



SUNDAY SERVICE NOTES FOR NOVEMBER 2018



Sunday, November 4

It's Discrimination Not Stigma

Worship Associate

Reverend Jami Yandle with Holly Brown, UU Ministerial Student

Melissa Jeter

We are called by our faith to resist all forms of oppression. The pursuit of mental health wellness affects everyone, although the stigma around mental illness is often not widely discussed nor viewed as discrimination. In this service we will explore some mental health stigmas, their dangers, and possible deadly effects when not taken seriously. We will learn about personal struggles, resources, and how to be better allies to those around us.

Music Notes: Sierra Webb will lead the musical portion of our service today with songs that include *True Colors* and *Bridge Over Troubled Water*.

Sunday, November 11

Great Peace

Worship Associate

Reverend Tim Barger

Karen Christie

For the 100th anniversary of the armistice to World War I--the "Great War"--we'll look at efforts to make for great peace, and wonder why war is still such a part of the human condition a century later.

Music Notes: The music in today's service is in recognition of Armistice Day. It will feature will feature guest jazz vocalist-pianist Nancy Hattner and our own Tom Sheehan.

Sunday, November 18

You're Welcome Here

Worship Associate

Reverend Tim Barger

Luanne Billstein

A call to radical hospitality. The sermon topic was given by Melanie Christiansen, who won the "buy a sermon" bidding in last spring's auction.

Music Notes: The Reverend William Gill and Chris Joseph will lead us in our musical selections at today's service.

Sunday, November 18

Thanksgiving Beverly Cluster Service 7 PM Holy Trinity Church

Sunday, November 25

World Religions

Worship Associate

Reverend Tim Barger

Joe Moran

A report on Rev. Tim's trip to the week-long Parliament of the World's Religions in Toronto at the beginning of November.

Music Notes: Today's music for the Thanksgiving season will feature our own Garth Simmons on trombone, with Bonnie Rowe on piano.



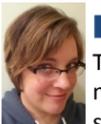
Reverend Tim Barger

When November starts I'll be in Toronto, attending the week-long Parliament of the World's Religions. Judy Trautman will be there, too, and we formed a Toledo contingent with Sister Sandy Sherman of the Ursulines. Think of that as a Unitarian Universalist General Assembly on a world religions global scale. On the final Sunday of November, the 25th, "World Religions" is the topic and the sermon will be a report on the experience in Toronto. In between those bookends, you'll hear Rev. Jami Yandle preach on the 4th--Jami's post-ordination sermon, since this congregation made Jami a reverend on October 28. On November 11 we'll mark the centennial of the armistice of the "Great War," World War I, with "Great Peace." On the 18th, Melanie Christiansen and the rest of you will hear about radical hospitality. Melanie gets singled out here because, by winning the bid from last spring's auction, she got to name the topic for a sermon. As we've just put Halloween costumes away and have Thanksgiving this month, and we're preparing for Christmas and other seasonal holidays already (including with our FOCUS tree--note that December 2 is the final day to bring a FOCUS gift), I think of this as the celebration stretch of our church year. Remember that having fun with what we wear, eating well but not too much, being nice to others and giving expressions of love and fondness are all good things--as are helping those in need and respecting that some people really need personal distance from these festivities. This time of year we might think more about our MultiFaith and Unitarian Universalist church families, and remember we're individuals who choose to be together. In Fellowship, Rev. Tim



Terry McCauley, Board President

NOVEMBER -- A time to be thankful for the harvest of this year. What's in our harvest besides food crops? How about the harvest of friendships, family relationships and the loves of our lives? The end of October and the beginning of November is the time we remember the death of our loved ones and celebrate the memory of their lives. We celebrate all they did for us, all they gave us and all they taught us. For all of this we give thanks. From our families, friends and all of our loved ones we harvest so many blessings. Our lives are enriched and made fuller by this harvest. Our church family is included in all of this too. I have received a bountiful harvest from all of you, my fellow church members, in what you have given me, taught me and shown me. For that I thank you. I encourage you to not only have a day of thanksgiving, but a whole month of giving thanks for so many blessings. Then let this lead to a life of thanksgiving. In Fellowship, Terry M.



Nicole Jonsson, Religious Educator

The people who work on Faith Development at First Unitarian of Toledo think quite a bit about what skill sets are needed to navigate the ups and downs of life. The answers may widely vary, but we know that having an arsenal of spiritual practices to draw upon when suffering happens is important. Moving forward we offer a deeper look at some ways we can bring our spirituality into our everyday lives and special practices to lean on when troubled. All ages can benefit and I encourage families of all shapes and sizes to come to learn and share what they know. In Fellowship, Nicole Jonsson

SAVEAROUND COUPON BOOKS

2019 SaveAround coupon books are now on sale after service on Sundays or any time that the church office is open. The books cost \$25 and have hundreds of dollars worth of coupon savings. This fundraiser supports our general fund. The church will receive 50% profit. Coupons include many local restaurants, retail stores, services, recreation, and entertainment. Take a look at all of the great coupon savings in the book. Makes a great gift for someone too!

LFH BLANKET MAKING

Cold weather is just around the corner. Blankets will be in even greater demand. Come help make some! Wednesday, November 28th at 9:30, in Fellowship Hall. Bring a friend.

DECEMBER ALL MUSIC SERVICE

Two Sundays before Christmas, we traditionally have an all-music service. Even though we're between music directors and our choir isn't active, we can still have an all-music service on December 16. If you have a holiday-oriented song or songs, sign up. We'll take solo artists, bands, ensembles, vocalists, and instrumentalists. Choir members can sing together without having to perfect a full hour of music. Consider this a showcase of our congregational talent. And if we do have a music director by this time, let's make the person excited by the musicians they'll conduct. Contact Rev. Tim to be one of the performers.

TOWN HALL MEETINGS

We've been experiencing changes in the way we do church, including moving to a model of Sunday religious education for children and adults, often combined, at 10 am and the 11 am service for everybody each week; establishing the MultiFaith Meditation Center in the Carl Sagan Room; and having different musicians responsible each week for the service while we search for a new music director. As part of assessing how these and other changes are going, as well as to hear other thoughts and suggestions, two town hall meetings will take place in Fellowship Hall, from 7:30 pm to 8:30 Tuesday, Nov. 13, and from noon to 1 pm on Saturday, Nov. 17. The meetings on different days and times are scheduled for better opportunity of people attending at least one of the sessions. Rev. Tim, President Terry McCauley, and Religious Educator Nicole Jonsson will answer questions, listen to comments, and talk about their visions for our congregation. Rather than the leaders giving presentations on specific topics, these will be open forums that we hope will help First Unitarian thrive. Think about the meetings as a pre-Thanksgiving expression of gratitude for the Toledo Unitarians community. We'd like to provide childcare for those sessions. If two people for each session can volunteer, please let Rev. Tim know.

SAVE THE TURKEY

Family Fun Friday, will be November 9, 6 pm, in Fellowship Hall. For the Family Fun Friday in November, come and be with your church family --young and old--for an early Thanksgiving. We'll let the turkeys stay free and, instead, have a macaroni and cheese dinner feast. Compass, which hosts Family Fun Fridays, will cook the meal. You bring your favorite dessert to share.

KNITWITS

The second Friday of every month at 9:30 AM in Fellowship Hall, KnitWits will continue to knit, crochet, or make 8x8 squares for a blanket. Everyone is welcome. KnitWits will continue to provide knitted and crocheted goods to Lucas County Children's Services and Leading Families Home. However Ruth London is retiring as chairperson and will no longer be calling to remind everyone of the date and time. The participants will have to depend on the FYI to stay in touch. Please continue to join us! On October 12, the KnitWits sorted 103 winter toasties (hats, mittens, scarves) for delivery to Lucas Co. Children's Services and Leading Families Home. Thank you to all who took a very long string of fiber and formed it into warmth. KnitWits continues year round, gathering in Fellowship Hall. All fiber workers are welcome to join any time! Knitting 8x8 inch garter-stitch squares of any color of washable yarn is still happening. Our goal is 81 squares for an afghan to be auctioned this coming spring in support of our church.

FAIR TRADE

We have been purchasing Fair Trade coffee from Equal Exchange for many years, and this holiday season we are offering you an opportunity to purchase a variety of their Fair Trade products through a catalog sale fundraiser. You can purchase organic high-quality coffee, tea, chocolate, olive oil, and more for your gift-giving or for your own home. Please visit the Holiday Fundraising table in Fellowship Hall after church to view and order from the catalog.

PLEDGE STATEMENTS

Please pick up your pledge and membership dues statements in the lobby. These totals represent payments received through Sept 30, 2018. If you have any questions, please email Teresa at bookkeeper@uutoledo.org. Thank you for your generosity and continued commitment!



2018 at First Unitarian Church of Toledo

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 10:00 am Community Outreach - Gwen Wilson	2 7:00 pm First Friday Book Club	3 Holiday Bazaar 9:00 am Holiday Bazaar 10:00 am Women's Slice of Serenity AA Group 11:15 am Fiberwork Orphans knitters and crafters
4 Holiday Bazaar 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 12:00 pm Holiday Bazaar 8:00 pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA	5	6 Election Day 12:00 pm Big Book Noon Group AA Meeting 2:00 pm Tree of Life CUUPS Chapter Meeting 6:30 pm Meditation - Sagan Room	7 8:00 pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA Group	8 6:00 pm Spiritual Adventures Planning Mtg	9 9:30 am Knit Wits - Fellowship Hall 6:00 pm Family Fun Night	10 10:00 am Women's Slice of Serenity AA Group 12:00 pm Secular Humanists of Western Lake Erie
11 Veterans Day 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 Including Baby Shower for Sierra Webb 12:30 pm Social Justice Committee Mtg 5:30 pm Meditation - Off site 8:00 pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA	12	13 World Kindness Day 12:00 pm Big Book Noon Group AA Meeting 6:30 pm Meditation - Sagan Room 7:30 pm Town Hall Mtg	14 1:30 pm Chalice Circle 6:30 pm Tree of Life CUUPS Chapter Mtg 8:00 pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA Group	15	16 6:30 pm Dining for Women	17 10:00 am Women's Slice of Serenity AA Group 10:00 am RE Council Mtg 12:00 pm Town Hall Mtg
18 Styrofoam Collection Last Day to Order Poinsettias 9:45 am Nursery Open 10:00 am Combined Spiritual Adventures Children's RE 11:00 am Worship Service 12:00 pm Fellowship Hour 12:30 pm Caring Committee Meeting 12:30 pm Grief Circle Support Group 8:00 pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA	19 9:00 am UU Breakfast (Reynolds Rd Garden Café)	20 12:00 pm Big Book Noon Group AA Meeting 6:30 pm Meditation - Sagan Room 7:00 pm Chalice Circle NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	21 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 and 1:00 pm Awareness of Special Needs - offsite
25 9:45 am Nursery Open 10:00 am Combined Spiritual Adventures Children's RE 11:00 am Worship Service 12:00 pm Fourth Sunday Potluck 5:30 pm Meditation - Off site 8:00 pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA	26 9:30 am UU Breakfast (Silver Moon, Rossford)	27 12:00 pm Big Book Noon Group AA Meeting 6:30 pm Meditation - Sagan Room	28 9:30 am Blanket Making 8:00 pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA Group	29 7:00 pm Board Meeting	30	December 1 10:00 am Women's Slice of Serenity AA Group 11:00 am Fiberwork Orphans knitters and crafters

WORLD KINDNESS DAY

World Kindness Day is November 13. Toledo Unitarians will be celebrating with a major fundraiser at The Shoppes At South Boundary shopping center in Perrysburg. Shop at Gathering Volumes, Nedley's, and Displaced Chef that day, mentioning First Unitarian at each, and a percentage of sales will be donated to the church. Many special events will happen throughout the day including story times, possible character visits, and door prizes at the book store. If you would like to help make the day special by offering door prizes, live music, or other special entertainment, please contact Melanie at LanieLeeC@yahoo.com.

MEDITATION

We invite you to join us at 5:30 pm on Sundays, Nov. 11 and Nov. 25, at 2500 N. Reynolds Road (corner of Pickfair and N. Reynolds) which houses MemoryLane Care Services. 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. The MultiFaith Meditation Center in the Carl Sagan room is now open. Please join us for meditation 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. In the event of inclement weather, please check your email or contact Karen before heading out.

CHURCH CALENDARS

Order your First Unitarian church calendar. It will feature beautiful pictures of our church and surroundings taken by your own church family. The cost is \$20 and must be prepaid no later than November 25th. They will arrive by December 9th and would make a perfect Christmas present for that hard-to-buy for person. Order forms are in the entryway.

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.**

CHURCH HOLIDAY BAZAAR

The Holiday bazaar is Saturday November 3rd from 9 AM to 3 PM and Sunday November 4th from 12:00 PM to 3 PM. Join us to find that perfect craft item, artwork, baked goods, Thanksgiving & Christmas items or purchase a ticket to win a raffle baskets. Lunch will be available for purchase.

BABY SHOWER

Let's Shower Sierra Webb with Gift Cards to welcome Baby Luna Jane on Sunday, Nov. 11th after church service. Gift cards from any store, restaurant, entertainment venue would be used and enjoyed by the family. Questions? Ask Jewel Barger or Judy Paschalis.

POINSETTIAS AND WREATHS

Our poinsettia and wreath sale is on! Orders will be taken through November 18th, with pick up December 6th or 9th. Order yours now. Fill out the order form and return with payment to the church office or put in the collection plate.

CHOCOLATE CANDY BARS

We have World's Finest Chocolate Bars for sale. The candy bars will be available after service and anytime that the church office is open. Only a \$1.00! Come grab some chocolate!

ADOPT A FAMILY

The holidays will be here before you know it and once again First Unitarian Church will adopt three families for Christmas. Look for the tags to be out by November 18th. If you can help, please take a tag off the Christmas tree and purchase and wrap a present for a person in need. All gifts will need to be delivered to church no later than Sunday December 2nd. Don't have time to shop? Gift cards and cash are gladly accepted. Would you like to help? Many hands will be needed December 2nd to sort the presents. Questions? Contact Luanne Billstein, Chris Stockwell, or call the church office.

CRAFT SATURDAY

Fiberwork Orphans will still be knitting and crafting Saturday November 3rd in the Capek room. Stop at the bazaar, then come craft with us. The time is from 11 am to 5 pm.