



SUNDAY SERVICE NOTES FOR OCTOBER 2018



Sunday, October 7

What, After All, Am I?

Worship Associate

David Strickler

The labels that we use to describe race and ethnicity can help us identify and address injustices in our society. However, labels such as 'black', 'white', or 'latino' are often over-simplifications that distort our perceptions or expectations of other people. We will reflect on racial identity and the need to respond with compassion and empathy even when the labels seem confusing or unclear.

Sunday, October 14

All They Do Is Talk About Money

Worship Associate

Reverend Tim Barger

Luanne Billstein

What we'll be talking about is stewardship, and yes, that includes money, but be open to what we'll say. First Unitarian has a new way and a new schedule of conducting our pledge campaign, setting the budget, and showing you how the support you give is responsibly handled. This stewardship sermon is part of the beginning of our new approach to finances.

Sunday, October 21

Paganism Then and Now

Worship Associate

Reverend Tim Barger

To follow up on a sermon last spring, "Pagan Roots," let's continue with the roots but extend into the branches, leaves, and blooms to see how paganism is practiced in the 21st century. We will also recognize the newly formed Tree of Life chapter, the Toledo Unitarians group of the Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans.

Sunday, October 28

Passing Thresholds / Jami Yandle's Ordination

Worship Associate

Reverend Tim Barger

First Unitarian will exercise one of its congregational responsibilities by ordaining Jami Yandle to be a minister. Jami is already a hospice chaplain and a community minister. This Sunday closest to Halloween is an appropriate time to declare that Jami's work with people close to death recognizes that Jami's activity comes with the title and responsibilities of "Reverend." The morning service will primarily be Jami's ordination ceremony, and it will include Rev. Tim giving a sermon on "Passing Thresholds."



Reverend Tim Barger

While we're adjusting to our new way of having children in church for the entire Sunday service, we're finding that a little more attention to them is needed. There will be more opportunities for kids to take part in the service, such as processing at the beginning if they'd like, sometimes lighting the chalice, and giving readings. We'd like them to come to the front for story time. And we want them to learn about how to behave in church. We also want them to know that this is a quiet place, and we recognize that they are learning about what church is like. So we're asking that parents and other designated adults watch over them. The preference is that they sit in a pew with a parent or other adult. If they can't be still, the parent or other adult can take them to the play area in the back of the sanctuary; the children still should be directly supervised, not just sent to the back—we don't have a childcare volunteer there. And if they need to move around or make noise, the parent or other adult can go with them to the Spirit Play Room, where audio of the service can be heard. They can return to the sanctuary when they're ready. The sounds that playing kids make, even when they're trying to be quiet, spread throughout the sanctuary. The extra noise bothers some congregants, and sometimes it's hard to hear what's said in the front. We know that the children won't always be completely silent, but with your encouragement they can learn to be quiet and to be engaged in the church service. Let's get the children to love the services at First Unitarian as well as religious education and social time. In Fellowship, Rev. Tim



Terry McCauley, Board President

October, a new month, all things new. What an interesting, exciting time! This will be a very good time for First Unitarian Church of Toledo. There will be many opportunities for spiritual growth, for starting new and strengthening continuing friendships, participating in learning and fun activities and welcoming people from the community to our church. We have the opportunity for everyone in the congregation to have a voice in how our budget can reflect how we do church and accomplish our vision and mission. We need to hear from you. Attend a budget meeting Tuesday evening October 2, 6-8 pm. This is a new opportunity for you. Don't miss it. We also have other opportunities for you: bring your dollars to church and support our fundraisers by buying delicious chocolate bars or a coupon book good at many, many locations around the area; bring some food to this month's potluck and feed fellow congregants and visitors physically and spiritually; join a Chalice Circle and help others grow as you grow too. Check the Order of Service and the FYI each week for more opportunities. We have so many opportunities to give and to receive and that's what makes us a living, vibrant church community. Thank you for being a part of it. Check out the "Lyle Meditation Room" and the "Tree of Life" CUUPS chapter. Both are open to everyone. We are Unitarian Universalists. ALL are welcome. Thank you for being part of our spiritual family. Blessed be. In Fellowship, Terry M.



Nicole Jonsson, Religious Educator

In order to survive as a viable faith community, we need new people to join our church. New members come from many different backgrounds and experiences, including never having been to a religious service before. It is our duty to Unitarian Universalism to make them feel welcome in our building and to help them know what to do (and not do) in service. It is said that it takes a village. Perhaps we could think instead that it takes a congregation to raise a person of faith. In Fellowship, Nicole Jonsson

MUSIC DIRECTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

While we did not have enough people interested in forming the Musical Worship Group, we are now at the point in preparing to form the Music Director Search Committee. Reverend Tim's plan is to have the updated job description posted ASAP and hopefully have a Music Director/ Accompanist hired by Thanksgiving. This means that we need to form the committee ASAP. If you are interested in being on the committee, please come to the meeting on October 7th in the Rudolph room at 12:30 after the church service. We will discuss and decide who the committee will be made of and furthermore discuss the audition process for the applicants for Music Director. Remember, the committee should consist of people who have been active in music at First UU and/or have some professional musical background. Please feel free to email/call me or Reverend Tim with any questions or concerns. Blessings, Sierra Webb 419-322-9608

SAVEAROUND COUPON BOOKS

We are selling 2019 SaveAround coupon books 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. Stop over and take a look at all of the great coupon savings in the book.

LFH BLANKET MAKING

Cold weather is just around the corner. Blankets will be in even greater demand. Come help make some! Wednesday, October 24 at 9:30, in Fellowship Hall. Bring a friend.

TENT CITY

Come be a part of these crucial events that provide vital services to the unhoused and draw attention to their needs. The Veterans Matter Walk to End Veteran Homelessness kicks off Tent City weekend on October 19th at 6:00 pm. For more information, access <https://app.mobilecause.com/vf/Walk4Veterans>. Tent City is October 19-21 and is run by volunteers. Access <http://1matters.org/tentcity/> for more information and click on their link to volunteer at Tent City. If you would like to speak with someone who has done the walk and volunteered in the past, contact Dave and Judy Murray at bookie@bex.net.

COFFEE HOUR

Coffee hour birthday cake on the first Sunday for each month is donated from Compass. Please bring a donation for coffee hour as follows, by last name: the first Sunday, A-I, the second Sunday, J-Q, the third Sunday R-Z, the fourth Sunday is potluck. (Oct 28, Nov 25, and Dec 23) If there is a fifth Sunday, please bring something if you are able.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Do you have one hour a month to invest in our congregation's children? RE teachers are still needed for every age group to help in the fall. See Nicole for more details.

SAVE THE DATE!

Restorative Practices Training for congregations, will be held at First Unitarian, Saturday, October 27, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Grounded in the practice of Compassionate Communication, this training, led by Rev. Renee Ruchotzke, will give an overview of restorative practices and skills, and will include hands-on circle exercises to use what you've learned. Registration fee \$30. Deadline is Oct. 24th. Please read the FYI for more info or contact David Strickler if you have any questions.

KNITWITS

Knit Wits announce our fall collection. We will have a collection box in the church foyer for newly hand-knitted winter wear (hats, mittens and scarves). At the October 12th meeting, the Knit Wits will sort items for distribution to Lucas Co. Children's Services and Leading Families Home. Also, Knit Wits are accepting 8 x 8 inch garter stitch squares for their patch-work afghan for the church auction. Knit Wits currently has 37 of the 81 needed squares. Squares are knit in worsted weight, washable yarn. All colors welcome.

CRAFT SATURDAY

Fiberwork Orphans are a knitting group, but it is open for all crafters. We meet at First Unitarian Church every first Saturday of the month, in the Capek room, which is the door at church across from the garage. Anyone with any craft can join us. We each bring a finger food to pass, but if you don't have anything, don't worry; there is always enough to share. We donate a dollar each, to the church. The time is 11-5.



OCTOBER 2018 at First Unitarian Church of Toledo

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 12:00 pm Big Book Noon Group AA Meeting 2:00 pm Tree of Life CUUPS Chapter Meeting 6:30 pm Budget Meeting 6:30 pm Meditation - Sagan Room	3 8:00 pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA Group	4 10:00 am Community Outreach - Gwen Wilson	5 7:00 pm First Friday Book Club	6 10:00 am Women's Slice of Serenity AA Group 11:00 am Fiberwork Orphans knitters and crafters
7 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 The New UU class 12:30 pm Music Director Search Comm 8:00 pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA	8 Columbus Day	9 12:00 pm Big Book Noon Group AA Meeting 6:30 pm Meditation - Sagan Room	10 1:30 pm Chalice Circle 6:30 pm Tree of Life CUUPS Chapter Mtg 8:00 pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA Group	11 5:30 pm Spiritual Adventures Planning Mtg	12 9:30 am Knit Wits - Fellowship Hall 6:00 pm Family Fun Night	13 10:00 am Women's Slice of Serenity AA Group 12:00 pm Secular Humanists of Western Lake Erie
14 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 Social Justice Committee Mtg 5:30 pm Meditation - Off site 8:00 pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA	15 9:00 am UU Breakfast (Reynolds Rd Garden Café)	16 12:00 pm Big Book Noon Group AA Meeting 6:30 pm Meditation - Sagan Room 7:00 pm Chalice Circle	17 8:00 pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA Group	18 7:00 pm <i>We The People 2.0</i> Documentary	19 6:30 pm Dining for Women	20 10:00 am Women's Slice of Serenity AA Group 10:00 am RE Council Mtg NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
21 Styrofoam Collection 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 Grief Circle Support Group 8:00 pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA	22	23 12:00 pm Big Book Noon Group AA Meeting 6:30 pm Meditation - Sagan Room	24 9:30 am Blanket Making 8:00pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA Group	25 7:00 pm Board Meeting	26 5:30 pm Trunk or Treat 7:00 pm World Dining	27 9:00 am Restorative Justice Workshop 10:00 am Women's Slice of Serenity AA Group and 1:00 pm Awareness of Special Needs - offsite 6:00 pm AA Dance
28 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	29	30 12:00 pm Big Book Noon Group AA Meeting 6:30 pm Meditation - Sagan Room	31 Halloween 8:00 pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA Group	1 November	2 7:00 pm First Friday Book Club	3 10:00 am Women's Slice of Serenity AA Group 11:00 am Fiberwork Orphans knitters and crafters

SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED

Did you know that First Unitarian adopted Arlington Elementary School on Woodsdale Ave. as part of the Toledo Public Schools Faith Based Partnership.? Volunteers are still needed for the 2018/19 school year. Do you have two hours a month that you can spare? Arlington School is a welcoming place with a great administrative staff and caring teachers and students. Contact: Gail Conrad, Kathy Deanda, Carol Keierleber, Carol Lehmann, Mary Moldawsky, or Karen Porter for more information.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Trunk or Treat will be on Friday October 26th from 530-730. Dress up your car and yourself to win best trunk or best costume. Please bring candy to hand out to the trick or treaters. Some snacks will be provided. The event will take place indoors if weather does not permit. Please feel free to email any questions to Lauren Goetz at: laurenmichelsen@yahoo.com.

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.**

BE THE BEST HOUSE ON THE BLOCK ON HALLOWEEN AND PASS OUT THE BEST CHOCOLATE!

Bring your dollars to church because we have the World's Finest Chocolate Bars for sale. The candy bars will be available after service and anytime that the church office is open. The fundraiser goes to support our general fund. Bring a \$1 and grab a snack or buy a bunch and give them to your trick or treaters.

HELP YOUR CHURCH GET FREE MONEY!

Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your Amazon purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service. Support your charitable organization by starting your shopping at <https://smile.amazon.com>. Select First Unitarian Church of Toledo, Ohio to receive donations, then when you shop sign into Smile.Amazon.com instead of just Amazon. Same website, but directs charitable contribution to our church.

Kroger also donates money when you shop there. Kroger Community Rewards makes fund-raising easy. All you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe your Plus Card. Go to Kroger Community Rewards at <http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com/> and click "enroll now" to register your Kroger plus card and then select First Unitarian Church of Toledo. You must re-register your card every May.

MEDITATION

We invite you to join us at 5:30 pm on Sundays, October 14 and 28 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. In addition, the MultiFaith Meditation Center in the Carl Sagan room at First Unitarian 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.

CHURCH CALENDARS

Look for order forms on the back of our orders of service for a First Unitarian church calendar. It will feature beautiful pictures of our church and surroundings. 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.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT MOVIE NIGHT!

All are invited to our monthly Family Fun Night, October 12th. We'll be watching an animated movie and having an early celebration of Day of the Dead. Watch the FYI for more details.

DOCUMENTARY - SAVE THE DATE

Join Toledoans for Safe Water and UFACE for a special screening of *WE THE PEOPLE 2.0* on Thursday, October 18th, 2018 at 7 PM in the sanctuary.

CHURCH BAZAAR

The Holiday bazaar is November 3rd and 4th. Start thinking about making things that you may want to donate to the church table. We are still in need of arts and crafts vendors. Due to space limitations, our bazaar works a bit differently than most. All money is handled by church volunteers, and vendors pay 25% of their sales for a table in lieu of an up-front table fee or a half table for only 20% sales commission. For more details or to submit your application, go to: <https://uutoledo.wufoo.com/forms/rtgzpdw1ke72xm/>