



2015 ~ July  
**The Bellnote**

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**MINISTER'S OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday: Minister's day off  
Tuesday: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Wednesday: 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
Thursday: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Friday: Sermon-writing day,  
no office hours  
Saturday: By appointment  
Sunday: By appointment

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## Minister's Column

Dear Members & Friends,

I'm writing this column while at Portland for the UUA General Assembly and the UU Minister's Association Ministry Days. I'm aware that while I'm here, the big news will come out from the Supreme Court for the decision about marriage equality in Michigan. As something that I and our church and our association have been working for over decades, this is a pretty exciting moment, and meaningful to our church and its members. I'll be sharing a press release from here in Portland, with the wonderful and gracious volunteer help of Sharon Pedersen. With the hope that same-sex marriage will be legalized, I'm planning that if it is, I will hold a special day at the church, July 11th from 10am to 4pm (or later, if necessary) where I'll perform free weddings for any couple. Of course, I've also told the couples whose marriages I've already performed that when the day comes that they can get legally married in our state that I'll be happy to perform that service as part of the service I've already provided for them.

For me, this moment, should it happen, will mean that the conditions of the pledge I took to not sign licenses will have been fulfilled such that I will sign licenses again. Although I question whether clergy should have any process in a state system, the fact is that we do, and with the state considering limiting who can sign a license to just the clergy, it becomes even more important that I return to doing so when same-sex marriage is legalized.

I have high hopes, but if the Supreme Court should not decide to legalize same-sex marriage in our state and the others states impacted by this, we know that the fight is not over, and the effort for legalization will continue on that long arc towards justice.

In Faith,

**Cindy**

### Minister's Schedule

Cindy will be departing for General Assembly in Portland June 22, and will be there through June 28. She'll be on a combination of five weeks comprised of up to three weeks of study leave and up to three weeks of vacation from the end of General Assembly through August 2. She'll be out of town for part of that – the week following General Assembly she'll be in Washington state, returning July 4, and she'll be gone for the Southeast UU Summer Institute (SUUSI) from July 18 through July 26.

# Meetings and Events

## U.U. Church of East Liberty

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### Party Invitation

Ed Peterson will celebrate his 70th birthday with a party to benefit the Personal Care Ministry our churches share. **Thursday, July 9**, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m., Cascades Manor House. Appetizers, champagne toast, dessert, and entertainment. No gifts but donations to either the Personal Care Ministry or JACRAA (Jackson Area Civil Rights Awareness Association). RSVP Christine at 517-416-2281 or [Christine.Canning@uni.edu](mailto:Christine.Canning@uni.edu)

**Submitted by: Nena Obits**

### Marriage Equality Celebration

We're currently awaiting the Supreme Court's decision on marriage equality. If marriage equality is legalized in Michigan and licenses are issued, Rev. Cindy will open the church on **Saturday, July 11** from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm to perform free marriage ceremonies for all couples looking to get married. Anyone wanting to help by bringing flowers or cake should contact Rev. Cindy.

**Submitted by: Rev. Cindy**

### Grandma's Attic Sale

Will be from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm on **Friday, August 7** and **Saturday, August 8**.

Donations will be accepted on the following:

Sunday, August 2nd from 12:30 - 3:00 pm  
Tuesday, August 4th from 12:00 - 4:00 pm  
Wednesday, August 5th from 5:00 - 7:00 pm

If you have any questions please contact Gratia Karmes or Debbie Hartsuff. Please (see the Supplements Page for their contact information). **Submitted by: Debbie Hartsuff**

## Notes from the Board

The Board met on June 17th, and will not meet again until the first Wednesday in August. We welcomed new board members (Kerry Hart, Deb Hartsuff, Alyce Oosting, and Ann Green) and said good bye to those whose term is finished: Donna Hinton, Nena Obits, Dee Reed, and Martha Koopman.) Officer elections will be held at the next meeting. We had many accomplishments to discuss, but also must grapple with a significant shortfall in pledge income. It is hoped that by the time this is in print, most of that shortfall will be made up, by people catching up on their pledged donation for the past fiscal year. Please note that it is ALWAYS possible to fulfill your pledge, even after the start of the new fiscal year (July 1) — simply indicate on your check that it is to be applied to the 2014-15 church year. With the help of our members' generous donations, and the successful fundraisers, and the wonderful spirit of volunteerism so evident in all our activities, we are hoping for another great year at UUCEL..

### Gratia

**Submitted by: Gratia Karmes  
Board President**

### ~~ Upcoming Fund Raisers ~~

#### Grandma's Attic Sale

Friday, August 7 10:00 am to 5:00 pm  
Saturday, August 8 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

**Submitted by : The Church Board**

## **White Privilege White Responsibility**

Whites have many privileges in our society, most of them we don't typically notice. With privilege comes responsibility. This is an important concept in the work to end racism.

This summer in partnership with the Jackson District Library, JACRAA (Jackson Area Civil Rights Awareness Association) is offering three programs in a series, "White Privilege/White Responsibility." The purpose is to explore the concept of white privilege and how it covertly supports racism and discrimination. Since whites created and installed racism for economic and social advantage, and since whites support and benefit from racism (albeit unconsciously), the responsibility falls on whites to uncover what they don't see and work toward ending racism. On **July 28**, the series will present portions of the video "Color of Fear." On **August 3**, Rev. Dr. Melvin Hitchens, pastor at Community AME Church, will deconstruct the frustration of black males that is presented in the "Color of Fear." On **August 25**, discussion on the comments of white activist Tim Wise will end the series. All programs are at the Carnegie Auditorium from 6:30 – 8:45 p.m. Please consider joining us.

**Submitted by: Rev. Cindy**



## **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.

## **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, **June 18**, 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**

## **Help Wanted!**

Our church is looking for two new employees. We are looking for a pianist for 42 or 43 Sundays per year plus Christmas Eve. Our pianist position pays \$100 per Sunday. The second position is for an RE Assistant. This will be different from what Sharon did, and will be three hours per week at \$12 per hour. One hour will be helping with RE, and the other two will be support hours. If you or anyone you know is interested, please contact Rev. Cindy or a member of the board.

**Submitted by: Rev. Cindy**

## **Thank You from Nena**

I want to thank the choir members for all their work and dedication these last two years. And also a big thanks for the gift certificate.

**Submitted by: Nena Obits**

## **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**

## **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. 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 next forum will be in **September**.

**Submitted by: Outreach Committee**

## Playground

Please take a look at the new playground area in between the two buildings.

Thanks to all that took a section of the activities to make it all come together.

And a Special Thanks to Jackie Johnson for organizing this large project  
it will be well used and loved for many years to come.

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### Paper Copy Payment Due for— **“The Bellnote Newsletter”**

It's that time of year again, folks. – This is a friendly reminder to the **34 members and friends** who receive the paper copy of The Bellnote. The three Rev.'s on our list receive a copy for free; the editors will be collecting the **\$17.00 per person** for the year's expenses of printing and postage. Please give to Kathy Haynes or mail to her (See Supplement Page for more contact information) and she will mark you paid and pass the money on to the church treasurer. If you want to change over to the on-line version that is no charge, just send a message to [uucel\\_bellnote@yahoo.com](mailto:uucel_bellnote@yahoo.com) ~~ This may be your last newsletter if we do not hear from you soon. Please and thank you. **Submitted by: the Editors**

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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 EDITORS:**

“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 19. ~~~~~ SEND SUBMISSIONS TO:  
UUCEL\_BELLNOTE@YAHOO.COM OR IN WRITING TO

KATHY OR VICKI. THANK YOU –

**We want to thank;** Rev. Cindy Landrum, Gratia Karmes, Nena Obits, Debbie Hartsuff, 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

- 1st -4th Rev. Cindy will be in the state of Washington  
 Wed. Board Meeting ~ 6:30 pm ~~~~ Not meeting this month  
 2 Thurs. AUUW Meeting ~ 12:30 pm  
 5 Sunday ~~~~ Service ~ Lay Leader: TBA ~ 11:00 am  
 9 Thurs. Ed Peterson's party to benefit, Personal Care Ministry @ Cascades Manor House ~ 6:30 - 9:00 pm  
 11 Sat. Marriage Equality Celebration 10:00 am - 4:00 pm: If Marriage Equality is Legalized in MI  
 12 Sunday ~~~~ Service ~ Lay Leader: TBA ~ 11:00 am  
 14 Tue. Meet Your Neighbor Coffee ~ 9:00 - 11:00 am  
 14 Tue. Outreach/Forum Committee @ JDL ~ 5:00 pm  
 Thurs. Membership Meeting ~ 1:00 pm ~~~~ Not meeting this month  
 16 Thurs. Personal Care Ministry ~ @ 1st Baptist Church, 201 S. Jackson ~ 4:30-6:30 pm  
 18 - 26 Rev. Cindy will be at the Southeast UU Summer Institute (SUUSI)  
 19 Sunday ~~~~ Service ~ Lay Leader: TBA ~11:00 am  
 19 Sunday Caring Committee Meeting ~ After 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: TBA ~ 11:00 am  
 28 Tue. Portions of the video "Color of Fear" Carnegie Auditorium ~ 6:30 – 8:45 pm  
 28 - Aug 2 Rev. Cindy's study leave and up to three weeks of vacation

## Upcoming Events

- Aug. 3 Portions of the video "Color of Fear" Carnegie Auditorium ~ 6:30 – 8:45 pm  
 Aug. 7 Grandma's Attic Sale ~ 10:00 am to 5:00 pm  
 Aug. 8 Grandma's Attic Sale ~ 10:00 am to 5:00 pm  
 Aug. 25 Portions of the video "Color of Fear" Carnegie Auditorium ~ 6:30 – 8:45 pm

### WEEKLY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE:

Sunday	Greeter	Nursery	Ushers	Social Host	R.E. K-5
July 5	Alyce O	Vicki H	Gary T	Carole H & Yellow Team	IG
July 12	Grace M	Vicki H	Gary T	Nena O & Green Team	IG
July 19	Joan B	Vicki H	Gary T	Jane V & Blue Team	IG
July 26	Betty G	Vicki H	Gary T	Sue R & Purple Team	IG



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

*This summer we will be exploring the six "sources" in Unitarian Universalism, a document found in the UUA bylaws that speaks to the living tradition we share.*

## **July 5 - "Summer Six Sources Series, Part 2: Words and Deeds of Prophetic Women and Men"**

### **– Lay Leader: To Be Announced**

Our second source is: Words and deeds of prophetic women and men which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love.

## **July 12 - "Summer Six Sources Series, Part 3: Wisdom from the World's Religions"**

### **– Lay Leader: To Be Announced**

Our third source is: Wisdom from the world's religions which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life."

## **July 19 - "Summer Six Sources Series, Part 4: Jewish and Christian Teachings"**

### **– Lay Leader: To Be Announced**

Our fourth source is: Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves."

## **July 26 - "Summer Six Sources Series, Part 5: Humanist Teachings"**

### **– Lay Leader: To Be Announced**

Our fifth source is: Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit.

## **August 2 - "Summer Sources Series, Part 6: Spiritual Teachings of Earth - Centered Traditions"**

### **– Lay Leader: To Be Announced**

Our sixth source is: Spiritual teachings of earth centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature.

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