



SUNDAY SERVICE NOTES FOR SEPTEMBER 2018



Sunday, September 2

Information You Should Have

Longtime church member Thomas Titus will give his own perspective on matters of the universe and morality.

Tom Titus

Sunday, September 9

In the Air

Worship Associate

For our ingathering, the first "official" service of the new church year, we will celebrate the element of air and use its symbolism to look at the world and our congregation.

Reverend Tim Barger

Karen Christie

Sunday, September 16

Changes

Worship Associate

Sunday mornings are being approached differently this year. We'll look at the changes we have and the ones we foresee.

Reverend Tim Barger

Luanne Billstein

Sunday, September 23

In the Face of Unrelenting Opposition

Worship Associate

Our member Saroya King will have been a bishop in the Liberty Pentecostal Fellowship for almost a month when she leads a service for us. She is intent on building bridges, as illustrated by her being both Unitarian Universalist and a leader in a Christian group that does church in a different manner than we do. Her sermon topic will discuss the idea that once a government is committed to the principle of silencing the voice of opposition, it has only one way to go, and that is down the path of increasingly repressive measures, until it becomes a source of terror to all its citizens and creates a country where everyone lives in fear.

Bishop Saroya King

Joe Moran

Sunday, September 30

Universalism Hand in Hand

September 30 is the 248th anniversary of what's recognized as the first Universalist sermon in the western hemisphere, given by John Murray. We'll look at the Universalist context of today's Unitarian Universalism.

Reverend Tim Barger



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The new church year is upon us, with some big changes. Starting September 9, on Sundays we will have religious education for the students and younger kids at 10 am, the same time as spiritual adventures for the adults. Our 11 am service will be the only activity happening at that hour, so everybody can take part in the worship, meditation, contemplation, prayer that's the core of our public religious practice. Then we'll have social time starting at noon, with no cross-scheduling for 30 minutes—we call it coffee hour, but some might leave for meetings at 12:30 or begin their after-church day at that time. Please, all committees that were used to 12:15 meetings, help us have two and a half hours of "sacred time" and move your meetings to 12:30, for the coffee hour concept is for the worship to continue with us in community. We have made some changes to the Sunday service so we can have parts of interest to all, though admittedly some things will still be grownup-gear (you might say boredom is one of the easier challenges of childhood, and we older people don't always pay attention either). We want Sundays to be fulfilling for all; we have people who prefer silence and order, others who need movement and whatever comes in the moment, and we're in service with those who are just happy to have found a Unitarian Universalist congregation no matter how our religion is expressed. Please be with us, be open to change, and see how you can take part in serving the congregation as well as yourself—among the possibilities are teaching RE for a limited-time commitment, presenting a spiritual adventures program, helping in the kids' area during the service (we expect some will be there in the back, while others will sit with their parents), greeting, ushering, or serving as a worship associate. There are also a few outside-the-sanctuary at 11 roles—nursery care, kitchen prep, and building monitor. Also remember that the 11 am services are piped in to the Capek Room, and sometimes the video works. If you're sensitive to scents or have other reasons for not being in the sanctuary, be a Capek congregant. Because of our two-month delay in the budgeting process, some activities couldn't be developed over the summer and implemented yet, so we will still be looking at the "fit" in the service, in our 10 am educational hour, and in social time after, and making adjustments through the year. To help our new way to work well, please make suggestions to me, to our worship team as it gets reestablished, to our Committee on Shared Ministry, and to board members. As we find how this new way goes, we want feedback and input. In Fellowship, Rev. Tim



Terry McCauley, Board President

September. A new month. A new season starting. A new church year starting. All things new. What an interesting, exciting time! This will be a very good year 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. Come to the "Service Is Our Prayer" Fair on Sunday Sep. 16 and see everything that is going on in our church and how you can be involved. Two additional spiritual opportunities available this year are 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

The wheel of the year has turned and we will kick-off our religious education program for all starting September 9th. We will have age-differentiated classroom instruction the first two Sundays a month at 10:00, followed by service at 11:00. I invite you to model your faith to our younger congregants during RE For Everyone at 10:00 on third and fourth Sundays. We will be doing activities and growing our faith as a community. Some of what we will learn may not be new to you, but those new to our faith need your experience and mentorship! Nurturing the faith formation of younger UU's (and unchurched newcomers) will push your own spiritual growth. This year, we are moving to a co-op RE program, in order to ensure our volunteer pool doesn't become too taxed. If you have a youngster in RE, I'll be asking you to help out for a few weeks in a classroom (it doesn't have to be one your child is in). I think this is a wonderful way for parents to feel more connected to our faith, and many report learning quite a bit about Unitarian Universalism. In Fellowship, Nicole Jonsson

LFH BLANKET MAKING

The blanket-makers will be at it again on Wednesday, September 26 at 9:30 am in Fellowship Hall. Come join us. Everyone is welcome. Just bring sharp scissors and a smile!

SAVEAROUND COUPON BOOKS

We will be 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.

SERVICE FAIR

Service Is Our Prayer Fair Our annual committee fair will be held September 16 after Sunday service. This is an opportunity for our leaders to share what they do to help make our congregation operate and for members, friends, and guests, to find out how things work, and find ways to connect. More details to come - plus - PRIZES! Save the date!

MESSAGE FROM REVERND TIM ON MEDITATION

If you haven't been to the end of the west hallway in a while, you might not have noticed some changes. The Carl Sagan Room is now the dedicated space for our new MultiFaith Meditation Center. "The notion that science and spirituality are somehow mutually exclusive does a disservice to both," Sagan wrote in The Demon-Haunted World: Science as a Candle in the Dark. In our Unitarian Universalist way, having a room for meditation that is named after a scientist, and our encouraging the ways of many faiths and of no faith, illustrates our liberal religion. We are developing plans to have an open meditation for the larger community on Tuesday evenings, a day when none of the local sanghas currently have scheduled activities so some of those meditators might sit in community with the Toledo Unitarians. That will begin Tuesday, September 11. The starting time is 6:30 pm if you want to be there. Many thanks and bows go to Flowing Waters Sangha, with Lynn Lyle and Karen Christie, for taking the lead in arranging for regular meditation and for consulting about what we want and need in the MultiFaith Meditation Center. Rich Miller painted the room, and he also painted the Capek Room. A private donation helped us to purchase zafu and zabuton meditation cushion sets. The United Muslim Association of Toledo will donate prayer rugs. We are soliciting donations of meditation-related materials from other faith communities, too. Join us for the Tuesday community meditation; make use of the room for your individual meditation, much as a chapel would be used, whenever the building is open; and consider having your own meditation groups, newly formed or already existing, meeting in the Sagan Room.

CHALICE CIRCLES

Chalice Circles are a small group ministry offered to deepen our connections to one another and to our faith. Groups meet once a month for 8 months. Involvement is recommended for everyone. Watch for forms to be distributed soon. You will list your first, 2nd, and 3rd choices for a time and location that best fits your schedule. Availability follows: 2nd Tuesday each month 1:30 - 3pm, home setting near Reynolds Corners (cats in home), 3rd Tuesday each month 7pm - 8:30 pm at church, 2nd Wednesday each month 1:30 - 3pm at church, 3rd Thursday each month 6:30 pm - will meet online, Contact Leitha Sackmann or Melanie Christiansen for more information.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

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

SAVE THE DATE!

Friday September 14 join Jewel and Compass for our first "Family Fun Night" of the church year. Watch your FYI for more details.

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 normally potluck. If there is a fifth Sunday, please bring something if you are able.



2018 at First Unitarian Church of Toledo

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 10:00 am Women's Slice of Serenity AA Group
2 9:45 am Nursery Open 10:00 am Spiritual Adventures 10:00 am Children's RE One Room Schoolhouse 11:00 am Worship Service 12:00 pm Fellowship Hour 8:00 pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA	3 Labor Day 	4 12:00 pm Big Book Noon Group AA Meeting	5 8:00 pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA Group	6	7 7:00 pm First Friday Book Club	8 10:00 am Women's Slice of Serenity AA Group 12:00 pm Secular Humanists of Western Lake Erie
9 9:45 am Nursery Open 10:00 am Compass Meeting 10:00 am Spiritual Adventures 10:00 am Children's RE Kickoff 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	10	11 Patriot Day 12:00 pm Big Book Noon Group AA Meeting 6:30 pm Meditation - Sagan Room	12 6:30 pm Tree of Life CUUPS Chapter Mtg 8:00 pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA Group	13 5:30 pm Spiritual Adventures Planning Mtg	14 9:30 am Knit Wits - Fellowship Hall 6:00 pm Family Fun Night	15 10:00 am Women's Slice of Serenity AA Group 10:00 am RE Council Mtg 11:30 am Worship Team Meeting
16 9:45 am Nursery Open 10:00 am Combined Spiritual Adventures Children's RE 11:00 am Worship Service 12:00 pm Fellowship Hour 12:00pm Service is Prayer Committee Fair 12:30 pm Caring Committee Mtg 12:30 pm Grief Circle Support Group 8:00 pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA	17 9:00 am UU Breakfast (Reynolds Rd Garden Café)	18 12:00 pm Big Book Noon Group AA Meeting 6:30 pm Meditation - Sagan Room	19 8:00pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA Group	20 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	21 6:30 pm Dining for Women	22 8:30 am Clean Stream 10:00 am Women's Slice of Serenity AA Group and 1:00 pm Awareness of Special Needs - offsite
23 Styrofoam Collection 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	24	25 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
30 9:45 am Nursery Open 10:00 am Combined Spiritual Adventures Children's RE 11:00 am Worship Service 8:00 pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA	WORSHIP SERVICE MEETING Saturday September 15th at 11:30, in Fellowship Hall, for all who expressed interest in helping with Sunday services along with those who already are engaged in that task. Ushers, greeters, worship associates, music coordinators, RE, and so on, please join us for this meeting and help with planning and scheduling. Bring your lunch or pizza provided.					

SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS 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.

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.**

CHOCOLATE CANDY BARS
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.

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 GROUP
We invite you to join us at 5:30 pm on Sundays, September 9 and 23 at 2500 N. Reynolds Road (corner of Pickfair and N. Reynolds) which houses the Adult Day Center. 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. We are delighted to announce the opening of the Multifaith Meditation Center in the Carl Sagan room at the First Unitarian Church. We will hold weekly, Tuesday evening multi-faith meditation sessions from 6:30-7:30PM beginning Tuesday, September 11. 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. 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.

CLEAN STREAMS
Join Partners for Clean Streams to help clean up Toledo area waterways on Saturday September 22nd, from 8:30-12:00 PM, followed by an appreciation picnic. Registration required. Visit the PartnersforCleanStreams.org website or call 419-874-0727. Questions? Talk to Karen Porter for more information.

CHURCH CALENDARS
Look for order forms coming soon for a church calendar. It will feature beautiful pictures of our church and surroundings. The cost is \$20 and must be prepaid. They will arrive before Christmas and would make a perfect present for that hard-to-buy for person.

POTLUCKS
Potlucks are back! They will begin again for the fall. The first one is September 23rd. The theme is Farewell to Foods of summer. Bring your favorite summer foods such as potato salad, baked beans, corn, BBQ, etc. Don't forget the desserts. If the weather permits, we may have a couple of tables outside. Fall Potluck schedule: Sept 23, Oct 28, Nov 25, and Dec 23.