



SUNDAY SERVICE NOTES FOR JUNE 2021



Sunday June 6

Healing Jesus

Rev. Dr. TK Barger

Continuing Rev. Tim's series of sermons on Jesus as viewed from a humanist perspective, we'll look at stories of Jesus as a healer.

Sunday, June 13

Vax to Normal?

Rev. Dr. TK Barger

Will there be a new normal, or the way things were in pre-pandemic 2019—or is it too soon to speculate on how our lives will be when Covid-19 is no longer a major concern? We'll examine the latest guidance, and we urge you who haven't been vaccinated to get that protection.

Sunday, June 20

Summer

Rev. Dr. TK Barger

Summer is a season, a marker for a year, a time of warmth, and, according to Merriam-Webster, "a period of maturing powers." This OUTDOOR, IN-PERSON service is on the day of summer solstice, and it will be about summer. Feel free to bring food for a socially distanced Father's Day picnic after the service.

Sunday, June 27

UUA General Assembly Service

As in the past few years, instead of a service in Toledo, we will join General Assembly for its Sunday service. While the simulcast is scheduled at noon, we're trying to have the video at our normal 11am time, so check back for the service time.

Here's the service information from the UUA: "Recognizing the importance of shared ministry and the many innovative approaches to worship created by congregations during the pandemic, UUA President, Rev. Dr. Susan Frederick Gray, selected the First Universalist Church of Minneapolis to serve as worship leaders for this year's GA Sunday Morning Service. First Universalist has been a model of shared ministry and what it means to put the work of dismantling white supremacy and building anti-racist, anti-oppressive practices at the center of their ministry. They have been on the front lines in support of the Movement for Black Lives in Minneapolis, bringing spiritual care and moral leadership in the wake of George Floyd's murder by police and the important uprisings for justice that followed. Children and families are a vital part of their ministry, and they have been using creative approaches to engage all ages in worship during the pandemic. Their leadership exemplifies some of the best practices for the creativity, spiritual depth, and moral leadership that is possible when we embrace the work of shared ministry rooted in love and justice."



Reverend Tim Barger

For June, July, and August, I'm going to be using study leave and vacation, as I normally have in summertime, but I'll also be leading the service most Sundays. That means I'll be working weekends, sneaking into my office at church during the week sometimes, but basically "on call" until September. I hope to stumble upon the right combination of personal time and public ministry. We try to give people in the congregation the opportunity to plan a service and write and deliver their own sermons during the summer, but the continuing coronavirus pandemic isn't the ideal time to recruit speakers and, in addition to the "normal" service, lead the livestream. So you have to endure more of my preaching. I'm grateful that the Toledo Unitarians have let me try some unusual working arrangements as minister—not that there's been much choice because of the needed precautions against Covid-19. Ministry certainly isn't 9 to 5 Monday through Friday, and you've understood the need for family time, personal recharging, and attention to health—along with many needed hours to plan for "what's next" at church and to develop new ways, such as through our video blog The Index, to get our liberal religion into the community. There's so much to juggle. All the things in the air need times to land safely, too, and then relaunch. With vaccinations giving us hope for normality once again, though it will be a new normal and not a return to the way things were in 2019—and even the air can't be trusted as it was—we'll move through new ways, sometimes with a smooth road, other times uneven traveling with wrong turns and careful navigation to reach a destination. We're all moving, even in times of rest. This unusual summer, with a reunion as the destination, travel safe when working and when on vacation. In Fellowship, TK



Sandra Kosek-Sills, Board President

As we come to a close on another church year, I am extremely pleased to report that we were able to weather the fiscal challenges of the pandemic. Although we will take the full amount of the allowable draw from the Operating Reserve, we should finish the year with a positive balance on the books. Looking forward to the next two years, I see challenges on the horizon that are more specific to our congregation. The most important order of business in the coming year will be to reconstitute a Membership Committee in some form. To start this off, we should do some learning about what the committee could or should do around a membership drive. If you are interested in this, please keep a look out in the UUFYI for a chance to be involved. Another order of business will be preparing for the next capital campaign, which I would like to aim for holding in our next fiscal year (2022-2023). The purpose of this will be to revitalize and personalize our sanctuary for us as UUs. And I would also like to pursue some grant options for us to construct a small picnic shelter in the yard, one of the suggestions we received in the Strategic Planning process and during the Imagine the Possibilities Stewardship Campaign. We have many exciting possibilities ahead of us in this coming year. In Fellowship, Sandra



Mickey Emch, Director of Music

Happy Summer from the First Unitarian music ministry! This June, I will be out of the office for the month. Service music will be in the hands of our wonderful pianist, Bonnie Rowe. If you'd like to learn more about getting involved in our music ministry, feel free to email musicdirector@uutoledo.org. In fellowship, Mickey



Saroya King, Interim Religious Educator

Three packets for religious education "home schooling" have been sent to families who recently were active in RE. If you'd like a copy, contact me at: saroyaking@yahoo.com or call or email the church office. My last day as Interim Religious Educator will be June 15. Have a wonderful summer. In Fellowship, RE Roya

MEETING DATE CHANGE

Please mark your calendars. The June Board meeting date has been moved from June 10 to June 17. Thank you.

THANK YOU KROGER SHOPPERS

The Kroger Company Family of Stores is committed to bringing hope and help to the local neighborhoods we call home. During the time period 01-Feb-2021 to 30-Apr-2021, 50 First Unitarian Households signed up their Kroger cards, earning our church \$171.52 in total donations to the church. Have you registered your card yet? Go to Kroger.com and click on community rewards and earn free money for your church.

PLEDGE ONLINE

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

CARING COMMITTEE

If you or a member of our congregation is hospitalized, or need assistance, please let the Caring Committee know. Contact Joann Hartough or any member.

CHOCOLATE BARS STILL AVAILABLE

Do you have a \$1 that just wants to be spent? Do you love chocolate? Get your candy bars now from the church for our World's Finest Chocolate candy bar fundraiser sale. Email (or call) the church office to make arrangements to purchase yours now. (office@uutoledo.org) We have a limited number of each flavor. Treat yourself or your favorite person with some scrumptious chocolate and help empty our last box! Thank you

VOICEMAIL

The church currently has a new voicemail box set up on our current phone system. You may leave messages at the main church number: 419-381-6999. Or for faster service, please continue to reach us by email at: office@uutoledo.org or carols@uutoledo.org or you may reach Teresa, our bookkeeper, at bookkeeper@uutoledo.org. Thank you.

PLEASE LET US KNOW

Please let Reverend Tim or the church office (office@uutoledo.org) know after you have received your second dose of the Covid vaccine. We would like to keep track so we know when we can all safely get back together in person with our church family. Thank you

TOGETHER WOMEN RISE, FORMERLY DINING FOR WOMEN

We have a new name. Look for information about our June meeting coming soon. Together Women Rise (Formerly DINING FOR WOMEN) is about women and allies coming together all over the world, from all backgrounds and communities, to achieve global gender equality. Our new name, logo, and tagline are aligned to create a fresh, modern look for our organization — one that is inviting and inclusive to all and tells the world exactly why we exist and what we aim to accomplish. **Together is front and center because our community is strong: gathering together in our chapters and working together with you, our grantees, lies at the root of our impact. **Women, because global gender equality is our guiding star. **Rise, because we envision a world where all women and girls around the world can reach their full potential and become powerful agents of change to build a stronger, more sustainable, and peaceful world. To view the introduction of the new name and mission on YouTube, click <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XjmhJ4QUjbk> For additional questions, contact Susan Spiegel at: saspiegel@yahoo.com

TERRACYCLE RECYCLING

In response to several questions from our members, the Zoo is still collecting Terracycle items for recycling, but only in the container at the Anthony Wayne Trail gate. For a copy of the flyer that lists things they accept, contact Karen Porter, or check the collection container at the Zoo.



2021 at First Unitarian Church of Toledo



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:30 pm Meditation - Zoom	2	3	4	5
6 10:00 am Spiritual Adventures Zoom 11:00 am Worship Service YouTube 12:00 pm Fellowship Coffee Hour - Zoom 5:30 pm Meditation - Zoom	7	8 6:30 pm Meditation - Zoom	9	10	11	12
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20 Father's Day NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 10:00 am Spiritual Adventures Zoom 11:00 am Worship Service YouTube OUTDOOR, IN-PERSON service 12:00 pm Fellowship Coffee Hour - Zoom 5:30 pm Meditation - Zoom	21	22 6:30 pm Meditation - Zoom	23	24 7:00 pm RE Board meeting via webex email Arun for link	25	26
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MEDITATION

We invite you to join us for our Tuesday MultiFaith Meditation group on ZOOM. Simply type the link 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=WmIrlMGZiN1c5VnlOaWFvc2RFUGc2Zz09>

Meeting ID: 844 9427 4033, Password: 143811

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.



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 FYI 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

A trip to Ann Arbor to recycle Styrofoam is being planned for the second week of June. If you have some you've been saving, bring it to the church before that. Call Karen Porter to make arrangements to put it in the garage. Contact Karen at kjport@sbcglobal.net or www.recycleannarbor.org for information.

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 OPENED OR 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.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY TEALL SPONSORSHIP

Virtual General Assembly Registration- for those of you who would like to register for the virtual GA which will be June 23-27, 2021 the TEALL group will cover the \$200 registration fee. The procedure is to register on your own (www.uua.org/ga/registration) & submit the order without payment by selecting the "pay by check" option. Then forward your registration confirmation to me. If you have any questions, please send me an email. Thanks! (jarvisgamble@gmail.com)

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Registration for General Assembly (GA) is now open. GA is the annual meeting of our Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA). Participants worship, witness, learn, connect, and make policy for the Association through democratic process. Anyone may attend; congregations must certify annually to have voting delegates. The UUA Board of Trustees has passed a resolution making the 2021 UUA General Assembly a 100% virtual event. Let's reach record-breaking attendance June 23-27, 2021! If you would like to be a delegate for Toledo Unitarians for this year's event, please let Rev. Tim or Sandra Kosek-Sills know.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Music Ministry will not be held in June. This group is open to anyone interested in music at our church. Email Mickey for more info at: musicdirector@uutoledo.org.

GUEST AT YOUR TABLE

In Our annual fundraiser supporting the work of the UUSC will be virtual this year. If you have internet capability go to: UUSC.ORG/resources. From there you can read the Stories of Hope, watch interviews with the four guests, print a template for your own collection box and donate online through PayPal or a credit card. Donations by mail should be made out to UUSC with "GUEST" or "GAYT" in the memo field. Send to: UUSC, PO Box 808, Newark, NJ 07101-0808. Contact Carrie Baum at 419-537-9325 with any questions.

COFFEE HOUR

Join us for coffee hour Sundays on Zoom.us or your Zoom app, "join meeting"/connect to the meeting ID 816 909 4223 and use the password 43614. We're using 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. Thanks for being active in our telUUVangelism.

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 Don't forget to look for your Sunday's Order of Service in Saturday's special FYI email.