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The Bellnote Mini-News

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Minister's Column

I feel like this spring of 2015 has been shaping up to be a really special season. In March, our talent show, organized by Elissa Alden, was a huge success and great fun. The month-long theme on the 50th anniversary of Selma had some really special moments with the special display on Viola Liuzzo thanks to Rose Mary Lemming, and the tribute for Viola Liuzzo created by Representative Earl Poleski. I felt like we created an experience, thanks to many team members, that was the next best thing to being down in Selma for the 50th anniversary itself.

This month we have two big events that I'm also really excited about. The first one at the beginning of the month is our spring break science camp. Thanks to some grant funded programs of the Jackson District Library and a lot of hard work by the Religious Education committee, we'll be holding two half-days of science camp during spring break. We still need some volunteers to help be additional adults in the room, so see Sharon if you're available to help out.

The second thing I'm really excited about is the Pioneering Voices photo display. This is a groundbreaking display that can really raise the awareness of transgender issues in our community. I'm working to get the word out to LGBT student and community groups, but if you know a group that would like to have a special time at the church to view the exhibit, please contact me to schedule it!

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Sun. Services at 11:00 am ~ Theme: Revelation

Apr 5 - "Easter Sunday: Revelations" – Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum - Join us for Easter Sunday with egg hunt following the service. Rev. Cindy will talk about rolling away the stone for new beginnings and new revelations in our lives.

Apr 12 - "Jazz into Earth Day" – Lay Leader: Jon Hart - Join lay leader Jon Hart for a celebration of Earth Day and Jazz Month as the worship committee presents a service with Gary Snyder poems read by random members of the congregation, a brief homily by Jon Hart, and jazz performed by church pianist Tom Pepper and special guest musician Dave LaRowe. This service promises to be meditative, upbeat, and fun.

Apr 19 - "Life Speaking! Universe Unfolding!" – Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum, Minister - The UCC tradition has a slogan "God is still speaking." In the UU faith we say, "Revelation is not sealed." This service will explore the ways the universe is still unfolding.

Apr 26 - "Zens with a Touch of Jazz" - Lay Leader: Jon Hart - Join lay leader Jon Hart for a service celebrating the zen tone of Miles Davis's Kind of Blue. Live band the Trent Harris trio will play three key songs from the album and Jon Hart will discuss creativity and calmness through Davis's music. A celebration of creativity and Jazz month.

Calendar - April

- 1 Wed. Take a Peep at Science Spring Break STEM Camp ~ 1:00 pm - 4:45 pm
- 1 Wed. Outreach/Forum Committee @ JDL ~ 5:15 pm
- 1 Wed. Board Meeting ~ 6:30 pm
- 2 Thurs. AUUW Meeting ~ 12:30 pm
- 2 Thurs. Take a Peep at Science Spring Break STEM Camp ~ 1:00 pm - 4:45 pm
- 5 Sunday ~~~~ Service ~ Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum, Minister ~ 11:00 am
- 9 Thurs. Membership Meeting ~ 1:00 pm
- 9 Thurs. JXN Comm. Forum "Consumer Privacy" @ Library Carnegie ~ 6:30 pm
- 12 Sunday Choir Rehearsal ~ 10:15 am -10:45 am
- 12 Sunday ~~~~ Service ~ Lay Leader: Jon Hart ~ 11:00 am
- 12 Sunday Caring Committee Meeting ~ After the Service
- 14 Tue. Meet Your Neighbor Coffee ~ 9:00 - 11:00 am
- 16 Thurs. Personal Care Ministry ~ @ 1st Baptist Church, 201 S. Jackson ~ 4:30-6:30 pm
- 17-19 UU Regional Assembly ~ Marriott Hotel in Naperville, IL
- 19 Sunday ~~~~ Service ~ Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum, Minister ~11:00 am
- 19 Sunday Choir Performing during the Service
- 19 Sunday The Bellnote Newsletter ~ Submissions Due
- 21 Tue. Worship Comm. ~ Meets at Members' Homes in the Evening
- 26 Sunday ~~~~ Service ~ Lay Leader: Jon Hart ~ 11:00 am

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

Lastly, take a look at the information on our Regional Assembly. It's not too far away, and it's not too late to register! I would love to have a couple of members there with me! There will also be portions you can view online, so if you can't be there in person, you can still mark your calendars and see the best parts from home.

One more thing – the work we've started in the community of raising awareness of racism isn't done yet.

I'm going to be getting a few handfuls of "Black Lives Matter" buttons, courtesy of Rev. Gail Geisenhainer of the Ann Arbor UU church. Members of the Ann Arbor congregation have been wearing them and they've been an opening for some really powerful conversations, I'm guessing. If you would like to have a button, see me.

It's a great way to start conversations, show your commitment, and keep the issue in front of you – literally.

Namaste,

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, April 9

JXN Community Forum: Consumer Privacy

Join us at the Carnegie Library for a conversation on the growing concern for consumer privacy and protection in the ever-growing electronic age.

John Shea of the ACLU will be speaking on issues of consumer privacy, including police surveillance systems and government tracking of individuals through cell phones on **Thursday, April 9** at 6:30 p.m. in the Carnegie Library's auditorium.

Please contact Debby Sears at 517-788-4087 for more information.

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