



Minister's Column

I want to take this column to let you know that Tom Pepper submitted his resignation to the Board this month. Tom will keep playing through the end of this church year, but this will be his last year as our regular pianist. Playing often has just become too painful and difficult for his hands. It's been a great joy to work with Tom as our musician, and I'm going to miss the collaboration we had on worship service. He has a wonderful talent and a great spirit. Our board will be talking in February about the search process to find our next church musician or musicians. If you have suggestions or ideas, please submit them to the board.

This month is going to be a fun one at East Liberty. We have a field trip planned to the new Detroit-area aquarium. It's "church buddies" month, and this year we're inviting all adults to be church buddies to each other, while the children will be paired with each other, as well. We'll celebrate at the end of the month in a new way with a pizza dinner instead of a breakfast. And there's also another venison dinner on this month's calendar! Don't forget to go to the fundraiser event for the Jackson Personal Care Ministry, too – the speaker is board member Elissa Alden's brother! And if you

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Sunday Services at 11:00 am ~ Theme: Faith

Feb 1 - "Radical Hope" – Lay Leader: Jon Hart - Radical Hope and the Civil Rights Movement what did it take for people in the civil rights movement to carry on? Join lay leader Jon Hart to explore the concept of radical hope, how it influenced the movement, and can inform our present social justice struggles.

Feb 8 - "Six Word Stories of Faith" – Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum, Minister -Rev. Cindy will share six words about her faith, and give you time to share yours – in six words only. How does the experience of summing things up in only a few words help or hinder the exploration of faith?

Feb 15 - "Faith and Doubt"– Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum, Minister -The relationship between faith and doubt is more complex than simply opposites. Rev. Cindy will explore their complex connection.

Feb 22 - "Mystical Whispers"– Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum, Minister -Does something in you or outside of you whisper, "There is more" or "Love" or "Try Again" or "Trust"? Rev. Cindy will explore the yearning for something greater, something *more*.

Calendar - February

- 1 Sunday ~~~~ Service ~ Lay Leader: Jon Hart ~ 11:00 am
- 4 Wed. Outreach/Forum Committee @ JDL ~ 5:15 pm
- 4 Wed. Board Meeting ~ 6:30 pm
- 5 Thurs. AUUW Meeting ~ 12:30 pm
- 8 Sunday ~~~~ Service ~ Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum, Minister ~ 11:00 am
- 8 Sunday Visitor's Orientation Question & Answer ~ After the Service
- 8 Sunday Caring Committee Meeting ~ After the Service
- 8 Sunday *Traveling Deliberately @ The Michigan Theater* 124 N. Mechanic Street ~ 3:00 pm
- 12 Thurs. Membership Meeting ~ 10:30 am
- 14 Sat. Family-Friendly trip to the new Sea Life Aquarium @ Auburn Hills
- 15 Sunday ~~~~ Service ~ Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum, Minister ~11:00 am
- 17 Tue. Worship Comm. ~ Meets at Members' Homes in the Evening
- 19 Thurs. JXN Community Forums "Cradle 2 Career" @ Library Carnegie ~ 6:30 pm
- 19 Thurs. Personal Care Ministry ~ @ 1st Baptist Church, 201 S. Jackson ~ 4:30-6:30 pm
- 22 Sunday ~~~~ Service ~ Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum, Minister ~ 11:00 am
- 22 Sunday The Church Buddies "Reveal Party" pizza & movie night ~ 5:00 pm

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

have time after all that, start practicing your talent for next month's talent show, which will feature local celebrities as our guest judges. We're not saying who they all are yet, because there's some big names we're still talking to!

I also want to take this space this month to remind you to give me a call! In the last couple of months there have been hospitalizations and other significant events that I've only heard of weeks later. If something significant is happening in your life where you could use some support, please call or have a family member call either me or the Caring Committee. We want to be of service to you in these times.

Peace,
Cindy

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.

Thursday, Feb. 19

Cradle 2 Career

Irene LeCrone, Cradle 2 Career Coordinator, will bring us up to date on Cradle 2 Career initiatives to address the social, financial and academic barriers to student successes from birth to career.

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