

# SUNDAY SERVICE NOTES FOR MAY 2017



**Sunday, May 7**

**"Rooting Our Advocacy in Our Faith"**  
Worship Associate

**Alex Shanks of Equality Ohio**  
Melissa Jeter

"The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice" - Theodore Parker. Many faith traditions draw their followers to a life of advocacy and justice, kinship and charity. When we root our advocacy in our faith we have a source of balance and wisdom that can guide us in our search for justice.

**Music Notes:** This morning's service music has two highlights: The Chalice Choir's anthem is Ed Robertson's "Let Love Come Near" with its message that "love has a way of making life worthwhile" for those who are sad and lonely. The service ends with Alfred Fedak's "Where My Free Spirit Leads," inspired by the hymn of the same title with his confident, marching rhythm.

**Sunday, May 14**

**"The Family Way"**  
Worship Associate

**Reverend Tim Barger**  
Tom Sheehan

On Mother's Day, a look at families of blood, of choice, of organizations, of congregations.

**Music Notes:** Johannes Brahms "Waltz" starts our service off in a reflective mood, setting the stage for Elizabeth Alexander's "Where There is Light in the Soul," which expresses in music an ancient thought that harmony in the nation ultimately leads back to individual character and to the nature of the home—an appropriate thought for Mother's Day. The Gathering presents the traditional, "Bright Morning Stars," and "Festive Proclamation" sends us out of the service on a happy note.

**Sunday, May 21**

**"289.1"**  
Worship Associate

**Reverend Tim Barger**  
Luanne Billstein

On the Sunday of his installation, Rev. Tim talks about Melvil Dewey, order, and Unitarian Universalism.

At 4 pm -- Rev. Tim's installation, with Rev. Don Southworth, the executive director of the Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association, preaching.

**Music Notes:** The Chalice Choir's anthem, "Waitin' for the Light to Shine," is an arrangement of Huck Finn's solo from the Broadway show, *Big River*. In the piece, Huck thinks about how his life is suffocatingly circumscribed and hopes that someday he'll find meaning for his existence. The service begins with a lyrical prelude, "The Garden Walk," and ends with the energetic postlude, Anthony Giamonco's "Trumpet Tune."

**Sunday, May 28**

**"Wearing White"**  
Worship Associate

**Reverend Tim Barger**  
Lynn Lyle

Flower Communion combines with Memorial Day weekend and the unofficial start of summer to give fashionable attention to our congregation.

**Music Notes:** This morning's prelude features our own oboist extraordinaire, Bonnie Rowe, playing "Gabriel's Oboe" from Ennio Marriconi's *The Mission*. During the service we'll hear Aaron David Miller's "Everliving Source of Us All," a commissioned anthem composed specifically for our Chalice Choir, and an Ysaye Barnwell composition, "Breaths," presented by The Gathering. The service ends on an appropriately springlike note with Samuel Wellman's "Thy Word is like a Garden, Lord."



## Terry Acocks, Board President

Locally, we will celebrate Reverend Tim's installation on May 21st. Please join us, your friends, in this joyful and meaningful ritual. Nationally, the UUA continues the process of addressing how our association does and does not exemplify our principles, particularly in the area of racial justice and systemic white supremacy. The June General Assembly in New Orleans will be a rich and deep experience, and will include the election of the next UUA President. TEALL is offering two \$1000 scholarships. Thank you, TEALL. Internationally, Unitarians also engage in important works that we may know nothing about. For example, we just learned about a Unitarian

Universalist orphanage in Kharang Meghalaya, India through their garden project on Faithify, which is a fundraising method available through the UUA. The Faithify project was fully funded through small donations and is now closed, though donations can be made separately to the orphanage. 8,000 plus members of the Unitarian Union of Northeast India run 34 schools and the orphanage. If you want to know more, see: <http://beyonyourdoorstep.blogspot.com/2012/12/the-kashi-hills-unitarian-child.html> and <http://icuu.net/>. In Fellowship, Terry Acocks



## Reverend Tim Barger

As if I haven't already officially been "on the job" as your minister, we'll have a formal ritual in an installation service at 4 pm May 21 so we can celebrate with the greater Toledo and area Unitarian Universalist communities. Rev. Don Southworth, the executive director of the Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association, will preach, and we'll have plenty of ceremony to make for grand atmosphere. Then we'll have some catered food afterward, but it's potluck for the desserts. All are invited.

Many of you have heard me speak in a service, or have read in online media, about the Unitarian Universalist Association's efforts to be in better relationship with our principles about worth, dignity, and the beloved community. There has been a national call to hold a teach-in about white supremacy. After looking at the schedule and considering when we might give focused attention to institutional, systemic, and individual racism, I didn't see the opportunity to change our plans for a Sunday in the spring to have the teach-in. Instead, I plan to make the teach-in materials available, such as by way of links on our social media, and examine race, racism, white privilege, and white supremacy in Unitarian Universalism and in our communities in the fall. But let's not wait to talk about it more informally in the spring and summer. Your Minister, Reverend Tim



## Nicole Jonsson, Religious Educator

Exciting things are happening at First UU! In the coming months you may see some new garden plots out back. Our church recently won a grant to trial some different types of native vegetation and low-mow grasses to possibly scale-up to cover the back two acres of our lot. Interested in donating some time to help? Let me know! In Fellowship, Nicole Jonsson, Acting Religious Educator

## GRANT RECEIVED!

First UU of Toledo received a \$1000.00 grant from the Toledo Lucas County Sustainability Commission! The money will be used to create six different test plots of low-mow grasses and types of native vegetation. We're interested in looking at options to cover the back two acres of our lot that are environmentally friendly and attractive to the neighborhood.

## BLANKET MAKING

Spring has brought us a change in weather and a change in a familiar group's name as well. F.O.C.U.S and Beach House have now combined under the name "LEADING FAMILIES HOME". What hasn't changed is the group's need for blankets for welcoming baskets given to the families as they are placed in their new homes. So as usual, there will be a blanket-making workshop for "LEADING FAMILIES HOME" on this month's fourth Wednesday, May 24, in Fellowship Hall at 9:30 am. All are welcome. Bring sharp scissors and a smile. Contact Mary with questions. [mjjobbmom@bex.net](mailto:mjjobbmom@bex.net)

## 2017 AUCTION THANK YOU

Auction update: The profit is now over \$11,400! Thanks so much to all who helped to make this such a huge success.

## GUEST AT YOUR TABLE

Last call for this fiscal year--GAYT contributions may be sent until June 30. Consider using part of your tax refund to help others. Brochures and envelopes are still available at church, or pay online at [uusc.org/givetoguest](http://uusc.org/givetoguest).

## COMMON READS

Join us for UnCommon Reads with Melissa on Friday, May 26th, 2017. Arrive at 6 pm for the snacks. Discussion starts at 6:30 pm of "The Making of a Racist" by Charles Dew.

## EQUALITY OHIO

Equality Ohio will offer "Becoming Faithfully Inclusive" at First Unitarian Church of Toledo Friday, May 5, through Sunday, May 7. A weekend of faith trainings focused on including lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and intersex people, as well as gender non-binary and other individuals in congregational activity. The activities will include different workshops – attend any or all – and Alex Shanks, Equality Ohio's faith organizer, will give the sermon at the 11 am service Sunday, May 7. All are invited.

## NEW UU SERIES

In May, your Compass Hospitality and Membership committee will host workshop #5 of The New UU series. This workshop provides an overview of congregational polity and covenant, the foundational principles upon which UU congregations are gathered and continue to exist as institutions. It will focus not on the mechanics of congregational structure and governance, but, rather the spiritual underpinnings of those structures, highlighting the role and importance of membership in a congregation. Although the curriculum is designed for newcomers to our church, all are invited and encouraged to attend. We will meet in the Youth Room at 1pm on May 28th after potluck. Please RSVP to [lanielec@yahoo.com](mailto:lanielec@yahoo.com) so that we can be sure to bring enough materials for everyone.

## CHURCH DIRECTORY

Updates to information in our Church Directory: If you have an update for our Church Directory (either online or hard copy), please contact Leitha Sackmann by email at [leitha77@yahoo.com](mailto:leitha77@yahoo.com) or text (call) 419-349-6855. Please use the words "Church directory" in the subject line if you send the update by email. Thanks for helping keep our directory up-to-date!



# 2017 at First Unitarian Church of Toledo

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 7:00 pm UU Heritage Series	<b>2</b> 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	<b>3</b> 8:00 pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA Group	<b>4</b> 7:30 pm Chalice Choir Rehearsal	<b>5 Cinco De Mayo</b> 6:00 pm Faith Training 7:00 pm First Friday Book Club	<b>6</b> 8:00 am Faith Training 10:00 am Women's Slice of Serenity AA Group 10:30 am Social Action Sat. 11:00 am Knitting/crafts
<b>7</b> 9:45 am Nursery Open 10:00 am Spiritual Adventures 11:00 am Children's RE 11:00 am Worship Service 12:15 pm Fellowship and RE Bake Sale 12:15 pm Committee Shared Ministry 12:30 pm Faith Training 8:00pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA	<b>8</b> 7:00 pm UU Heritage Series	<b>9</b> 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	<b>10</b> 8:00 pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA Group	<b>11</b> 7:30 pm Chalice Choir Rehearsal	<b>12</b> 9:30 am Knit Wits - Fellowship Hall	<b>13</b> 10:00 am Women's Slice of Serenity AA Group 10:30 am Bill Saunderson's Memorial 1:00 pm Wine, Women, and Whimsy
<b>14 Mother's Day</b> 9:45 am Nursery Open 10:00 am Spiritual Adventures 11:00 am Children's RE 11:00 am Worship Service 12:15 pm Fellowship Hour 12:15 pm Social Justice Committee 12:15 pm Caring Committee 12:45 pm Spiritual Adv Comm Mtg 5:30 pm Meditation - Off site 8:00pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA	<b>15</b> 9:15 am UU Breakfast (Reynolds Rd Garden Café) 7:00 pm UU Heritage Series	<b>16</b> 12:00 pm Big Book Noon Group AA Meeting 7:30 pm The Gathering Practice Sanctuary	<b>17</b> 8:00 pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA Group	<b>18</b> 7:30 pm Chalice Choir Rehearsal	<b>19</b> 6:30 pm Dining for Women	<b>20</b> 10:00 am Women's Slice of Serenity AA Group 10:00 am RE Council Mtg  <b>APRIL NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>
<b>21</b> 9:45 am Nursery Open 10:00 am Spiritual Adventures 11:00 am Children's RE 11:00 am Worship Service 12:15 pm Fellowship Hour 4:00 pm Rev. Tim's Installation 8:00pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA	<b>22</b> 6:00 pm Board Meeting	<b>23</b> 12:00 pm Big Book Noon Group AA Meeting 7:30 pm The Gathering Practice Sanctuary	<b>24</b> 9:30 am Focus Blanket Making 8:00pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA Group	<b>25</b> 7:30 pm Chalice Choir Rehearsal	<b>26</b> 6:00 pm UnCommon Reads Fellowship Hall 7:00 pm World Dining	<b>27</b> 10:00 am Women's Slice of Serenity AA Group 1:00 pm Awareness of Special Needs - offsite
<b>28</b> 9:45 am Nursery Open 10:00 am Spiritual Adventures 11:00 am All Ages Worship Service 12:15 pm Fourth Sunday Potluck 1:00 pm NEW UU 3:00 pm Meditation - Off site 8:00pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA	<b>29 Memorial Day</b> 	<b>30</b> 12:00 pm Big Book Noon Group AA Meeting 7:30 pm The Gathering Practice	<b>31</b> 12:00 pm Staff Meeting 8:00pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA Group	<b>1 June</b>	<b>2</b> 7:00 pm First Friday Book Club	<b>3</b> 10:00 am Women's Slice of Serenity AA Group 11:00 am Knitting/crafts

## MEDITATION GROUP

Please join us at 5:30 pm on Sundays, May 14 and May 28, 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 and in our interactions with others. Contact Karen at kbchristie@bex.net with questions.

## FIBER GROUP

A knitting, spinning, crocheting, and all things with fibers group will be re-starting. Some knit for charity and donate to the different needs in the city. We make hats, mittens, scarves, baby blankets, and preemie caps for hospitals. Join us the first Saturday of each month in the Capek Room from 11am - 5pm. This month will be May 6th. Bring finger foods to share and provide your own drinks. A donation will be collected each time we meet. Please use side door. Questions? Contact cloganmercerc@yahoo.com

## 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.

## 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, May 27th, 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.

## NEW NEIGHBORS

Wally, the first refugee to be settled in Toledo three years ago, arrived with his wife and two children with no job, no connections, no English, and unable to drive a car. Today he is working full time in his field, his children are loving school, and they converse easily in English. Your support has helped to make this transformation possible! Lynn Lyle

## 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 10, 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

## POTLUCK

Potluck is the 4th Sunday of every month, May 28th this month. See you all at potluck. I also wish to thank everyone in bring food for potluck and coffee hour. It is greatly appreciated. Also thank you to everyone who helps us prepare for and clean up afterwards. I also want to thank my kitchen committee without them this also could not happen. Carla LoganMercer

## SOCIAL ACTION SATURDAYS

Social Action Saturday is Baby University, this month. On May 6th, we will be help prepare and serve food to children and parents from 10:30 to 12:30 PM at 1842 Broadway, on the corner of Broadway and Orchard. We will put together a simple lunch and serve it to families receiving parenting education. \*Please wear SOTSOL or UU gear.\* Please contact Christopher Kasior at: cmkasior@gmail.com for questions or details. Or see their webpage at: http://babyutoledo.com/

## SKILLS BANK QUESTIONNAIRE

Leadership Dev. Comm. is asking everyone to complete a Skills Bank Questionnaire. This bright green form is for information only. You will not be signing up for any committee or event. We simply want to know what skills, experience, interests and training our congregation has. If you have not completed one please do so. There is no cost or obligation. The forms will be on the table at the sanctuary entrance and in Fellowship Hall. Place the completed ones in the box in Fellowship Hall or in the Leadership Development mailbox in the office. Thanks

## ELECTION JUNE 25TH ANNUAL MEETING

Our Nominating Committee has recommended for consideration for election at the 6/25/17 annual meeting the following proposed slate of Officers and Board Members for the 7/1/17 thru 6/30/19 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, Sun., June 11th at First U. Rev. Tim will welcome us and the speaker Fr. Jim Bacik. Light refreshments. Donations accepted.