



2018 ~ February

The Bellnote Mini-News

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Minister's Column

This month we're engaging in the work of anti-racism in a serious way through two unique programs created within Unitarian Universalism. Cheri Taylor says on the UUA webpage of the "The Promise and the Practice" program, "It takes a commitment to do something truly different as we are called to be bold and revolutionary in how we are living, leading, and giving to support the work to dismantle white supremacy, racism, and oppression from within and beyond." On the UUTeachIn webpage it says, "Everyone has to start somewhere, and it takes a commitment to disrupt business as usual." What both of these say is it takes a commitment. So this is where we start: by being committed to changing the status quo.

This can be scary work, frustrating work, vulnerable work. What we'll do is work to create a non-shaming atmosphere in which we can risk vulnerability to affect change. It's not easy, but I know our beloved community is up to the challenge. We start with commitment.

Peace,

Rev. Cindy

Sunday Services at 11:00 am

February's Theme is: **Perseverance**

Feb 7 - "The Promise and the Practice"

— **Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum**

The Unitarian Universalist Association has created this special service to help congregations with the work of dismantling white supremacy. The service centers on the history, the perspectives, the voices and the leadership of Black Unitarian Universalists. Join us after the worship for a workshop, as well.

Feb 11 - "Luminescence"

— **Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum**

Luminescence is a holiday created a decade ago by UUs to focus on the cycle of recognition, reflection, refocus, and renewal. Come and engage in this reflective service.

Feb 18 - "UU Principles"

— **Lay Leader: Marion Shroyer**

Marion will give a talk about the UU principles.

Feb 25 - "Perseverance"

— **Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum**

Rev. Cindy will explore this month's theme of perseverance.

Calendar

~ Church Buddies ~ All Month, Youth Matched up with an Adult ~

- 1 Thurs. AUUW Meeting ~ 12:00 pm
- 1 Thurs. Personal Care Ministry @ 1st Baptist Church, 201 S. Jackson ~ 4:30-6:30 pm, date change
- 4 Sunday ~~~~ Service ~ Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum ~ 11:00 am
- 4 Sunday White Supremacy Teach-In ~ After the Service
- 7 Wed. Board Meeting ~ 6:30 pm
- 11 Sunday ~~~~ Service ~ Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum ~ 11:00 am
- 11 Sunday Caring Committee Meeting ~ After the Service
- 15 Thurs JXN Community Forum "The Opioid Epidemic" ~ 6:30 pm @ JDL
- 18 Sunday ~~~~ Service ~ Lay Leader: Marion Shroyer ~ 11:00 am
- 18 Sunday The Bellnote Newsletter ~ Submissions Due
- 25 Sunday ~~~~11:00 am ~ Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

White Supremacy Teach- In

Join us after the service on **February 4th** for a follow-up to last year's "White Supremacy Teach-In." This will be a more interactive time to share thoughts, feelings, and ask questions as we explore this topic.

JXN Community Forums

...are free and open programs to encourage dialogue about the challenging issues of our day. The series is sponsored by the League of Woman Voters, Jackson Area, and the Jackson District Library, formerly co-sponsored by UUCEL. All forums are held at the JDL, 244 W. Michigan Ave., Jackson, MI and they are usually on the third Thursdays at 6:30-8:30 pm. Call Calvin Battles at the library at 517-788-4087 for more information or see the JDL website at www.myjdl.com...

Thursday, February 18th ~ 6:30 pm

The Opioid Epidemic

Panel Discussion: How to Spot and Combat Opioid Abuse. Where to go for help with overcoming addiction.

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