

SUNDAY SERVICE NOTES FOR JULY 2017



Sunday, July 2 "Blockbuster July: "Camino Island" by John Grisham"
Worship Associate

Reverend Tim Barger
Melissa Jeter

What do the summer blockbusters say about our purposes and principles? How are our Golden Rule values applied? We look for revelation everywhere, might these hits talk to us?
Music Notes: Bonnie Rowe will lead the music part of our service today.

Sunday, July 9 "Blockbuster July: "Cars 3" (which edged out "Wonder Woman")"
Worship Associate

Reverend Tim Barger
Joe Moran

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Music Notes: Bonnie Rowe will lead the music part of our service today.

Sunday, July 16 "How Can We Know What's True? "
Worship Associate

Phil Teitlebaum
Karen Christie

A tribute to Francis Ellingwood Abbot. Dedicated to Mr. Abbot, an American philosopher and theologian who sought to reconstruct theology in accord with scientific method.
Music Notes: Sierra Webb will lead the music part of our service today.

Sunday, July 23 "Blockbuster July: "Despacito" by Luis Fonsi and Daddy Yankee, featuring Justin Bieber
Worship Associate

Reverend Tim Barger
Sierra Webb

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Music Notes: Sierra Webb will lead the music part of our service today.

Sunday, July 30 "Blockbuster July: "I Can't Make This Up: Life Lessons" by Kevin Hart with Neil Strauss
Worship Associate

Reverend Tim Barger
Sierra Webb

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Terry Acocks, Former Board President

I was wrong. July's, not June's, newsletter is my last President's note. The due date is the 20th of each preceding month. The annual meeting and election is not until the 25th, and our president nominee is winging his way to General Assembly, though he will likely be in office by the publication of the July Newsletter. I am very happy to see how well we are doing as I end my Board service. I believe new and returning Board members and Rev. Tim will have the same type of ongoing collaborative relationship that we have enjoyed together. The three years of my Board membership were a time of a great deal of change. If you have questions or concerns about elements of the many changes, I am happy to discuss them if I can. Just contact me. Times of great change can cause miscommunication and, as Rev. Renee helped us process, can develop stories that become part of our church history that have ongoing resonance. Sometimes I try to respond informatively to comments that sound like not all of the facts made it into the story, at least from my perspective. I hope there will be fewer challenges in the near future but trust that transparency, communication, and open minds and hearts will see us through. In fellowship, Terry Acocks



Terry McCauley, Board President

Thank you to the Board and the congregation for appointing me as a delegate to the 2017 General Assembly. It was an honor and a privilege to serve you this way. Thank you to Rev. Tim and TEALL for providing the means for me to get there. While there I saw the UUA admitting mistakes, wrongs and hurts. I also saw that they were making a concerted effort to change, to do better. They are committed to working together to live out more fully and openly our covenants, principles and purposes. Some of the messages that I heard at this GA:

-We need to be more inclusive: multi-racial, multi-cultural, multi-generational, etc., -We need to be building bridges to include everyone, -We need to listen to people of color, the marginalized, the oppressed, the excluded, etc. -We need to help but not take over.

Universalism does not insist on sameness. This goes along with what we have here at First Unitarian Church of Toledo: Unity without Uniformity. This also goes along with my principle: Honor Similarities-Respect Differences-Celebrate Diversity. In Shared Ministry we work together to bring out the best in each other. I would like to formally, with gratitude and humility, accept the office of President of the Board of Trustees of First Unitarian Church of Toledo. I pledge and vow to fulfill the responsibilities of this office with integrity, love and openness to the best of my ability. In fellowship, Terry McCauley



Reverend Tim Barger

As Inspired by my friend Ken Beldon's custom of preaching about movies during summertime at WellSprings Congregation, which meets in Chester Springs, Pennsylvania, I decided to try "Blockbuster July" for the four Sundays I'll preach at the 11 am Sunday service in Toledo this month. I will look at the number one novel, movie, song, and nonfiction book as of the first day of summer, as viewed through a Unitarian Universalist lens. What do the summer blockbusters say about our purposes and principles? How are our Golden Rule values applied? Since we look for revelation everywhere, might these hits talk to us? Here's the list:

July 2: "Camino Island" by John Grisham

July 9: "Cars 3" (which edged out "Wonder Woman")

We'll take a break for July 16, as I will have been at our region's Summer Institute July 9-15. Phil Titlebaum will be the speaker on the 16th, with "How Can We Know What's True?"

July 23: "Despacito" by Luis Fonsi and Daddy Yankee, featuring Justin Bieber

July 30: "I Can't Make This Up: Life Lessons" by Kevin Hart with Neil Strauss

Your Minister, Reverend Tim



Nicole Jonsson, Religious Educator

Summer may seem like a slow time in children's religious education. Many families take trips and are busy with social events that fill up weekends. Don't forget that you need to slow down, take a deep breath, and find your center. Let it be for an hour or two on Sunday morning. Drop the kids off out back as early as 10 am. Enjoy the adult Spiritual Adventures while you savor the perfect cup of coffee. Sit through service concentrating on where you are on your journey. Charge your spirit for the week's coming busyness. Just dress the kids in play clothes--you may pick them up dirtier than you left them! In Fellowship, Nicole Jonsson

UU's IN PRIDE PARADE

Unitarians from around the area will once again March together in this year's Toledo Pride Parade in August. Those interested in participating should meet in the Junior Choir room at 12:30 on Sunday July 23 and/or contact David Strickler.

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. Read the Toledo Blade article about this wonderful community involvement story here: <http://www.toledoblade.com/Education/2017/04/09/Perrysburg-students-build-Little-Free-Pantries.html>

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW

Terry McCauley and Lynn Lyle, in consultation with Susan Smith, will offer an eight session series based on the UUA curriculum called "Facing Death With Life" from 6:30-8:30 pm on Wednesdays, October 4, 11, 18, and 25 and November 1, 8, 15, and 29. We will learn together how to prepare our minds and hearts both for loss and for leaving all that we love. Course description and registration forms will be available beginning in August.

PRISON LETTER WRITING

Would you like to correspond with one of 783 incarcerated UU members by US mail? The Prison Ministry Network of the Church of the Larger Fellowship has a new website: WorthyNow.org which offers information and education in antiracism and anti oppression, as well as instruction in managing a safe correspondence. There has been a 400% increase in female incarceration since the beginning of the drug war! My current pen pal is so smart and wise; I am learning a great deal from his letters from a Georgia State Prison, and would be happy to share. Lynn Lyle

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 TerraCylce 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 TerraCylce program. Should you need further information, please contact Karen Porter. (kjport@sbcglobal.net) Thank you for helping us to protect our planet!

NEW MEMBERS!

Welcome to our church family! On Sunday June 11th, our congregation gained three new members. Please welcome Teresa Betts-Cobau, Colette Cordova, and Theresa Katchmer

JULY

2017 at First Unitarian Church of Toledo

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 10:00 am Women's Slice of Serenity AA Group 11:00 am Knitting/crafts
2 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	3 	4 	5 8:00 pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA Group	6	7 7:00 pm First Friday Book Club	8 10:00 am Women's Slice of Serenity AA Group
9 Styrofoam Sunday 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 12:45 pm Spiritual Adv Committee Mtg 5:30 pm Meditation - Off site 8:00pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA	10	11 12:00 pm Big Book Noon Group AA Meeting 6:00 pm Leadership Dev Committee Meeting 6:00 pm The Gathering Planning Mtg - off site 7:00 pm Weavers Guild 7:30 pm The Gathering Practice Sanctuary	12 8:00 pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA Group	13	14 9:30 am Knit Wits - Fellowship Hall	15 10:00 AM Church Yard Sale 10:00 am Women's Slice of Serenity AA Group 10:00 am RE Council Mtg
16 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 Caring Committee 4:00 pm Mud Hens Game 8:00pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA	17 9:15 am UU Breakfast (Reynolds Rd Garden Café)	18 12:00 pm Big Book Noon Group AA Meeting 7:30 pm The Gathering Practice Sanctuary	19 8:00pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA Group	20 AUGUST NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	21 6:30 pm Dining for Women	22 10:00 am Women's Slice of Serenity AA Group 1:00 pm Awareness of Special Needs - offsite
23 9:45 am Nursery Open 10:00 am Spiritual Adventures 11:00 am One Room Schoolhouse 11:00 am Worship Service 12:30 pm Fourth Sunday Potluck 1:00 pm NEW UU 5:30 pm Meditation - Off site 8:00pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA	24 6:00 pm Board Meeting	25 12:00 pm Big Book Noon Group AA Meeting 7:30 pm The Gathering Practice	26 9:30 am Blanket Making - Capek Room 8:00pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA Group	27	28 7:00 pm World Dining	29 10:00 am Women's Slice of Serenity AA Group 7:00 pm Sweet Sounds Ice Cream Social
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MEDITATION GROUP

Please join us at 5:30 pm on Sundays, July 9th and July 23rd, 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, "to practice conscious breathing is to open the door to stopping and looking deeply in order to enter the domain of concentration and insight." Contact Karen at kbchristie@bex.net with any questions.

NEW NEIGHBORS

The Toledo office of US Together resettlement agency in April received its evaluation and audit by the US State Department and was congratulated for its BEST PRACTICE. Part of this efficient and compassionate work is due to our contributions, because the items we donate save money for rent, transportation, medical care, English language classes, and preparation for employment. Not every city in Ohio is so fortunate, according to the Ohio Program Director. Thank you!

MESSAGE FROM LOUISE BANKEY

Our dear Louise Bankey sends her regards from balmy Portland, Ore. to her Toledo friends. Tahree Lane visited her in late May and toured her sunny flower, veg, and fruit garden in both front and back yards. Louise reports harvesting 400 pounds of Italian plums off her tree last year. She had recently returned from Phoenix where she'd attended her grandson's wedding. The grandson and his spouse have been living in her basement apartment in Portland and are moving to London soon. Louise attends the Unitarian church in Portland (1,000 members, I think), a book club, and yoga. Her daughter, Thea, lives across the street from her and they do a lot together. She'd love to hear from you: 419-464-1127; gigibankey@gmail.com, and snail mail at 2210 SE 46th Ave., Portland, OR 97215. Tahree Lane, tahreelane@yahoo.com

GLENDALE GROOVE BAND

The Glendale Groove Band will be performing at the Michigan Jazz Festival on Sunday July 16! The Glendale Groove is a six-piece teenage jazz band. The band often practices here in the UU building, and some of the band members are participants in UU's RE program. They will perform on the SEMJA Future of Jazz Stage in Henry's Cafe from 1:30-2:30 at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, MI. The Cafe looks pretty spacious and air-conditioned and lunch can be purchased there. The Michigan Jazz Festival is completely free (including free parking!) and six performance stages will be set up and running throughout the campus from 12 noon until 9 pm. Website for the festival: <http://www.michiganjazzfestival.org/festival-stages.html>

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.

BLANKET-MAKING

There will be a LFH Blanket-Making session on Wednesday, July 26th at 9:30 am in Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome. Bring sharp scissors and a smile. (Snacks are optional.)

COFFEE HOUR

To bring something for coffee hour. 1st week of the month A-I, 2nd 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 cloganmercero@yahoo.com

MUSICAL FLAVOR

The rear lawn of First Unitarian Church will be the setting for a summer musical. Join us for delicious music and ice cream with Quartet Bernadette and Nedley's Ice Cream on Saturday, July 29th at 7 pm. The concert is sponsored by U-FACE (Unitarians Fostering Active Community Engagement). Performing will be Quartet Bernadette (Anne French) and the ice cream will be provided by Nedley's (Ellen Wisniewski). Quartet Bernadette plays an eclectic blend of gypsy, jazz, pop, and gems from the Great American Songbook. Instruments include mandolin, guitar, harmonica, and bass. The event is free but a freewill offering will be taken. Chairs will be provided but individuals may wish to bring their own.