



SUNDAY SERVICE NOTES FOR JUNE 2022



Sunday, June 5

Each Person Is Important

Rev. Dr. TK Barger

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Sunday, June 12

Be Kind in All You Do

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Sunday, June 19

We're Free to Learn Together

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Sunday, June 26

Search for What Is True

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Reverend Tim Barger

I plan to be with you all summer long. Because of my time in Cleveland in March and April, which used up what would normally be vacation time, I will be in the pulpit for all the Sundays from now into September, at least 20 consecutive Sundays that began May 15. For the summer, we'll have what might be called a "roots and wings" series, one Sunday for each principle (including the proposed eighth principle) and then one Sunday for each of the six Unitarian Universalist sources. On holiday weekends, of course we'll observe those occasions too. Ingathering Sunday, September 11, will be on "The Periodic Table." Also beginning in the fall, starting September 18, I'll have an occasional series on Transcendentalism. And that string of Sundays will hit 20 on September 25 with "The Space of a Year" on the day Rosh Hashanah begins. We'll know some of our UU grounding a bit better over the summer and into the next church year.

Here's the schedule:

June 5: "Each Person Is Important," on the first principle
June 12: "Be Kind in All You Do," on the second principle
June 19: "We're Free to Learn Together," on the third principle
June 26: "Search for What Is True," on the fourth principle
July 3: "All People Need a Voice," on the fifth principle
July 10: "Build a Fair and Peaceful World," on the sixth principle
July 17: "We Care for Earth's Lifeboat," on the seventh principle
July 24: "Make a Beloved Community," on the proposed eighth principle
July 31: "Experiencing Mystery and Wonder," on the first source

August 7: "Prophetic Peoples' Words and Deeds," on the second source
August 14: "Wisdom from World Religions," on the third source
August 21: "Judaism and Christianity Teach Us," on the fourth source
August 28: "We Learn from Humanism," on the fifth source
September 4: "Earth-Centered Spirituality Grounds Us," on the sixth source
September 11: "The Periodic Table," our Ingathering Sunday
September 18: "The Transcendentalists"
September 25: "The Space of a Year"



Sandra Kosek-Sills, Board President

As another church year comes to a close, I want to thank Krista Schneider, Hydie Ralston, Teresa Betts-Cobau, and Mary Souther for their service as they leave the board. Welcome to Colette Cordova (incoming vice president) and Carol Keierleber (incoming treasurer). These are important roles to fill in the life of the congregation on our journey together. More personally, as we head into summer, I have plans to attend both GA later in June and CERSI in early July. I also expect UU the Vote to ramp up more as we begin to do more voter registration drive work. I'll try to pass along opportunities as I see them but you can also check the Side With Love Action Center anytime for UU the Vote actions. Side With Love also has areas of focus for gender justice, climate action, and immigration/prison reform. So if you are looking for a different sort of summer fun, check it out. I'm looking forward to the summer sermons on our UU Principles which will be informative as the Article II Study Commission does its work to determine and propose revisions this coming year. Never fear, you will also find me out on my patio enjoying some quiet time among the trees and flowers in my yard. In Fellowship, Sandra.



Gini Gottman, Director of Lifelong Learning

Please join us on June 12, 2022 at 12:30 for a party to help strengthen our kids' program! If you have ever wondered what religious education is all about, or if you think you might be interested in rolling up your sleeves, this is an opportunity to learn and ask questions! We will meet in the Louisa May Alcott room, and Arun has graciously offered to provide us with food. Kids are welcome, and childcare will be provided if needed. Please see Gini, Sandra or Arun with questions. Hope to see you there! In fellowship, Gini



Mickey Emch, Former Director of Music

We knew that we would eventually get to this day, but we didn't keep it in our minds. This Sunday is the final one for Mickey Emch to be the Toledo Unitarians' music director. We knew the day would come because we hired a graduate student, and at some point Mickey would have to put the church music director work aside so she could concentrate on completing her doctorate in music at Bowling Green State University. Mickey started with us at the beginning of January in 2019, and we're fortunate that she was well-acquainted with Unitarian Universalist ways. Her work here was almost three and a half years of, let's call them, interesting times. Mickey started to rebuild our music program only to be confronted by the Covid-19 pandemic, and then she had to develop ways to present music for online-only services, along with our accompanist for most of that time, Bonnie Rowe; and safety precautions meant our choir couldn't sing as a group. We had the bonus of Mickey's primary musical instrument being her voice, so she and Bonnie brought us good anthems on Sundays. We also give a shout-out to who we first met as Mickey's classmate and who became her spouse, Derek Emch, a clarinetist who recently completed the BGSU doctoral program. Plus, with our online format, for a long time Mickey became not just the music director but our service associate as well, helping to guide us through the whole Sunday service and not just providing the music. In her school responsibilities, Mickey also was developing online capabilities that could be brought to our church, so she was able to prerecord music, find ways to have choir members participate individually at times, and over the past year she added some work hours as the congregation's social media coordinator. Mickey will no longer be on staff, but as she finishes school, we expect she and Derek will be here as congregants, and maybe we'll get them involved in other ways as time goes on. It's been a joy to have Mickey as our music director. We wish her the best as life moves us all forward. Rev. Tim

SATURDAY KNITTING

Knit Wits will be joining Fiberwork Orphans from noon until 4:30 on the first Saturday of the month in Fellowship Hall. Come knit and craft with us. Please wear a mask, and bring your own drinks and lunch. We will not be using the kitchen. Any questions, please contact Carla LoganMercer or Carrie Baum.

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. 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 for more information.

PLEASE SIGN IN ON SUNDAYS

While we're having in-person services, we ask everyone present in the building to please sign in every Sunday on the sheet in the lobby. Just in case there's a need to notify people about a possible Covid-19 exposure, we can supply that list to the health department. We also ask on that sheet whether you've been vaccinated--to help with our own statistics and decision making. Thanks for taking the extra steps needed for us to be cautious and safer. Masks are not required, but you may wish to still wear one.

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) or if you want to take it directly to Ann Arbor, the web site is: www.recycleannarbor.org for more information.

UU FILM CLUB

Join us monthly to view a great film while enjoying a light lunch followed by interesting discussion. Contact Judy or Dave at bookie@bex.net to RSVP or if you have questions.

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.

ZOOM

The church has a Zoom account for your use. Please feel free to schedule if you want to have a small group meeting, whether it's your committee, chalice circle, or just a group of church friends. Send an email to the church office to schedule a Zoom meeting. (carols@uutoledo.org)

ORDERS OF SERVICE

Orders of Service are available electronically. Please look for the Saturday FYI email with a link to the Order of Service, or join us in person Sundays at 11:00 am for in person service!

2022 at First Unitarian Church of Toledo



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 June	2	3	4 12:00 pm Knit Wits & Fiberwork Orphans 1:00 pm Tea
5 9:45 am Spiritual Adventures Zoom 11:00 am Worship Service YouTube AND IN-PERSON service in Sanctuary 12:00 pm Fellowship Coffee Hour	6	7 12:00 pm AA Group Meeting 6:30 pm Meditation - Zoom	8	9 7:00 pm Board meeting	10	11
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19 Father's Day 9:45 am Spiritual Adventures Zoom 11:00 am Worship Service YouTube AND IN-PERSON service in Sanctuary 12:00 pm Fellowship Coffee Hour - Zoom	20 Newsletter Deadline	21 12:00 pm AA Group Meeting 6:30 pm Meditation - Zoom	22 10:30 am LFH Blanket Making	23	24	25 1:30 pm Awareness of Special Needs
26 General Assembly 9:45 am Spiritual Adventures Zoom 11:00 am Worship Service YouTube AND IN-PERSON service in Sanctuary 12:00 pm Fellowship Coffee Hour - Zoom 5:30 pm Meditation - Zoom	27	28 12:00 pm AA Group Meeting 6:30 pm Meditation - Zoom	29	30	1 July	2 12:00 pm Knit Wits & Fiberwork Orphans

MEDITATION

In May the Sunday evening meditation group will meet on June 12 and 26 from 5:30PM to 7:00PM on ZOOM. The Tuesday MultiFaith meditation group continues to meet weekly from 6:30-7:30PM via ZOOM. **"We need to live every breath deeply, so that we have peace, joy and freedom as we breathe." ~ 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.**



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.

OFFICE HOURS

Our in-person church office hours are: Tuesdays 10:30-2:30, Wednesdays 10:30-2:30, or please reach us by phone or email. Phone: 419-381-6999, Office email: office@uutoledo.org, Bookkeeper email: bookkeeper@uutoledo.org, Minister email: minister@uutoledo.org. **The office will be closed the week of June 5th.**

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 if you would like to come.

LET'S BUILD BEDS

Let's build Beds (LBB) is a local non-profit organization that provides new beds, mattresses, and bedding for children aged three to seventeen who do not have a bed. The organization was originally affiliated with a national organization, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, but separated from it. In the past three years, over 2400 beds have been delivered to children within a one hour radius of Waterville, Ohio. The beds are constructed from bare wood by volunteers who participate in "bed builds" that usually take place in the parking lots or indoors at churches or businesses. The wood is delivered to the site of the bed build and the volunteers learn the simple tasks required such as sanding wood, drilling, and assembling the parts of the beds. The beds, mattresses, and bedding are delivered to the homes, apartments, and trailers by groups of volunteers several evenings per week. Thirty to forty beds are delivered per week and there is a waiting list. The children are encouraged to assist in assembling the beds in their rooms and some kids perform all of the work. To see pictures of the children in their beds or videos of activities, you can visit Facebook and search for LetsBuildBeds or visit letsbuild.org. You can volunteer for bed builds or donate bedding or money. On letsbuild.org, there is information about requesting beds for children in need of one. Questions? Contact Joe Moran.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

General Assembly is June 26, 2022. It will be held in Oregon, so the service will be televised with the time difference in the afternoon. We will have our normal service here at 11:00 am.

HOGWARTS CAMP

NEWS FROM MAUMEE VALLEY UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION: Mark your calendars for MVUUC's Hogwarts Camp on August 13-14! We are conjuring a magical weekend with lessons from your favorite professors, a movie, and a water slide! If you would like to teach a class, help out at camp, or have any questions, please reach out to Patricia. We can't wait to share this magical experience with all of you. For more information, contact Patricia Schuelke, the Director of Religious Education at Maumee Valley at DRE@mvuuc.org!

CHILDREN'S RE YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

We are continuing to solicit RE volunteers for when we can resume a religious education program. Please contact Gini Gottmann (DLL@uutoledo.org) Arun Nadarajah (nadarajah@uutoledo.edu) or Michael Davison (davisonma@gmail.com) to volunteer for Children's RE.

LFH BLANKET-MAKING

Our blanket-making group in support of Leading Families Home is meeting the 4th Wednesday of each month at 10:30 am - 1:00 pm. We usually go out to lunch afterwards. No special skills are needed and if you have sharp scissors, please bring them. We made six blankets at our last meeting which LFH greatly appreciated. Join us for creative fun and fellowship. Contact Mary Souther at mbsouther@bex.net if you have questions.

MULTIFAITH COUNCIL SUMMER SERIES THURSDAYS IN JUNE

You're invited to attend this MultiFaith Intergenerational Summer Series on four Thursdays in June. This is a great way to learn about other faith traditions and learn how we are all working toward a more compassionate community. Contact Karen Christie with questions at kbchristie@bex.net.

SAVE THE DATE

A celebration of the life of John Christiansen will be held outdoors at First Unitarian on Saturday, June 4, from 3 till about 7 pm. All are invited to be there and share in food, board games, music, and some group ceremony, too. More details will come soon.