



# SUNDAY SERVICE NOTES FOR JULY 2020



**Sunday, July 5**

## You Call This Independence?"

**Reverend Tim Barger**

With 2020's Independence Day happening in the midst of a pandemic, with staying at home the wise course of coping, we'll examine aspects of what independence really is.

**Sunday, July 12**

## Difficult Journeys

**Judy Lee Trautman**

Stories of two personal difficult journeys offer possibilities of hope and meaning, as we jointly travel current difficult journeys towards resolving two viruses - COVID-19 and systemic racism.

**Sunday, July 19**

## Connection: Won't You be My Neighbor

**Joe Moran**

The Multifaith Council identified loneliness and isolation as an issue it wanted to tackle in 2020. I had been preparing for this theme when within a brief span came Covid 19 and the murder of George Floyd. My intention is to stay with the theme and discuss how loneliness and connection might be related to the two events but my original goals remain unchanged: 1. Share some disturbing trends on the loss of healthy connections by increasing numbers of American's, 2. Identify some likely contributors to the loss of these connections, 3. Offer some possible remedies

**Sunday, July 26**

## Make Them Hear You

**Reverend Jeffrey B. Gamble**

Prior to walking into an extrajudicial execution, Coalhouse Walker, in the play, Ragtime, exhorts his friends to tell the story of the challenges of Black life in America. Our July 26 service includes a little Broadway, Dr. King quotes, and a challenge or two. Everything you want in a summer UU service. Rev. Gamble of Westerville, Ohio, who gave the sermon at Rev. Tim's installation service in 2017, returns via Zoom to preach for a summer service.



## Reverend Tim Barger

Enjoy your summer Everyone. Yours, TK



## Sandra Kosek-Sills, Board President

I see a lot of energy in the congregation around antiracism. I appreciate all the time and effort that is going in to make signs, attend protests, come to our own vigil, read, learn, and participate in dialogue. We all feel outrage and sorrow for siblings who are people of color as injustice continues to occur. Let's be sure to keep this passion going through the summer, and bring what you are learning back to us as a group into the fall so we can continue the effort to build an inclusive, just, fair, and welcoming beloved community. In Fellowship, Sandra



## Kristin Olson, Acting Religious Educator

Greetings from RE! Thank you to those that have been continuing to watch our recorded RE lessons. We are finishing up the *Timeless Themes* curriculum and the *Why Do Bad Things Happen* curriculum. We will be taking a break through July and August and hopefully starting up again sometime in September. I am currently exploring our options for next years curriculum. I am open to suggestions so if you have any ideas please email me at kolson@ymcatoledo.org. In Fellowship, Kristin Olson



## Mickey Miller, Director of Music

Coming Events: Thursday nights at 7:30 – Music Ministry Fellowship Hour via Zoom

## SAFETY/SECURITY LEADERSHIP CHANGE

Mike Davisson has accepted the position of chair of the Safety/Security Committee starting July 1, 2020. Marsha Gamble will remain on the committee but is ready to share the opportunity to manage it. Mike has been a committed and dependable member of the Safety Team for several years; please welcome Mike's acceptance of this responsibility. We also thank the other members of the Security team: Tina Baker, Cindy Gilmore, Rich Miller, Robin Stone, and Dominic Wilson for their service and commitment to providing a safe environment during Sunday services. We look forward to continuing this service in September when services resume. We're always looking for additional members for our team, so, if you are interested, let Mike know.

## VIGILS FOR EQUAL RIGHTS FOR ALL AND FOR BLACK LIVES MATTER

First Unitarian Church is having some small, quiet vigils to show our support of equal justice for all and for Black Lives Matter. We're trying to keep the number of participants small so that everyone feels safe. Go to <https://www.tinyurl.com/1st-U-Wed-Vigils> for details about dates and times, and to sign up. Please do sign up if you would like to participate. One really important detail is that our church building will be closed during the vigils, so there will be no restrooms or water available for vigil participants. Questions: Contact Carol Keierleber at [keierleber@aol.com](mailto:keierleber@aol.com), Karen Porter at [kjport@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kjport@sbcglobal.net), Krista Schneider at [krista.s.schneider@gmail.com](mailto:krista.s.schneider@gmail.com), or Tom Sheehan at [tom43623@gmail.com](mailto:tom43623@gmail.com) [tinyurl.com/1st-U-Wed-Vigils](https://www.tinyurl.com/1st-U-Wed-Vigils)

## OTE FUNDRAISER

"It is the greatest of all mistakes to do nothing because you can only do little. Do what you can!" It is a great mistake to contribute nothing because you can only contribute a little. Donate what you can to The Victory Center which provides free services to cancer victims and survivors as well as to caregivers. It all adds up. Please make a small contribution to help UU member John Pettigrew go Over the Edge - 16 stories up in downtown Toledo at The Plaza, 300 Madison Ave., on Friday August 28th. A person raising \$1,000 can go Over the Edge. You can read about it and donate with a credit or debit card at [HTTPS://ote4victory.org/index.cfm](https://ote4victory.org/index.cfm) Click on Donate for Rappeler. It all adds up, \$20, \$10, \$5, \$1. If a small amount embarrasses you, then make it anonymous. It takes very little time. Questions? Contact John Pettigrew. [johpett@yahoo.com](mailto:johpett@yahoo.com)

## 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 recoded 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)

## FAITH LAB

<https://www.uua.org/youth/events/uu-faith-lab> If you have youth who are looking for deep and meaningful programming this summer, check out Faith Lab! Faith Lab is an online, small group experience for UU youth who've completed grades 9th-12th or the homeschooled equivalent that begins July 10th with an online community gathering around covenant. The program runs through July 31st. How much is Faith Lab? Sliding scale from \$0 to infinity dollars!



# 2020 at First Unitarian Church of Toledo

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 5:00 pm Front Lawn Vigils Must sign up thru SignUpGenius	<b>2</b> 7:30 pm Music Ministry Fellowship Hour via Zoom	<b>3</b>	<b>4 Happy 4th of July!</b> 
<b>5</b> 10:00 am Spiritual Adventures YouTube 10:30 am Children's RE YouTube 11:00 am Worship Service YouTube 12:00 pm Fellowship YouTube 5:30 pm Meditation - Zoom	<b>6</b> 7:00 pm COVID-19 Subcommittee meeting via Zoom	<b>7</b> 6:30 pm Meditation - Zoom	<b>8</b> 5:00 pm Front Lawn Vigils Must sign up thru SignUpGenius	<b>9</b> 7:00 pm Board meeting via webex email Arun for link 7:30 pm Music Ministry Fellowship Hour via Zoom	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
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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:

Topic: Tuesday MultiFaith Meditation, Time: 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81951968025?pwd=RmVvRUgrWGx0aEsvckVvYUUs5TTFhZz09>

Meeting ID: 819 5196 8025, Password: 901251 - Dial by your location +1 929 436 2866 US (New York)



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 - Dial by your location +1 929 436 2866 US (New York)

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

For questions, please contact Karen Christie at [kbchristie@bex.net](mailto:kbchristie@bex.net).

## 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)

## 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.

## 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

## 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)

## BOARD SPECIAL SESSION INFORMATION

**COVID RESPONSE:** At the board meeting on June 11, it was decided to keep the building status as is (closed for most uses) through July 9 (the next board meeting). We do not want to open too soon, but we are willing to consider a phased approach that might mean additional use of the building, short of in-person services, perhaps sooner than September if it seems warranted by low case counts in Lucas County. The next task is for us to establish a COVID-19 phased reopening plan. A subcommittee of the board has been formed to begin this process. In the mean time, use of the grounds by congregation members is acceptable as long as folks are aware that the building itself, and perhaps more importantly the bathroom, is not yet available for general use. We do intend to try to keep doing services online even after we reopen, to maintain the option for people to stay apart but stay connected. Thank you for your patience as we continue to work through these issues.

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!

## 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.

## ZOOM UNIVERSAL WORSHIP ON HEALING

Monday, July 6, at 6 PM will be a Universal Worship Service when readers and musicians from multiple faith traditions, including Unitarian Universalism, will share perspectives on healing, which we all need right now. Presenters will be on Zoom broadcasting to Facebook Live at <https://www.facebook.com/MFC.NWOH/>. If you need the Zoom link, please contact Judy Lee Trautman. ([jltrautman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jltrautman@sbcglobal.net))

