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The Bellnote Mini-News

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Minister's Column

The plight of Syrian refugees, shooting of protestors in Minneapolis, Paris bombings, new footage of the brutal shooting of Laquan McDonald in Chicago – the troubles of the world are as present as ever, or more so, this season. And perhaps, like me, you feel that even more than ever we need Christmas with its season of peace, its stillness and quietness and hope and joy. We need Christmas to come into the world again.

My favorite Christmas carol has always been "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day." The song tells of despair about peace on earth, despair in the pain of the world at war and the violence of humanity – "for hate is strong and mocks the song of peace on earth good will to all." But then the bells peal out: "the wrong shall fail, the right prevail, with peace on earth, to all goodwill." And the song ends with, "Till ringing, singing on its way, the world revolved from day to day, a voice, a chime, a chant sublime, of peace on earth, to all goodwill." The way I hear the song, it tells a story of the world going on in the face of violence, but a growing community, a growing chant, arising of peace and goodwill – the arc of the universe bending toward justice.

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Sunday Services at 11:00 am ~ Theme: Expectation

Dec 6 - "A Season of Expectation" – Rev. Dr.

Cynthia L. Landrum -Rev. Cindy explores this month's theme of Expectation. Do you remember the excitement you felt as a child as the season built and you awaited the arrival of Christmas? This service will explore the joy of anticipation.

Dec 13 - "A Charlie Brown Christmas — and

Hanukkah!" – Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum -RE Program and Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum – Our holiday pageant this year is a new take on a very special Christmas program that turns 50 this year.

Dec 20 - "Dark of Winter" -Rev. Dr. Cynthia L.

Landrum – As we near the Solstice and Christmas, this service will celebrate the stillness, darkness, and expectation.

Dec 24 - "Candlelight Christmas Eve Service" –

Rev. Cynthia L. Landrum - 7:00 pm – Join us for our traditional Christmas Eve service of singing, lighting candles, and telling the age-old story of the birth of Jesus. Bring a plate of holiday treats or snacks for the social time following.

Dec 27 - "TBA" – Lay Leader: TBA

Calendar

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| 2 Wed. | Board Meeting ~ 6:30 pm |
| 3 Thurs. | AUUW Meeting ~ 12:30 pm |
| 5 Sunday | ~~~~ Service ~ Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum, Minister ~ 11:00 am |
| 9 Wed. | Outreach/Forum Committee @ JDL ~ 2:00 pm (subject to change) |
| 10 Thurs. | Membership Meeting ~ 2:00 pm |
| 10 Thurs. | RE Committee at Carnegie Branch, Jackson Public Library ~ 4:30 pm |
| 10 Thurs. | JXN Forum ~ "EMBRIDGE LINE 5" @ JDL, 244 West Michigan Ave. ~ 6:30-8:30 |
| 13 Sunday | Holiday Gift Baskets Silent Auction ~ end at 11:00 am |
| 13 Sunday | ~~~~ Service ~ Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum, Minister ~ 11:00 am |
| 13 Sunday | Holiday Pageant and Santa's Workshop |
| 13 Sunday | Caring Committee Meeting ~ After the Service |
| 15 Tue. | Meet Your Neighbor Coffee ~ 9:00 - 11:00 am |
| 17 Thurs. | Personal Care Ministry ~ @ 1st Baptist Church, 201 S. Jackson ~ 4:30-6:30 pm |
| 20 Sunday | ~~~~ Service ~Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum, Minister ~ 11:00 am |
| 20 Sunday | The Bellnote Newsletter ~ Submissions Due |
| 22 Tue. | Worship Comm. ~ Meets at Members' Homes in the Evening |
| 24 Thurs. | ~~~~ Christmas Eve Service ~ Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum, Minister ~ 7:00 pm |
| 25 Fri. | Christmas Day |
| 27 Sunday | ~~~~ Service ~ Lay Leader: TBA ~ 11:00 am |

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