



SUNDAY SERVICE NOTES FOR JUNE 2019



Sunday, June 2

Ask and You Shall Receive

Worship Associate

Melissa Jeter

Sierra Webb

You may have heard it said that you can ask and you shall receive, but many of us are afraid to ask as well as receive. What information would you need to ask compassionately and receive love and connection in an intercultural community? This sermon is about one way to self-compassion, having boundaries, and acceptance of universal compassion. Will you compassionately be open to participating this kind of Beloved Community?

Sunday, June 9

A Meaningful Life

Worship Associate

Judy Lee Trautman

Karen Christie

Losing a loved one, attending a death, facing a life-threatening illness - all these life events make us face our own mortality. What is a 'good death'? Does suffering mean that life has no meaning? What makes a life meaningful? An intimate look at some personal role models will explore these questions.

Sunday, June 16

Reconsidering Thomas Jefferson

Worship Associate

David Strickler

Joe Moran

As we approach Independence Day, I want to reconsider how to commemorate Thomas Jefferson. I have long admired Jefferson as the primary author of the Declaration of Independence and for his valuable contributions to religious liberty in this country. However, he owned slaves and advocated for the forceful removal of native peoples. I suggest that rather than creating a hero based on selected historical events, we should celebrate Jefferson's aspirational words, recognize his shortcomings, and work towards a building a society which affirms and promotes "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" for the oppressed as well as for the privileged.

Sunday, June 23

Summer Unites All

Worship Associate

Melissa Jeter

David Strickler

Summer is here! Weather permitting, we will have service outside. This service will celebrate the summer solstice and earth-based spirituality. We will include some earth-based spirituality traditions rooted in European and African traditions. Be prepared to sing and rise and embody your spirit. If you are so inclined, bring an object you hold sacred for an altar. We will recognize the ways that beings are connected to the sun, the earth, and each other in our interdependent web of life.

Sunday, June 30

Ending and Beginnings - Coming or Going

Worship Associate

Terry McCauley

Luanne Billstein

All beginnings lead to endings and all endings are beginnings. Life is a circle. Are we coming or going? Are we coming from something or going to something? This is the topic we will explore today. In addition we will commission the Board members for the coming year.



Reverend Tim Barger

During the months of June and July, Rev. Tim will be using some time for study leave and other time for vacation. He won't be at church on a regular schedule and will not be checking electronic communications regularly. If you have ministry needs, contact our Commissioned Lay Ministers, David Strickler or Melissa Jeter. Rev. Tim will be back on a regular schedule August 5. In Fellowship, Rev. Tim

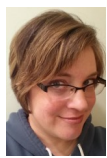


Terry McCauley, Board President

Ah June . . . the beginning of summer, the time of relaxing and refreshing, of rest and recreation. June is when we begin the wind down from the busyness of the previous 9 months. As we enjoy this time let us continue to worship together, let us play together, let us share ourselves with each other. Let us continue to care for and reach out to one another. As we enjoy the summer let us look forward with optimism and enthusiasm to the coming year. My time as your president is coming to a close. Please know that I am very grateful for the support and trust that you gave me these past 2 years. You are a wonderful congregation with a bright future ahead. I hope to help bring about that bright future by leading the Leadership Development Team. My parting message as President is to each of you individually as well as to the congregation as a whole:

Behind you, all your memories, Before you, all your dreams, Around you, all who love you, Within you, all you need.

Thank you for being part of our First Unitarian family. In Fellowship, Terry M.



Nicole Jonsson, Religious Educator

I'm packing up my crowded office this month. Each item brings back special memories from my time as your Religious Educator. I have Light Sabers (from Jedi Camp) and old t-shirts that I used to wet and freeze for a game in the summer. Pictures kids have created for me and games that made us giggle. I'm able to keep it together throughout this process because I won't be apart from you all, just in a different role. Thank you so much for being on this part of my journey with me, and I look forward to seeing you all in service. In Fellowship, Nicole Jonsson

LFH BLANKET MAKING

Leading Families Home Blanket Making Meeting meets monthly on the 4th Wednesday. No sewing needed; just bring sharp scissors. These sessions create blankets to give children as their families move to their new home. Any questions? Contact Elly Gans - email and phone number in the directory. Join us June 26th!

MUSIC AT FIRST UNITARIAN

Make Music with Your UU Community! Practices are Sundays at 12:30 for The Gathering rehearsal, Thursdays at 7:30 for Choir rehearsal. What better way to celebrate spring than by making a joyful noise with us? Newcomers are always welcome to drop in for musical fellowship. Not sure how you'd like to be involved? Come see Mickey or send an email to musicdirector@uutoledo.org to find the best fit for your time and talents.

BON APPÉTIT

SECOND BREAKFAST will meet at Silver Moon Soda Grill on the last Tuesday of each month at 9:30 AM. The restaurant will have a large space available for us, so there is no need to RSVP. Please arrive a few minutes early if possible. If you are interested in starting another open meet-up, contact Melanie or another member of Compass for any questions. We will continue to meet on the third Monday of each month for our 9:30 AM for UU Breakfast at Reynolds Rd. Garden Café. 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. Dining for Women meets at our church in Fellowship Hall the third Friday of each month at 6:30 PM. They are a global giving circle dedicated to transforming lives and eradicating poverty among women and girls in the developing world. Also join us for fourth Sunday potlucks, after services.

UNIVERSAL WORSHIP

The Monday, June 24 Service is scheduled at First Unitarian Church with children or youth as readers and musicians. The theme is "What I Like About My Faith". Please contact Judy Trautman if you are willing to help. We will have a practice session for the presenters at 4 PM, followed by a pizza supper for participants and parents. The service is at 6.

SUMMER BREAK

The church office will be closed June 5, 6, 11, 12, and 13 for summer break. Sorry for any inconvenience. Emails and phone calls will be returned as soon as possible.

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.

THANK YOU

First Unitarian Church of Toledo has been issued a \$44.19 donation from the AmazonSmile Foundation as a result of AmazonSmile program activity between January 1 and March 31, 2019. Sign up at: shop at smile.amazon.com and place all of your orders on the Amazon Smiles page. Your church will receive a donation from Amazon every quarter, at no cost to you. In addition, we received \$ 231.39 in total donations from 46 of our church member households shopping at Kroger during the February 1 to April 30 time frame! This costs nothing to you and does not affect your gas points. Don't forget to sign up your Kroger card every May by going to Kroger Community Rewards at: krogercommunityrewards.com and click "enroll now" to register your Kroger plus card and then select First Unitarian Church of Toledo. Questions? Contact the church office.

BLESSING OF THE WHEELS





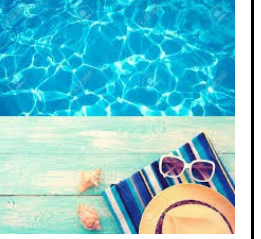

Sunday June 2nd from 10:00 - 12:30. Our end of the year RE party. Bring your bike, tricycle, skateboard, rollerskates, wheelchair, scooter, walker, or wagon. RSVP to Nicole Jonsson to be sure you get your free bike helmet.

WORLD DINING

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2019 at First Unitarian Church of Toledo

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 10:00 am Women's Slice of Serenity AA Group 11:15 am Fiberwork Orphans knitters and crafters 7:30 pm Roy Zimmerman Concert
2 Styrofoam Collection 9:45 am Nursery Open 10:00 am Spiritual Adventures 10:00 am Children's RE 11:00 am Worship Service 12:00 pm Fellowship Hour 12:30 pm Gathering Rehearsal 8:00 pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA	3	4 12:00 pm Big Book Noon Group AA Meeting 6:30 pm Meditation - Sagan Room 7:00 p, Toledo Weaver's Guild	5 8:00 pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA Group	6	7 3:00 pm First Friday Book Club	8 10:00 am Women's Slice of Serenity AA Group
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23 9:45 am Nursery Open 10:00 am Spiritual Adventures 10:00 am Children's RE 11:00 am Worship Service 12:00 pm Fourth Sunday Potluck 12:30 pm Gathering Rehearsal 5:30 pm Meditation - Off site 8:00 pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA	24 6:00 pm Universal Worship at First Unitarian	25 9:30 am UU Breakfast (Silver Moon) 12:00 pm Big Book Noon Group AA Meeting 6:30 pm Meditation - Sagan Room	26 9:30 am Blanket Making 8:00 pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA Group	27 7:00 pm Board Meeting	28 7:00 pm World Dining	29 10:00 am Women's Slice of Serenity AA Group 11:15 am Fiberwork Orphans knitters and crafters
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MEDITATION

Please join us for meditation at 5:30PM on Sundays June 9 and June 23, at the MemoryLane Care Services building, 2500 N. Reynolds Road (corner of Pickfair and N. Reynolds). 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.

Please join us for meditation in the Carl Sagan room at First UU on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-7:30PM. All are invited and we will offer meditation instructions and guidance for beginners. Periodically, members of the multifaith community will offer a meditation/spiritual practice from their faith. We will all be enriched by these diverse practices. You are welcome to use this beautiful space anytime the church is open.

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.

Please mark your calendar for an upcoming Day of Mindfulness on Saturday, August 24, 2019. The theme for the day will be compassion, one of the four immeasurable minds. Sister Ocean, an ordained monastic in the tradition of Thich Nhat Hanh, will lead this day for us.

FIRST AND FOURTH SUNDAYS

Please remember the first Sunday of each month we celebrate each month with cake and ice cream in Fellowship Hall following church service. The fourth Sunday is our potluck.

MEMBERSHIP MOMENTS

To all who have enriched our Sunday mornings by sharing their Membership Moment--thank you! Signing up for Membership Moments remains active; see link below. Please note that Membership Moments will resume in the fall after a break this summer. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a094daaa928a7f58-membership>

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.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday July 13th Summer evening outdoor concert at First Unitarian. More information coming soon from Joe Moran and Lesli McCage.

CRAFT SATURDAY

Open to all crafters. Meet at First Unitarian Church every first Saturday of the month, 11-5. Join us June 1. Bring a snack to share, if you would like to.

GUEST AT YOUR TABLE

"Justice Across Borders" is the Guest At Your Table/Unitarian Universalist Service Committee theme for 2018/2019. Be sure to pick up a copy of the booklet in the lobby at church and read about this year's guests. Donate by mail or online at UUSC.org/guest before June 30 (in any amount that you can) to count for this fiscal year. We can't all be physically involved in this battle but we can help support those who are. Questions? Ask me! carriebaum@toast.net

KNITWITS

Knit Wits Summer Schedule: Join us on the second Friday of June (14th) in Fellowship Hall, 9:30-11:30, before we take a break for the summer. Knit Wits will not meet during July and August due to members traveling etc. Though we may not be sitting down together, we'll stitch on...in the car, on the plane, at new places. "Knitters use knitting to value-add to the world." --Stephanie Pearl-McPhee

ROY ZIMMERMAN CONCERT

RiZe Up - Saturday June 1st at 7:30 PM in the First Unitarian Sanctuary. Tickets \$20 or pay what you can. Hope to see you! Ninety minutes of original funny and thoughtful songs.