



2016 ~ 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

I'm currently preparing to depart for the Unitarian Universalist Association General Assembly, and I wish I could bring all of you with me. Last year I was there at the "GA" as we learned that the Supreme Court had ruled in favor of marriage equality. What an amazing thing it was to celebrate with thousands of other Unitarian Universalists! The feeling of being surrounded by people who share your values, and share your faith, and share your joy is something that can't be experienced almost anywhere else for me.

This year, as Unitarian Universalists pack their bags all across the country, we're mourning the deaths in Orlando, and so it will be a very different experience as we gather in beloved community again, because so many people are experiencing a deep, deep sorrow, and sometimes fear, rage, and a host of other emotions, about what is the largest mass shooting in modern America.

I can't bring you all to General Assembly, unfortunately. But I can tell you to mark your calendars now for August 14th. On that Sunday, we're organizing a worship service in the park. This will be a combined service with St. John's United Church of Christ and First Congregational Church of Jackson, and we will be celebrating together as religious liberals who have churches that welcome gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people. It's a chance to build that beloved community across denominational lines, and to experience the power of knowing that those who stand on the side of love are more than just those in our four walls. Jackson PFLAG has been invited to join us, as well. And we're having a potluck picnic after the service that we're inviting other churches to join who are on the path to becoming welcoming and affirming. In July, we may be working on some special music for the event, so stay tuned for information about that.

Peace,

Rev. Cindy

Notes from the Board

The board did not meet in June, so please watch for the next report in the August Bellnote's issue after the July meeting.

Gratia

**Submitted by: Gratia Karmes
Board President**

Minister's Schedule:

Cindy is on vacation and study leave for the month of July. She can be contacted in case of pastoral emergency at her home number.

~~ Upcoming Fund Raisers ~~

Annual Attic Sale ~ Sept 16 and 17

Submitted by : The Church Board



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 as chair.

Submitted by: Jane Volk

Meetings and Events

U.U. Church of East Liberty

Gramma's Attic Sale

The Annual Gramma's Attic Sale will be held on **Friday, September 16** and **Saturday, September 17**. More information will be in next month's Bellnote newsletter. Gratia Karmes will be the chair of this large fundraiser. If you are able to help in any way, please let Gratia know as soon as possible as plans are getting under way. The Gramma's Attic Sale is our name for a large yard sale held inside and outside the schoolhouse next to the church. Save the dates and clean your closets and or attics. Thanks

Submitted by: Gratia Karmes

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 W. 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...

JXN Community Forum is taking the summer off. In September we will be co-sponsoring two local/state Candidate's Forums with the Jackson League of Women Voters. Watch for information in August..

Submitted by: Outreach Committee

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, **July 21** from 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 Supplement Page for more contact information.

Submitted by: Nena Obits

AMERICAN RED CROSS – Home Fire Prevention Campaign

Purpose: A nation-wide study was done that indicated Jackson area zip codes 49201 and 49203 were among the highest in reports of fire-related injuries and death. The goal of this campaign is to reduce fire injuries and deaths by 25% by the end of the five year campaign, 2019.

The local office of the AMERICAN RED CROSS, along with several community partners, has expanded the service area to include any persons in need of working smoke detectors in Jackson and Hillsdale counties. We will install up to three smoke detectors per family or household at NO COST TO THE CLIENT. Also there are no qualifying criteria (income, age, number of people in the home, ect), only that you live in Jackson or Hillsdale county. We can give you 10-year smoke detectors, up to 3 per household. We must also install them, at no charge. The average life of a smoke detector is 10 years, so if you can't remember when your smoke detectors were installed, you probably need new ones. Spread the word to your family, friends and neighbors. This campaign is ongoing through 2019 across the whole U.S.A.

To sign up for the free detector program, call the local AMERICAN RED CROSS office MONDAY - THURSDAY 9:00am - 4:00pm at [517-782-9486](tel:517-782-9486) or [517-480-4079](tel:517-480-4079), or contact Debbie Hartsuff at church, an AMERICAN RED CROSS VOLUNTEER, to schedule an appointment for installation.

Submitted by: Debbie Hartsuff

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•	Church Website	http://www.libertyuu.org
•	The Bellnote Newsletter	http://www.libertyuu.org/newsletter.html
•	Church's facebook page	http://www.facebook.com/libertyuu
•	Forum facebook page	http://www.facebook.com/JXNCommunityForum
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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 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 JULY ISSUE, INFORMATION IS NEEDED BY: SUNDAY, JUNE 19. ~~~~~ SEND SUBMISSIONS TO: UUCEL_BELLNOTE@YAHOO.COM OR IN WRITING TO

KATHY OR VICKI, THANK YOU –

WE WANT TO THANK; REV. CINDY LANDRUM, JON HART, NENA OBITS, JANE VOLK, GRATIA KARMES, DEBBIE HARTSUFF, 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

- 3 Sunday ~~~~ Service ~ Lay Leader: Nancy Smith & Peg Beison ~ 11:00 am
- 6 Wed. Board Meeting ~ 6:30 pm
- 7 Thurs. AUUW Meeting ~ 12:30 pm
- 10 Sunday ~~~~ Service ~ Lay Leader: TBA ~ 11:00 am
- 10 Sunday Caring Committee Meeting ~ After the Service
- 12 Tue. Meet Your Neighbor Coffee ~ 9:00 - 11:00 am
- 17 Sunday ~~~~ Service ~ Lay Leader: Anita Pepper ~ 11:00 am
- 19 Tue. Worship Comm. ~ Meets at Members' Homes in the Evening
- 21 Thurs. Membership Meeting ~ 2:00 pm--- Not meeting this Month
- 21 Thurs. Personal Care Ministry ~ @ 1st Baptist Church, 201 S. Jackson ~ 4:30-6:30 pm
- 24 Sunday ~~~~ Service ~ Lay Leader: Ann Green ~ 11:00 am
- 24 Sunday The Bellnote Newsletter ~ Submissions Due
- 27 Wed. Outreach/Forum Committee @ JDL ~ 1:00 pm
- 31 Sunday ~~~~ Service ~ Lay Leader: Ann Green ~ 11:00 am

Upcoming Events

- Church Picnic ~ August 7
- Worship Service in the Park with St. John's United and First Congregational ~ August 14
- Attic Sale ~ Sept 16
- Attic Sale ~ Sept 17

Sunday	Greeter	Nursery	Ushers	Social Host	R.E. K-5	R.E. Youth
Jul 3	Alyce O	Vicki H & Kathy H	____ & ____	Vic M & Lime #9 Team		IG
Jul 10	Grace M	Vicki H & Gratia K	____ & ____	Jane V & Blue #5 Team		IG
Jul 17	Joan B	Vicki H & Joan B	____ & ____	Kerry H & Coral #2 Team		IG
Jul 24	Betty G	Vicki H & Nena O	____ & ____	Carole H & Yellow #3 Team		IG
Jul 31	Carole H	Vicki H & Cecily S	____ & ____	Nena O & Green #4 Team		IG

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

July Theme: Prophetic Men and Women of UU History Series

July 3 - "The Trying Times of Thomas Paine"

– Lay Leader: Nancy Smith & Peg Beison

Independence Day is an appropriate time to reflect on the Father of the American Revolution, Thomas Paine, and his ideas about government, individual rights and religion.

July 10 - "Caroline Bartlett Crain/Clarence Pershall Skinner"

– Lay Leader: TBA

July 17 - "Sophia Lyons Fahs/Kenneth Patton"

– Lay Leader: Anita Pepper

July 24 - "The Story of the Liberty Church"

– Lay Leader: Ann Green along with members of the congregation

July 31 - "Artist's Sunday"

– Lay Leader: Ann Green

Join Ann Green for a celebration of the arts. UUCEL welcomes artist of all genres to share their images and words during this service.

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