

SUNDAY SERVICE NOTES FOR FEBRUARY 2018



Sunday, February 4

Building Community in Times of Turmoil
Worship Associate

David Strickler, Melissa Jeter, and Rev. Joan Van Becelaere
Luanne Billstein

Rev. Joan Van Becelaere will join David Strickler and Melissa Jeter to head this service. We maintain -- or break -- our relationships through our words and actions. In some situations, community members who felt unheard or hurt during personal conflicts may have left our community. As people who have made promises to each other, how can we respond more skillfully to the needs of all? Building Beloved Community requires many tools, beginning with articulating our individual needs, to listening deeply to the people in our community, to fostering reconciliation processes when conflicts arise. In this worship service, we will lift up the basic practices required for community building within and beyond our congregation.

Music Notes: A special musical selection will be presented by guests Dana & Jamie Martin-Hayden.

Sunday, February 11

Musical Service Hal Walker (Americana)
Worship Associate

Reverend Tim Barger
Joe Moran

The first of three musical Sundays in February to offset some of our winter blahs, Hal Walker, the music director of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent, who is also a recording artist in the Americana genre, will perform with his friends in the service. Rev. Tim will offer a few words on Americana.

Music Notes: In today's service Hal Walker and guests will lead a musical service, hard on the heels of his class on Harmonica Foundations and concert on February 10th. In today's Americana service, the Chalice Choir will sing two compositions by Hal Walker, who is the Music Director at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent, Ohio.

Sunday, February 18

Musical Service Cakewalkin' Jass Band (New Orleans jazz)
Worship Associate

Reverend Tim Barger
Karen Christie

For our second musical Sunday, local New Orleans-style band the Cakewalkin' Jass Band, which recently celebrated its 50th anniversary, will come to us just after Mardi Gras. Rev. Tim will talk about liturgical jazz.

Music Notes: Today's service will focus on liturgical jazz. Music will be performed by The Cakewalkin' Jass Band. It will be an unforgettable service!

Sunday, February 25

Musical Service Nikki "D" & the Browns (sacred steel)
Worship Associate

Reverend Tim Barger
Lynn Lyle

For our third musical Sunday we'll hear some pedal steel guitar in a gospel tradition that plays it as the instrument of praise.

Music Notes: Music in today's service will feature the group Nikki "D" & the Browns, playing the sacred harp.



Reverend Tim Barger

The snow and cold we experienced most of the time from Christmas through mid-January certainly set the stage for a bleak midwinter. We'll combat that with special services all of February, in addition to lots of other things going on at the church. The month will begin with our Certified Lay Minister candidates, David Strickler and Melissa Jeter, joining with Rev. Joan Van Becelaere of the Central East Region and of Unitarian Universalist Justice Ohio to present a February 4 service on "Building Community in Times of Turmoil." Then come three Sundays in a row with guest musicians playing throughout the services. On February 11, Hal Walker and Friends will be here, after two events on Saturday—a fun harmonica workshop for everybody in the afternoon, and an evening concert. Hal is the music director of the Kent congregation and a recording artist in the folk/Americana style. On February 18, the Cakewalkin' Jass Band will give us service music. That might be the first Sunday in Lent, but we Unitarian Universalists will keep some Mardi Gras spirit for their New Orleans jazz. And on February 25, Nikki "D" & The Browns, a local gospel group with a national presence, will show us some rocking religious music, along with Nikki playing the steel guitar as an instrument of praise.

February 4 will also be the beginning of our month-long stewardship drive as we ask you to make pledges, and we're hopeful that you'll give more if you can, for the 2018-19 fiscal year. You might remember that February 12 is Darwin Day, the birth anniversary of naturalist Charles Darwin. We don't have a special event scheduled, and don't expect one to evolve (sorry), but I do want to give a reminder of our tie to science. We do have a Valentine's party scheduled, not on the 14th but three days later, on February 17 from 7 to 10 pm. And while we won't have particular events related to Black History Month at First Unitarian, I'll be involved in a service on "Celebrating Black History" presented by the Interdenominational Ministry Association of Toledo and Vicinity at 4 pm Sunday, February 18, at Warren AME Church, 915 Collingwood Blvd. February 1 also will mark my first anniversary as your called, settled, full-time minister. I'm honored to be your minister. Thanks for taking such good care of our church.

Rev. Tim Your Minister, Reverend Tim



Terry McCauley, Board President

Yes February is Black History Month. The prelude to acknowledging the many great contributions of African Americans in all aspects of our lives came last month. Monday, Jan. 15, 2018, was Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day in the United States, a day when we honor the legacy of one of the great leaders of our time, and also remember the long road ahead of us toward racial justice in our country. The King Center says, "During the less than 13 years of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s leadership of the modern American Civil Rights Movement, from December, 1955 until April 4, 1968, African Americans achieved more genuine progress toward racial equality in America than the previous 350 years had produced. Dr. King is widely regarded as America's pre-eminent advocate of nonviolence and one of the greatest nonviolent leaders in world history." To commemorate Dr. King's life and work, I share with you his Six Principles of Nonviolence. Enjoy. Reflect. Share.

SIX PRINCIPLES OF NONVIOLENCE

Fundamental tenets of Dr. King's philosophy of nonviolence described in his first book, *Stride Toward Freedom*. The six principles include:

PRINCIPLE ONE: Nonviolence is a way of life for courageous people. It is active nonviolent resistance to evil. It is aggressive spiritually, mentally and emotionally.

PRINCIPLE TWO: Nonviolence seeks to win friendship and understanding. The end result of nonviolence is redemption and reconciliation. The purpose of nonviolence is the creation of the Beloved Community

PRINCIPLE THREE: Nonviolence seeks to defeat injustice not people. Nonviolence recognizes that evildoers are also victims and are not evil people. The nonviolent resister seeks to defeat evil not people.

PRINCIPLE FOUR: Nonviolence holds that suffering can educate and transform. Nonviolence accepts suffering without retaliation. Unearned suffering is redemptive and has tremendous educational and transforming possibilities.

PRINCIPLE FIVE: Nonviolence chooses love instead of hate. Nonviolence resists violence of the spirit as well as the body. Nonviolent love is spontaneous, unmotivated, unselfish and creative.

PRINCIPLE SIX: Nonviolence believes that the universe is on the side of justice. The nonviolent resister has deep faith that justice will eventually win. Nonviolence believes that God is a God of justice.

These six principles of nonviolence mesh very well with the seven principles of Unitarian Universalism. Principle number 2 above says, "The purpose of nonviolence is the creation of the Beloved Community." Since creating the Beloved Community is one of the goals of First Unitarian Church of Toledo the above principles form a very good foundation to build on.

Let us strive to live lives of nonviolence, universal acceptance and service to others. This is how we can honor the legacy of Dr. King and build the Beloved Community.

In fellowship, Terry McCauley



Nicole Jonsson, Religious Educator

I wish to give a huge "thank you" for the support this congregation has given to our Youth! You've bought cinnamon rolls, Easter lilies, and Christmas flowers, and have made generous donations to help pay for the Boston Pilgrimage in March. We are finalizing our trip plans, making reservations, buying plane tickets, and firming-up our itinerary throughout February. To push through the last leg of fundraising we will be selling Unitarian Universalist Valentines in Fellowship Hall after service. (When they're gone, they're gone. So don't delay your purchase!) Look for ticket info about a very special fundraising dinner in early March, made by our own Arun. In Fellowship, Nicole Jonsson

LEADING FAMILIES HOME AND BLANKET MAKING

The need of the families served by LFH is ever on-going. Of particular importance right now, according to Jean Simon, project director, is the need for cleaning supplies: laundry detergent, all-purpose cleaners, bathroom cleaners, dusting sprays and rags. But especially laundry detergent! Donations to the bin off the lobby are much appreciated. Please know that blanket-making workshops on the fourth Wed. of the month are back in full swing again after a December break. Bring sharp scissors and smiles, everyone. All are welcome!

HAL WALKER

Join Hal for Harmonica Foundations for the Whole Family on Saturday, February 10 from 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM. Learn to make real music with a pocket-sized instrument. Improve your breathing. Have some inter-generational fun. Experience a hilariously effective whole body approach to learning the harmonica. Bring all whole family (8-108 years old). Enjoy the provided refreshments. NO CHARGE for admission. *Key of C diatonic harmonicas available for \$5 at the event.* If you have one, bring your own. Then come back for Hal's concert at 7:30 pm. Admission is free but donations are requested. Learn more about Hal from his webpage: www.halwalkermusic.com. Hal will also play at our 11 AM Sunday service.

2018-19 PLEDGE DRIVE

Our 2018-2019 pledge drive is in full swing. Please fill out your form and return it to church by March 4th. Your support and dedication help us to fulfill our mission, continue our programs, and fund the operation of our wonderful church.

NEW UU CLASSES

Interested in learning more about Unitarian Universalism? Join The New UU classes in the Youth Room Sundays at 1 pm. Feb. 4th we will discuss Philosophy of Religious Education.

GUEST AT YOUR TABLE

Collection boxes have arrived. Pick one up at church. Campaign runs through Valentine's Day. Contact Carrie at carriebaum@toast.net or 419-537-9325 with any questions.



2018 at First Unitarian Church of Toledo

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>Groundhog Day</p>				<p>1 7:30 pm Chalice Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>2 Groundhog Day 7:00 pm First Friday Book Club</p>	<p>3 10:00 am Women's Slice of Serenity AA Group 11:00 am Knitting/Craft group</p>
<p>4 9:45 am Nursery Open 10:00 am Spiritual Adventures 10:00 am Children's Choir 11:00 am Children's RE 11:00 am Worship Service 12:15 pm Fellowship Hour 12:30 pm SA Committee Meeting 1:00 pm New UU 8:00pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 12:00 pm Big Book Noon Group AA Meeting 7:00 pm Toledo Area Weavers Guild 7:30 pm The Gathering Practice Sanctuary</p>	<p>7 9:30 am Compass Mtg 6:30 pm Adult Preaching Class 8:00 pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA Group</p>	<p>8 7:30 pm Chalice Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>9 9:30 am Knit Wits - Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>10 10:00 am Women's Slice of Serenity AA Group 2:00 pm Hal Walker Harmonica Workshop 7:30 pm Hal Walker free performance Fellowship Hall</p>
<p>11 Styrofoam Collection 9:45 am Nursery Open 10:00 am Spiritual Adventures 10:00 am Children's Choir 11:00 am Children's RE 11:00 am Worship Service 12:15 pm Fellowship Hour 12:15 pm Social Justice Committee Mtg 1:00 pm New UU 5:30 pm Meditation - Off site 5:30pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 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</p>	<p>14 Valentine's Day Ash Wednesday 8:00 pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA Group</p> 	<p>15 7:30 pm Chalice Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>16 6:30 pm Dining for Women</p>	<p>17 10:00 am Women's Slice of Serenity AA Group 10:00 am RE Council Mtg 12:00 pm Multi-faith Women's Group Luncheon 7:00 pm Valentine's Day Party Fellowship Hall</p>
<p>18 9:45 am Nursery Open 10:00 am Spiritual Adventures 10:00 am Children's Choir 11:00 am Children's RE 11:00 am Worship Service 12:15 pm Fellowship Hour 12:30 pm Grief Circle Support Group 4:00 pm Warren AME Black History 8:00pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA</p>	<p>19 President's Day 9:00 am UU Breakfast (Reynolds Rd Garden Café)</p> 	<p>20 12:00 pm Big Book Noon Group AA Meeting 1:30 pm Chalice Circle 7:00 pm Leadership Dev Meeting 7:30 pm The Gathering Practice Sanctuary</p> <p>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</p>	<p>21 6:30 pm Adult Preaching Class 8:00pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA Group</p>	<p>22 7:00 pm Board Meeting</p>	<p>23 7:00 pm World Dining</p>	<p>24 10:00 am Women's Slice of Serenity AA Group and Luncheon 1:00 pm Awareness of Special Needs - offsite</p>
<p>25 9:45 am Nursery Open 10:00 am Spiritual Adventures 10:00 am Children's Choir 11:00 am Children's RE 11:00 am Worship Service 12:15 pm 4th Sunday Potluck 1:00 pm The New UU 5:30 pm Meditation - Off site 8:00pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 12:00 pm Big Book Noon Group AA Meeting 7:30 pm The Gathering Practice Sanctuary</p>	<p>28 9:30 am Blanket Making 6:30 pm Adult Preaching Class 8:00 pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA Group</p>	<p>1 March 7:30 pm Chalice Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>2 7:00 pm First Friday Book Club</p>	<p>3 10:00 am Women's Slice of Serenity AA Group 11:00 am Knitting/Craft group</p>

MEDITATION GROUP

We invite you to join us at 5:30 pm on Sundays, February 11 and February 25 at the Alzheimer's Association building at 2500 N. Reynolds Road. 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, "The practice of mindfulness is very simple. You come home to yourself so that you can enjoy the here and now in every moment." Contact Karen at kbchristie@bex.net with any questions. In the event of inclement weather, please check with Karen before heading out.

BOSTON PILGRIMAGE BULLETIN BOARD

Check out our Boston Pilgrimage bulletin board. It highlights some of the fun stuff we'll do including seeing the famous King's Chapel. Take a look at the board, grab a pull tag for pleas for donations to cover a lunch, dinner, or "T" pass for the duration of our trip. Our Youth will learn so much and forge a strong UU identity. Grab a tag and support our youth. Thank you!

EARTH DAY RAFFLE

The environmental organization Ohio Interfaith Power and Light has been very helpful in our congregations journey to become more sustainable. Now we have a chance to support Ohio IPL. They are having a raffle for a residential solar installation by Third Sun Solar. Only 1500 tickets will be sold; if fewer than 1,000 are sold, it will become a 50/50 raffle. Tickets are \$30. The drawing will take place Earth Day weekend, 2018. The winner may apply the \$10,000 credit toward the purchase of a larger system, or transfer it to another residence within Ohio. For more information, see the information sheet on the Green Sanctuary bulletin board, or talk to Karen Porter.

GARDEN PLOTS

We have a few garden plots available if you or someone you know would like to grow some fresh organic produce. Being from our church is not a requirement. Talk to Karen Porter for more information. kjport@sbcglobal.net

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 an 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.**

WEATHER CANCELLATION

Our church will be closed for the entire day and evening whenever TPS schools are closed, a Level 2 Snow Emergency is declared by the Lucas County Sheriff, or if determined by the Minister or President of the Board. Check your email or local news station for information.

YOUTH FUNDRAISING DINNER

Details coming soon about a special fundraising dinner on Saturday March 3rd for the Youth Boston Pilgrimage trip. Arun will be planning the menu, so it's sure to be delicious!

VALENTINES

Get your UU Valentines in Fellowship Hall after service! Tell your sweetheart you love them more than fair-trade coffee, or invite them to join the "committee of your heart". They are \$3.00 each, all proceeds go to the Youth Boston Pilgrimage Fund.

VALENTINE DAY PARTY

Save the Date! Our annual Valentine's Day Party will be held Saturday February 17th in Fellowship Hall. Look for more information coming soon!

AUCTION

Lights, Camera, AUCTION! Premiere Party and Awesome Fundraiser on Saturday, March 10th, 4:30 – 7:30 PM. Join star studded guests (UU friends & members!) on the 'red carpet' for spectacular entertainments, delectable edibles, and opportunities to bid on great Live, Fixed Bid and Silent auction items, and of course those always fun and wonderful raffle baskets! Be a star and put your UU values into AUCTION ACTION, by volunteering your time, edibles, goods, or services to make this our biggest fundraiser ever! More information, coming soon in the FYI! Producers/Directors: Chris Stockwell castockwell@bex.net, 419-882-1741, Susan Smith smith419@bex.net, 419-874-2838