



Sunday Services at 11:00 am

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.

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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.

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*.

Calendar

- 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
- 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

Rev. Cindy's Column Continued...

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

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.

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