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The Bellnote Mini-News

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Minister's Column

Ever since I started using the theme-based worship materials and joined the theme group "Soul Matters," there have been some themes I've been unsure about and others that I really looked forward to. This month's theme, "Creation," falls in the latter category. There's so much about "Creation" to talk about, using the meaning of creation of creating something, like art, and the definition of Creation as in "God's creation" — meaning the earth. This month's worship subjects play with both meanings of the theme.

In the last few months, I've let my own attention to my spiritual practice of creativity slide. Two or three times this year I've tried to hold art and spirituality classes at our church only to get cancelled for lack of sign-up, weather, or illness. Accordingly, I'm not scheduling one this month, but dedicating myself to renewing my own spiritual practice. I invite you to do likewise! In fact, I'll be preaching on it, and I invite you to bring art or craft projects to do in the sanctuary during the service. Please avoid clay and messy paints and glue, but draw or color, knit or crochet or sew, or do other quiet art or craft projects while you worship this

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Sunday Services at 11:00 am ~ Theme: Creation

April 3 - "Art, Creation, and the Spirit"

- **Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum** - New studies are showing that artistic practices are good for the psyche and the spirit. This service will explore the wonder of art.

April 10 - "Spring into Jazz"

- **Lay Leader: Jon Hart** - An exploration of spring through the jazz of the Ramsey Lewis Trio, Buddhist poetry, and imagery led by lay leader Jon Hart.

April 17 - "Earth Day: Climate Justice"

- **Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum** - This service will explore how climate change is related to other justice issues, such as race and class.

April 24 - "Creation"

- **Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum** - An exploration of this month's theme of creation.

Calendar

3/30 Wed.	Board Meeting ~ 6:30 pm
3 Sunday	~~~~ Service ~ Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum, Minister: ~ 11:00 am
6 Wed.	Outreach/Forum Committee @ JDL ~ 1:30 pm
6 Wed.	Have Dinner @ In Good Company, UUCEL Gets 15% of the Totals ~ 4:00 - 9:00 pm
7 Thurs.	AUUW Meeting ~ 12:30 pm
10 Sunday	~~~~ Service ~ Lay Leader: Jon Hart ~ 11:00 am
10 Sunday	Adult RE Presentations on Health "Meditation - Does it Work? Yes!" 12:30 -1:00 pm
10 Sunday	Caring Committee Meeting ~ After the Service
12 Tue.	Meet Your Neighbor Coffee ~ 9:00 - 11:00 am
14 Thurs.	RE Committee at Carnegie Branch, Jackson Public Library ~ 7:00 pm
17 Sunday	~~~~ Service ~ Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum, Minister ~ 11:00 am
17 Sunday	Adult RE Presentations on Health "Relationships" 12:30 -1:00 pm
17 Sunday	The Bellnote Newsletter ~ Submissions Due
19 Tue.	Worship Comm. ~ Meets at Members' Homes in the Evening
21 Thurs.	Membership Meeting ~ 2:00 pm
21 Thurs.	Personal Care Ministry ~ @ 1st Baptist Church, 201 S. Jackson ~ 4:30-6:30 pm
21 Thurs.	JXN Forum ~ "Water, Water, Everywhere" @ JDL, ~ 6:30-8:30
24 Sunday	~~~~ Service ~ Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum, Minister ~ 11:00 am

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Rev. Cindy's Column Continued...

month. You may find your spirit connecting to the worship in a new way as you open yourself up to creativity! And while I specifically invite you to explore worship in this way this month, any time you find that quiet crafts or arts enhance your worship experience, feel free to engage in them!

Meanwhile, we have some wonderful new workshops on Sundays after church this month, organized by our member Steve Kish. Read on in this newsletter for more information.

In the Spirit,

Rev. 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. 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 21 ~ 6:30 pm

“Water, Water, Everywhere”

Todd Knepper, Director of the City of Jackson Department of Public Works will talk about our local water system. Randy Block, Director of the Michigan Unitarian Universalist Social Justice Network, will talk about several laws currently proposed in our Michigan legislature regarding water.

Adult RE Presentations on Health

This month we are pleased to offer the first presentations in a series which will occur over the next several months on health. These presentations are being coordinated by Steve Kish and will include presentations by both members and guests. Each session will be held after our church service starting approximately at 12:30 -12:45, and lasting about a half hour.

April 10 – “Meditation- Does it Work? Yes!” with Dee Reed ~~ A discussion of the methods, the advantages, and the possible results of meditation. Dee Reed has practiced meditation daily since the early 1970's

April 17 – “Relationships” with Dee Reed ~~ The meaning of emotional health in terms of relationships with others. Dee Reed was a licensed psychologist with many years of practice.

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