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UU-FYI - OUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 2025

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9:45 AM - SPIRITUAL FORUM

UKELELE PRACTICE

Plato said "Music is a moral law." For Spiritual Forum on August 24,
David Strickler will continue our series of ukulele lessons.
Come join the fun!

11:00 AM - SERVICE



Join us as Terry McCauley brings the message

Who Can Make This World a Better Place?

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



KID'S ACTIVITIES On August 24, the kids will continue our project of making our class more welcoming. We will create more art and implement some fidgets to accommodate the body and focus the spirit. We might also enjoy a sweet treat. Hope to see you there!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Saturday, August 23 - 11:00 AM - Social Action Saturday*

Sunday, August 24:

- 9:30 AM - Choir Practice
- 9:45 AM - Spiritual Forum - Ukelele lesson

- 11:00 AM - Service In Person + on our YouTube Channel
- 12:00 PM - Coffee and Conversation

Monday, August 25:

- 9:00 AM - Ford Cauffiel Receiving
- 10:30 AM - Ford Cauffiel Funeral Service

Tuesday, August 26, 11:00 AM - Sunday Service Committee - ZOOM*

Tuesday, August 26, 6:30 PM - Meditation group via ZOOM*

Wednesday, August 27, 10:30 AM - Blanket Making*

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

UPCOMING EVENTS (see articles below for more info)

Sunday August 31 - Last ukulele lesson!

Sunday August 31 - Potluck Sunday

Monday, September 1 - Labor Day Picnic

Monday, September 1 Rummage Sale drop-off donations 12-4PM

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

Saturday, September 20 - Film Club meets

Wednesday September 27 - 10:30 AM - noon Unitarian Action

volunteer activity at the Islamic Food Bank.

* [the Groups and Monthly Meeting document](#) for ongoing meet ups

LEADERSHIP AND STEWARDSHIP

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

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



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FORD CAUFFIEL FUNERAL SERVICE

This week we are sending our condolences to the family of Ford Cauffiel, who died on August 16, a few months short of his 95th birthday. He was called a "Master Entrepreneur of Ohio." He had over 50 years experience and many patents in developing, designing, and manufacturing highly-efficient aluminum and steel processing plants

all over the world. Friends will be received starting at 9am on Monday, August 25 at this church, followed by a funeral service starting at 10:30am.

As we wrap up Summer and slide into Fall, thanks to all the staff and members who contributed the varied and interesting services that were held over the summer. Before you know it, we will be celebrating our In Gathering service as we resume officially our 2025-2026 year together. Looking forward to that together time! The Caring Circle

"UU's 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 @ sfrostsmyth7@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

WORLD DINING

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

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://www.roietthai.com/>.



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!

SOCIAL ACTION SATURDAYS

Join us the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month to assemble care packages for the needy and support other church projects as requested. Thank you to Joanne, Pam, and all who donated items and time! Donations needed: period products such as pads & tampons, shampoo, shower gel, lip balm, socks, tissues. Wipes, and disposable razors. Drop off donations in the YELLOW box at church or contact Melanie.



UKELELES COME TO CHURCH

Want to have some fun with music at church? Join the Spiritual Forum Sunday morning rehearsals of our new ukulele orchestra. The remaining ukulele lessons are August 24th and 31st. Please come for a different kind of summer school!



LABOR DAY PICNIC

and Rummage Sale Drop-Off
12 Noon to 4 PM, Monday, September 1st

Please plan on joining your fellow Toledo Unitarians in celebrating Labor Day at our annual Labor Day Picnic. We meet in the yard behind the church



under our beautiful big tree (we can move inside depending on the weather). Please bring your friends, as "all are welcome here". Tables and chairs are provided along with plates, utensils and condiments.

Please bring a dish to pass and an item to grill if you want. We will have a grill master available and there will be extra meats if you cannot or forget to bring something. Community and conversation are always the key component at our picnic gatherings, but games are welcome if you would like to lead one.

This will be a great opportunity to bring your items for the rummage sale as we will have volunteers available to help you bring them in. Hope to see you on September 1st to enjoy community, conversation and the beauty of the outdoor space and nature at First Unitarian Church of Toledo

THE ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE is just around the corner!

The Annual First UU Rummage Sale is an easy way for each of us to contribute to the fiscal health of our church and the ability to do all of the great programming we provide. The sale will be

Friday, Sept. 5 from 10 to 4
Saturday, Sept. 6 from 10 to 3.

We will set up during the Labor Day picnic on Sept. 1st and will need all hands on deck for set up and tear down at the end of the sale on Sept 6th at 3 pm.



During the week, we will need help on Tuesday thru Thursday from 10 am to 4pm to unpack and display items. Attached is a document with hints/instructions on how to donate your items including how and what to bring, drop off days and and sale dates and times. [LINK](#)

Next week we will provide a list of volunteer jobs available and an electronic way to sign up. There are sitting jobs also available so please consider doing your part. This year, we will be trying a 1/2 price and/or \$1 per bag sale for the last 2 hours of the sale, Saturday, Sept. 6 from 1pm to 3pm.

If you have any shelving units available for display of items during the sale, please let Marna know. HAPPY DECLUTTERING!

UNITARIAN ACTION COMMITTEE

A reminder that we will be performing a volunteer activity at the Islamic Food Bank on September 27th from 10:30 to noon.

We will be scheduling our next volunteer opportunity there in October. See Joe Moran if interested in either of these important Unitarian Action activities.

Summertime Shenanigans Fundraisers This Weekend

Purchase raffle tickets online. 1 for \$20.00,



3 for \$50.00. Prize packages include a golf package and getaway to Key West. ([LINK](#))

An 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.

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

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.

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. 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>

COMMUNITY SOLAR BILLS IN OHIO LEGISLATURE

A small group of your fellow churchgoers met on 8/13 to begin a preliminary investigation of ways to further our solar project at church. We met with Randy Ellingson from Glass City Community Solar. (<https://glasscitycommunitysolar.org>)

He made us aware of two bills in the legislature that may help us move forward. LEGISLATIVE SESSION BEGINS Sept. 23.

Community energy allows more working families to share in the benefits of local power, without the need to install equipment at home. These projects use neighborhood spaces like rooftops, brownfield sites, parking lots, or open land to generate energy from sources like solar, wind, hydro, natural gas or bioenergy. Customers subscribe directly to local projects and receive a credit on their electric bill, saving money and quickly adding electrons to the grid. Access <https://solarunitedneighbors.org/> for more information and click <http://bit.ly/4mlv7xY> to contact your legislators to urge them to support these bills.

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 Committtee 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 until September

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

FIX IT! RE-USE!

Before the tariff wars, home appliances imported from Asian countries were so affordable that when something broke, many consumers would discard the old one and buy new.

This Throw-Away mentality is relatively new. Until the early 1970s, most people in the United States would either fix their appliances or hire someone to do so. New, imported appliances became so affordable that Americans took the path of least resistance and began replacing broken appliances instead of repairing them. According to an appliance technician, around 85% of appliance repairs involve replacing a part that costs under \$20. What a huge waste of money and resources, not to mention the environmental impact of filling our landfills with otherwise usable appliances.

Now that imported appliances are more expensive, will we start to see a shift back to being a fix-it society? For repairing smaller items, consider our local Toledo Repair Cafe that usually meets monthly at various local libraries. They have an excellent success rate on small repair projects, such as mending, small appliances, jewelry, toys, even bikes - you name it.

Check out their Facebook page

[\(https://www.facebook.com/groups/1096012193902783/\)](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1096012193902783/)



or website (<https://sites.google.com/view/toledorepaircafe>) for future dates and places. Mother Earth will benefit from the shift back to a fix-it culture. The amount of water, energy, and raw materials needed to manufacture new items is vast, and fewer items will end up in the landfill a definite win-win!

NOTES AND NEWS

WEBSITE NEWS

Be sure to take time to check out all of the events on our website. Go to; www.uutoledo.org and click on Calendar & UU-FYI. Also, many of our church forms are now online. Please use the link www.uutoledo.org/forms.

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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.

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