

SUNDAY SERVICE NOTES FOR JUNE 2017



Sunday, June 4

"Brokenness and Holy Glue"
Worship Associate

Reverend John Corrado
Bonnie Rowe

"Brokenness is a constant theme in life, from tea cups, to fingernails, to promises, to hearts. Can we break our brokenness? Let's talk about: --- The "real McCoy?", --- A terrible beauty?, and --- What Thomas learned.

Music Notes: Since today's speaker is not only a minister but a composer with a couple of hymns in Singing the Living Tradition, we're starting our service with special music—the Handbell Choir playing "Ringing Victoriously," a piece that has some ringers occasionally switching off from ringing to tapping their bells with mallets. The Gathering will sing "Come, Come, Whoever You Are" during the offering. The service ends with Anna Laura Page's rousing "Trumpet Tune in F."

Sunday, June 11

"Leading Ourselves"
Worship Associate

Reverend Tim Barger
Terry McCauley

A celebration of our lay leadership—who work in our religious education classrooms, the kitchen, in our large backyard, and even at home doing church business. Let's thank one another for making First Unitarian a thriving place of liberal religion in northwest Ohio.

Rev. Tim will also lead the 10 am Spiritual Adventures session, talking about table graces.

Music Notes: Once again, our service is graced with The Gathering sharing their musicianship during the offering with "Where the Sun Will Never Go Down" by Dock Reed and Garth Simmons, principal trombonist for the Toledo Symphony Orchestra, playing the prelude (Axel Jorgensen's "Romance") and the postlude (Gustav Levin's "Pisen").

Sunday, June 18

"Coda"
Worship Associate

Reverend Tim Barger
Karen Christie

Let's just call this the Gladys Rudolph service. She's about to retire as our music director, after many wonderful years of dedication of bringing her joyful sounds to our church, and we want to have an appropriate concluding part for her. Happy retirement, Gladys!

Music Notes: Clarinetist Lesli McCage sets the stage for the service with Claude Debussy's "First Arabesque." Gladys Rudolph winds up her career as our Director of Music by playing pieces that represent two aspects of her skill—the lyrical (represented by Paul Halley's "Piano Song" for the offertory) and the rhythmically rousing (represented by Anthony Giamanco's "I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing").

Sunday, June 25

General Assembly Simulcast 10 AM (PLEASE NOTE SPECIAL TIME)
Worship Associate

Reverend Tim Barger
Lynn Lyle

"The Shared World"—In a simulcast of the Sunday worship at the Unitarian Universalist Association General Assembly in New Orleans, Rev. Mara Dowdall of the First Unitarian Universalist Society of Burlington, Vermont, will preach. After the service, there will be a potluck and then the Toledo Unitarians' annual meeting.

Music Notes: We'll enjoy the music offered at the closing ceremony of the UUA's General Assembly through the magic of electronic transmission.



Terry Acocks, Board President

As I end my term serving as your Board President, I feel grateful. Together we have surmounted the challenges of the last three years. There have been many changes, including the complete turnover of the minister and staff since our music director, Gladys Rudolph, is retiring this month. Though new staff positions were decreased in hours and pay, our helpful, positive staff work productively and complete their tasks. They deserve our appreciation. I feel grateful that Rev. Tim has accepted our call. I think he, staff, and the new Board will also have a good time working closely together. I feel grateful for you, for your support of the church, for your words of support and care, and for your forbearance when I dropped the ball or made an error. I have come to think of the church as a living organism that perpetually evolves, increases or decreases healthy functioning, and responds to how it is nourished. Together we have nourished our church and I am grateful for its improved health. In Fellowship, Terry Acocks



Reverend Tim Barger

As Here we are post-installation, preparing to end the "church year" and already looking at what's to come this fall. I have to include all three in this month's column.

POST-INSTALLATION: Thank you all—staff, board, Search Committee, other volunteers, Rev. Jef Gamblee, and congregants and visitors in the pews—for such a good installation Sunday. Not that I wasn't already "official," but that definitely makes it so. I look forward to a long time here.

END OF THE "CHURCH YEAR": On June 3, from 11 am to 3 pm, we'll have a time of training for many people who help the services to happen on Sundays. The chief groups for the training are greeters, ushers, building monitors, and the Compass membership people. We'll look at the procedures for each position, probably make a few adjustments, and get familiar with each group's responsibilities so that people can switch around their assignments if they'd like. Compass will help to continue the concept of radical hospitality by our volunteers, for visitors and members. And I'll share irrelevant stories about my times of ushering, greeting, and providing security. Lunch will be provided, and I'll see if we can end early so you can get to the Old West End Festival.

June 4 will be my final Sunday as contributing minister for the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Lima, and the Rev. John Corrado will make a return visit to Toledo as guest preacher.

June 11 will be an "all day" church day for me, as I'll start by offering the program for the 10 am Spiritual Adventure, talking about table graces and including some Unitarian Universalists' and humanists' discomfort with dinner prayers—but also providing examples of inclusive and appropriate blessings for meals. Then for the 11 am service, "Leading Ourselves" will celebrate the volunteer leadership of our congregation as we prepare to elect new board members, and we'll appreciate the many people, from religious educators to kitchen crew to our buildings and grounds keepers to so many others who keep the Toledo Unitarians going well. And then at 3 pm in our sanctuary will be the first annual Woody Trautman MultiFaith Lecture, presented by the MultiFaith Council of Northwest Ohio (which our members Judy and the late Woody Trautman founded); Rev. Jim Bacik will be the speaker, and I will give the welcome. Admission is free.

A very special Sunday will come June 18, as the service is titled "Coda." In music, the coda is the concluding section, and we'll be celebrating Gladys Rudolph's final Sunday as music director after, what, 37 years in the position? I'm so grateful for her assistance in the services, especially for picking the hymns so the congregation can have good and singable songs, and her attention to the keyboard selections and her direction of the chalice and handbell choirs.

And then comes June 21-25, the time for the Unitarian Universalists' general assembly in New Orleans and our congregation's annual meeting June 25. If you've been attending Sunday services or following Unitarian Universalist news, you know this will be a momentous assembly. We'll have a livestream in the church building as much as possible during GA, and you're invited to come by and watch. Like we did last year, we'll livestream the Sunday morning service as our own Sunday service, and that will be followed by a potluck and our annual meeting. **The Sunday service is scheduled from 10 to 11:30 am; please note the earlier time.**

COMING THIS FALL: Do you realize that July 27 will begin our 10th year at 3205 Glendale? Some of our Sunday services will look at place—the comfort of having this church home while having compassion for those who are homeless, the conversion to "history" of what seems like "only yesterday" while also creating our future, the challenge of caring for where we are while contemplating whether to even consider a new location in a few years. And we'll see a few changes inside and out to continue having this fit our needs and attract new members now that we're marking a decade. Your Minister, Reverend Tim



Nicole Jonsson, Religious Educator

Summer Schedule religious education kicks off in June! We'll have our WELCOME SUMMER party on June 4th, with fun and games. Weather permitting, we'll spend most of our time together outside. Bring the kids at 10 am! You can still enjoy Spiritual Adventures before service while our younger UU's play outside. In Fellowship, Nicole Jonsson, Religious Educator

SAFETY/SECURITY

It's spring and we love the fresh air at church. Remember that if you're the person who opened a window, you need to make sure it is closed and locked again when you leave your meeting or event. If you chair a meeting, double check to be sure all windows are closed and locked when you leave and that the door is closed. Thank you!

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 to teacher Maura Amato and students from Perrysburg Junior High School for making and donating the box. 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>

VOLUNTEER MEETING

Saturday, June 3, 11 am to 3 pm many of our Sunday volunteers will be at the church for a cross-over training session led by Rev. Tim—and a free lunch. If you are a current usher, greeter, building security monitor, or Compass membership and hospitality member, or if you're interested in serving in any or all of those positions, please RSVP to office@uutoledo.org or 419-381-6999, and plan to attend.

UNCOMMON READS

Join us for UnCommon Reads with Melissa on Friday, June 30th, 2017. Arrive at 6 pm for the snacks. Discussion starts at 6:30 pm. For questions contact: melissajeter@gmail.com

JUNE 2017 at First Unitarian Church of Toledo

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 7:00 pm First Friday Book Club	3 10:00 am Women's Slice of Serenity AA Group 10:30 am Social Action Sat. 11:00 am Volunteer Training 11:00 am Knitting/crafts 6:30 pm Comedy Night
4 Styrofoam Sunday 9:45 am Nursery Open 10:00 am Spiritual Adventures 11:00 am Children's RE Summer Kickoff 11:00 am Worship Service 12:15 pm Fellowship Hour 12:15 pm New UU 8:00pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA	5	6 12:00 pm Big Book Noon Group AA Meeting 1:30 Chalice Circle 7:00 pm Weavers Guild 7:30 pm The Gathering Practice Sanctuary	7 8:00 pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA Group	8	9 9:30 am Knit Wits - Fellowship Hall	10 10:00 am Women's Slice of Serenity AA Group 2:00 pm Party with Purpose
11 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 3:00 pm Woody Trautman Mem Lecture 5:30 pm Meditation - Off site 8:00pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA	12	13 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 7:30 pm The Gathering Practice Sanctuary	14 Flag Day 8:00 pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA Group 	15	16 6:30 pm Dining for Women	17 10:00 AM Church Yard Sale 10:00 am Women's Slice of Serenity AA Group 10:00 am RE Council Mtg
18 Father's Day 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	19 9:15 am UU Breakfast (Reynolds Rd Garden Café)	20 12:00 pm Big Book Noon Group AA Meeting 7:30 pm The Gathering Practice Sanctuary JULY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	21 Summer Begins 8:00pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA Group	22	23 7:00 pm World Dining	24 10:00 am Women's Slice of Serenity AA Group 1:00 pm Awareness of Special Needs - offsite
25 ANNUAL MEETING 9:45 am Nursery Open 10:00 am GA Live Stream Worship 11:30 pm Fourth Sunday Potluck 12:30 pm Annual Meeting 1:00 pm NEW UU 5:30 pm Meditation - Off site 8:00pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA	26 6:00 pm Board Meeting	27 12:00 pm Big Book Noon Group AA Meeting 7:30 pm The Gathering Practice	28 9:30 am Blanket Making - Capek Room 11:00 am Staff Meeting - Fellowship Hall 8:00pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA Group	29	30 6:00 pm UnCommon Reads Fellowship Hall	1 July 10:00 am Women's Slice of Serenity AA Group 11:00 am Knitting/crafts

PARTY WITH A PURPOSE
Join us for PARTY WITH A PURPOSE supporting the work and purposes of Planned Parenthood. Enjoy desserts, wine, coffee, inspiration, a speaker from PPAO, and the opportunity to make your own "Pink" hat. Your help is needed, so please plan to attend Saturday, June 10, 2017; 2:00 - 4:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Stasia Hanson, the party sponsor, is also looking for donation of wines and desserts. Email her at: hansonpsj2@gmail.com or talk to Stasia at church.

MEDITATION GROUP
Please join us at 5:30 pm on Sundays, June 11th and June 25th, 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. Contact Karen at kbchristie@bex.net with any questions.

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, June 24th, for fellowship and great conversation. The meeting will take place at the Jonsson's wheelchair accessible home from 1:00 - 2:30. Contact Nicole at 419-344-9039 or nicolejonsson@yahoo.com for more information.

FILM BENEFITTING NEW NEIGHBORS
US Together invites us to a fundraising event, a film showing the lives and development of Refugee Kids, at Toledo Ohio Theater, 3114 Lagrange Street, 6:30 pm on Wednesday, June 21st. \$15 tickets at [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/refugee-kids-films-screening-toledo-tickets-34448214537). New families do continue to arrive and appreciate your gifts.

COMMUNITY EVENT: CCHS FATHERHOOD EVENT AND WALK
June 2017 is Fatherhood Month. Its purpose is to raise awareness of the roles fathers play in the lives of their children. In recognition of the importance of fathers there will be a number of planned activities in the Toledo area, the largest of which is the 7th Annual Fatherhood Walk. A goal is to have at least 500 fathers participate in the walk. This event will take place Saturday June 10th, 2017 at Central Catholic High School. Registration starts at 9:00 am and from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm there will be: Free Food, Free fun, Giant Inflatables, Free Music! Sponsors include: Target, Head Start, TPS Proud, City of Toledo, Buckeye Broadband, McDonalds, Toledo Fire and Rescue Dept., Lucas County Children Services, Black Lives Matter, and Lamar. To register your team, company, family, or house of worship log on to: www.restorefathers.org or call Mark Robinson at 419-377-1488. You may also contact Joe Moran. moran9643@sbcglobal.net

SOCIAL ACTION SATURDAYS
Saturday June 3rd, The Cocoon is having a 5K to help end domestic and sexual violence. We will be volunteering where the event coordinators need us. The 5K is 8 am -11 am and volunteers will need to be there at 7:30 am. Location is at Second Sole, 4190 Levis Commons Blvd., Perrysburg, OH. Contact Chris at: cmkasior@gmail.com for questions.

HELP WANTED
Assistance is needed to help with the church flower gardens, especially with our Memorial Garden. Individuals can help garden as large or small area, as they wish, during their own time frame. Supplies are furnished. Help is needed with weeding, watering, mulching, and limited planting. Contact Carol Teitlebaum if you can help: cteitlebaum@yahoo.com

ELECTION JUNE 25TH ANNUAL MEETING
Our Nominating Committee has recommended for consideration for election at the June 25th annual meeting the following proposed slate of Officers and Board Members for the July 1st, 2017 thru June 30th, 2019 term: Terry McCauley, President, Carol Keierleber, Treasurer, Cheryl Green, Secretary, Dave Murray, Board Member, Ann Strickler, Board Member, Gwen Wilson, Board Member. As always, nominations from the floor will be welcomed at the meeting. The Nominating Committee wishes to thank these individuals for the gift of their commitment to serve our church: Nick Conrad, Melanie Christiansen, Melissa Jeter, Marsha Gamble.

MULTIFAITH LECTURE
The 1st Annual Woody Trautman MultiFaith Lecture is 3 pm, Sunday, June 11th at First U. Rev. Tim will welcome us and the speaker Fr. Jim Bacik. Light refreshments. Donations accepted. Contact Joe or Joyce Moran at 419-262-7859 or moran9643@sbcglobal.net about donations.

GUEST AT YOUR TABLE
GAYT contributions may be sent until June 30. Brochures and envelopes are still available at church, or pay online at uusc.org/givetoguest.

OFFICE HELP WANTED
Thursday June 8th could you help in the office for a few hours? Starting at 9 am, help is needed with folding, stuffing, and assembling orders of service and booklets for this one day project. Call the office if you can help. (419) 381-6999 or email Carol at: carols@utoledo.org.