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The Bellnote Mini-News

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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.

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Sunday Services at 11:00 am ~ 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.

Calendar

- 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

Rev. Cindy's Column Continued...

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 that 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.

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

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..

Gramma's Attic Sale

The Annual Gramma's Attic Sale will be held on Friday, **September 16** and Saturday the **17**. More information will be in next month's Bellnote newsletter. Gratia Karmes will be the chair of this large fundraiser. The Gramma's Attic Sale is our name for a large yard sale held inside and outside the schoolhouse next to the church.

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