$5 children

Submitted by: Marge Duane

Astronomy Science Cafe What is a Science Cafe you ask? Well — A scientist walks into a bar...., Really! Come hear the punch line at the Jackson Science Café. Scientists from Michigan universities talk about current topics in a relaxed casual atmosphere over drinks and food with friends. When: **Thurs. October 7** 6:00 pm , Location: Hudsons Classic Grill, 2900 Springport Road in Jackson the topic will be "Giant galaxies in the Universe" by Mark Voit MSU Astronomy and Astrophysics Professor. Mark Voit's research explores how the hydrogen and helium gas that pervaded the early universe becomes transformed into the stars and galaxies we see today. For more info call Meg Gower and Carey Jones at 734-433-0150 or at

<http://www.hudsonsgrilljackson.com/>

Submitted by: Marge Duane

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, Jann Krupa, 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 CHANGED TO AN ON-LINE VERSION THAT IS FREE OF CHARGE.

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SUNDAY OCTOBER 24 ~~~~~ SEND SUBMISSIONS TO:
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TO KATHY OR VICKI. THANK YOU –

We want to thank; Lori Bowden & Marie Muhr, Marge Duane, Kathy Haynes, Gratia Karmes, Rev. Cindy Landrum, Vic Marshall, Alyce Oosting, Sharon Pedersen, Anne Seifert, Outreach Comm. and the 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

October

All events are at the church, unless otherwise noted

- 2 Sat. Worship Associates Training ~ 10 am or 2 pm
 3 Sun-6 Wed. Rev. Cindy is at the Heartland UU Minister's Association
 3 Sunday ~~~~ Service ~ 11:00 am ~ Rev. Peter Morrison
 6 Wed. Board Meeting ~ 6:30 pm
 7 Thurs. AUUW Meeting ~ 12:30 pm
 10 Sunday ~~~~ Service ~ 11:00 am ~ Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum
 10 Sunday CROP Walk ~ starting at the Brooklyn Presbyterian Church ~ 1pm
 12 Tue. Meet Your Neighbor Coffee ~ 9:00 - 11:00 am
 12 Tue. Brooklyn Food Pantry ~ Our Church Work Day ~ 10:00 am -2:00 pm
 13 Wed. All Committee Night Meeting @ Downtown Library Auditorium - through April
 Outreach 5:00 pm - Worship 5:30 pm - RE 6:30 pm, other comm. welcome to join in
 14 Thurs. Brooklyn Food Pantry ~ Our Church Work Day ~ 10:00 am -2:00 pm
 14 Thurs. Membership Meeting ~ 1:00 pm
 17 Sunday ~~~~ Service ~ 11:00 am ~ Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum
 17 Sunday Worship Associates Training ~ After social hour
 17 Sunday Caring Committee ~ After the Service
 21 Thurs. JXN Community Forums - (new name) ~ 6:30 to 8:30 pm
 "Pets and The Economy - Keeping Best Friends Together" in the Carnegie Auditorium
 22 Fri. Annual Harvest Bazaar in the schoolhouse ~ 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
 23 Sat. Annual Harvest Bazaar in the schoolhouse ~ 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
 24 Sunday Annual Harvest Bazaar in the schoolhouse ~ 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
 24 Sunday ~~~~ Service ~ 11:00 am ~ Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum
 24 Sunday Potluck Dinner starting at **12:30** pm, with shopping time at the Harvest Bazaar **first**
 25 Mon. Rev Cindy's Sabbatical Begins
 31 Sunday ~~~~ Service ~ 11:00 am ~ Rev. Jill Terwilliger
 31 Sunday **"MUSIC OF FAITH"** @ First United Methodist Church ~ 3 pm

Upcoming Events

- Nov.10 All Committee Night @ Downtown Library Auditorium
 Nov. 21 Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner ~ After the Service
 Nov. 28 Hanging of the Greens ~ After the Service
 Dec. 5 Last day to bring in "small Jiffy Mix" boxes; 280 in total are needed

WEEKLY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE:

Sunday	Oct. 3	Oct. 10	Oct. 17	Oct. 24	Oct. 31
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	Open	Open	Open	Joan B	Open
Ushers	Gary T Dee R	Gary T Open	Gary T Open	Gary T Kathy H	Gary T Open
Social H. Host	Joan B	Steve N	Nancy S & Rob G	Potluck	Nancy J
R.E. Pre.	Becky B		Jackie J/Jane H		
R.E. K-5	Anne S/Rob G	Kerry H/Nena O	Jon H/Barbara H	Pat G	Intergenerational
R.E. Youth	Gretchen M/Alyce O	Steve N	Lori B	Chris K	Intergenerational

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

Oct. 3 - "Association Sunday"

– Rev. Peter Morrison

Join us for an annual service celebrating the importance of being in association, and the strength that comes through our connections.

Oct. 10 - "The Meaning of Faith"

– Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

What is faith? How do you get it? What is the relationship between faith and reason? Come and see what Rev. Cindy thinks about the subject of faith.

Oct. 17 - "The Importance of Interfaith Work"

– Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Join us for this service, perhaps with discussion following, as we look at how and why we do interfaith work in this community.

Also today will be a new member ingathering service.

Oct. 24 - "Shared Ministry"

– Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

As Cindy departs for her sabbatical, we'll talk about how we are all ministers in this faith, and how the work of ministry is something we share together.

Join us in a potluck dinner after the service.

Oct. 31 - "In a Strange Land"

– Rev. Jill Terwilliger – Rev. Jill Terwilliger will be our on-call minister for pastoral care emergencies during Rev. Cindy's sabbatical. This is an excellent time to come and meet her and get to know her. She'll be preaching at least once more, midway through the sabbatical, as well.

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