



# SUNDAY SERVICE NOTES FOR JUNE 2020



## Sunday, June 7

### Pay Attention

Melissa Jeter, Commissioned Lay Minister

In this sermon, Melissa Jeter, Commissioned-Lay Minister, will talk about the difference between mythos and logos as it pertains to ways Unitarian Universalists can pragmatically understand references in the Bible. Melissa will emphasize Love as the grounds for compassionate action.

## Sunday, June 14

### Mingle & Chat

Reverend Tim Barger

Let's celebrate the centennial of Woody Trautman, who was a beloved member of our church and, with his wife, Judy Trautman, helped greater Toledo to recognize that it is a multifaith and compassionate region.

## Sunday, June 21

### Ida B. Wells: Journalist, Activist, Godmother

David Strickler, Commissioned Lay Minister

Historians identify her as a teacher, a journalist, and an activist. I describe her as the Godmother of the Black Lives Matter movement. The Pulitzer Prize committee has recognized her "outstanding and courageous reporting on the horrific and vicious violence against African Americans during the era of lynching" and awarded her a posthumous prize in May 2020. This service will honor the life and work of Ida B. Wells.

## Sunday, June 28

### General Assembly Sunday service

Instead of a local Sunday service, we direct you to the first all-online Unitarian Universalist Association General Assembly—look in our Toledo Unitarians media for connection information. We'll come back into our Toledo circle for coffee hour after.



### Reverend Tim Barger

Have we made it to June? I'm a little bit afraid to ask—it seems as if the world is in suspension while we deal with the coronavirus pandemic, and in some ways I'd prefer that everything be on hold. We deal with it mostly by staying inside if we can or by discovering how essential our work is if we can't. But it's not a pause; time moves forward for us. The disease that drew our attention in the winter grew through spring and this month we'll see its summer status. It's not flu, it's certainly not hay fever, and it's with us for a while yet. The Unitarian Universalist Association has said for congregations to prepare to continue with altered services possibly for another full year. As I've noted before, we Toledo Unitarians won't be among the first to reopen, but we'll consider our local conditions in determining when we can meet physically again. Could be sooner, but we want it safer. In this meantime, let's not be mean. Give a bit of grace and understand that many won't recognize they're on edge—and remember to look for that in yourself, too, and be self-forgiving when it does happen (and apologetic to others if needed). We'll continue to provide what church we can, and reimagine some of it as we develop our technological abilities. It looks like what's becoming my traditional study leave and vacation in June and July won't be time away, but lighter work at the church and in Toledo—fewer Sundays preaching, but I might be in the sanctuary as the tech crew; a little bit more planning and less doing for the summer. So, during June and July, if you need a minister, I'll be around. I'm able to handle the tough things of life, to be a resource for your major (and minor) challenges, and to accompany you if you're in times of struggle or need. If you want to check in, whether for a purpose or just to make contact, I'm available. Yours, TK



### Sandra Kosek-Sills, Board President

June brings us to the end of the church year. Here we all are, one year further along in our respective spiritual and religious journeys. Where has the year taken you on your path? What are you looking forward to in the next church year? Ahead of us I see a year of connecting and reconnecting, constructing and reconstructing, and forging ahead in our mission while holding our place in Toledo. As part of reconnecting, I am looking forward to the all member stewardship. There may be actual construction, as we continue to do the needed maintenance on our sacred space. And, to continue our mission, we have several committees looking for fresh participants. Opportunities abound in RE Council, Membership, and Adult RE/Spiritual Adventures. Please consider attending a meeting or two to offer your thoughts and expertise, or to learn more about our programs, even if you don't feel you could make a commitment as a regular. If you're interested in church governance, you can attend a board meeting and see what we are about. There are great opportunities for spiritual growth and skills development in any of our program areas. In Fellowship, Sandra



### Kristin Olson, Acting Religious Educator

Greetings from RE! Thank you to those that have been watching our recording RE lessons. It is not easy to adjust to this "new normal" and we miss the real interaction with the children. Last week in Timeless Themes we heard the story of John the Baptist and the week before we heard the two stories of Jesus in the Temple. We will be continuing with the Timeless Themes curriculum for several more weeks so that we can complete the series. For our Senior High we will be continuing the Why do bad things Happen? curriculum. Last week was a look at harmony in the universe and the practice of Taoism. It is important to understand how different cultures and religions have dealt with the why of bad things happening in the world and their lives. Especially now when the COVID 19 is in the forefront of all our lives. If we understand where we come from, we will be more equipped to understand where we are now and where we go from here. Although all things are changing, as of now we will continue to record RE lessons until July. Thank you for watching. Stay safe. In Fellowship Kristin Olson



### Mickey Miller, Director of Music

Coming Events: Thursday nights at 7:30 – Music Ministry Fellowship Hour via Zoom  
Music Committee event on June 6th at 1pm.

Sending well wishes to all from home! Despite the strangeness of our current circumstances, I'm grateful for our resources and fellowship at First Unitarian Church of Toledo. We've had some lovely Music Ministry Fellowship via Zoom on Thursday nights in lieu of rehearsal, which will now be meeting every week through June and is open to all. This summer, we'll begin looking forward by forming a new Music Committee. This group is open to anyone interested in music at our church and will discuss short and long-term goals for creating beloved music community. Those interested should please email Mickey at: [musicdirector@uutoledo.org](mailto:musicdirector@uutoledo.org) for more information. Our first meeting will be Saturday, June 6th at 1pm via Zoom. Wishing y'all health, safety, and comfort, Mickey

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Be sure to watch the free online Sunday service Sunday June 28th. The annual national gathering of Unitarian Universalists, will be entirely online this year. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the planners canceled the Providence, Rhode Island, meeting and are making the transition to a virtual convention. It will still take place June 24-28. If you would like to take part in General Assembly, the fee is \$150. You can sign up at [uua.org/ga/registration](http://uua.org/ga/registration). If you'd like to be a delegate, our congregation gets four, and we've filled only two places, with Abigail Humphreys and David Strickler. Contact Board President Sandra Kosek-Sills if you'd like to be an official representative with voting privileges. You can also attend without being a delegate. For more information go to: [uua.org/ga](http://uua.org/ga)

## CARING COMMITTEE

If you or a member of our congregation is hospitalized, or need assistance, please let the Caring Committee know. Contact Marsha Gamble, Chair, at: [marshagamble548@gmail.com](mailto:marshagamble548@gmail.com)

## CURRENT ZOOM/YOUTUBE SCHEDULE

You can watch all of our Sunday services and other streamed productions by going online and searching for YOUTUBE. From the YOUTUBE webpage you can search for Toledo Unitarians and either tune in live at the appropriate time or watch previous recorded versions of our services, spiritual adventures, meditation, etc. In addition, we are also holding live virtual meetings for Spiritual Adventures and Multifaith Meditation on ZOOM. For Zoom meetings you will need a link and meeting ID. You can participate online or call in by phone. Have questions? Please don't hesitate to email the church office at [office@uutoledo.org](mailto:office@uutoledo.org)

Sundays 10 am Spiritual Adventures on Zoom

Sundays 10:30 am Religious Education

Sundays 11 am Sunday Service

Sundays Noon Social Time/Coffee Hour

Sundays 5:30 pm, Tuesdays 6:30 pm Multifaith Meditation via Zoom, contact Karen Christie

Thursdays 7:30 pm Music Ministry Fellowship Hour via Zoom

## ZOOM

As we get Zoom woven into our church life, consider it to be the equivalent of another meeting room. Committees, chalice circles, and church members can reserve a time, similar to what's already done—with our administrator Carol handling the calendar. You reserve by emailing our office at: [office@uutoledo.org](mailto:office@uutoledo.org). The email, meeting ID, and passwords are like building codes and keys. As your meeting is scheduled, you'll receive Zoom's login info. There are several ways to connect to Zoom. You can go to <https://zoom.us> and sign up for free. Or you can access Zoom meetings from the links in the special FYI's that are emailed. Read the FYI and follow the directions clicking the links. You can also call in if you have the meeting ID and password. Nationwide phone numbers are: (253)-215-8782 or (301)-715-8592. We look forward to much congregational connection with Zoom. Please be a part of the many opportunities to connect with your church family. See you online!

## COFFEE HOUR

For the next stage of our congregational electronic engagement, we're giving the Sunday Zoom numbers for coffee hour here so you can have them ready on Sunday. On Zoom.us or your Zoom app, "join meeting"/connect to the meeting ID 816 909 4223 and use the password 43614. We're attempting to use the same meeting ID and password every Sunday, so (though Rev. Tim would like you to attend the 11 AM service) you can tune in at coffee hour time without having to watch for the numbers that morning on our YouTube Toledo Unitarians channel. Our 11 am service will continue to be on Toledo Unitarians on YouTube. We use Zoom to livestream on YouTube. Thanks for being active in our telUUvangelism.

## UPDATED WEBPAGE - PLEDGE ONLINE

Check out our new updated webpage: [uutoledo.org](http://uutoledo.org) and find the "donate/pledge" pull-down menu to get to online paying or contact Teresa at [bookkeeper@uutoledo.org](mailto:bookkeeper@uutoledo.org)



# 2020 at First Unitarian Church of Toledo

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 	2	3	4 7:30 pm Music Ministry Fellowship Hour via Zoom	5	6 1:00 pm Music Committee Event
7 10:00 am Spiritual Adventures YouTube 10:30 am Children's RE YouTube 11:00 am Worship Service YouTube 12:00 pm Fellowship YouTube 4:00 pm Men's Group Conference Call 5:30 pm Meditation - Zoom	8	9 6:30 pm Meditation - Zoom	10	11 7:00 pm Board meeting via webex email Arun for link 7:30 pm Music Ministry Fellowship Hour via Zoom	12	13
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## MEDITATION

We invite you to join us for our Tuesday MultiFaith Meditation group on ZOOM. Simply click on the invitation below to join us from 6:30-7:30PM: Tuesday MultiFaith Meditation

Time: 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada) Every week on Tuesday

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81951968025?pwd=RmVvRUgrWGx0aEsvckVyVUs5TTZhZz09>

Meeting ID: 819 5196 8025, Password: 901251 or Dial by your location: +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Below is the link for our every Sunday meditation from 5:30-7PM. I hope you will join us! Time: Every week on Sunday 05:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84128187111?pwd=NGt0SzFRVEpLMTk5RU1Qa0xkUDRqUT09>

Meeting ID: 841 2818 7111, Password: 594980 or Dial by your location +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Thich Nhat Hanh reminds us, "mindfulness is the kind of light that shows us the way. Mindfulness gives birth to insight, a awakening, compassion and love."



## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Church office hours are temporarily suspended. Please reach us by phone or email at: [office@uutoledo.org](mailto:office@uutoledo.org), [bookkeeper@uutoledo.org](mailto:bookkeeper@uutoledo.org), [carols@uutoledo.org](mailto:carols@uutoledo.org), or [minister@uutoledo.org](mailto:minister@uutoledo.org)

## MINI FOOD PANTRY

Thank you for your continued support of our parking lot mini food pantry. Please remember to bring non-perishable food items and place in the Little Pantry in the parking lot. 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, hygiene products, etc. Note the expiration date on the items-**NO EXPIRED ITEMS MAY BE DONATED**. This is a Lucas County Health Department rule. When we find expired items in the pantry box, they are disposed of. We are not allowed to pass out expired items. Please do not put expired items in the pantry box. Thank you.

## STYROFOAM

The recycling station at Ann Arbor where we take our Styrofoam is currently closed due to the pandemic with no definite date to reopen. If you are able to store your accumulated Styrofoam at home, that would be great since the church garage is filling up, but if that isn't a possibility, you can still bring it to church rather than throwing it into the garbage. Check with Karen Porter for further instructions.

## ORDERS OF SERVICE

Orders of Service will be available electronically each week. Please look for the Saturday email with a link to the Order of Service, to read along, while watching our Sunday service on our YouTube Toledo Unitarians channel. Also links to our ZOOM interactive meetings can be found there.

## FREE MONEY

Are You Signed Up? Earn free money for your church! Sign up at [krogercommunityrewards.com](http://krogercommunityrewards.com) and [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com). Email the church office with questions. [office@uutoledo.org](mailto:office@uutoledo.org)

## COMMITTEE ON SHARED MINISTRY

The Committee on Shared Ministry is available to handle your concerns/questions/comments on all aspects of church life. You may contact us by email at: [cosm3205@gmail.com](mailto:cosm3205@gmail.com) or speak directly to any of our members: Phil Teitlebaum, Bonnie Rowe, Rich Miller, Kathy Crowther, Rev. Tim Barger

## BOARD SPECIAL SESSION INFORMATION

Churches have been exempted from the shelter in place order, but we have reduced the number of people holding the online services and some of the other elements such as RE will be pre-recorded and/or remotely recorded to maintain physical distancing. Expect a few changes with the service on YouTube but it will still be there for now. Again, much appreciation to our minister, CLMs, and staff for their dedication to serve. We will be limiting access to the building to everyone except staff, security, cleaning, and building and grounds. **The code has been changed, so please do not attempt to access the building.** We expanded Zoom access soon so we can have committee meetings by conferencing. Pastoral care is still available by phone and email, please do continue to let the Caring Circle know if you have needs. The new web site has been constructed and looks beautiful. The existing online donation system is preserved on the new site but we are also going to get set up in PayPal and/or Venmo. Effective immediately, if you are on a committee that has a budget, please limit discretionary spending even if you have money left over. We have enough operating reserve and are confident we can weather this storm financially, but it will help a lot if everyone can continue to pay pledges and make collection plate offerings. Most of our financial commitments are to our hard working and dedicated staff. Please take advantage of our new online capability and come to the Toledo Unitarians YouTube channel to participate in Spiritual Adventures, RE, services and meditations. Hope to see you there!

## PLEASE RETURN YOUR BALLOTS

Voting ballots were mailed along with a self addressed stamped envelope to each eligible voting member on Tuesday May 19th. Please be sure to fill out the ballot and put it in the mail as soon as you can to ensure we receive it in time. The deadline to receive your ballot is JUNE 8, 2020.

## MEN'S GROUP

The next meeting of the Men's Group will be held Sunday, June 7, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. via conference call (details to be sent later). This meeting is open to members and friends of First Unitarian who identify as male. Our goal is to build community, promote friendship, provide support, and discuss issues related to men in society. Please contact David Strickler ([david.pickstrume@gmail.com](mailto:david.pickstrume@gmail.com)) if you want to receive the connection details.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations, Dan Wilson, 2020 Graduate!! Dan (Vicki) Wilson who graduated from Perrysburg High School Sunday, May 17. Dan has been attending Penta County career Center for the past two years, specializing in the Med Tech program. Dan plans to attend the University of Toledo in the fall working toward becoming a Physician's Assistant. Congratulations, Dan! We're very proud of you!