



# SUNDAY SERVICE NOTES FOR AUGUST 2021



During the summers, Rev. Tim usually brings a series of talks from a different approach than most churchgoers would expect for Sunday sermons, such as making religious connections to bestseller lists or highlighting some of our common practices that we don't see as spiritual. This year he'll give "Screen Time," which might not be so much how you see or live in the world, but might give you more insight into his own personality if not his ministry. The titles use the intentionally grammatically incorrect "Me and".

**Sunday August 1** *Me and Social Media* **Rev. Dr. TK Barger**

**Sunday, August 8** *Me and Digital Newspapers* **Rev. Dr. TK Barger**

**Sunday, August 15** *Lexi Hayman-Staples and Pride* **Lexi Hayman-Staples**

Our August outdoor service will be a special one, with a treasured speaker from our congregation. Lexi Hayman-Staples and Pride." August 15 begins Pride Week in Toledo and Lexi is Toledo Pride's executive director. Be sure to join us as we all come together outdoors.

**Thursday, August 19** *Equality Toledo MultiFaith Pride Event*  
Please join us as we have the privilege to host this mid-week outdoor service in our backyard.

**Sunday, August 22** *Me and Streaming Video* **Rev. Dr. TK Barger**

**Sunday, August 29** *Me and my iPhone, iPad, and Laptop* **Rev. Dr. TK Barger**

## Reverend Tim Barger



Most of you know that I'm being treated for cancer again. From now through August 27, if you want to send good vibrations, special thoughts, focused prayers, or otherwise keep me in mind, on Mondays through Fridays just before 3 pm I'll be undergoing radiation therapy focused on the C1 and C2 vertebrae in an attempt to eliminate two small tumors, the current reoccurrence of my multiple myeloma. This is both familiar territory—my fourth time for the cancer—and new, because this time it's my head being zapped. After the radiation, I'll start chemotherapy, which is now pill-based plus injections, and I'm not sure yet how long that will continue. So far, I can report that I'm fine. A little light-headed but not dizzy after the radioactive onslaught, but able to cope just fine. I expect that it will be harder as time progresses, but I'll be all right knowing this will end just before August does. I appreciate your good care for me. At the same time, planning for the "church year" is underway. Remember that our Ingathering is September 12, and we still intend for that to be our return to in-person, indoor services (we're monitoring the Covid statistics, too) but also continuing on the ToledoUnitarians YouTube channel, possibly with some revisions to make the cross-platform presence better manageable for our volunteer tech crew. Besides my preaching most Sundays, you'll get to hear Joe Moran speak about Albert Schweitzer and animals, David Strickler give two services as our Commissioned Lay Minister, and our Student Minister Melissa Jeter close out the calendar year of Sundays. We'll have traditional special services, like the December 12 all-music service, and a Halloween service on the actual day. I hope you'll make the choice to come in-person and help to reenergize our congregation after our time of remote precautions. In Fellowship, TK

## Sandra Kosek-Sills, Board President



This Summer is traditionally a time of individual reflection for UUs. However, your Board is still very busy taking care of church business. We are planning to participate in a board training series offered by the region. We are also working on wrapping up the year-end fiscal picture for 2020-2021. With a few bills still outstanding, we believe we will end the year with a small surplus. We intend to use this for updating the phone system, waxing the floor, and a small "Christmas in July" bonus for the staff since we were not able to pay it last December. We are indeed fortunate and grateful that the church has been able to meet its budgetary obligations for the past year and a half in pandemic conditions. Challenges remain, however. Looking ahead, a high priority for me is to clarify and better establish the children's RE program for this year and next. Thinking about how best to do this, and to support membership more generally, is my summer reflection this year. In Fellowship, Sandra

## Mickey Emch, Director of Music



Sending well wishes from the First Unitarian music ministry! As summer winds down, we look forward to returning to making music together this fall. Stay tuned for September ensemble rehearsal plans as we return to the sanctuary. If you'd like to learn more about getting involved in our music ministry, feel free to email [musicdirector@uutoledo.org](mailto:musicdirector@uutoledo.org). In fellowship, Mickey

## 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](mailto: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

## PLEASE LET US KNOW

Please let Reverend Tim or the church office ([office@uutoledo.org](mailto: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

## IMPORTANT - PLEASE SIGN IN

As we start our slow, safe reopening of our church, please remember that if you come into the church building for any reason, you must sign in on the sheet located right under the alarm. Thank you for your cooperation.

## COMMITTEE ON SHARED MINISTRY

The Committee on Shared Ministry is open for business. We offer a means for conflict resolution involving all aspects of church ministry. Suggestions/concerns should be submitted to us via the Committee's email address: [cosm3205@gmail.com](mailto:cosm3205@gmail.com). Concerns will be handled in confidence. Committee on Shared Ministry: Rev. Tim Barger, Phil Teitlebaum, Chair, Bonnie Rowe, Secretary, Rich Miller, Kathy Crowther

## REVISED RESULTS OF ANNUAL MEETING VOTING

Here are the results of the 2021 Annual Meeting vote. The count was conducted by Tom Sheehan, secretary, and Mary Souther, board member, on June 16, with a recount, just to make sure, on July 4. The deadline for ballots to be received at the church by USPS was Friday, June 11, but all votes received by June 16 were counted, of course. Seventy-four members voted. In some cases, two members shared a ballot; this did not cause a problem.

- The results:**
1. A change to our bylaws establishing two new membership categories: "honorary member" (nonvoting) and "legacy member". Passed: 66 for 8 against.
  2. The addition of the word "inclusive" to our vision statement. Passed unanimously. Our church's vision is now that we will become: "An inclusive, vibrant spiritual community that achieves growth, visibility, and relevance."
  3. The endorsement of a "land acknowledgment". This statement acknowledges the indigenous history of the land where our church is located. Passed unanimously.
  4. The proposed budget passed 73 for 1 against.
  5. Approved unanimously: Officers for a two-year term ending June 30, 2023: Sandra Kosek-Sills, President; Eva Slawson, Secretary
  6. Approved unanimously: Members-at-Large of the Board for a two-year term ending June 30, 2023: Judy Murray, Robin Stone, Phil Zepp
  7. Approved unanimously: Nominating Committee Member for a two-year term ending June 30, 2023: Mike Davisson
- Respectfully submitted, Tom Sheehan, Secretary, term ended June 30.

## AWARENESS OF SPECIAL NEEDS

The Awareness of Special Needs Support group is back! If you are living with a chronic condition or are a caregiver, please join us on the 4th Saturday of each month. Join us for cookies and beverages as we talk about how we are doing. We meet at Joanne Hartough's home from 1:30 to 3:00pm. Please email [joannehartough@gmail.com](mailto:joannehartough@gmail.com) if you would like to come.

## RE NEEDS

We need religious education volunteers urgently. RE is central to our plan to resume in-person services, as parents cannot participate without this. If working with children is part of your personal ministry, please consider volunteering to help with this vital part of our church life. Please contact Arun Nadarajah ([nadarajah@utoledo.edu](mailto:nadarajah@utoledo.edu)) or Michael Davidson ([davissonma@gmail.com](mailto:davissonma@gmail.com)) to volunteer for Children's RE.

## TOGETHER WOMEN RISE

We will hold a Multifaith Together Women Rise group dinner meeting on 8/16 from 5:30-8:30 PM, outside in the church backyard. 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. Contact Susan Spiegel ([saspieg@yahoo.com](mailto:saspieg@yahoo.com)) or Marcia Klunk ([mgklunk@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mgklunk@sbcglobal.net)) if you have any questions regarding Together Women Rise or this month's program. To view the introduction of the new name and mission on YouTube, click <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XjmhJ4QUjbk>



# 2021 at First Unitarian Church of Toledo



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:00 am Spiritual Adventures Zoom 11:00 am Worship Service YouTube 12:00 pm Fellowship Coffee Hour - Zoom	2	3 12:00 pm AA Group Meeting 6:30 pm Meditation - Zoom	4	5	6	7 11:00 am Knitting group
8 10:00 am Spiritual Adventures Zoom 11:00 am Worship Service YouTube 12:00 pm Fellowship Coffee Hour - Zoom 5:30 pm Meditation - Zoom	9 Church Building Closed for floor cleaning	10 12:00 pm AA Group Meeting 6:30 pm Meditation - Zoom	11	12 7:00 pm Board meeting	13	14
15 10:00 am Spiritual Adventures Zoom 11:00 am Worship Service YouTube OUTDOOR, IN-PERSON service 12:30 pm Compass/Ingathering prep meeting	16 5:30 pm MultiFaith Together Women Rise Group Dinner	17 12:00 pm AA Group Meeting 6:30 pm Meditation - Zoom	18	19 7:00 pm Toledo Pride MultiFaith Service 7:00 pm RE Board meeting via webex email Arun for link	20 <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>	21
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## MEDITATION

Beginning in August the Sunday evening meditation group will meet only on the second and fourth Sundays of the month, August 8 and August 22 from 5:30PM to 7:00PM. We are still meeting on ZOOM, but are looking into meeting in person along with a ZOOM option at some point in the fairly near future. Stay tuned! The Tuesday MultiFaith meditation group continues to meet weekly via ZOOM.

"Being in touch with oneself is the meaning of meditation." ~ Thich Nhat Hanh

We invite you to join us every 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 other 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: 844 9427 4033, Password: 143811, Dial by your location: +1 929 436 2866 US (New York)

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 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

If you have Styrofoam you've been saving, bring it to the church. Contact Karen Porter to make arrangements to put it in the garage. ([kjport@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kjport@sbcglobal.net)) or if you want to take it directly to Ann Arbor, the web site is: [www.recycleannarbor.org](http://www.recycleannarbor.org) for more 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.

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The Church office is once again open. Hours are Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10:30 am until 2:30 pm. Or 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)

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

## 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.

## CHURCH MEETINGS

First Unitarian's board, ministers, and staff are continuing to be cautious. The board has decided on a slow, safe reopening. Use of the grounds and our indoor rooms, including Fellowship Hall, by congregation members and other groups that use our building is acceptable as long as folks are aware that the bathroom should only be used one person at a time, and tables, chairs, and kitchen items used should be cleaned and sanitized. We do intend to try to keep doing services online even after we reopen fully, 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. You may still reserve your ZOOM meeting space if you prefer, by emailing our office at: [office@uutoledo.org](mailto:office@uutoledo.org). As your meeting is scheduled, you'll receive an email with Zoom's login info, meeting ID, and passwords.

## 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.

## BIPOC GATHERINGS

If you identify as Black, Indigenous or a person of color (BIPOC), you're invited to join us for the Central East Region's BIPOC gathering happening two Mondays of the month at 6:30pm ET. Upcoming dates are August 9 & 23. Contact Sana Saeed at [ssaeed@uua.org](mailto:ssaeed@uua.org) for connection information.