

SUNDAY SERVICE NOTES FOR JANUARY 2018



Sunday, January 7

Who Are the Prophets Among Us?
Worship Associate

David Strickler
Joe Moran

One of our Certified Lay Ministry candidates, David Strickler, will speak about what some of our religious forbears meant by "prophet," who might be considered contemporary prophets, and what Unitarian Universalist theologian James Luther Adams's thoughts are on the "prophethood of all believers." Our Unitarian-Universalist faith draws from six sources, including "Words and deeds of prophetic people which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love." Who are these prophetic people? What does it mean to be prophetic?

Music Notes: Today's service will include a wide variety of music. The anthem will be the spiritual "Ezekiel Saw the Wheel" sung by Melissa Jeter and accompanied by Bonnie Rowe on the piano.

Sunday, January 14

Shine Your Light –Social Justice
Worship Associate

Judy Trautman
Karen Christie

A week before the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, our Social Justice Committee brings its annual worship service to the congregation, shining light on darkness and driving out hate with love. Judy Trautman will deliver the sermon. The Social Justice Committee will encourage us all to continue to shine our light. Candles will be lit to highlight social justice efforts in the larger community by First Unitarian Church individuals and groups. There are so many ways we can shine our light.

Music Notes: Today's service will feature our own Skyelar Raiti in an organ solo. Congratulations to Skyelar, who was recently awarded a scholarship for his organ studies!

Sunday, January 21

Beverly Cluster
Worship Associate

Pastor Rob Johnson of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Sierra Webb

As part of the annual Beverly Cluster pulpit swap, Pastor Johnson will preach at our church, while Rev. Ed Heilman of Park Church is at Holy Trinity Lutheran and Rev. Tim is at Park Church. Here's the opportunity to hear one of our religious neighbors when he brings his message to us.

Music Notes: Today's service will feature the Gathering singing. We welcome our own Isaac Slater who will play a piano solo in the service. We are proud and fortunate to have excellent young musicians like Isaac in our membership!

Sunday, January 28

Edict of Torda 450
Worship Associate

Reverend Tim Barger
Sierra Webb

January marks the 450th anniversary of the Edict of Torda, the 1568 statement of religious tolerance issued by Romania's King John Sigismund, a Unitarian. That was the first time Unitarianism was officially recognized by a government, and Rev. Tim will preach about how we Unitarian Universalists, in a multifaith manner, continue the spirit of that statement which said that people would not be reviled for their religion.

Music Notes: Today we will feature the Chalice Choir singing an anthem. We welcome Valrie Kantorski, Renee Goubeaux, and our own Lesli McCage, who will play instrumental Trio music on Piano, Clarinet and Cello together in the service.



Reverend Tim Barger

Yes, you did surprise me! Thank you for the wonderful, and generous, coffee hour 60th birthday party and the money that you gave me--along with the instruction that some of it be spent for myself. Having the party almost a month before the birthday is the way to make it unexpected. January 4 is the actual date that I'm 60, if you want to keep precise records. As we enter 2018, we Toledo Unitarians have much to look forward to in our congregation. New people, including by birth and by membership. Changes to our place--we're getting closer to having solar panels, for example, and making other improvements as a result of our capital campaign. And dedication to our liberal religion, with variety in our Sunday services and many ways to reach head, heart, and spirit. Our dedication includes, besides Sundays at 11, religious education for all ages, opportunities to advance social justice, and time to share fellowship and food. Be a vital member of our congregation--through volunteer work and leadership, by generous financial participation, and being part of our shared ministry. And, please, be mindful of your own religious needs and growth, and call on me or church members you're comfortable with when there are times that turning to others is the thing to do. Have a blessed year. Let's get through it together. Your Minister, Reverend Tim



Terry McCauley, Board President

Yes everyone, it is a new month and a new year! Isn't that exciting? It is also a new hour . . . a new minute . . . each moment is new. So what will we do with these new moments as they come? Here's a suggestion for a resolution: I resolve to eliminate negativity from my life and replace it with positiveness; I resolve to eliminate complaining and replace it with an attitude of gratitude. Adopt both preferably. Re-adopt them every month, every week, every day . . . if necessary every hour or every minute. If you make these a part of your life for this year I promise you it will be good for you and for all those around you. And after this year it will be a natural part of your life. Then you and the world around you will be better for it. And so will our church community. How will you share your positiveness and gratefulness with our church community? You can attend the Sunday Services, the Spiritual Adventure sessions, participate in the auction, meet new people during coffee hour and attend the various activities and events offered by our church. We have a wonderful Religious Education Program for children of all ages. So families bring your children! If you are new and want to become active, are a member who hasn't been active for awhile, or are active but want to change your involvement, there are several committees that are looking for new members. Check the bulletin board outside the office for the list of committees and the chair of each. Contact the one(s) you are interested in. If you have any questions see me or Rev. Tim. This new year brings exciting opportunities to embrace and engage the untried and the not-yet-experienced. With your positiveness and your gratefulness you can do it. And we will be better for it. Will you join me in this resolution? I resolve to eliminate negativity from my life and replace it with positiveness and to eliminate complaining and replace it with an attitude of gratitude. Thank you. In fellowship, Terry McCauley



Nicole Jonsson, Religious Educator

Many of you have donated to help keep our Free Little Pantry out front of the church full of supplies--Thank you! We are refilling it several times a week, and we are desperately low on much needed food for our neighbors in need. Younger UU's get so much out of this project! They ask important questions, notice what items are most popular, and come up interesting ideas about what else could be useful to provide. Social justice is the core of our "deeds not creeds" faith. Thank you for your continued support of this important mission. In Fellowship, Nicole Jonsson

LFH HOLIDAY

Thank you, thank you, thank you, First Unitarians! Your generosity insures truly happy holidays for fifteen people in our area with a total of sixty gifts. Every item tagged on the tree in our lobby was bought, brought to church, and delivered to the Ashland office on December 6th by the LFH Elves. Further, donations totaling more than \$500. were collected.

NEW UU

The Compass Hospitality and Membership committee will hold membership classes again beginning in January. In the meantime, we encourage you to jump right in and attend any meetings and/or events that peak your interest. Sign up for your UU-FYI and follow the church Facebook events page. There is a sign-up sheet in the hallway near the kitchen for anyone interested in attending The New UU classes. This year we will host a four-part series. We will meet from 1pm to 2:30 after potluck on Sundays. If you are interested in learning about becoming a member and/or sharing your experiences of membership, please save the following dates on your calendar: January 28, February 25, March 25, April 22.

WORLD DINING

World Dining will resume on the 4th Friday of the month from January on. Contact Kathy Deanda (kdeanda@att.net) so that she can make reservations, share locations, and for additional information.

NEW BOOKKEEPER

Please welcome Teresa Langenderfer, our new Bookkeeper. She has been training with Laura, who will be leaving us soon. Teresa can be reached at: bookkeeper@uutoledo.org. All questions about pledges or other financial matters should be directed to her. She will work in the office one day a week, as Laura did.

COFFEE HOUR

During bake sale season, donations for coffee hour are as follows: the first Sunday, A-I, the second Sunday, Youth Bake Sale, the third Sunday J-Q, the fourth Sunday is potluck, please everyone bring a dish to share, the fifth Sunday is R-Z. Sign up to bring something or to help in the kitchen. Thank you! Questions? Contact cloganmercerc@yahoo.com

BLANKET MAKING

There will be a blanket-making workshop on January 24 at 9:30 a.m. In Fellowship Hall. After our December break, we will begin again with renewed energy. Everyone is welcome. Bring sharp scissors and big smiles!

FIBER GROUP

Knitting is the first Saturday of each month. 11am - 4:30-5pm. Everyone is invited. This runs October-June. Join us the first Saturday of each month in the Capek Room. Bring finger foods to share and provide your own drinks. Please use side door. Questions? Contact cloganmercerc@yahoo.com



2018 at First Unitarian Church of Toledo



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 	2 12:00 pm Big Book Noon Group AA Meeting 7:00 pm Toledo Area Weavers Guild	3 9:30 am Compass Mtg 8:00 pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA Group	4 7:30 pm Chalice Choir Rehearsal	5 7:00 pm First Friday Book Club	6 10:00 am Women's Slice of Serenity AA Group 11:00 am Knitting/Craft group
7 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 12:30 pm SA Committee Meeting 8:00pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA	8 6:00 pm The Gathering Planning Mtg - off site 7:30 pm The Gathering Practice Sanctuary	9 12:00 pm Big Book Noon Group AA Meeting	10 8:00 pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA Group	11 7:30 pm Chalice Choir Rehearsal	12 9:30 am Knit Wits - Fellowship Hall	13 10:00 am Women's Slice of Serenity AA Group
14 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 5:30 pm Meditation - Off site 8:00pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA	15 9:00 am UU Breakfast (Reynolds Rd Garden Café) 7:30 pm The Gathering Practice Sanctuary	16 12:00 pm Big Book Noon Group AA Meeting 1:30 pm Chalice Circle 7:00 pm Leadership Dev Meeting	17 6:30 pm Adult Preaching Class 8:00 pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA Group	18 7:30 pm Chalice Choir Rehearsal	19 6:30 pm Dining for Women	20 10:00 am Women's Slice of Serenity AA Group 10:00 am RE Council Mtg 10:00 am Mayor Inauguration Interfaith Service NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
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MEDITATION GROUP
 We invite you to join us at 5:30 pm on Sundays, January 14 and January 28 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, "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. In the event of inclement weather, please check with Karen before heading out.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS
 January 1st thru January 5 in honor of the holidays. Wishing you and yours the merriest of holidays and happy new year.

BATTERY RECYCLING
 Batteries can be taken to Lourdes University for recycling (they take them to the Lambertville Kroger battery recycling drop-off). Most batteries can be 100% recycled. We will collect batteries at church, or you can drop them off at Lourdes or the Lambertville Kroger yourself. There will be a container on the shelf on top of the coat rack marked "Battery Recycling". See the flyer on the Green Sanctuary bulletin board for the list of batteries they accept and for the long list of materials that can be separated out of the batteries.

PERSONAL PREACHING CLASS
 From 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays, January 17 through March 14 (not including Valentine's Day), Rev. Tim will offer a preaching class. Whether you'd like to offer a sermon on a Sunday morning when Rev. Tim or our Certified Lay Ministry candidates, Melissa Jeter and David Strickler, are not in the pulpit, or you just want to learn more about how to make a sermon, this class will help you to develop sermons—writing and public speaking. Then on Saturday, April 14, the students can return for a sermon festival, open to the public, showing what they've learned by preaching it. A signup sheet is posted outside the church office. There is no cost for the class, but one book, \$14, published by Skinner House Books, is recommended and listed on the signup sheet. If you have questions, contact Rev. Tim (revtim@uutoledo.org or 419-381-6999, ext. 202).

MULTIFAITH PRAYER FOR THE MAYOR
 Rev. Tim and Judy Trautman have participated in the planning for a multifaith prayer service the day of Wade Kapsukiewicz's mayoral inauguration, and they'll be part of the ceremony. Join them at 10 am on Saturday, January 20, at Warren AME Church, 915 Collingwood Blvd., Toledo.

MINI FOOD PANTRY
 Our Free Little Pantry out front of our building is getting a lot of use! We need to refill it several times a week, and are running low on items to stock it. 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. Baby shampoo, toothpaste, soap, and feminine hygiene products are always needed as well. Drop off your donations in the bin in the east foyer, give them to Nicole, or put them right into the pantry. Note the expiration date on the items--**no expired items may be given**. Thank you for helping with this wonderful community involvement.

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.

CARING COMMITTEE
 The Caring Committee has developed a contact card on which you can list 3 close contacts who would be aware of your health situation and whom we could call to see if we could be of help. Please fill one out or read the FYI for more information.

UU WORLD MAGAZINE
 Copies of most of the UU World Magazines from 2011 on will be available in the library in Fellowship Hall for you to borrow. If you are a pledging member and not receiving your own copy, please notify our office administrator, Carol, at: carols@uutoledo.org.

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.