



# SUNDAY SERVICE NOTES FOR AUGUST 2018



## Sunday, August 5

### **The Best Seller List**

Worship Associate

In praise of reading, let's look at the New York Times Bestseller List and see what is Unitarian Universalist friendly in the titles and descriptions.

Reverend Tim Barger

Joe Moran

## Sunday, August 12

### **Screen Time**

Worship Associate

How do we situate video entertainment in our lives? There are reasons for escapism, education, and just some idle time when we turn on our TVs, stream on our computers, or go to the cineplex. Can screen time serve body, mind, and soul?

Reverend Tim Barger

Karen Christie

## Sunday, August 19

### **Radio and Recorded Words**

Worship Associate

One form of entertainment, education, and information is tuning in to people speaking. Rev. Tim will sermonize about talk radio and podcasts.

Reverend Tim Barger

Joe Moran

## Sunday, August 26

### **Findlay Service**

Northwest Ohio Unitarian Universalists combined service, to be in Findlay at the Brugeman Lodge at Riverbend Park, Findlay. The service is at 11AM, with a potluck to follow. The theme for the Coffee House service that morning will be Wholeness and Community, and we will be supporting the Focus: Recovery and Wellness Center with our offering. They are a "peer-led recovery center that offers support and resources to anyone impacted by mental health, addiction, or trauma issues."

Reverend Sunshine Wolfe



### **Reverend Tim Barger**

I need to tell you about something that happened at church on Monday, July 23, that was my fault. We were the victims of a burglary in the sanctuary. From what we can tell, what was taken were our three silver collection plates, the Tibetan singing bowl, and a busy bag to put them in. I was hosting a meeting in Fellowship Hall, the first gathering of some religious leaders to talk about forming a Multifaith Council of NW Ohio Rapid Response Team. Judy Trautman had suggested we get people from different religions to publicly advocate to "erase the hate" when incidents of hate or tragedy happen in our area. This is to be a group that shows the breadth of community, a team with some expertise in media relations that can make statements whether on TV or in writing but also go can beyond the words and give some pastoral care when it's appropriate. I had left one door unlocked for latecomers, and there were some. Plus, wanting to give our guests a glimpse of our worship space, I had opened the sanctuary doors and turned on the light for the chalice quilt. At 11:01 am, according to our surveillance video, a man on a bicycle rode up to our south entrance and tried the door. It was locked. A minute later he walked up to the main entrance west door that wasn't locked or watched at the time, and he opened it and went into the sanctuary. He took the metal items—and didn't take things that are more valuable that were nearby (that led me to think he was grabbing what could be sold as scrap metal for immediate cash). At 11:11, he exited through the east door, pausing to see what was in the bins there. We in the meeting weren't aware anything happened. Well, I called the police and let some people in the congregation know. We reviewed the video so prosecutors can have that as evidence. And I feel responsible for the plates and the singing bowl being taken. I don't know if the plates had sentimental value—they weren't locked away with our silver service, so I'm guessing they were plated rather than sterling. The singing bowl, even though it took some practice for a person to get it to ring well, had become a regular part of our Sundays. We're putting a different bell in the sanctuary, there are plenty of baskets to use in place of the silver ones, and we still have our two brass collection plates. One of our busy bags won't really be missed. So we'll move along with only a ripple of disturbance. The burglary does call us to be attentive. It's not the first time items have "walked away" from our church. We'll be checking that things supposed to be locked are secure. We'll be looking for the unusual. And while we do that, we can also be attentive to electrical and electronic items that are turned on and not being used, from wall switches and coffee pots to public address systems and projectors, and perhaps save a few cents on utilities. Know that we're pretty safe here, in body and in possessions. But also be aware that there are people who at times don't hold onto their own inherent worth and dignity, and we ought not to ease the opportunity for their motive to take things from people and places. Maybe I put a little more trust in the universe than I should. That's part of the grace of ministry. Don't let this sour you on our church or this neighborhood. We'll continue to help others as we can, to welcome the stranger into our place, and to hope that our losses can benefit others in ways that are good. In Fellowship, Rev. Tim



### **Terry McCauley, Board President**

August – the height of summer. The time when everything has grown, crops have started to ripen, and the harvesting season is about to begin. Nature, i.e., life is in full bloom. What about us? Are we in full bloom? Are we rich with a full life? If not, would you like to have a richer, fuller life? Today I want to share with you something that I have learned and try to live out. For a richer, fuller life . . . 1 Be Positive, 2 Be Grateful, 3 Be Giving.  
1 Be Positive – happy, smiling, knowing everything will be OK – No Negativity – look for the positive, the good in everything and everyone.  
2 Be Grateful – have an attitude of gratitude, count your blessings every day, know that you are blessed, be grateful for the people in your life, in your world, help others see their blessings. Say 'thank you' everyday to everyone who does anything for you.  
3 Be Giving – sharing, give to others your time, your talent, gifts, compliments, favors, whatever you have, sympathy, empathy, listening ear, shoulder to cry on, etc. Help everyone you can, in any way you can, as much as you can, for as long as you can.  
Live this way for a richer, fuller and happier life. Try it. Those around you will be blessed. Oh, and so will you. In Fellowship, Terry M.



### **Nicole Jonsson, Religious Educator**

One of the best things about being UU is how adaptable we are! As demographics shift and change, religious education programming changes with it. This year we are trying a new way of doing Chalice Camp. (What was wrong with the old way, you ask? My time-budget is stretched due to the changes next fall. A call for volunteers steered Chalice Camp in a new direction.) We will be meeting on August 15th, 10 - 11:30 am at a private residence to meet some adorable animals and learn about the interconnected web of life! The program is free, but space is limited to 10 children. Please email Nicole at nicolejonsson@yahoo.com to reserve a spot. In Fellowship, Nicole Jonsson

### **LFH BLANKET MAKING**

There will be an LFH Blanket-making workshop on August 22nd at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome! Bring scissors and a smile.

### **FIRST UNITARIAN FLEA MARKET**

The First Unitarian Church flea market is Saturday August 4th from 9 AM to 3 PM. Set up is at 8 AM. Please bring your own table. Cost of space is \$25 Please provide payment and let Carla or Melanie know if you would like a spot reserved. This event will replace our yard sale this year. This is a date change from the original June date.

### **CARING AND SHARING**

Have you wanted to help that person on the street corner with the cardboard sign that says "homeless family of 4" or "disabled vet" but you're not sure how to do it? The Caring Committee has developed a Call 211 First card that you can give to people who might be able to use this United Way referral service. Dialing 211 puts a person in contact with an operator who can connect that person to local agencies that may be able to offer help, from financial or food resources, emergency shelter, mental health providers or many others. Pick up a few cards to carry in your car and, whether you decide to give money or not, share a card with the person holding that cardboard sign. It may be the connection they need for long term improvement in their circumstances. Cards are located on the foyer table and the table outside Fellowship Hall.

### **MUSIC UNDER THE SHADE TREES**

Come enjoy spectacular music under the shade trees with Toledo Symphony Brass & Friends! This family friendly event is open to the public, so please bring your family and friends. Delicious ice cream will be served to make this event extra special! Presented by UFACE (Unitarians Fostering Active Community Engagement) \$10 donation gratefully accepted. Toledo Symphony Brass and Friends ~ Garth Simmons, Trombone, Lauraine Carpenter, Trumpet, Benjamin Thauland, Trumpet, Alan Taplin, Horn, Brendan Ige, Tuba, Saturday August 11th, 7 PM at First Unitarian Church.

### **MULTIFAITH PICNIC**

The MultiFaith council of NW Ohio cordially invites you to our Annual MultiFaith Family Picnic, Sunday, August 19, 3- 7 PM, held at the Pavilion [newly built] at the Islamic Center of Greater Toledo, 25877 Scheider Road, Perrysburg, Ohio 43551. It is a Potluck with appetizers followed by main meal about 5 PM. Activities include outdoor games, crafts, board games, playground, and good conversation. We provide tableware, lemonade, water, Kosher/Hilal hotdogs and buns. Please bring: a potluck dish to share, optional lawn chair, board games. Enjoy fellowship with new and old friends. Free and everyone welcome.

### **PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE**

What CAN YOU DO to Prevent Gun Violence? We will hold a community forum Wednesday, August 15, 2018 from 7-8:30 pm. Please plan on attending this important event.

### **CARING COMMITTEE HELP NEEDED**

The Caring Committee is looking for some assistance in our support of members of the congregation. Would you be able to help? We need help with such things as sending card, making phone calls, offering rides, cooking a meal, etc. Contact Marsha Gamble if you can help.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS**

Do you have one hour a month to invest in our congregation's children? We are looking for Religious Education teachers for every age group to help in the fall. See Nicole Jonsson for more details.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9:30am Compass Meeting 8:00pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA Group	2	3 7:00 pm First Friday Book Club	4 9:00 am Flea Market 10:00 am Women's Slice of Serenity AA Group
5 9:45 am Nursery Open 10:00 am Spiritual Adventures 10:00 am Children's RE 11:00 am Worship Service 12:15 pm Fellowship Hour 8:00 pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA	6	7 12:00 pm Big Book Noon Group AA Meeting	8 8:00 pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA Group	9 5:30 pm Spiritual Adventures Planning Mtg	10 9:30 am Knit Wits - Fellowship Hall	11 10:00 am Women's Slice of Serenity AA Group 7:00 pm Summer Concert and Ice Cream Social
12 9:45 am Nursery Open 10:00 am Spiritual Adventures 10:00 am Children's RE 11:00 am Worship Service 12:15 pm Fellowship Hour 12:15 pm Congregational Meeting 5:30 pm Meditation - Off site 8:00 pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA	13	14 12:00 pm Big Book Noon Group AA Meeting 2:30 pm Tree of Life CUUPS Chapter Mtg	15 10:00 am Chalice Camp 7:30 pm What Can You Do To Prevent Gun Violence Community Forum 8:00 pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA Group	16	17 6:30 pm Dining for Women	18 10:00 am Women's Slice of Serenity AA Group 10:00 am RE Council Mtg 11:00 am Worship Team Planning Mtg 12:00 pm Toledo Pride Parade
19 <b>Styrofoam Collection</b> 9:45 am Nursery Open 10:00 am Spiritual Adventures 10:00 am Children's RE 11:00 am Worship Service 12:15 pm Fellowship Hour 12:30 pm Social Justice Committee Mtg 12:30 pm Grief Circle Support Group 8:00pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA	20 9:00 am UU Breakfast (Reynolds Rd Garden Café)  <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>	21 12:00 pm Big Book Noon Group AA Meeting	22 9:30 am Blanket Making 8:00pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA Group	23 7:00 pm Board Meeting	24 7:00 pm World Dining	25 10:00 am Women's Slice of Serenity AA Group and 1:00 pm Awareness of Special Needs - offsite
26 11:00 am Worship Service Findlay, OH 5:30 pm Meditation - Off site 8:00pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA	27	28 12:00 pm Big Book Noon Group AA Meeting	29 8:00 pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA Group	30	31	1 <b>September</b> 10:00 am Women's Slice of Serenity AA Group

## MEDITATION GROUP

We invite you to join us at 5:30 pm on Sundays, Aug. 12 and Aug. 26 at 2500 N. Reynolds Road (corner of Pickfair and N. Reynolds) which houses Memory Lane Care Services. We will enjoy 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 be more present for all that life has to offer. Thich Nhat Hanh reminds us, "Our true happiness comes from being fully conscious in the present moment, aware of our connection to everything else in the universe." Contact Karen at kbchristie@bex.net with any questions.

## HELP YOUR CHURCH GET FREE MONEY!

Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your Amazon purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service. Support your charitable organization by starting your shopping at <https://smile.amazon.com>. Select First Unitarian Church of Toledo, Ohio to receive donations, then when you shop sign into Smile.Amazon.com instead of just Amazon. Same website, but directs charitable contribution to our church.

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## SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Did you know that First Unitarian adopted Arlington Elementary School on Woodsdale Ave. as part of the Toledo Public Schools Faith Based Partnership? Volunteers are needed for the 2018/19 school year. Do you have two hours a month that you can spare? Arlington School is a welcoming place with a great administrative staff and caring teachers and students. Contact: Gail Conrad, Kathy Deanda, Carol Keierleber, Carol Lehmann, Mary Moldawsky, or Karen Porter for more information.

## MINI FOOD PANTRY

Help refill our Free Little Pantry out front. We need to refill it several times a week. Can you donate some non-perishable items? Popular foods include peanut butter, jelly, macaroni and cheese, soup, juice boxes, fruit and pudding cups, cereal, granola bars, and tuna, toothpaste, baby shampoo, soap, & feminine hygiene products. Drop off your donations in the bin in the east foyer, give them to Nicole, or put them right into the pantry. This is a great way to help your youngsters connect with the social justice work of our faith. Note the expiration date on the items--**no expired items may be given.**

## NEWCOMERS

New to UU or want to deepen your connection to your UU Faith and congregation? Compass hospitality and membership committee is here to help. We have several resources to share from a sample UU World magazine, The Unitarian Universalist Pocket Guide, and more. Please meet with us at the Visitor Table in Fellowship Hall during coffee hour. Should you have any questions in the meantime, email Melanie at LanieLeeC@yahoo.com

## UU-FYI

The UU-FYI is a weekly e-mail outlining all the news and events in and around our congregation. Instructions for submitting articles in Wufoo are listed at the bottom of each FYI. Please keep your articles fresh and brief. Running the same article over for weeks and months makes that article invisible to everyone. Please note that the FYI is frequently so long that many e-mail programs will truncate or clip it. When this happens, there is usually a link at the bottom to click on so that you may see the rest of the e-mail. If you don't see our church contact info at the bottom of the FYI, then you haven't really made it to the bottom yet! If you are not receiving the UU-FYI, and would like to, e-mail [fyi@uutoledo.org](mailto:fyi@uutoledo.org) with your request and be sure to include your correct e-mail in the body of your text.

## PRIDE PARADE

The Toledo Pride parade is scheduled for Saturday, August 18 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 LGBTQIA 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 need someone to coordinate our marchers in the parade, AND we need someone to coordinate setup and volunteers for our information booth. If you are interested in participating, please email David Strickler ([david.pickstrum@gmail.com](mailto:david.pickstrum@gmail.com)) or Rev. Tim Barger ([revtim@uutoledo.org](mailto:revtim@uutoledo.org))

## KNITWITS

The KnitWits women meet monthly on the second Fridays at 9:30 am in Fellowship Hall--the next meeting is August 10th. Our purpose is to provide items useful to LFH (Leading Families Home; formerly Focus) and Lucas County Children Services. If you're not able to join us, consider making contributions that can be added to our collection next October. --Ruth London

## KITCHEN UPDATE

People have asked what can be donated for coffee hour and potlucks. Paper products are needed, as are small cups for juice, lunch plates, (not the largest one please) dessert plates or snack size plates. Also napkins, small Stevia packets, and juices. We will not have a potluck until September. Coffee hour birthday cake on the first Sunday for each month will be from Compass. Donations for coffee hour are as follows: the first Sunday, A-I, the second Sunday, J-Q, the third Sunday R-Z, the fourth Sunday is normally potluck. If there is a fifth Sunday, please bring something if you are able. Any Donation of time for set up or clean up after coffee hour, would also be greatly appreciated.