



2017 ~ August

The Bellnote

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

Hi UUCEL Members and Friends,

Some of you may have noticed that a few years ago I moved our annual "Water Communion" service from September to August. This year I'm moving it back to our homecoming and ingathering service the Sunday after Labor Day. So continue to gather waters from your homes or travels, and we'll celebrate our coming together again and the beginning of the year in September, along with a "Blessing of the Backpacks."

I've missed you all this past month. July for me is about planning our year, and we've done a lot of planning. I've been using themes for our months for the last few years, and this year we're carrying the themes over to RE, as well. We have a lot of transition going on in RE, with some K-5 and youth teachers leaving and other new ones coming in, and with transition on the committee as well. A special thank you goes out to Jackie Johnson as she leaves the role of RE committee chair, and to Nancy Smith and Elizabeth Walker for picking up the reins and co-chairing the committee this year. We're still looking for teachers for our program this year — we need one more K-5 teacher, one more youth teacher, and one more monthly nursery volunteer. If you think this might be you, you might want to check out our RE Question and Answer session. Details about that can be found on page 2.

I also haven't had a chance yet to tell you all about General Assembly this year. One of the Sundays in August or September you'll find a surprise in the social hall. I've brought back materials from the exhibit hall, and our social hall will become a mini exhibit hall for the day. I'm not telling you when, so that's the surprise component.

Lastly, please look for the information on the "Love Is Love Is Love" service on page 3. Last year we had the service in lieu of a morning service at the church, but this year we have moved it to the afternoon so we can celebrate with more people and make the service more interfaith. So please join me in the park the afternoon of **August 6** for what promises to be truly special event. The first annual Jackson Pride celebration is that weekend, as well, with events mostly on Saturday, August 5. All are welcome! The Pride Center is still looking for volunteers. If you're interested in helping, call over to St. John's United Church of Christ, and contact Nikki Joly.

I'm looking forward to being back in the pulpit and seeing you soon!
Peace,

Rev. Cindy

Notes from the Board

The board met (Alyce Oosting, Elissa Alden, Tom Pepper and Gratia Karmes) with Cindy joining us for some parts of the discussion. Tom assumed the duties of Secretary. We'd like to thank Deb Hartsuff for her term of service in that capacity, and welcome Tom to that position. We reviewed the results of a survey of members regarding areas of interest for Worship Committee. You may still be contacted by someone about this important effort to determine what topics you would like to see covered in upcoming services. We are so happy that some of these services are now available to view on the web; many thanks to all who make that possible. Please check us out at www.libertyuu.org/worship/past-worship-services/

Gratia

**Submitted by: Gratia Karmes
Board President**



Our Closing Song

Go now and live your religion.
Its truth reflect in all you do.
Go, may love's presence ever guide you.
Live the good life the whole day through.

Notes from Religious Education

The R.E. Committee met on July 18th. Jackie Johnson resigned as chair — thank you Jackie for all your hard work! Elizabeth Walker and Nancy Smith will now serve as co-chairs. We also welcomed a new member to the committee, Kris McKinney. We looked at our new curricula for K-5 and Youth. Many of you have been contacted about volunteering to teach classes and we thank you if you've responded already and especially if you've said "yes"! For K-5, our idea to change things up this year is to try to get the same team (or at least the same lead teacher) for an entire month's lessons. Each month will have its own theme (September's theme is "Welcome"), so we think keeping the same teacher(s) for the month (usually 2-3 Sundays) will add an element of continuity and consistency for our little ones. For our Youth (teens), we expect to run lessons for them on 2 Sundays per month. We will soon distribute a survey of sorts to our volunteers asking you to try to commit to specific months (if you are teaching K-5). So get out your calendars and be ready! Also, we are planning an informal Q&A session for our incoming teachers on **Sunday August 20th**, after the church service. If you will be a new teacher or just want clarifications and updates, we hope you can attend. Finally, if you have any craft supplies at home that you want to be rid of, we can use markers, pencils, and paper of any variety.

**Submitted by: Nancy Smith,
co-Chair R.E. Committee**



An Over the Rainbow
Celebration of
Our Diverse Community

Sunday, August 6, 2017
4:00 p.m.

Picnic to follow

Follow the yellow brick road to:
Horace Blackman Park

(212 W. Michigan Ave.)

Meetings and Events

U.U. Church of East Liberty

Personal Care Ministry News

Final Clearance Summer Bling Sale, **August 25** concurrent with the Cruise Night activity, First Congregational Church lower hall.

Personal Care is engaged in on-going fund-raising to support the ministry. The June Bling Sale was successful. The upcoming sale is to sell out last year's bling so the November Bling Sale will have all new merchandise. (We will be asking for new donations in the fall.)

Westminster developed the Personal Care Ministry and has been the financial agent since its inception. Westminster personnel have managed the Board and the Ministry's operations. Westminster and its personnel are retiring in 2018. The Personal Care Board is now working on finding a church and persons willing to take on the management of the Ministry. Persons interested in taking on any part of this work, talk to Ed or Christine Peterson for more information or you can speak with Nena Obits.

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, **August 17** 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 her contact information. ~~ Here is how you can help, by writing a Check made out to Westminster Presbyterian Church, with the words "For Personal Care" written on the memo line. This can be mailed to Westminster Presbyterian Church 2301 Ridgeway Road, Jackson, MI 49203, or handed to Nena Obits. Please note that there are a few other churches involved in the Personal Care Ministry and this church handles the money part.

Submitted by: Nena Obits

The Four Noble Truths

This course introduces Buddha's revolutionary message that suffering can come to an end through one's own efforts. Following Gelek Rimpoche's transcript Four Noble Truths participants rely on readings, discussion and meditation.

This is for 8 weeks on Monday's:

from 7:00 to 8:30 pm starting

Monday, October 2 and go through **Monday, November 20**. They will be held in the UU Church of East Liberty School House. You can register by calling 734-994-3387 ext. 224. \$80/Jewel Heart members free. This is information from Hartmut Sagolla, Jewel Heart Programs. **Submitted by: Nena Obits**

New Directories

The new Directories are complete now and ready for purchase. We have two styles of Directories, the color copy for \$14.00 (have 8 not spoken for) and the black & white copy for \$5.00 (have 3 not spoken for). Both styles are full of photos, names, addresses, e-mail addresses, phone numbers and mobile phone numbers of members and friends along with some noteworthy historical figures. These books are in the social hall ready for you.

Submitted by: Kathy Haynes

Yoga

Robin will be having yoga sessions **Monday, July 31st** and **Monday, August 7** at 10:00 am this event takes place in the schoolhouse. The dates for September yoga will be announced later. Thank you!

Submitted by: Robin Wormser

Tibetan Meditation Classes

Will be offered by Jewel Heart Jackson, who are renting the UUCEL's Schoolhouse. PRESENTED BY JEWEL HEART JACKSON MEDITATION COURSE. Mind-fulness and Loving Kindness Meditation provides a clear stable mind, necessary for a happy life and foundation for deepening our spiritual journey. This course offers hands on experience with the basic elements of meditation, using breath, posture and techniques for coping with distractions and laxity of the mind as well as cultivating loving kindness for oneself.

White Tara Meditation on, **Wednesdays** **October 11, November 15 and December 13.** held at The Universalist Unitarian Church of East Liberty 2231 Jefferson Rd, Clarklake, MI 49234 This course is FREE to the PUBLIC.

For more information and to register, phone 734-239-5985, or email: jackson@jewelheart.org. Our website is <https://www.jewelheart.org/chapters/jackson>. Our Facebook Page is Jewelheart Jackson. (If you are unable to afford a fee, please speak with registration about partial or full scholarships.) **Submitted by: Nena Obits** Nena is their contact person from the church. There will be flyers at church that give more information if you want to see more about it.



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. Please Note: contact Debbie Hartsuff instead of Jane Volk now through Oct 1st if you need the help of the caring committee. You can see Debbie's information on the Supplement page.

Submitted by: Jane Volk

Please check the corkboard in the kitchen for the newest updated Social Hour Host Grouping List. This new list started in July. Thank You.

JXN Community Forums

The JXN Community Forum takes the summer off. Although our congregation will no longer be a co-sponsor of the Forum, it will continue at the Carnegie Branch Library. It will start up again in September and we will keep you informed about topics. **Submitted by: Marge Duane**

~Upcoming Fund Raisers ~

From: The Board

Paper copy payment due for— “The Bellnote”

It's that time of year again, folks. – This is a friendly reminder to the **29 members and friends** who receive the paper copy of The Bellnote. The three Rev.’s on our list receive a copy for free; the editors will be collecting the **\$17.00 per person** for the year’s expenses of printing and postage. The church year is from July 2017- June 2018. Please give to Kathy Haynes or mail to her (See Supplement Page for more contact information) and she will mark you paid and pass the money on to the church treasurer.

If you want to change over to the on-line version that is no charge, just send a message to uucel_bellnote@yahoo.com ---- this may be your last newsletter if we do not hear from you soon.
Thank you.

Submitted by: the Editors

Church Website
The Bellnote Newsletter
Church’s facebook page
Forum facebook page

<http://www.libertyuu.org>
<http://www.libertyuu.org/newsletter.html>
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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 **September** ISSUE, INFORMATION IS NEEDED BY: **SUNDAY, August 20.** ~~~~~ SEND SUBMISSIONS TO: UUCEL_BELLNOTE@YAHOO.COM OR IN WRITING TO KATHY OR VICKI, THANK YOU –

WE WANT TO THANK; REV. CINDY LANDRUM, ELISSA ALDEN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COMM., WORSHIP COMM., NENA OBITS, JANE VOLK, MARGE DUANE, ROBIN WORMSER, CARING COMM. AND MEMBERSHIP COMM. FOR THEIR NEWS ITEMS THIS MONTH.

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.



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

August's UUCEL Calendar

All events are at the church, unless otherwise noted



- 2 Wed. Board Meeting ~ 6:00 pm @ Elissa home
3 Thurs. AUUW Meeting ~ 12:30 pm
6 Sunday ~~~~ Service ~ Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum ~ 11:00 am
6 Sunday Love is Love is Love ~ @ Horace Blackman Park, 212 W. Michigan Ave. ~ 4:00 pm
8 Tue. Meet Your Neighbor Coffee ~ 9:00 - 11:00 am
9 Wed. Membership Meeting ~ @JDL ~ 6:30 pm
13 Sunday ~~~~ Service ~ Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum ~ 11:00 am
13 Sunday Caring Committee Meeting ~ After the Service
15 Tue. R.E. Meeting ~ 5:30 pm
17 Thurs. Personal Care Ministry ~ @ 1st Baptist Church, 201 S. Jackson ~ 4:30-6:30 pm
20 Sunday ~~~~ Service ~ Lay Leader ~ 11:00 am
20 Sunday Informal Q&A session for our incoming R.E. Teachers ~ After the church service
20 Sunday The Bellnote Newsletter ~ Submissions Due
25 Fri. Final Clearance Summer Bling Sale ~ Cruise Night @ First Congregational Church
27 Sunday ~~~~ Service ~ Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum ~ 11:00 am

Upcoming Events

Weekly Volunteer Schedule

Sunday, Aug 6 ~~~ Greeter, Alyce O ~~~ Nursery Helper, Kathy H ~~~ Usher, Paul J ~~~ Social Hour Host, Nena O & Team # 3 ~~~ R.E. K-5 Intergenerational ~~~ R.E. Youth Intergenerational

Sunday, Aug 13 ~~~ Greeter, Grace M ~~~ Nursery Helper, Open ~~~ Usher, Paul J ~~~ Social Hour Host, Jane V & Team # 4 ~~~ R.E. K-5, Intergenerational ~~~ R.E. Youth, Intergenerational ~~~

Sunday, Aug 20 ~~~ Greeter, Joan B ~~~ Nursery Helper, Joan B ~~~ Usher, Paul J ~~~ Social Hour Host, Sue R & Team # 5 ~~~ R.E. K-5 Intergenerational ~~~ R.E. Youth Intergenerational

Sunday, Aug 27 ~~~ Greeter, Betty G ~~~ Nursery Helper, Nena O ~~~ Usher, Paul J ~~~ Social Hour Host, Joan B & Team # 6 ~~~ R.E. K-5 ~~~ Intergenerational ~~~ R.E. Youth Intergenerational

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

August 6 - "The Wizard of Oz"

Morning ~ 11:00 am, Lessons from the Tin Man, Scarecrow, and Lion.

— Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

4:00 pm in the park ~ Leading into the afternoon "Love Is Love Is Love" service, Rev. Cindy will examine *The Wizard of Oz* and what it teaches us about wholeness and love. This is the 2nd Annual Love Is Love Is Love Service — see page 3 for details.

August 13 - "Chaos and Order Muppets"

— Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Many religions teach us about the balance between order and chaos. Rev. Cindy will talk about how we balance these in our lives and the world through the examples of Muppets.

August 20 - "Artist Sunday"

This is Artist Sunday, please plan to bring your artistic expressions to share, whether you create in words, pictures, music, song, dance, glass, fabric, or any other medium.

August 27 - "Winnie-the-Pooh and Personality Types"

— Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Rev. Cindy looks at different personality types through the characters from *Winnie the Pooh*.

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