



**TOLEDO
UNITARIANS**

First Unitarian Church of Toledo
3205 Glendale | Toledo OH | 43614
(419) 381-6999 | uutoledo.org
office@uutoledo.org



**UU-FYI - OUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 2025**

[No images? View as Webpage.](#)

9:45 AM -SPIRITUAL FORUM

Join us for Spiritual Forum on August 10, when we will again play Coffee House of Cards! We will answer hypothetical ethical questions, and discuss how our UU values should impact our decisions. Hope to see you there!

11:00 AM - SERVICE



FAIR WINDS AND FOLLOWING SEAS
Julia and Walter McGhee

Julia and Walter McGhee celebrated 62 years of marriage on August 3rd. Since April 15th Walter has been in a hospital, rehab facilities, and a nursing home. That's some 19 weeks away from their home and this church.

Today the McGhees will share lessons learned against the back-drop of their own personal journey. This is their story, and you have been a

partner...a major partner.
The story unfolds Sunday at 11:00.

[CLICK TO WATCH ON OUR CHANNEL:](#)



KIDS' ACTIVITIES On August 10, the kids will begin making a welcome banner for our classroom! We will tap into our creativity and send a message of radical inclusion to all who enter. Hope to see lots of friends there!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Saturday, August 9 - 11:00 AM - Social Action Saturday

Sunday, August 10:

- 9:30 AM - Choir Practice
- 9:45 AM - Spiritual Forum
- 11:00 AM - Service In Person + on our YouTube Channel
- 12:00 PM - Coffee and Conversation

Tuesday, August 12 - 11:00 AM - Sunday Service Committee - ZOOM*

Tuesday, August 12 - 6:30 PM - Meditation group via ZOOM*

UPCOMING EVENTS *(see articles below for more info)*

Saturday, August 16 - 11:00 AM - Toledo Pride Parade

Saturday August 20 - 7:00 PM - First Unitarian Walking Group at Farnsworth Metropark

August 24 & 31 - Last 2 ukulele lessons!

Thursday August 28 - 6:00 PM - World Dining at Roi Et Thai restaurant

Friday & Saturday, September 5 & 6 - Church Rummage Sale

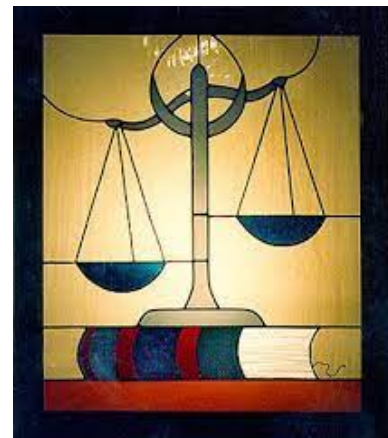
[*see articles below or the Groups and Monthly Meeting document for more details](#)

LEADERSHIP AND STEWARDSHIP

Due to increased obligations elsewhere, Saroya King, our representative to Unitarian Universalist Justice Ohio (UUJO) must resign. The Social Justice Committee would like to maintain representation with UUJO and is looking for someone willing to take this on. Their meetings are usually held on the second Sunday of the month from 4:15-5:15 on zoom, so our next representative should be available on those dates. Or perhaps two

people could share the position. If you have a passion for social justice and would like to network with others across the state, helping with planning and organizing and keeping our church updated on their activities, this might just be for you.

Talk to Saroya King with your questions, or let a member of the Social Justice Committee know of your interest. "UUJO unites Ohio Unitarian Universalists and other social justice activists in a statewide network coordinating liberal religious advocacy in our local communities, the state, and beyond."



CARING AND SHARING



This week we're sending healing thoughts to Ed Smith as he recuperates from recent heart valve replacement surgery. Get back to us soon, Ed!

It's mid-summer already!! And the heat has been the story. Hope each of you has found ways to stay cool and are enjoying the leisure of summer. Take care and stay in touch. Thanks to all who are leading the services each Sunday with such interesting sermons and spiritual connections.

"UUs care! Please continue to communicate your concerns or celebrations with any member of the Caring Circle: Carla Logan-Mercer, Karen Christie, Phil Zepp, Suzanne Hoffman, Joanne Hartough, Becky Hrabovsky, Karen Porter, Terry Acocks, Kathy Crowther, Marsha Gamble, Susan Smith (current chair @ sfrostsmit7@gmail.com) and Rev. Tim Barger.

Please contact Joanne Hartough at joannehartough@gmail.com with any concerns or joys that you wish to share in this FYI column.

INVITATIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Want to have some fun with music at church? Join the Spiritual Forum Sunday morning rehearsals of our new ukulele orchestra. David Strickler will teach the remaining lessons, helping us to learn chords and play songs. The orchestra will perform at Ingathering on September 7 (you don't have to be present at all lessons to perform at Ingathering). If you'd like to take part, please bring your own uke. They're relatively inexpensive—or, if you're really inspired, instead of a \$30 model you can get one costing thousands of dollars—and you might be able to check out a ukulele from the Way Library in Perrysburg. We'll have one or two spare ukes on hand for the Sunday 9:45 am rehearsals. The remaining ukulele lessons are July 13, then August 3, 24, and 31. Please come for a different kind of summer school!



This past Saturday we made 21 care packages! Thank you Ray Laura and Maxine Pruiett for your assistance! Supplies are running low! Please

donate personal care items in the size that would fit in pocket! Join us for this and other social action activities on August 9th at 11 am. See you there!



First Unitarian will be marching in the Toledo Pride Parade on Saturday, August 16. Lauren and Thatcher Goetz have offered to drive their SUV with trailer for any First U members (or friends) who prefer to ride. We will assemble near Adams & 20th around 11:00 AM. Watch for reminders and more details in the UU-FYI and on Facebook.

For general planning, please let me know if you are interested in walking or riding in this festive event. (I also confess that we will not host a booth this year because the vendor list filled up so quickly).
David Strickler (david.pickstrum@gmail.com or 567-202-3955)

FIRST UNITARIAN WALKING GROUP

will meet on Wednesday, August 20, 7:00 p.m. at Farnsworth Metropark (Roche de Bout Shelter). And, since the Toledo Pride Parade is happening on Saturday, August 16, the Walking Group will join the parade rather than having a separate event that day. All members and friends of First Unitarian are welcome to participate in the Walking Group.



Summertime Shenanigans Fundraisers August 24th and 25th.

Purchase raffle tickets online. 1 for \$20.00, 3 for \$50.00. Prize packages include a fantastic golf package including golfing at Stone Oak Country Club, Highland

Meadows, Eagles Landing, Whiteford Golf Club, and Detwiler Park, and a golf swag and liquor.

Another amazing prize package includes an incredible getaway to Key West: 3 night bed and breakfast, tickets to the aquarium, Buccaneers Adventure, and aromatherapy foot soak. ([LINK](#))

The August 24 event ([LINK](#)) will be at Carmel's Restaurant, 2947 Tremainsville Road, from 1:00 - 6 PM. There will be raffle baskets, and a Mexican buffet. 40% of buffet meal sales will be donated to LFH. You can also donate a meal to LFH shelter for \$15.00.

On August 25, another celebration will be at Table Forty4, 610 Monroe ([LINK](#)). There will be a silent auction, gift card drawings, event shirts, and a 50/50 drawing. A percentage of the food sales will be donated to Beach House. For information, contact Stephanie at 419-410-5220.

In addition to these fundraisers, LFH is still in need of blankets, towels, washcloths, shampoo, conditioner, and body wash.

Let's show our support for Leading Families Home (LFH)!
Questions: contact Sue Childers 419-913-8724

WORLD DINING

We are journeying to Roi Et for more Thai Food - on Thursday, August 28, 2025 at 6:00 PM.

Everyone (visitors, members, and those in-between) are invited to Community Dining at Roi Et, a well-regarded Thai restaurant at 3508 Goodrich Ave, Northwood, Ohio. More information is available at

<https://eventseeker.com/venue/1518322->



Please RSVP to Stasia Hanson via email at hansonpsj2@gmail.com before August 25, 2025. We are limited to 20 diners by the restaurant. See you there!

The **SECULAR HUMANISTS OF WESTERN LAKE ERIE** will host *The Last Class* Film on Tuesday, September 23rd at 7:00 PM.

Join us for a Screening of *The Last Class* at Cinemark Franklin Park 16 and XD. *The Last Class* is a nuanced and deeply personal portrait of master educator Robert Reich teaching his final course and reflecting on a period of immense transformation, personally and globally. It is a love letter to education.

The former Secretary of Labor might be famous for his public service, best-selling books, and viral social media posts, but he always considered teaching his true calling. Now, after over 40 years and an extraordinary 40,000 students, Reich is preparing for his last class. Over the course of the film, Reich confronts the impending finality, and his own aging, with increasing candor, introspection, and, ultimately, emotion. He displays a rawness of feeling he has never shared publicly before. Drawing on his lifetime in politics, he uses his class, "Wealth and Poverty," to offer us all a deeper look at why inequalities of income and wealth have widened significantly since the late 1970s, and why this poses dangerous risks to our society.

Humanists support education based on the truth, facts, and data. We also support social justice issues that Robert Reich talks about, and we are also concerned about income inequalities. We need to sell at least 60 tickets by August 24, 2025 for this event to happen. Even if you can't attend, you can buy a ticket for someone who wants to attend but can't afford it. Feel free to share this event with your friends, family, and social circle. The film is open to all who buy a ticket. For tickets, visit our screening webpage, <https://bit.ly/lastclass-toledo2025>



Weekly and Monthly Meetings and Activities

[Click THIS DOCUMENT](#) for a fuller, printable description of the 2025 activities, location, meeting dates and contact person for each group:

Every TuesdaySunday Service Committte ZOOM call at 11:00 AM
Every Tuesday....Meditation @ 6:30 PM
Weekly AA meetings - see document link for times

1st Friday.....Book Club @ 2:00 PM
 1st Saturday.....Knit Wits @ 11:30 AM
 2nd Saturday.....Social Action Saturday @ 11AM-1PM
 2nd Sunday.....Meditation @ 5:30 PM until December
 3rd Saturday.....Film Club @ 1:00 PM Not meeting in the Summer
 3rd SaturdayWalking Group @ 1:00 PM
 3rd Sunday.....Men's Group @ 5:30 PM
 3rd Monday.....Together Women Rise @ 6:00 PM
 4th TuesdayLGBTQ Online Support Group @ 8:00 PM
 4th Tuesday.....Board of Trustees @ 7:00 PM
 4th Wednesday ...Blanket Making @ 10:30 AM
 4th Saturday.....Social Action Saturday @ 11AM-1PM
 4th Sunday.....Meditation @ 5:30 PM
 4th (or last) Sunday.... Potluck after Service

Is your meeting not listed? Submit your meeting details at <https://uutoledo.wufoo.com/forms/first-unitarian-communications-request-form>

GREEN SANCTUARY

HELP MIGRATING BIRDS THRIVE

We are so lucky to live in Lake Erie's Western Basin, where birds flock along the lake to rest and refuel before flying across the lake, earning our area the nickname "Warbler Capital of the World". People come from far and wide to experience what we have right here. Bird diversity and abundance are key indicators of habitat health according to a Nature Conservancy scientist.



We should all do what we can to protect and restore this vital pit-stop, providing birds and other wildlife with a needed lifeline. Many birds worldwide face extinction due to habitat loss and climate change. Some of the things we can do to help birds thrive:

- Plant natives to provide food and shelter year-round.
- Stop using pesticides, ensuring there are insects for adult birds and their young.
- Make windows bird-safe. Add screens, strings or decals to help prevent the more than one billion birds that die annually from window collisions.
- Turn off outside lights, perhaps switching to motion activated lights, since many birds migrate at night, using stars for navigation. Turning off outside lights helps keep migrating birds on course.

NOTES AND NEWS

OFFICE HOURS:

Office hours are normally Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10:30-2:30 PM. Otherwise, please reach us by phone or email, which will be frequently checked. Thank you.

Phone: 419-381-6999

Office email: office.manager@uutoledo.org,

Bookkeeper email: bookkeeper@uutoledo.org,

Minister email: minister@uutoledo.org.

ABOUT THE FYI

*Did you receive this FYI from a friend?
Would you like to receive your own copy? [Subscribe here!](#)*

The weekly FYI is published on Thursdays. The Order of Service is sent on Saturdays.
To submit information for the next UU-FYI, fill out [THIS FORM](#)
by **Wednesday at noon**. Questions about the form or the FYI? Email fyi@uutoledo.org.

UU-FYI Volunteers:

Tina Baker, Joanne Hartough, Susan Spiegel, Marna Slawson

Clergy

Rev. Dr. TK Barger, *Senior Minister*

David Strickler, *Commissioned Lay Minister*

Melissa Jeter, *Minister in Formation*

Staff

Gini Gottman, *Director of Lifelong Learning*

Jeffrey Maxie, *Music Director & Office Administrator*

Lou Ann Flick, *Bookkeeper*

Board of Trustees

Krista Schneider, *President*; Sue Childers, *Vice President*;

Geoff Slawson, *Treasurer*; Wes Kalbus, *Secretary*;

Kathy Crowther, Wendy DeBord, and Stasia Hanson, *At-Large Members*

First Unitarian Church of Toledo | fyi@uutoledo.org | 419-381-6999 | www.uutoledo.org/

See what's happening on our social sites:



First Unitarian Church of Toledo | 3205 Glendale Avenue | Toledo, OH 43614 US

[Unsubscribe](#) | [Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)



Try email marketing for free today!