



### 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.

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### Calendar

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
11 Sat.	Marriage Equality Celebration 10:00 am - 4:00 pm If Marriage Equality is Legalized in Michigan
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

### Sunday Services at 11:00 am

*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 & deeds of prophetic women & men which challenge us to confront powers & 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 & spiritual life."

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

– **Lay Leader: To Be Announced** - Our fourth source is: Jewish & 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, & warn us against idolatries of the mind & spirit.

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**

## Grandma's Attic Sale

Our annual gently used items sale will be from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm on Friday, August 7 and Saturday, August 8 in the Schoolhouse next to the church and Social Hall of the Church. Come shop for great finds.

## 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 theJDL website at [www.myjdl.com](http://www.myjdl.com).

The next forum will be in September.

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