



# SUNDAY SERVICE NOTES FOR OCTOBER 2021



## Sunday October 3

### Reverence For Animals

Joe Moran

Join us Sunday, World Animal Day, as we discuss the importance of, even reverence for, animals.

## Sunday, October 10

### Church Service

Rev. Dr. TK Barger

For our final outdoor, in-person service of the year, Rev. Tim will talk about how we might serve our church, and make it special to us (if it isn't already). The title of course has at least double meaning; it's a church service about church service, and our being so congregational in our polity, the church is led by the people in the pews along with the ministers. (Yes, there's also the factor of pledges, and we'll talk about that too.)

## Sunday, October 17

### Jesus' People

Rev. Dr. TK Barger

We'll have another entry in the continuing occasional sermon series on my humanist view of Jesus, this one bringing in some biblical text about Jesus' followers and friends to consider how the radical rabbi might have been in relationship outside of his group of disciples—and we'll consider some of the connections to his disciples.

## Sunday, October 24

### What Binds Us Together?

David Strickler

In many churches, members are required to recite a common creed or to affirm core beliefs about the existence and nature of God, the human soul, and/or salvation from sin. Unitarian-Universalism is different (and perhaps difficult to understand) because it does not mandate a specific creed or expect certain theological views. Given our diverse beliefs, what binds UUs together?

## Sunday, October 31

### E'en

Rev. Dr. TK Barger

Halloween happens on a Sunday this year, and we'll celebrate that time, Samhain as it's known in pagan circles. In "E'en," you'll hear some words about eves, about All Hallows', and about the pentagram, the five-pointed star symbolic of Wicca and other pagan ways.



## Reverend Tim Barger

*Breathe.* That's a verb we use frequently in our religious practices. Whether it's for guided meditation, a pause for centering, or a conscious reminder that breath is essential to our lives, in our religious activities we ask you to breathe. I avoided the term for about the first year of the Covid-19 pandemic, as breathing could come with the danger of contracting a coronavirus infection. But I'm noticing that breathe has reemerged in many readings I've picked, and in some of the songs we sing. With religion, breath is unavoidable, it seems. Breathing is automatic to us, but we can also focus on it and make it an action that is part of religious practice. As well, breathing helps us in our awareness of time. Regular Sunday activities are suspended, but we can breathe our way through. Keep breathing; we'll be back together for in-person Sundays—soon, we hope. We can't hold our breath until all danger has passed. We can breathe while we're wearing masks, too. And we will breathe our way into health, as best we can. So, now, breathe in. Hold that breath for just a moment. Breathe out. And continue to breathe, to live, to be. Rev. Tim



## Sandra Kosek-Sills, Board President

We will be kicking off our Stewardship campaign this month on October 10. Many thanks to Co-chairs Sue Childers and Carol Keierleber, and the team of volunteers who are assisting in this important work. Please help us in Staying Stronger Together by participating in the conversation and returning your pledge form promptly. Let me also take this opportunity to invite those of you who are friends or newcomers to consider signing our membership book as well. If you are interested, please let Rev. TK or myself know. The combination of these two actions will allow you to exercise your vote at our next Annual Meeting, where we conduct church business including voting on the next year's budget. We deeply appreciate our members and friends who have continued to support the church financially in these very difficult times. In Fellowship, Sandra



## Mickey Emch, Director of Music

During the month of October, we're excited to begin regular handbell rehearsals every Sunday at 1pm in Fellowship Hall. Masks and vaccines required, musical experience is not! While we monitor Covid cases in Toledo, opportunities to perform solos, small groups, or with a virtual choir are being scheduled for the fall and winter season. Please be in touch if you'd like to share your voice. In October services, we'll be featuring a new song, "Here Together" by David Glasgow, as a part of our weekly ritual. While we don't know how many services will be in person or online, I hope this piece can remind us that we are always in this together. 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.

## 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

## CHILDREN'S RE

The Church COVID-19 Committee has decided not to return to ingathering services. However, we will have an outdoor service on October 10. We will return to streamed services for now. We are continuing to solicit RE volunteers for when ingathering services do begin. Please contact Arun Nadarajah (nadarajah@utoledo.edu) or Michael Davidson (davissonma@gmail.com) to volunteer for Children's RE.

## MASKS REQUIRED

The COVID-19 Subcommittee has revised the Church Use Guidance for Fall 2021. This will apply to any condition of church use: small groups, meetings, services, etc. If you have any questions, you can contact Sandra Kosek-Sills, Teresa Betts-Cobau, or Mary Souther for more information. Please note masks must be worn in our building at all times. In addition, please remember that you must sign in, anytime that you enter the building. Thank you

## SERVICES IN THE TIME OF DELTA

The Covid-19 Subcommittee has reluctantly decided that, at this time, we will not be meeting for indoor services. We will meet outside on October 10th. Other weeks will be streamed on our YouTube Channel. Consult the newsletter, our Facebook page, and future FYIs for more information.

## BRUNCH BUNCH

THIRD MONDAY BREAKFAST BUNCH (TMBB) will meet at 9:15 AM every month at the Reynolds Garden Cafe on Reynolds Road near Airport Highway. NEXT DATE IS OCTOBER 18. The event open to UU's and friends for the purpose of sharing good company and good food. Phone Carrie Baum at 419-537-9325 or email carriebaum@toast.net to establish an advance seating count each month but you are still welcome last minute. See you there!

## STAYING STRONGER TOGETHER

First Unitarian's 2021/2022 Pledge Campaign theme this year is Staying Stronger Together, recognizing the continued challenges we face and the adaptations we have made. The campaign will kick-off on October 10th with a completion date of November 21. Because of the current Covid situation and with in-building services on hold, we have decided to follow the same campaign structure as last year with person-to-person conversations via phone contact. We want to know how you have connected this year with our church community ... what activities did you appreciate or enjoy the most; what should we keep going forward and what should we change or add. Please take time to talk with your contact person when they call. They want to hear from you. Our goal for the 2021/2022 campaign is \$197,000 which is the same amount pledged for our current fiscal year. Our hope is that we can exceed this amount. All additional money will go to reestablishing the youth religious education program, currently on hold. Please let Carol, our church administrator, know if your address, phone number or e-mail address has changed so we can continue keep in touch with you. Susan Childers and Carol Keierleber, Stewardship Co-Chairs

## UU FILM CLUB

Do you love films? Do you enjoy talking about films? If so, join our UU Film Club. In this time of COVID we will view the selected film on our own and meet by Zoom to discuss. Eventually, we will transition to meeting in person for a viewing party. Our first film is Leave No Trace, released 2018, starring Ben Foster and Thomasin McKenzie. The film is available on DVD at the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library or streaming on Amazon Prime or Hulu. Our meeting to discuss this film is October 16th at 2 pm. The zoom link is: <https://bit.ly/2Y8UKIG>, Meeting ID: 997 8121 2821, Passcode: 012313 If you have any questions, contact Judy or Dave Murray at bookie@bex.net

## IMPORTANT - PLEASE SIGN IN

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.

## TRUNK OR TREAT



Trunk or treat is back this year! The event will take place Saturday October 23rd 4-6pm. All activities will take place outside and only bathrooms will be available inside the church. There maybe other precautions taken depending on the state of the pandemic at the time. There will be no rain date for this event. All are welcome!

## CHRISTMAS ADOPT A FAMILY

The holidays are fast approaching and it's time to start thinking about our annual "Adopt A Family" program. Due to covid, we will once again collect gift cards for a family or two in need, as we did last year. We can spread a little holiday cheer and alleviate the financial stress of the holidays by providing help and hope to families in need. More information with the details will be out soon. Please consider picking up a gift card for a family that needs our help. This annual event will once again be chaired by Luanne Billstein and Chris Stockwell.



# 2021 at First Unitarian Church of Toledo

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 11:00 am Knitting group
3 10:00 am Spiritual Adventures Zoom 11:00 am Worship Service YouTube 12:00 pm Fellowship Coffee Hour - Zoom	4	5 12:00 pm AA Group Meeting 6:30 pm Meditation - Zoom	6	7	8	9 11:00 am Leadership/ shared ministry meeting
10 10:00 am Spiritual Adventures Zoom 11:00 am Worship Service YouTube OUTDOOR, IN-PERSON service 5:30 pm Meditation - Zoom	11 Columbus Day	12 12:00 pm AA Group Meeting 6:30 pm Meditation - Zoom	13	14 7:00 pm Board meeting	15	16 2:00 pm UU Film Club Zoom
17 10:00 am Spiritual Adventures Zoom 11:00 am Worship Service YouTube 12:00 pm Fellowship Coffee Hour - Zoom	18 9:30 am Breakfast Bunch, Reynolds Rd. Cafe	19 12:00 pm AA Group Meeting 6:30 pm Meditation - Zoom	20 <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>	21 7:00 pm RE Board meeting email Arun for link	22	23 1:30 pm Awareness of Special Needs 4:00 pm Trunk or Treat
24/31 Halloween 10:00 am Spiritual Adventures Zoom 11:00 am Worship Service YouTube 12:00 pm Fellowship Coffee Hour - Zoom 5:30 pm Meditation - Zoom (24th)	25	26 12:00 pm AA Group Meeting 6:30 pm Meditation - Zoom	27	28	29	30

## MEDITATION

In October the Sunday evening meditation group will meet on Oct. 10 and Oct. 24 from 5:30PM to 7:00PM. The Tuesday MultiFaith meditation group continues to meet weekly from 6:30 -7:30PM via ZOOM. "Meditation is offering your genuine presence to yourself in every moment." ~ 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.

## 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.

## BIPOC

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: October 25, November 8 & 22, December 13. Contact Sana Saeed at [ssaeed@uua.org](mailto:ssaeed@uua.org) for connection information.

## POINSETTIAS

Fall has just arrived but it's time to start thinking about our annual Christmas Poinsettia fundraiser sale. Order forms will be out soon. Flowers will be available for pick up at the church Tuesday December 21st. Look for the order form in the beginning of October. Sale ends November 8th. Orders must be placed early this year due to a shortage of growers.