



# 2017 ~ April

## The Bellnote Mini-News

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### Minister's Column

Life never goes exactly as planned. The good news was that I had planned very little for my sabbatical period in order to truly refresh myself. And I did indeed find time to relax, refresh, and renew. The negative part of sabbatical was twofold: (1) I spent about half of it sick from colds & the flu, and (2) I was away from all of you while some really amazing things were happening in our church and community! But it was good to have the time to focus on family transition; since it happened that during the sabbatical our family size shrank back down to the 3 we were before. This was a good & healthy transition, but I'm prohibited from saying much more in a public forum like this.

One of my goals of sabbatical was to spend some time taking some courses on nonprofit management. Seminary teaches many things – theology, pastoral care, Bible, world religions, church and denominational history, preach – but my seminary experience gave short shrift to the fundamentals of nonprofit management. I had planned to take eight six-hour classes (online), and at this point I've completed five and a half of them: Strategic Management, Resource Development, Board Governance, Social Entrepreneurship, Volunteer Management, and I'm halfway through the class on Marketing. Remaining are Mission-Based Management and Strategic Alliances. You don't

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### Sunday Services at 11:00 am

**Apr 2 - "Family Ancestors, Spiritual Ancestors" – Lynne Loftis and Diana Agy** - Lynne, former Executive Director of Ella Sharp Museum, and Diana, Maher Endowed Chair for Regional History at Jackson College, share their findings about pioneers of Liberty Township that they and their students have been researching.

**Apr 9 - "The Heart of Our Faith" — Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum** – Rev. Cindy returns from sabbatical with a service where we explore what she – and our congregation – have learned about who we are as minister and congregation, as Unitarian Universalists and as citizens in this place.

**Apr 16 - "Winter to Spring Again" — Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum** - The story of Easter is a story of life after death, a story of winter turning to spring. Join us on Easter Sunday as we connect the age-old story to our lives. And join us after the service for an Egg Hunt!

**April 23 - "Remembrance & Resistance" — Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum** - On the eve of Yom Hashoah, the Holocaust Memorial Day, our service will talk about acts of resistance to oppression from WWII to the present day.

**Apr 30 - "This Church is Bigger Than Us: JXN Forum, Then and Now" — Marge Duane** - As UUCEL sponsorship of the JXN Forum draws to a close, reflections on history and meaning.

### Calendar

- 2 Sunday ~~~~ Service ~ Lynne Loftis and Diana Agy ~ 11:00 am
- 5 Wed. Board Meeting ~ 6:30 pm
- 6 Thurs. AUUW Meeting ~ 12:30 pm
- 9 Sunday ~~~~ Service ~ Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum ~ 11:00 am
- 9 Sunday Potluck Dinner after the Service
- 9 Sunday Caring Committee Meeting ~ After the Service
- 11 Tue. Meet Your Neighbor Coffee ~ 9:00 - 11:00 am
- 11 Tue. RE Meeting ~ 6:30 pm @ Carnegie Library
- Membership Meeting ~ Will meet as needed on Sunday's
- 13 Thurs. Outreach Committee ~ Jackson District Library 2:30 pm
- 16 Sunday ~~~~ Service ~ Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum ~ 11:00 am
- 16 Sunday Rental ~ Hartsuff Family Dinner ~ 1:00 pm
- 20 Thurs. JXN Comm. Forum ~ "WW I & America: America's Place in the World" ~ 6:30 pm @ JDL
- 20 Thurs. Personal Care Ministry ~ @ 1st Baptist Church, 201 S. Jackson ~ 4:30-6:30 pm
- 23 Sunday The Bellnote Newsletter ~ Submissions Due
- 23 Sunday ~~~~ Service ~ Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum ~ 11:00 am
- 30 Sunday ~~~~ Service ~ Marge Duane ~ 11:00 am

## 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](http://www.myjdl.com)

### “World War I & America: America’s Place in the World” April 20th, the 3rd Thursday

To commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United States entry in World War I, the JXN Community Forum will host a panel discussion on Woodrow Wilson and the continuing impact of his policies in foreign affairs and military engagements. “Woodrow Wilson was one of the most influential Presidents and thinkers in American history. Besides his several legislative achievements at home, Wilson both inspired and frustrated Americans with his vision of the United States as a global power. Our roundtable will consider the political, economic and religious roots of Wilson’s new world order, its reception and impact in his time, and its continuing meaning for today.” Prof. Mark Edwards and Prof. Mark Correll from Spring Arbor University will be joined by SAU students in the discussion. This forum is co-sponsored by Ella Sharp Museum, Spring Arbor University, Jackson College Veteran Resource Center, League of Women Voters and UUCEL

## Rev. Cindy’s Column Continued...

learn everything about a subject in a six-hour course, but I am finding some useful tips and techniques in these areas.

Speaking of Strategic Alliances, I believe they’re the way of the future. We’re doing good work already partnering with Arbor Grove Congregational on youth groups and working with numerous other congregations on social justice and mission work. But there’s lots more that can be done. To learn more about this concept, I encourage you to come to this year’s Regional Assembly! The RA is in the Chicago area at the end of April .

As good as it was to have time for renewal; I’m very much looking forward to returning to church work. There is so much happening in our community right now, and I look forward to talking with you about ideas and priorities.

Peace,

**Rev. Cindy**

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