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The Bellnote Mini-News

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Minister's Column

This month we're doing something I've never done in my time here at East Liberty – we're joining together with other churches for worship! On August 14th we'll be worshipping in the park along with the two other churches in our area that are welcoming and affirming of LGBT members. This summer began with a brutal shooting of LGBT people in the Pulse nightclub in Orlando. Later in June, the Unitarian Universalist Association was picketed by the Westboro Baptist Church for our welcoming stance. In July I travelled to North Carolina for summer camp, a state that has made news this year for its regressive bathroom policies for transgender people. While a year ago we were celebrating marriage equality, this summer has shown us that the work is not done. While there's much work to be done, however, this service will be a celebratory service full of love and music. Make sure to note the location and the time, since it'll start earlier than our usual services.

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Sunday Services at 11:00 am

Aug 7 - "Water Communion" - Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum - Bring waters from your summer or year's travels as we celebrate the annual gathering of the waters of life.

Aug 14 - "Love Is Love Is Love" - Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum Rev. Kerry Taylor-Snyder & Rev. Patti Kenney - Join us for a special worship service in the park at 10:30 at Cascades Park Picnic Shelter as our three congregations, UUCEL and St. Johns UCC and First Congregational UCC, come together to celebrate the call of our faiths to welcome and affirm all people..

Aug 21 - "EDS - Lay Leader: Chris Bernstein
 This is Chris's story about her genetic condition Ehlers Danlos Syndrome (pronounced AY-lerz DAN-lowz) also known as EDS. Many of you have wondered about her absence from church and why she needs all these surgeries. Chris will share with us her struggles, accomplishments plus why she wears all her crazy braces.

Aug 28 - "Extending Empathy & Blessing the Backpacks" - Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum – Jeremy Rifkin says, "Empathy is the opposite of utopia." In this dystopic and divided world, how do we cultivate empathy? How do we extend our empathy? This service will include a blessing of the backpacks as our children return to school.

Calendar

- 3 Wed. Board Meeting ~ 6:30 pm
- 4 Thurs. AUUW Meeting ~ 12:30 pm
- 7 Sunday ~~~~ Service ~ Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum ~ 11:00 am
- 7 Sunday Church Picnic ~ After the Service
- 9 Tue. Meet Your Neighbor Coffee ~ 9:00 - 11:00 am
- 14 Sunday Service is at Cascades Park Picnic Shelter today ~ 10:30 am
- 14 Sunday Caring Committee Meeting ~ After the Service
- 16 Tue. Worship Comm. ~ Meets at Members' Homes in the Evening
- ?? Thurs. Membership Meeting ~ 2:00 pm- The date will get changed
- 18 Thurs. Personal Care Ministry ~ @ 1st Baptist Church, 201 S. Jackson ~ 4:30-6:30 pm
- 21 Sunday ~~~~ Service ~ Lay Leader: Chris Bernstein ~ 11:00 am
- 21 Sunday ~~~~ Service ~ Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum ~ 11:00 am
- 28 Sunday The Bellnote Newsletter ~ Submissions Due
- ?? Wed. Outreach/Forum Committee @ JDL ~ 1:00 pm

Upcoming Events

- Attic Sale ~ Sept 15 ~ 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
- Attic Sale ~ Sept 16 ~ 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
- Attic Sale ~ Sept 17 ~ 9:00 am - 12:00 noon

Rev. Cindy's Column Continued...

I hope you've had a good summer. As I said, I've just returned from a week of UU camp in North Carolina. While I was there I got to meet with all three of the candidates for UUA president: Alison Miller, Susan Frederick-Gray, and Jeanne Pupke. All three are exciting, dynamic ministers with a great vision for our future. They each led a worship service, and there was a candidate's forum with the three of them, as well. While at camp I did arts and crafts, games, and singing, and it was refreshing for my soul. And I worked in the "artisan's bazaar" selling my Zentangle drawings and the beautiful works of other UU artists. Most importantly, I made new friends and connected with old friends. I hope you've found a way to refresh over the summer as well and connect with important people in your lives.

Namaste,

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 month of August off. In September we will be co-sponsoring, along with the Jackson League of Women Voters, two Forums. The first one is on **September 15**: with the topic about "Local offices, including contested County Commission seats, Prosecutor and Treasurer." Then on **September 29**: it will be the "Candidate forum for 7th Congressional Seat, State House 64th and 65th seats".

Gramma's Attic Sale

The Annual Gramma's Attic Sale will be held on **Thursday, September 15, Friday, September 16 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and Saturday the 17 from 9:00 to noon**. Gratia Karmes will be the chair of this large fundraiser. The Gramma's Attic Sale is our name for a large yard sale held in the social hall and also inside and outside the schoolhouse next to the church.

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