

SUNDAY SERVICE NOTES FOR AUGUST 2017



Sunday, August 6

"Be the Builder of Bridges"

Worship Associate

Terry McCauley

Melissa Jeter

We need to close the gaps that have formed between religions, cultures, races, and nations. Let's discuss how we can be the "builder of bridges".

Music Notes: Sierra Webb will lead the music part of our service today. The Gathering will perform Paul Simon's "Bridge Over Troubled Water".

Sunday, August 13

"Remembering to Walk in Beloved Community"

Worship Associate

Melissa Jeter

Karen Christie

Dr. Milk Jr said that in the "Beloved community hunger, poverty, and homelessness will not be tolerated." We acknowledge those Unitarian Universalists, little spoken of but who worked to abolish slavery, a foundation of inequality that still resonates with us today"

Music Notes: Sierra Webb will lead the music part of our service today. The Gathering will perform "None of Us Are Free" by Solomon Burke.

Sunday, August 20

"Get Up, Stand Up"

Worship Associate

David Strickler

Lynn Lyle

Bob Marley achieved international fame as a reggae musician and is one of the world's best-selling artists of all time. In this service, we will learn about the Rasta religion and about how Marley's music and life reflected his religious faith.

Music Notes: Sierra Webb will lead the music part of our service today. The Gathering will perform "Get Up Stand Up" and other music from Bob Marley.

Sunday, August 27

NWO UU service at Maumee Valley UU Congregation in Bowling Green

Join us for service and a potluck in Bowling Green, Ohio.



Reverend Tim Barger

We've reached August, which this year will be my time for summer rest and for planning the church year to come. Do you realize that we're beginning our 10th year on Glendale Avenue? We should give some acknowledgment to starting a decade year and look forward. As for looking ahead, you might have noticed some changes in the sanctuary. We have a giant projection screen, and now we need pictures for use in our services. If you have images that convey spirituality and/or art and you'd like to submit the photos or scans electronically for our files and give us permission to use them in services, in print, and online, email them to Rev. Tim. Please include the photo credits so, as we figure this out, we can credit the photographers, illustrators, and other artists. Send your submissions to revtim@uutoledo.org
Your Minister, Reverend Tim



Terry McCauley, Board President

When I was at GA recently I heard the message that we need to be more multi-racial, more multi-cultural, more multi-generational, etc. So we need to be building bridges to include everyone. The board and several committees will be working to bring this about during this church year. There will be various activities and events presented. My hope is that each of us will help plan, take part in, and promote these activities and events. This will lead to fulfilling our vision and mission statement: to be a vibrant spiritual community that achieves growth, visibility and relevance by fostering spiritual growth and compassionate action.

In fellowship, Terry McCauley



Nicole Jonsson, Religious Educator

Don't let the sandbox out back and the fun fool you. Religious Education is very busy behind the scenes this time of year. We are thinking about the future of faith formation and how we can best help families develop their faith. One favorite tradition is Chalice Camp. This year our Jedi Mindfulness Training Camp will be August 2nd - 3rd. (Registration info can be found in the FYI and through asking me.) Coming to camp strengthens our sense of community, and gives participants mindfulness tools that will last a lifetime. We always need volunteer Jedi Masters (no light saber experience necessary)! In Fellowship, Nicole Jonsson

COMPASS MEETINGS

The Your Compass Hospitality and Membership committee is here to help guide newcomers & congregants in finding connections within the church. We meet on the first Wednesday morning of each month at 9:30 in the Youth Room or Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome! If helping others feel welcomed and at home is something that interests you, please join us! Our next meeting is August 2nd. Hope to see you there! Can't make the meeting? Email Melanie at LanieLeeC@Yahoo.com and let her know that you'd like to be involved.

THE NEW UU

The New UU is a series of six workshops to help acclimate newcomers to Unitarian Universalist culture and assist them in making the decision about membership in our congregation. In August, your Compass Hospitality and Membership committee will be offering the program as double workshops (with a lunch break) on the following Saturdays from 10 am to 2pm: August 9 - Theology & Worship (am), Our Roots (pm), September 12 - Religious Education (am), Social Justice (pm), October 14 - Governance (am), Membership (pm), Attendance is not mandatory in order to become an official member of First Unitarian, but is suggested for those who would like to learn more about UU history, faith, and our particular congregation Members who would like a refresher course and to meet newcomers are also encouraged to attend. Please RSVP to Melanie at LanieLeeC@yahoo.com so that we may be sure to have enough materials on hand.

UU's IN PRIDE PARADE

The Toledo Pride parade is scheduled for Saturday, August 19 at noon. The Pride festival will then continue at Levis Square in downtown Toledo through the afternoon and evening. This is a great opportunity to show support for our LGBTQ friends and family. It is also an opportunity to support our mission by increasing awareness of our congregation among people who already share our principles but don't know it yet! We will be marching with the Maumee Valley UU Congregation again this year and carrying the bright yellow Standing on the Side of Love banner. We need marchers! We might even have a vehicle & driver to carry a few people unable to march. We also need volunteers to staff the First Unitarian Church of Toledo booth where we distribute information about our congregation and our Principles and Purposes, and provide supplies to make rainbow bracelets. If you are interested in helping out, please email David Strickler (david.pickstrum@gmail.com) or attend the planning meeting in August (see the UU-FYI for details).

MINI FOOD PANTRY

Our church, led by the Social Justice Committee, will stock a mini food pantry in front of the church for any and all to make use of. If you would like to contribute, please put your non-perishable food items in the box. Note the expiration date on the items--no expired items may be given. Thank you for helping with this wonderful community involvement.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW

Have you talked with your dear ones about end of life issues? Do you have current information about end of life decisions and advance directives? How have your experiences with loss affected you? We will explore these and more in this workshop based on a UUA curriculum, offered by Spiritual Adventures, led by Terry McCauley and Lynn Lyle in consultation with Susan Smith, Social Worker, Hospice NWOHio. There will be eight sessions which will be held on October 4, 11, 18, and 25 and November 1, 8, 15, and 29 from 6:30-8:00 pm at First Unitarian Church of Toledo. \$20 cost for materials unless this would be a hardship for you. Registration forms will be available beginning August first.

UU AND THE TOLEDO ZOO REDUCING LANDFILL WASTE

Many every-day items such as cereal bags, chip bags, toothpaste containers, Solo cups and plates, and shampoo dispensers can be recycled here. Look for the TerraCycle® bin. When the bin is full, a representative from the ZooTeens program will take it away for processing. Please look for flyers on the Green Sanctuary bulletin board illustrating specifically what can be accepted into the Terracycle® program. Should you need further information, please contact Karen Porter. (kjport@sbcglobal.net) Thanks for helping us to protect our planet!

BOARD GAME DAY!

Mark your calendar! Sunday September 17th will be our next Board Game Day! Congregants bring their favorite board games to share some (mostly) friendly competition and fellowship after coffee hour. Bring the whole family! We've had games ranging from Pie Face to Settlers of Catan, LCR to Chutes & Ladders and Hi-Ho Cherry O. Fun for everyone and open to the public. Stay tuned for more details in the FYI.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

It's back-to-school time--Toledo Public Schools starts back August 17--and that means we're collecting school supplies. Greater New Psalmist Church, our next-door-neighbor, gives away backpacks (last year there were at least 150), and Rev. Tim committed First Unitarian to filling them with school supplies. So when you're shopping, please buy loose-leaf paper, notebooks, pens and pencils, and other school supplies and bring them to church. We'll deliver them to Greater New Psalmist.

BLANKET MAKING

There will be no LFH Blanket-Making workshop in August. A delivery was made on July 11th and the workshop on July 26th supplied a "back-up"; so enjoy your day off, Blanket-Makers. You deserve it!





2017 at First Unitarian Church of Toledo



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 12:00 pm Big Book Noon Group AA Meeting 7:30 pm The Gathering Practice	2 Chalice Camp 8:00pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA Group	3 Chalice Camp	4 Chalice Camp 7:00 pm First Friday Book Club	5 10:00 am Women's Slice of Serenity AA Group
6 9:45 am Nursery Open 10:00 am Spiritual Adventures 11:00 am One Room Schoolhouse 11:00 am Worship Service 12:15 pm Fellowship Hour 8:00pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA	7	8 12:00 pm Big Book Noon Group AA Meeting 6:00 pm The Gathering Planning Mtg - off site 7:30 pm The Gathering Practice Sanctuary	9 8:00 pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA Group	10	11 9:30 am Knit Wits - Fellowship Hall	12 9:00 am Board Training 10:30 am New UU 7:00 pm Cottonwood Band
13 9:45 am Nursery Open 10:00 am Spiritual Adventures 11:00 am One Room Schoolhouse 11:00 am Worship Service 12:15 pm Fellowship Hour 12:15 pm Social Justice Committee Mtg 5:30 pm Meditation - Off site 8:00pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA	14	15 12:00 pm Big Book Noon Group AA Meeting 7:00 pm Leadership Dev Meeting 7:30 pm The Gathering Practice Sanctuary	16 8:00 pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA Group	17	18 6:30 pm Dining for Women	19 10:00 am Women's Slice of Serenity AA Group 10:00 am RE Council Mtg
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MEDITATION GROUP
Please join us at 5:30 pm on Sundays, August 13th and August 27th, at the Alzheimer's Association building at 2500 N. Reynolds Road. We will enjoy a guided meditation, sit or walk quietly, and share tea and conversation. Explorers, beginners and experienced practitioners: all are welcome and each of us benefits from the energy of others. Meditation helps us to become more centered and peaceful in our daily lives. Thich Nhat Hanh reminds us, "if you live in awareness, it is easy to see miracles everywhere." Contact Karen at kbchristie@bex.net with any questions.

NW OHIO SERVICE AUGUST 27
Shall we try a tent revival for a Sunday service? The five Northwest Ohio Unitarian Universalist congregations will have a combined worship at 11 am August 27 at Maumee Valley Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 20189 N. Dixie Hwy., Bowling Green. "Remember Love: A Liberal Revival" is the theme. A potluck-oriented picnic will take place after the service; more details to come. This is the second annual service of the Bowling Green, Findlay, Lima, Lyons, and Toledo congregations. Since we hosted the first one, let's show our numbers show up on the road, too.. Rev. Tim, the Gathering, Bonnie Rowe, and our Certified Lay Minister candidates Melissa Jeter and David Strickler are all scheduled to take part. THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SERVICE AT OUR CHURCH ON GLENDALE AVENUE. IF PEOPLE WOULD LIKE RIDES TO BOWLING GREEN, CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE ABOUT CARPOOLING.

EVERY VOICE SACRED SONG CIRCLE
The Let us Lift Every Voice and Sing! Every voice is wanted and needed. Come, come whoever you are and sing to the power of the joy within. Even if you think you can't sing, you are welcome to sing with us! Date: Sunday, July 30th and August 13th Time: gather at 1:30ish Where: First Unitarian Church -in the foyer or entryway

CHALICE CIRCLE
It's time again to start thinking about joining a Chalice Circle. Announcements will begin the first week of August during the service. Forms will be included in the orders of service. Bernie Spiegel and Carol Keierleber are co-chairs and will answer any questions you may have about the Chalice Circles. For new members or visitors, Chalice Circles are small groups that meet once a month, under the leadership of a facilitator, to discuss topics of interest. You will be given choices of times and locations. Contact Bernie for more information: bspiege2@gmail.com

COMMITTEE FAIR
Coming soon the leadership development committee is hosting its annual committee fair on September 10th after church. Please save the date.

AWARENESS OF SPECIAL NEEDS
Are you someone living with a disability or complex medical needs or a caregiver? Join us on the fourth Saturday of the month, for fellowship and great conversation. The meeting will take place at the Jonsson's wheelchair accessible home from 1:00 - 2:30 pm. Contact Nicole at 419-344-9039 or nicolejonsson@yahoo.com for more information.

SEATS STILL AVAILABLE
Cottonwood String Band will perform a concert and lead a sing-along at 7 pm Saturday, August 12 in the woody Sylvania garden of Gail Conrad's sister, Jan. They will play a mix of Americana, Celtic, mountain, blues, and a waltz or two. Beverages and scrumptious snacks will be provided. This was an auction item and is priced for \$20. 12 and younger are free. Contact Tahree Lane, 419-385-2628 and tahreelane@yahoo.com.

COFFEE HOUR
To bring something for coffee hour. 1 st week of the month A-I, 2 nd week J-R, 3rd week S-Z, 4th week Potluck, 5th week mini muffins. Thank you all for bringing something for coffee hour and potluck. Questions? Contact cloganmercer@yahoo.com

PLEASE SIGN IN
If you come into church during non-business hours, or at a time other than a regularly scheduled meeting or event, please take a moment and use the sign in sheet, next to the door, above the alarm to let us know that you were here. Also, if you use the key lock box and need help with it or are having trouble using it, please let either Marsha Gamble or the church office know. We would be happy to help you with how to use it. Thank you

FRESH PRODUCE
Once again this year we are sharing fresh produce from our Compassion Garden with members, asking for a free-will donation that will go to Food for Thought. If you have extra produce from your garden that you would like to share, bring it on Sunday morning and put it on the table in Fellowship Hall. Contact Karen Porter with questions: kporter414@aol.com

FLOWER DEDICATION
Celebrate a special event in your life. Dedicate or provide the chancel flowers for a Sunday service. Contact Ann Strickler at: adstrickler@sbcglobal.net or 419.536.3747.

WORLD DINING
Join us for dinner monthly on the fourth Friday of the month. RSVP to Kathy (kdeanda@att.net) so that she can make reservations, share locations, and for additional information.