



# The Bellnote

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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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## Minister's Column

I'm on study leave and vacation for the month of July, and out of town July 10-15 at the Chalice Sparx Camp (which is in Michigan, so I am available in case of emergency). Meanwhile, part of what I do during July is create plans for the next year. And we've got some good plans already beginning. With Sharon Pedersen and the RE Committee, we're talking about having an "RE Summit" in the late summer or early fall. This would be a time to brainstorm and strategize how to strengthen and grow our RE program. We're also looking at starting up some covenant groups in the fall. We'll be asking for who is interested in being in or facilitating such a group in the fall. In September I'm also beginning with a new theme-based approach to the Sunday services, and the covenant groups will hopefully tie in with those, as well.

There are other big changes and plans ahead for the summer and fall. The worship committee is talking about some technological changes that will enhance our services. The board authorized the removal of our swing set and has been working on new playground plans.

In August, we'll be celebrating 10 years together! Look for details for a party on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Meanwhile, I'm planning to do something I've never done before – repeat a sermon! After leading over 300 worship services at UUCEL, I'm going to pick one or two sermons for August that are repeats, and I'm letting you pick which one(s)! Look for the list on pages 4 and 5 of this newsletter for the list/ballot. The list I'm providing gives fewer than half of the services, but a lot of the ones I omitted were for holidays and holy days – every year I do 2 or 3 holiday-based sermons in December, one for Thanksgiving, one for Easter, and one for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Some years I've done Mother's Day, Father's Day, Memorial Day, and/or Veteran's Day. And then every year we have Homecoming, Water Communion, Flower Communion, and Wheel of the Year (although sometimes these four things are compacted into two Sundays). There are some other semi-regular things like Association Sunday, Justice Sunday, UN Sunday, Earth Day, Pride Day. When you add up all those regular events, they comprise a significant percentage of the thirty Sundays I lead per year. I kept some of these sermons in the list, but cut most of them out. And I cut a bunch more out, as well, to get the list down – sermons that were collaborations with another person, some of the ones that were in a series, canvass sermons, and more. So think about what your favorite sermon was – the one all in rhyme, the zombie one, another auction sermon, a social justice sermon – and cast your vote!

As you receive this newsletter, I will be on the road back from General Assembly, where I'm packing to head off to as I write this. This year I'm a bit more involved there than usual, since during the ministry days I'm a

# Religious Education Report

The RE Coordinator has June and July off, per the church budget.

Look for exciting happenings in August!

**Sharon**

**Sharon Pedersen, RE Coordinator**

## **Party on the 23 of August**

We will be celebrating 10 years of wonderful Cindy this **August 23** with a party at the home of Elissa Alden. More details to come, but please mark your calendar with the date.

**Submitted by Elissa Alden**

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## Meetings and Events U.U. Church of East Liberty

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### **Annual Picnic**

Our Annual Church Picnic will be **August 3** at the same place as last year. So after the church service we will all travel to Castlewood Park on Lake Columbia near the home of Alyce Oosting. The park has a few tables and Alyce will bring over a few of her tables. Please bring a passing dish and your dinner plate and silverware for this fun potluck dinner. We are asked to bring our own chairs or blankets to sit on the ground. The park also has a nice playground, and bath house for changing into your swim suit so you can jump in the lake. Parents must watch their own children as no life guard is on duty.—Alyce will have parking passes at church. You must place one on the dash of your car, thanks. Come one, come all, and have some fun at the lake with church friends. **Submitted by: Alyce Oosting**

### **Attic Sale**

Our church's annual Attic Sale is now in the planning stages and under new co-chairs leaders of Jackie, McKrea and JD Johnson and Gratia Karmes. Please contact them if you are able to help out with this large yard/garage sale type fundraiser and more information will be shared with us soon. **Submitted by : Bellnote Editors**

### **Caring Committee**

Caring Committee monthly meeting will generally be held on the 2nd Sunday of the month after church at 12:30 in the Nursery. If you are aware of any issues or concerns involving any of our church family for which the Caring Committee can lend a helping hand, please contact any member of the Committee. Those serving on the Caring Committee are: Debbie Hartsuff, Debbie and Fred Marshall, Gretchen Marshall, Alyce Oosting, and Jane Volk.

**Submitted by: Jane Volk  
Chair**

### **Personal Care Ministry**

The Jackson Personal Care Ministry provides personal and household products to those in need in Jackson County. An average of 150 guests are served weekly. Our team works at the distribution on the third Thursday of each month, **July 17** 4:30- 6:30 pm. Financial support and donations of new and gently used products are greatly appreciated. For more information, contact Nena Obits. See Supplements Page for more information.

**Submitted by: Nena Obits**

# Notes from the Board

This Column will return next month.

## Gratia

Submitted by: **Gratia Karmes**  
**Board President**

UUCEL is a non-creedal church. Even though we hold many differing beliefs, we love and support one another. And we respect, even cherish, our differences. As we embark on the political season, let us remember that we do not all agree on political matters, as well. In particular when speaking in the sanctuary, let us show the same respect for those differences. Thanks!

Submitted by: **Committee on Ministry**  
**Marge Duane**  
**Ann Green**  
**Gretchen Marshall**

## 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 Supplement Page for more 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).

The JXN Community Forums will be taking a break for the summer months and will return on **Thursday, September 18.**

Watch for more information to come.

Submitted by: **Outreach Comm.**

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

technical support person, and as a MidAmerica Board member I have some obligations as well. I'll be looking for new resources and new ideas while I'm there, and look forward to sharing them upon my return.

In Faith,

**Cindy**

## Minister's Schedule

Rev. Cindy is on vacation and study leave for the month of August, but is available for pastoral care emergencies. Her schedule is as follows:

June 30 - July 1: Returning from General Assembly  
July 2 - 10: Vacation  
July 10 - 15: Chalice Sparx Camp  
July 16 - Aug. 4: Study Leave

## Church Auction of the Future What Should it Be?

After our May 2 church auction, auction volunteers gathered together to discuss what changes could be made for 2015. We decided that people who attended the auction might give us good ideas about how our auction next year could be improved. If you have any suggestions, will you please pass them on to me so I can share them with the volunteers. Please See the Supplements Page for Steve's contact information. Thank You,

Submitted by: **Steve Beison**



## Our Closing Song

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.

## Vote for Your Favorite Sermon!

Below you will find a list of some of Rev. Cindy's sermons over the years (less than half over her over 300 services are listed). Please vote for your favorites (up to 10!). One or two sermons with the highest votes will be reprised in August for her 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her ministry here at UUCEL. Please place all ballots in Rev. Cindy's mailbox or e-mail her your choices at [cynlandrum@gmail.com](mailto:cynlandrum@gmail.com).

Date	Topic
08/15/04	Beginnings
08/22/04	A Humanist Spirituality
08/29/04	Creationism My Way
11/14/04	Religious Education and How it Changed My Life
01/16/05	1 1/2 Acres of Land (M.L.K.)
01/23/05	Covenanting Together
02/13/05	Being a Christian UU
02/27/05	The Healthcare Crisis
Spring '05	Moral Values: Justice & Equity, Diversity, Freedom, Reason
08/07/05	Harry Potter
08/21/05	Star Wars Theology
08/28/05	To Live Deliberately: Thoreau & a Spirituality of Nature
09/18/05	Spiritual Practice
Fall '05	The 4 ?'s: Who Am I? What Do I Love? How Shall I Live, Knowing I Will Die? What Is My Gift to the Family of the Earth?
12/04/05	Creating Holiday Rituals
01/08/06	Crime and Punishment
01/29/06	Persephone & the Groundhog
02/12/06	Evolution Sunday
03/05/06	Women's History Month: Universalist Women
04/30/06	To Die Not in Vain (Auction)
05/21/06	What Do We Believe?
07/23/06	? Fuss About DaVinci Code?
08/13/06	Prayer
08/27/06	UUCEL History
10/01/06	Sacred Seasons in Peace
10/08/06	Talk About It (Coming Out Day)
10/22/06	Murray, Ballou and You
11/05/06	Democratic Faith
12/03/06	In Bethlehem? In a manger?
01/14/07	Profile/UU Hero: Viola Liuzzo (MLK Day)
01/21/07	Dream of a Universal Religion
01/28/07	Season for Nonviolence: The Role of Religion
03/11/07	To Kill a Mockingbird: Its Message for Today
04/01/07	Sacred Choices
04/08/07	Velveteen Rabbit: Being Real & the Meaning of Easter
04/15/07	Vocation
05/06/07	Tribute to Kurt Vonnegut
07/08/07	The Greatest Need
07/22/07	Snape/Meaning of Redemption
09/30/07	Anti-Racism
11/04/07	True Welcoming/Radical Hospitality
11/11/07	What is Humanism?
01/13/08	Healthcare/Sicko
02/17/08	Beyond Tolerance: Being a Christian & Pagan Community
03/09/08	RESPECT
03/16/08	Big Read: Bless Me, Ultima
04/27/08	Auction Sermon: Forgiveness
05/04/08	A Humanist's Search for the Goddess
05/11/08	Sofia, Mother Wisdom, the Holy Spirit
05/18/08	Sacred Conversations on Race
06/22/08	Labyrinth
Aug. '08	Summer Series: Books that Changed My Life
09/14/08	A New Christianity?
09/21/08	The New Atheism?
09/28/08	The American Dream
11/02/08	Election Sermon
11/09/08	And Now What?
01/18/09	MLK/Inauguration
01/25/09	Civil Disobedience & Henry David Thoreau
02/01/09	Emerson
03/01/09	Margaret Fuller
03/15/09	Big Read: Grapes of Wrath
03/22/09	Our Ministry in Troubled Times/ UUSC Justice Sunday/ Economic Justice
04/12/09	Being a Doubting Thomas on Easter Morning
04/19/09	Auction: Where do we go when we leave here (earth)
05/03/09	Sexuality, Theology & Morality
05/31/09	Sacred Spaces
Aug. '09	Summer Poetry Series
09/27/09	Healthcare
10/11/09	Standing on the Side of Love: National Coming Out Day
12/06/09	What the Dickens?
01/17/10	You Have to Be Carefully Taught
01/31/10	Education
02/14/10	Love
05/17/09	Five Smooth Stones
02/28/10	Auction: The Cosmology of Native Americans





**~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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• Church Website		• http://www.libertyuu.org
• The Bellnote Newsletter		• http://www.libertyuu.org/newsletter.html
• Church's facebook page		• http://www.facebook.com/libertyuu
• Forum facebook page		• http://www.facebook.com/JXNCommunityForum
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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.

**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 20. ~~~~~ 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, Gratia Karmes, Nena Obits, Jane Volk, Elissa Alden, Alyce Oosting, Steve Beison, Committee on Ministry, Outreach Comm., Caring 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

- 2 - 10 Rev. Cindy is on Vacation
- 2 Wed. Board Meeting ~ 6:30 pm
- 3 Thurs. AUUW Meeting ~ 12:30 pm
- 6 Sunday ~~~~ Service ~ Lay Leader, Jon Hart and others~ 11:00 am
- 10 - 15 Rev. Cindy will be at Chalice Sparx Camp
- 10 Thurs. Membership Committee ~ Not Meeting this Month
- 10 Thurs. Outreach/Forum Committee ~ Not Meeting this Month
- 13 Sunday ~~~~ Service ~ – Lay Leader, Jon Hart and others~ 11:00 am
- 13 Sunday Caring Committee Meeting ~ After the Service
- 15 Tue. Meet Your Neighbor Coffee ~ 9:00 - 11:00 am
- 15 Tue. Worship Comm. ~ Meets at Members' Homes in the Evening
- 16 - Aug. 4 Rev. Cindy will be on Study Leave
- 17 Thurs. Personal Care Ministry ~ @ 1st Baptist Church, 201 S. Jackson ~ 4:30-6:30 pm
- 20 Sunday The Bellnote Newsletter ~ Submissions Due
- 20 Sunday ~~~~ Service ~ Lay Leader, Jon Hart and others ~11:00 am
- 27 Sunday ~~~~ Service ~ Lay Leader, Lay Leader Jon Hart and others ~ 11:00 am

## Upcoming Events

- Jul. 7 - Aug. 1 "Peace Camp" Monday-Friday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm at St. John Church
- Aug 3 Our Annual Church Picnic Castlewood Park on Lake Columbia
- Aug 23 Celebrating 10 years of Wonderful Cindy at the home of Elissa Alden

### WEEKLY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE:

Sunday	Greeter	R.E. Greeter	Nursery	Ushers	Social Host	R.E. K-5	R.E. Monitor
July 6	Alyce O	Sharon P	Vicki H	Open	RE Comm	IG	
July 13	Grace M	Sharon P	Vicki H	Open	Open	IG	
July 20	Joan B	Sharon P	Vicki H	Open	Open	IG	
July 27	Betty G	Sharon P	Vicki H	Open	Open	IG	

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

### **July 6 - “Summer Principles Series, Part 3: Acceptance of One Another and Encouragement to Spiritual Growth in Our Congregations”**

– Lay Leader: Jon Hart, and others

Part three in our summer series on the UU principles focuses on acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations. What does that mean to you?

### **July 13 - “Summer Principles Series, Part 4: A Free and Responsible Search for Truth and Meaning”**

– Lay Leader Jon Hart and others

Part four in our summer series on the UU principles focuses on a free and responsible search for truth and meaning. What does that mean to you?

### **July 20 - “Summer Principles Series, Part 5: The Right of Conscience and the use of the Democratic Process Within our Congregations and the Society at Large”**

– Lay Leader: Jon Hart and others

Part five in our summer series on the UU principles focuses on the right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and the society at large. What does that mean to you?

### **July 27 - “Summer Principles Series, Part 6: The Goal of World Community with Peace, Liberty and Justice for All”**

– Lay Leader: Jon Hart and others

Part six in our summer series on the UU principles focuses the goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all. What does that mean to you?

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