



Minister's Column in Brief

Ten years! It's hard for me to believe it's been that long, but I'm so excited that we've reached this milestone together! It's an accomplishment for me to have had this kind of tenure, and an accomplishment for our church, after two previous decades (1981-2004) of tenures of five years and less. And to celebrate our years together, we have a few things planned. First, there's a celebration party hosted by Elissa Alden. Secondly, I'm reprising some favorite sermons this month, based on the ones people have told me they particularly enjoyed. Lastly, I'm planning to purchase a gift for the congregation to celebrate this anniversary, namely a bench or two for our future playground area. Hopefully if there's somewhere to sit and talk, adults will have a more pleasurable time being outside with our church children. To see the church's gift to me, you'll have to come to my house, because Elissa Alden is working on making over our bathroom there (my least favorite room in our house). Between the party Elissa is hosting and the church picnic that Alyce Oosting is hosting, it looks like a fun month!

Meanwhile, it feels like I've been away forever, even though I'm back in town after summer travels, and was able to get to church last Sunday. It seems like our summer Principles series has been going well, and we'll be concluding that in this month. I've been two places over the summer – Providence for General Assembly, and Water Vliet, Michigan for "Chalice Sparx" camp. I wish more people from our church were able to go to General Assembly. If you would like to give feedback to the UUA on how to make GA more democratic, the UUA would like to hear from you on their survey

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Calendar - August

- 3 Sunday ~~~~ Service ~ Lay Leader, TBA ~ 11:00 am
- 3 Sunday Our Annual Church Picnic at Alyce Oosting home on the Lake
- 6 Wed. Board Meeting ~ 6:30 pm
- 7 Thurs. AUUW Meeting ~ 12:30 pm
- 7 Thurs. Membership Committee ~ 11:00 am
- 10 Sunday ~~~~ Service ~ Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum ~ 11:00 am
- 10 Sunday Caring Committee Meeting ~ After the Service
- 12 Tue. Meet Your Neighbor Coffee ~ 9:00 - 11:00 am
- 14 Thurs. Outreach/Forum Committee ~ @ JDL ~ 5:30 pm
- 17 Sunday ~~~~ Service ~ Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum ~ 11:00 am
- 19 Tue. Worship Comm. ~ Meets at Members' Homes in the Evening
- 21 Thurs. Personal Care Ministry ~ @ 1st Baptist Church, 201 S. Jackson ~ 4:30-6:30 pm
- 21 Thurs. Grandma's Attic Sale from 9:00 to 6:00
- 22 Fri. Grandma's Attic Sale from 9:00 to 6:00
- 23 Sat. Grandma's Attic Sale from 9:00 3:00
- 23 Sat. Celebrating 10 years of Wonderful Cindy at the home of Elissa Alden
- 24 Sunday ~~~~ Service ~ Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum ~ 11:00 am
- 24 Sunday The Bellnote Newsletter ~ Submissions Due
- 31 Sunday ~~~~ Service ~ Lay Leader, TBA ~ 11:00 am

Sunday Services at 11:00 am

Aug 3 - "Summer Principles Series, Part 7: Respect for the Interdependent Web of All Existence of Which We Are a Part" – **Lay Leader: TBA**, Our summer principles series concludes with our seventh principle – a perfect opportunity to get out in nature for our church picnic following the service!

Aug 10 - "Water Communion" – **Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum**, Bring water from your summer locations for our annual gathering of the living waters.

Aug 17 - "10th Anniversary Sermon Reprisal" – **Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum**, For her tenth anniversary, this sermon's a repeat. "What is it?" you ask, not missing a beat. Well, I'll give you a clue, if you'll give me the time: This sermon is one completely in rhyme.

Aug 24 - "Art and Religion" – **Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum**, August is "Art Appreciation Month." For this sermon, and in keeping with the 10th anniversary sermon reprisals of most-requested sermons, Rev. Cindy will bring highlights from last year's three-part sermon series on art and share some of her colleagues' work from last year's Ohio River Group papers.

Aug 31 - "To Be Announced" – **Lay Leader:**

Meetings and Events: at or affiliated with U.U. Church of East Liberty

at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GatheringforPurpose>.

Meanwhile, Chalice Sparx camp, which was a new UU camp right here in Michigan, was a good success. They're looking for a new location for next year probably, but I'm sure it will still be here in our general area, and is a great opportunity for families and individuals to connect to our faith in a fun and rewarding way. I don't know who next year's theme speaker is, but I've heard it's someone really good. Peter and I had a good time, but the best time was had by our daughter, who had great fun hanging out with a bunch of junior high kids from the Elkhart, IN congregation and grade schoolers from Kalamazoo, MI and Madison, WI. Between those and her friends from GA, she has quite the "pen pal" list (although these days people use e-mail, not actual pens, apparently).

I hope your summer has been as rewarding and engaging and faith-filled as mine has, and look forward to seeing you in August as we celebrate a decade together!

Namaste,

Cindy

Attic Sale

The dates have been set for the Grandma's Attic Rummage Sale it will be on **August 21 – 22- and 23**. The sale will be from 9:00 to 6:00 on Thursday and Friday and 9:00 3:00 on Saturday with a \$2.00 bag sale on Saturday. This sale will be in the schoolhouse next to the church.

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.

The JXN Community Forums will be taking a break for the summer months and will return on Thursday, **September 18**. will be The "**Anchor Initiative**" in Downtown Jackson A consortium of businesses (Consumers, Allegiance and others) has bought the former Woolworth Building, on Michigan Ave. and S. Jackson. What are they up to?

Like and Share!

Our church has two main ways that people learn about us – word of mouth, and the internet. Those on Facebook can help us combine the two through two easy things: "like" our church status updates, and "share" the pictures and status updates the church posts. This lets your friends see your activity, and maybe they'll like what they see! We've been hard at work, mostly thanks to the help of Martha Koopman, creating special graphic images for our church Facebook page to share, and we hope you'll find them interesting enough to pass on. A special thank-you to Martha for engaging in this digital outreach ministry! Rev. Cindy went to a workshop on how to increase a church's effectiveness in web outreach, and this was the #1 thing we can do, but it's up to you to do the next step: like and share!

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