



SUNDAY SERVICE NOTES FOR JUNE 2018



Sunday, June 3

How Can We Be A People So Bold?!
Worship Associate

Melissa Jeter
Karen Christie

Unitarian Universalism offers hope of a new beginning through radically caring for one another. This sermon is about how the brokenness of the world is a call for belonging. And that is it through radically caring that UU's seek justice in the world. I will hold space for the possibility that our congregation could be a people so bold through the practice of radical caring and being in authentic relationships with each other.

Music Notes: Today's music will be mostly sung, featuring Melissa Jeter, Sierra Webb, and Bonnie Rowe. We particularly welcome our guest artist Dana Martin-Hayden who will add lovely bass with her cello. Charmaine Benson and Brandon Benson will also regale us with their talents on trumpet.

Sunday, June 10

Hurry Up! And S L O W Down...
Worship Associate

Chris Harrington
Karen Christie

The fast pace of the 21st century surely moves us forward, but it can also wear us out. The slow movement suggests that we move at the the "right" speed--- doing things as well as possible instead of as fast as possible. Do you need to slow down?

Music Notes: For today's topic "Hurry Up and Slow Down," Sierra Webb will perform "Cat's Cradle" and "Feelin' Groovy." Groovy! Bonnie Rowe will play the first movement of Haydn's Piano Sonata in C Major in a new way: first fast, and then later slow! Haydn would smile.

Sunday, June 17

The L.A.C.T. Formula for Daily Living
Worship Associate

Joe Moran
Luanne Billstein

Today's sermon will reflect upon the end of life speech of basketball coach Jim Valvano. Coach Valvano said shortly before his death in 1993 that every day we should do three things: laugh, cry, and think to which I add act; hence the L.A.C.T. formula.

I would like pictures on the front showing smiley, sad, and thoughtful faces. One thought is the circle faces we see that people can send on emails another is just the two faces we see in some theaters of a smiley mask and a sad face mask.

Music Notes: The music today will display a wide range of emotions today in support of Joe Moran's topic. Bonnie Rowe will perform on both the oboe and the piano in separate pieces, in the service.

Sunday, June 24

On No Time for Casual Faith

General Assembly Live Simulcast

PLEASE NOTE: SERVICE BEGINS AT 10 AM. Simulcast from UUA General Assembly in Kansas City, MO. Preaching: Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray, President, Unitarian Universalist Association. We have a new tradition, dating from 2016, of viewing a simulcast of the Sunday service at the Unitarian Universalist Association General Assembly. For this year, the preacher is Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray, who a year ago was elected president of the UUA. Her sermon is titled "No Time for Casual Faith." The service, scheduled to last 90 minutes, begins at 10 am Toledo time.



Reverend Tim Barger

We're headed into summertime, and while I take some time away from my regular duties, for study leave and vacation, we'll have variety in our pulpit. In June, Melissa Jeter will lead the service June 3, then on June 10 Chris Harrington will give a sermon that she began developing in the preaching class that we had in the wintertime. Joe Moran will be a returning lay preacher June 17—he also preached last November. On June 24, for the third straight year, for our service we'll tune in to a live feed of the General Assembly Sunday morning worship. That's scheduled to be a 90-minute service that will begin at 10 am, not our regular time. The preacher at GA in Kansas City will be Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray, the Unitarian Universalist Association president, who was elected a year ago, and she'll talk on "No Time for a Casual Faith." Lay preachers from our congregation will fill our July services, as well, with Tishie Bozeman on the first, Karen Christie on the eighth, Terry McCauley on the 15th, David Strickler on the 22nd, and Sierra Webb on the 31st. Thomas Titus will be giving "Information You Should Know" on August 5, I'll be back on the chancel August 12 and 19, then on August 26 we'll have our third annual Northwest Ohio Unitarian Universalists joint service, this year in Findlay—more details to come. The preaching slot on September 2 has not yet been assigned; are you interested in speaking then? And our Ingathering, to begin the 2018-19 "church year," will be September 9. I know that we all have many things to do in the summer. I hope that you'll be at First Unitarian on as many Sundays as possible so you can add to our congregation's energy. Rev. Tim



Terry McCauley, Board President

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who has stepped up to pledge with their love for and their commitment to this church. I am very proud and very privileged to be a part of this church. You are wonderful! Something new that is starting here at First Unitarian is a Covenant of Unitarian Universalists Pagans (CUUPS) Chapter. It is named Tree of Life – Toledo Pagans. We will be chartered early this month and it is open to all. The administrative and planning meetings (for now) will be in the afternoon of the 2nd Tuesday of every month in the Senior High room. Dates, rituals and services are to be determined. We have 11 people to start with. This month's FYI's will have more information. Well summertime is upon us. It's time for the 3 R's: Rest, Relaxation and Recreation. Kids look forward to summer because it's playtime! Well we adults should engage in some playtime too! Outdoors is good to get the fresh air and sunshine. Indoor play is good too. Where you play or what you play doesn't really matter, just play. It's important for adults to play. It's good for body, mind and spirit. Never stop playing. Things you can do this summer that may be fun and playtime: plant a garden, read a book, read a book to a young child, visit the Metroparks, go for a swim, play some board games with other adults, play some sports with other adults or with some kids, take a day trip, visit a museum, explore the library before it closes for a year for renovation. So many things to do and so short a summer to do them in. Have fun getting your 3 R's: Rest, Relaxation and Recreation. It will do you good. But we would like to see you in church too. In Fellowship, Terry M.



Nicole Jonsson, Religious Educator

Planning for fall Religious Education is underway, and you may have heard that change is coming. Watch for scheduled listening forums where we can exchange ideas, express our concerns, and come together in a covenanted shared ministry to rejuvenate the way we do faith formation at First Unitarian Toledo. Volunteers for all aspects of Religious Education are needed! Please see me to find out how to best use your talents. In Fellowship, Nicole Jonsson

COFFEE HOUR

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 potluck. Please everyone bring a dish to share. If there is a fifth Sunday, please bring something if you are able. Sign up to bring something or to help in the kitchen. Thank you!

FIRST UNITAIAN FLEA MARKET

First Unitarian Church will hold a flea market on Saturday June 30th 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 no later than June 15th if you would like a spot reserved. This event will replace our yard sale this year. Rain date would be July 28th.

WORLD DINING

World Dining is a wonderful way to get to know your church family outside of church while experiencing some of Toledo's fine restaurants. We meet at a different restaurant each month on the 4th Friday at 7 pm. Please email Luanne to be added to the monthly email invitation at: Luanne@theBillsteins.com

NO OFFICE HOURS

The church office will be closed on June 6th and 7th, and June 12th, 13th, and 14th. Please feel free to leave a message or email, which will be returned when we return.

DOUBLE CHECK THE KEY LOCK BOX

If you come into the church during non-business hours, please sign the sheet above the alarm to let us know that you were here. If you turn the alarm on or off, sign the sheet. Please remember to double check that the key box is locked. It has been left open on numerous occasions recently. If you need help, or have questions, stop in the church office during the week or ask Marsha Gamble on Sundays. Thank you

LFH BLANKET MAKING

There will be an LFH Blanket-making workshop on June 27th at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome! Bring scissors and a smile.

CRAFTERNOON

Spring Cleaning? If you've been Spring Cleaning and found art supplies and/or tools that you no longer use, please consider donating them to our newest "Done in a Day" fundraiser. They will be offered for free-will donations during our upcoming Crafternoon event. You may also donate finished arts and crafts for the sale! Feel free to put "suggested donation" prices on your donations. Half the proceeds from the event will be donated to* Ohio Poor People's Campaign*, while the other half will help to fund congregational expenses in the coming year. Join crafters on Sunday June 3rd from 1pm to 4pm for arts, crafts, and fundraising! Please contact Stefania, Melanie, or Melissa with any questions.

KNITTING

Come knit with us Saturday June 2nd from 11am - 4:30 or 5pm in the Capek Room. Everyone is invited. Questions? Contact cloganmercerc@yahoo.com.



2018 at First Unitarian Church of Toledo

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 7:00 pm First Friday Book Club	2 10:00 am Women's Slice of Serenity AA Group 11:00 am Knitting/Craft group
3 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 1:00 pm Crafternoon for a Cause 8:00 pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA	4 7:00 pm Multi-faith Universal Service in our Sanctuary	5 12:00 pm Big Book Noon Group AA Meeting 7:00 pm Weavers Guild 7:30 pm The Gathering Practice Sanctuary	6 9:30 am Compass Mtg 8:00 pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA Group	7	8 9:30 am Knit Wits - Fellowship Hall	9 10:00 am Women's Slice of Serenity AA Group
10 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 SA Committee Meeting 12:15 pm Social Justice Committee Mtg 3:00 pm Multi-faith Lecture and movie 5:30 pm Meditation - Off site 8:00 pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA	11	12 12:00 pm Big Book Noon Group AA Meeting 2:00 pm CUUPS Mtg 7:30 pm The Gathering Practice Sanctuary	13 8:00 pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA Group	14 	15 6:30 pm Dining for Women	16 10:00 am Women's Slice of Serenity AA Group 10:00 am RE Council Mtg
17 Father's Day 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 Grief Circle Support Group 8:00pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA	18 9:00 am UU Breakfast (Reynolds Rd Garden Café)	19 12:00 pm Big Book Noon Group AA Meeting 7:00 pm Leadership Dev Meeting 7:30 pm The Gathering Practice Sanctuary	20 8:00pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA Group NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	21 	22 7:00 pm World Dining	23 10:00 am Women's Slice of Serenity AA Group and 1:00 pm Awareness of Special Needs - offsite
24 9:45 am Nursery Open 10:00 am GA simulcast service 11:30 am Fellowship Hour 5:30 pm Meditation - Off site 8:00pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA	25	26 12:00 pm Big Book Noon Group AA Meeting 7:30 pm The Gathering Practice Sanctuary	27 9:30 am Blanket Making 8:00 pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA Group	28 7:00 pm Board Meeting	29	30 9:00 am Flea Market 10:00 am Women's Slice of Serenity AA Group

UNIVERSAL WORSHIP

There will be a 7:00 pm Multi-faith Universal Service in our Sanctuary on Monday June 4th. All are welcome.

MEDITATION GROUP

We invite you to join us at 5:30 pm on Sundays, June 10 and June 24 at the Alzheimer's Association building, 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.

RAIN GARDEN WORKSHOP

As Social Justice and Green Sanctuary begin working toward the Sacred Grounds Certification for our church we are exploring the installation of a small rain garden. There is a workshop at Monroe Street Methodist Church on Sunday, June 10th, 2:30-6:00 to learn about the importance of rain gardens and get some hands on experience in an installation. If you have an interest in such a project, please attend this workshop. Full information is on the flyer on the Green Sanctuary bulletin board, or talk to Karen Porter.

TERRACYCLE

Be sure to refer to the lists on the Green Sanctuary bulletin board when adding items to the Toledo Zoo TerraCycle bin in the hall. Many every-day items such as cereal bags, chip bags, toothpaste containers, Solo cups and plates, and shampoo dispensers can be recycled here. Not everything that TerraCycle takes is accepted by the Zoo program. If it is going to the landfill anyway, find a reuse or dispose of it yourself, saving the Zoo people sorting time.

MULTI-FAITH LECTURE

The second Annual Woody Trautman MultiFaith Lecture will be at 3 PM, Sunday, June 10, 2018, at the Maumee Indoor Theater, 601 Conant Street, Maumee, OH 43537. This pre-release screening of "GANDHI'S AWAKENING" will be presented by filmmaker Cynthia Lukas. The documentary tells the little-known story of Gandhi's spiritual epiphany in South Africa, where he developed his concept of non-violent resistance. This story fits beautifully with our Compassionate Community theme of Constructive Communication and can inform us about peaceful resistance. It will be filmmaker Cynthia Lukas's third visit to Toledo.

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.**

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

BLOOD DRIVE

The Annual Interfaith Blood Drive will be held on Saturday June 23 and Sunday and June 24, 2018 from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm at Grace Lutheran Church 4441 Monroe Street, Toledo, Ohio. A Musical Celebration of Life service will follow on Sunday June 24 at 7:00 pm at Congregation B'nai Israel at 6525 Sylvania Ave, Sylvania, Ohio. To schedule a blood donation appointment, please visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: INTERFAITH or call 419-356-5280. Volunteers are needed and those interested should contact Devorah Shulamit at 419-841-4652. This is an Erase the Hate Event in Cooperation with the MultiFaith Council of Northwest Ohio.

KITCHEN USE

There will be a requisition form for any use of the kitchen. This is for any meetings that meet anywhere in the church and use our kitchen for anything. This form will be on the door to the kitchen. It must be put in the back on the door in the designated envelope. We will start using this requisition form due to things missing from the kitchen. Everything will be accounted for on this form. Thank you very much for your cooperation. If you have questions, please ask. Carla LoganMercer, Kitchen Coordinator

KNITWITS

The KnitWits women meet monthly on the second Fridays at 9:30 am in Fellowship Hall--the next meeting is June 8. 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