



SUNDAY SERVICE NOTES FOR SEPTEMBER 2020



Sunday, September 6

On Taking A Spiritual Vaccine

Saroya King

We are gradually entering an era in which we can take a holistic-energetic approach to diseases and can apply the principles of quantum physics to health care. An era in which people will be truly healthy instead of being wrapped up in ideas of fear and pain, instead of doing anything they possible can not to feel the pain and therefore not being able to recognize alternative options. Achieving this situation will require a change in awareness

Sunday, September 13

Earth & Ingathering

Rev. Dr. TK Barger

The Earth is our home, with earth our foundation. Let's give it the care it needs so we have the earth, water, air, and fire that we need. This is the traditional start of our church year; after our YouTube-only service at 11, we'll have a social-distanced, bring-your-own-food picnic on the church grounds at 1 pm—enough travel time, we hope, after you have church at home. If you want to bring ceremonial water, it can be poured on garden or other space during the picnic.

Sunday, September 20

Peace

Rev. Dr. TK Barger

The United Nations International Day of Peace is September 21—this will be the 40th since it was established in 1981. With a desire for world peace, we'll examine the state of the world and its people.

Sunday, September 27

Remorse

Rev. Dr. TK Barger

Yom Kippur, the Jewish day of atonement, begins at sunset on September 27. We'll examine the concept of remorse—is it just being sorry and meaning it? No, there's more to remorse.



Reverend Tim Barger

I'm in the midst of planning Sunday services for the church year that is just beginning. Not knowing how much longer the pandemic will necessitate our continuing livestream-only services or if we'll be able to have in-person services with the congregation present—and including livestreaming because we realize not everyone will be ready to return on the same schedule—some of the topics I begin with might change by that Sunday. I have altered topics before to address a current event that has impacted the congregation, society, or me, so it's not unprecedented, but I try to have a mix of services throughout the church year that address different aspects of our being religious people with a view to building beloved community. Sunday church will begin in September on the 6th with our own Saroya King, a Unitarian Universalist who is also a Pentecostal apostle and was ordained as a United Methodist minister, and she says she couldn't do her sacred work without her Unitarian Universalist foundation. Our annual Ingathering will be September 13, with "Earth" as the topic. Many Unitarian Universalist congregations hold water ceremonies annually at Ingathering, like we did a year ago, but I've expanded that Sunday into celebrating water and other elements. My first year as the called minister we had "Fire," then "Air" in 2018, "Water" last year, and now "Earth." Those are called the classic elements, but we Unitarian Universalists are all about science, and mysticism, so in coming years we'll include an Ingathering on the periodic table of the elements (we're contemporary and classical), on quintessence which is viewed kind of as an unknown element, and on all the elements in general. Some of you like water annually; this year, you might consider keeping it in a container while you watch the Sunday service on YouTube and then take it to the church for our 1 pm Ingathering picnic; then you can pour your water on the memorial garden, the community garden, or someplace else (maybe to bless the newly repaved portion of the parking lot?). On September 20, I'll continue a series I started last year, giving a sermon one Sunday a month on Jesus, from my humanist perspective. We'll end September Sundays on the 27th with "Remorse," in light of Yom Kippur's call for atonement but also, I expect, looking at the state of society and what we've done to the world. Please, as we continue our great adjustments during this time of Covid-19 without a vaccine ready, keep this church, its people and the organization, in your mercies and support our Unitarian Universalist congregation in word, in deed, and financially. We're necessarily remote but trying still to be your religious place. Blessings. TK



Sandra Kosek-Sills, Board President

Welcome one and all as we gather back in after the summer. Gathering back at least in the virtual sense. Please take advantage of the online services, note that Rev. Tim has online office hours, and we are still doing Spiritual Adventures and coffee hour online. Committees are encouraged to meet virtually. We have aligned the new board members to be liaisons to the committees. For any committee, please be in touch with your board liaison if you have questions about your budget line items (check with Tom Sheehan if you are not sure who that is). The board voted to keep the services online only through September 13 – which means that our traditional Ingathering will be online only. However – we have plans underway to utilize our very large yard for some socially distant events this fall. We will be kicking off our Stewardship campaign later in September in a very tough economic climate – my hope this year is to achieve a higher rate of pledging and full voting membership. Please participate so that you can learn more about how we use the funds that are raised to fulfill our church mission and offer your thoughts on what more we can and should be doing. Please note that churches are exempt from the gathering restrictions, but we want our congregation to remain safe and socially distanced. The board continues to watch the case counts in Lucas County very closely. Please stay safe. In Fellowship, Sandra



Mickey Emch, Director of Music

Summer is winding down and we're excited to build new ways to connect in Sunday service. This year will look a little different in the music ministry: Instead of weekly choir, Gathering, and bells rehearsals, we'll have a diverse program for prerecorded, virtual performances from our congregation. Singers of all backgrounds are welcome to join in our Fall music series, including pieces that you can learn by ear, with practice tracks, or just bringing your own favorite songs! Our Beloved Community Choir will receive music and click tracks for recording at home, or can be recorded by individual appointment at church with Mickey. Our first "meeting" for further details and fellowship will be via Zoom on Thursday, Sept. 3rd at 7:30pm. Stay tuned for details around bell choir, hopefully gathering soon for distant, masked rehearsals. On a personal note, I'd want to send you all deep gratitude for the wedding wishes! Derek and I are thrilled to be married despite the chaos of 2020. We'll keep washing our hands, keeping our distance, and hope to celebrate with you all next year. In fellowship, Mickey Emch

BEST WISHES MELISSA JETER

As you may have heard, our very own Melissa Jeter has been accepted to the Methodist Theological School of Ohio and has received a full scholarship to study. There are still some other fees that Toledo Unitarians can help cover for Melissa. She has provided the board with a detailed, itemized list that adds up to \$1,845 of additional expenses. We have created a line item in the church special expenses listing to help support Melissa's studies. If you would like to contribute to show our support for her as a congregation, please send checks to the church office and write "Melissa Jeter ministry" in the subject line. We will let you know as we approach her requested funding amount. Congratulations Melissa, we are so happy and excited for you!

PHASE 1 COMPLETED

Phase I of the summer paving project is complete with a new front parking lot to greet congregants the next time they visit the church. Improving accessibility was a goal of the project in addition to replacing the old crumbling surface, and Jennite Co. of Toledo did a great job. The paving surface is now flush with the sidewalk so there are no steps to navigate to enter the church. The other visible change is the six new accessible parking spaces closest to the main entrance to the church, two specifically for vans.

WEBSITE UPDATED

Have you checked out our recent website upgrade? It looks great! We would like to make sure it has great content, especially to start off the church year. If you are on a committee, or if you have a photo to share, we are interested in your ideas for content. If you have a specific piece of content you want included, and it is written out or a photo, please send to Dominic Wilson to have it added. The following link can help in making sure our writing is effective for meeting our communication goals on the web: <https://www.uua.org/communications/websites/content/writing>. If you see a piece missing but you do not have specific content, please contact Sandra Kosek-Sills with your suggestion. Thanks!

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

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

ZOOM

Reserve your meeting space by emailing our office at: 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. 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.

PLEDGE ONLINE

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



2020 at First Unitarian Church of Toledo

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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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: 6:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81464488349?pwd=MUKyUi9CNTQzT3AwWXZCSTUwZHY1QT09>

Meeting ID: 814 6448 8349, Password: 575494

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!

Topic: Sunday Meditation Time: 5:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85722228065?pwd=WmlrMGZiN1c5VnlOaWFvc2RFUGc2Zz09>

Meeting ID: 857 2222 8065, Password: 309700

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.



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 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, bookkeeper@uutoledo.org, carols@uutoledo.org, or minister@uutoledo.org

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.

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.

STEWARDSHIP

Hello! Are you feeling a little distant and disconnected from your church family? The Stewardship Committee wants to help! To encourage a greater sense of unity while we're all being kept apart, the Stewardship Committee is looking forward to talking with all of First Unitarian's congregants so that together we can imagine new possibilities for our beloved community. We will begin reaching out to everyone in October and hope you will enjoy this opportunity as well! Be on the lookout for more information in September. Talk to you soon!
Mike Davisson and Chris Stockwell, Stewardship Campaign Co-Chairs

DIRECTORY

A second printing of our Toledo Unitarians 2020 Directory is about to start so if you have any address, email address or phone number changes you would like included in the next printing, email them to [Leitha Sackmann](mailto:leitha77@yahoo.com) now. (leitha77@yahoo.com) Put "Directory" in the subject line of the email so they won't be missed.

THANK YOU SHOPPERS!

First Unitarian Church of Toledo, has been issued a \$60.20 donation from the AmazonSmile Foundation as a result of AmazonSmile program activity between April 1 and June 30, 2020. Thank you to all who have registered our church as your beneficiary. Not registered? Have questions? Email the church at office@uutoledo.org or sign up at: [Sign up at: smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com). Shop at Krogers? Sign up for Kroger rewards at: krogercommunityrewards.com

CALLING ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRS

When we are meeting in person, we sometimes have a committee / activities fair in the fall. Under our current stay apart - stay connected situation, we will most likely not be able to do that. However, we want to showcase what our committees do and there are still needs out there that we can serve. The Board would like to propose having a committee fair as part of a coffee hour this fall - perhaps in early October. Zoom has screen sharing capabilities so each committee can have some time to showcase what they do. Please be thinking about this as your committees start back up in the fall and we will get back to you with proposed dates.