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The Bellnote Mini-News

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Message from the Minister

Dear UUCEL,

Summer is upon us — that sacred stretch of longer days, blooming gardens, and the sound of children chasing fireflies into the twilight. For many of us, June marks a natural turning point: the program year winds down, the calendar opens up just a little, and something in our body’s exhales. We lean, at last, into rest.

But let’s be honest: rest isn’t always easy. We live in a culture that treats exhaustion as a badge of honor and productivity as the measure of worth. Even our vacations can become packed agendas, and quiet time can feel like something to earn. The truth is, it takes practice — spiritual practice — to truly rest.

This summer, I invite you to reclaim rest as a sacred act. Turn off the news for an afternoon. Say no to something out of love for yourself. Take a nap and bless it as holy. Let the sun warm your shoulders, not because you’ve “deserved” a break, but because your body, your spirit, your soul — all of you — deserve to be

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Sunday Services

June 1 - “Pride Month”

- Led by: **Rev. Dan Miyake**

Masks are optional. In person or live on Facebook. Given the current attack on the rights of LGBTQ+ people, Rev. Dan will offer some personal insights on the issue.

June 8 - “Flower Communion” ~10:30 am

- Led by: **Rev. Dan Miyake**

Masks are optional. In person or live on Facebook. Come join us for this joint intergenerational service that celebrates our diversity and uniqueness while also highlighting our relationships with each other. Please remember to bring a flower to share! The service will begin at 10:30, and will be available on Zoom instead of Facebook. Look for the Zoom link in a future Wednesday Chimes.

Calendar

- 1 Sunday ~ Service ~ Led by: Rev. Dan Miyake ~ 11:00 am
- 1 Sunday Annual Meeting ~ After the Service
- 1 Sunday YUUMM Meeting ~ School House ~ 12:30 pm
- 2 Mon Church Cleaning ~ by: Vicki Haynes
- 5 Thurs Personal Care Ministry @ 1st Baptist Church, 201 S. Jackson ~ 4:30-6:30 pm
- 8 Sunday ~ Service ~ Led by: Rev. Dan Miyake ~ **10:30 am**
- 12 Thurs Ladies Lunch @ Hunt Club ~ 12:00 am
- 15 Sunday ~ Service ~ Led by: Darrin Palmer ~ 11:00 am
- 16 Mon Church & School House Cleaning ~ by: Vicki Haynes
- 16 Mon Board Meeting ~ 5:30 pm
- 22 Sunday ~ Service ~ Led by: John Willis ~ 11:00 am
- 22 Sunday CUUPs Pagan Group meets ~ After Social Hour
- 23 Mon The Bellnote Newsletter, Submissions Due
- 29 Sunday ~ Service ~ Led by: Ann Green ~ 11:00 am
- 30 Mon Church Cleaning ~ by: Vicki Haynes

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Rev. Dan's Column Continued.....

well. Rest is not retreat. It is preparation. It is restoration. In nature, rest is what allows growth. Dormant seasons lead to blooming ones. So too with us.

As your minister, I'll be taking sometime this summer to rest and recharge as well — to read, to go fishing and boating, to spend time with those I love. I do this not to “step away” from you, but to ensure I can keep stepping toward you with presence and energy and heart.

May this season be one of renewal for you — body, mind, and spirit. And may we return to each other in the fall with fresh energy, deep roots, and the joy that comes from knowing we are held in community, even in the quiet seasons.

With love and summer blessings,

REV. DAN MIYAKE

Sunday Services Continued...

June 15 - “Father’s Day”

- Led by: Darrin Palmer

Masks are optional. In person or live on Facebook.

June 22 - “Urban Renewal”

- Led by: Guest Speaker John Willis,

Masks are optional. In person or live on Facebook.

June 29 - “Poetry Sunday”

- Led by: Ann Green

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