

The Threshold

Towson Unitarian
Universalist Church

A Welcoming Congregation

UPCOMING SERVICE

SUNDAY SERVICE, NOVEMBER 3, 2019

TWO SERVICES at 9:30 and 11:15 AM

Listening For Your Word

Rev. Clare L. Petersberger

Our spiritual question for November is, "What does it mean to be a people of attention?" In many religious traditions, a spiritual practice to focus attention is "prayer." Unitarian Universalists have a

pamphlet on prayer. It includes the theologian Reinhold Niebuhr's observation: "Prayer does not change things; prayer changes people, and people change things.... Prayer is not hearing voices, prayer is acquiring a voice." Today we explore different Unitarian Universalist understandings of prayer.

YOUTH RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

Our three younger groups will start out upstairs in the service and then be sung down to join with friends new and old for their class or group. The story this Sunday is *Granddad's Prayer for the Earth*, by Douglas Wood.

Kindergarten/First Grade Creating Home: Hare's Gifts

This session explores how people co-create our community homes together. The central story is an African folktale of how Hare created the first village. Instead of the word "village," this session uses "community." In the story, Hyena builds a home that is lovely, but isolated. Hare builds a home that welcomes a community of friends to make their homes nearby. Hyena throws a party to show that he can afford to provide the best of everything for his guests. Hare throws a party that involves everyone in the community providing for one another. Like Hare's house-building party, our faith communities, at their best, are open and inviting places where we feel that we and our personal contributions are welcome. The appreciative responses of others foster our sense of belonging. We gain the fellowship of friends, and

encouragement to serve the community and express our sense of belonging to and caring about it by bringing forth our gifts. When we belong to a faith community, we have opportunities to experience and acknowledge the gifts of other members. In this session, games and other playful activities invite participants into the Creating Home community.

2nd/3rd Grade Moral Tales: Golden Rule

This session promotes the Golden Rule, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you," and the suggestion from scripture to "Love thy neighbor as thyself." The central story, "The Good Samaritan" from Christian scripture, guides exploration of what it means to "love thy neighbor" and helps raise the idea that our "neighbors" include everyone in the world. The experience of helping and caring for others will be explored in the session through role plays and a cooperative game. The session also promotes two Unitarian Universalist Principles, the inherent worth and dignity of all people; and justice, equity and compassion. The words "Golden Rule" will be added to the Moral Compass poster.

4th-6th Grade Harry and UU:

This group raised \$105 for Paul's Place last Sunday with donations for jars of Friendship soup mix. They will do the activities that were postponed from last week (using the Sorting Hat and studying ancient runes) and discussing poverty in our community.

Our Whole Lives sexuality education (7th-9th)

This group continues to have great discussions about important topics dealing with sexuality, health, and values. They are looking forward to an overnight at TUUC on Nov. 8, which will include OWL sessions and time for fun.

YRUU This group meets at 11:15 in Room 7. Participants will start a discussion of Attention, the theme for this month.

NOTICES

LAST CALL FOR AUCTION DONATIONS



Your donation can still make it into the Auction booklet if you submit it by this Sunday, November 3. Stop by the Auction table to fill out a donation form this Sunday or simply click [here](#).

Please do your part to support TUUC's most important fundraiser of the year. And on behalf of the Auction team, **THANKS TO ALL** who have contributed items and events for the Auction. It's shaping up to be another winner! – Your 2019 Auction Team

Need childcare for the Auction? Please give the names and ages of the children to the church office or tell a committee member at the Auction table in the foyer.



CLARE'S COLLOQUY

Our spiritual question for November is: "What does it mean to be a people of attention?" As I've previously shared, one of the ways I am reminded to pay attention to time is through the app, "We Croak." It sends random reminders, up to five times a day, that we are mortal. At the end of October, my phone buzzed. The app had sent these words by the philosopher Eugene Thacker: "A new ignorance is on the horizon, an ignorance borne not of a lack of knowledge but of too much knowledge, too much data, too many theories, too little time."

This observation resonated with me as three different people had recently shared how they had become overwhelmed by the headlines and needed to take a break from watching so much news.

While in Hospice care, and facing their own mortality, people often report that they are no longer interested in the news---that it is for others to be concerned about and to do something about. They also report they no longer worry about flossing their teeth! What calls for their attention is gratitude: gratitude for the gift of life; gratitude for family and friends; gratitude for pain free days; gratitude for good memories.

So I was not surprised that one of the Soul Matters Sharing Circle practices for November lifts up Mary Oliver's poem, "Gratitude." <https://thevalueofsparrows.com/2013/11/27/poetry-gratitude-by-mary-oliver/>

In it, Mary Oliver asks and answers eight questions. It appears that she is doing so in relation to one day spent in nature. But one could

ask the same questions about a year (one that might begin with Thanksgiving) or even a lifetime.

And one could ask these questions in terms of time spent at TUUC in November during the Available Light Movie Night, the Night and Day music concert, worship services, Youth Religious Exploration classes, the Green Sanctuary Drawdown program, THE TUUC Auction, and other programs.

Mary Oliver's eight questions are below. They call our attention away from information to wisdom. Perhaps they will inspire you to write a blessing for your Thanksgiving meal. Perhaps they will inspire you to write a blessing of gratitude for TUUC.

What did you notice?

What did you hear?

When did you admire?

What astonished you?

What would you like to see again?

What was most tender?

What was most wonderful?

What did you think was happening?

If you would like to e-mail me your responses to these questions (revclare@towsonuuc.org), I will seek to include them in the December 1 worship service on the one subject Mary Oliver discerned was worthy of her attention.



GOVERNANCE UPDATE: PHASE I OF BYLAWS CHANGES APPROVED

At the Congregational Meeting on October 27, approximately 42 members were present. All voted in favor of the proposed bylaws changes. Towson Unitarian Universalist Church has been operating under a new trial governance structure since July, 2018. The new structure includes an Administrative Team, which makes operational decisions, and a Program Council, which coordinates and promotes programs. These two entities replaced the Operations Team. The approved bylaws changes removed the Operations Team and references to it.

Thank you to the members of the Governance Task Force, the Board, Administrative Team, Program Council, and all members who attended the meeting and cast their vote.

Now we move into Phase II of bylaws changes. Other recommendations from Rev. David Pyle's report for improving our church governance will be discussed and considered. The Board is expanding the membership of the bylaws committee. If you are interested in serving on the bylaws committee, please speak with Karyn Marsh, Art Starr, or any Board member. Stay tuned for discussion opportunities between now and the next congregational meeting, which is scheduled for June 14, 2020 at 12 noon.



GREEN SANCTUARY



Sunday November 3rd: Green Sanctuary Committee Monthly Meeting, 10:30 am.

Downstairs in the open lobby. We welcome anyone interested.

Saturday November 9th: Gardening

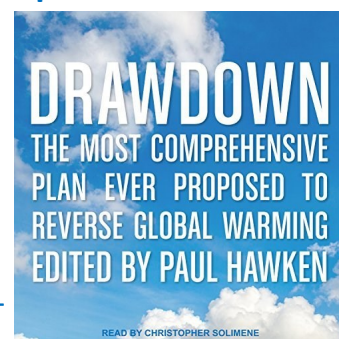
at Amazing Grace from 10 am - 1 pm. Bring your favorite gardening tool, gloves and water. Let Carel Hedlund (info in Breeze) know if you want to carpool from TUUC.

Sunday November 10th: Fair Trade Coffee and Candy Sale.

Organic, fair trade coffee and chocolate make wonderful accompaniments to a Thanksgiving dinner! In addition to regular and decaf coffee and chocolate bars, we have chocolate minis. Your purchases support fair compensation for responsible farmers and help to fund the fair trade coffee served during Sunday coffee hour.

Friday November 8th, 7-9 pm.

We will be presenting a 2-hour workshop on "Drawdown". This is an upbeat presentation on comprehensive plans based on existing technologies to reverse global warming. Come and be inspired. See flyer elsewhere in Threshold. Please register if you are coming, so we have sufficient handouts.



FROM FIRST CHURCH

Compassion That Works

Nonviolent Communication Workshop

Saturday, 11/9/19, 9:00 am till 2:00 pm

First Unitarian Church of Baltimore

Enoch Pratt Parish Hall

514 N. Charles St.

Baltimore, MD 21201



Can you imagine an interaction with another person that creates self-care for you *and* connection with the other person? Honesty *and* kindness? Nonviolent Communication (NVC) is all about how to do that.

At this workshop, we're invited to light up our play circuits to learn and to be creative in new ways to understand ourselves and the ones we love. Even when we disagree, we can give from our generous hearts so that others can respond from their own hearts.

We'll have meditative exercises, small groups, useful handouts with clear concepts, and will grapple with verbalizing feelings and needs while not blaming. Even experienced NCVers can use our practice.

Our workshop facilitator will be Sarah Dammeyer, who weaves NVC and other restorative practices into everything she does, including parenting, doula support, and

teaching. She likes to offer experiments in listening and power-sharing for parents, teachers, and community groups. She trained in the peacekeeping circle tradition with Kay Pranis and is grateful for the chance to keep circles for youth and families through Keybridge Foundation, RestorativeDC, and DC Peace team.

Sponsored by the Committee on Right Relations within our Community and ADORE (A Dialogue on Race and Ethnicity) in cooperation with First Unitarian Church of Baltimore Religious Education Committee.

Suggested donation: \$20.00

Please register by email to Melissa Feliciano [nim3210@yahoo.com] or TEXT (no calls) to 410-258-1806.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS SUNDAY AT 2 AM - REMEMBER TO RESET YOUR CLOCKS SATURDAY NIGHT!



DENOMINATIONAL MINUTE

The first denominational minute, published in April, listed the various denominational bodies with which TUUC is affiliated. The last one mentioned was the Baltimore Cluster, an area body consisting of 7 congregations and one covenanting community.

The cluster became active around six years ago and according to TUUC's Tom Zeller got off to a good start and engaged in a number of activities and information sharing including two choral festivals, one held in Fallston and the other here at Towson. The cluster remained active for around four years and then became dormant.

On October 23, representatives from all seven congregations in the cluster met via video conference to discuss the possibility of resurrecting the cluster. The meeting was facilitated by Paula Cole Jones, our UUA staff liaison from the Central East Region, and a lifelong member of All Souls Unitarian in Washington D.C. Towson had four representatives at this meeting; Sue Royer, Tom Zeller, Wendell Finner, and Steve Finner. The other congregations in the cluster are First Unitarian Church in Baltimore, and the UU Congregations of Columbia, Harford County, Fallston, Cedarhurst in Finksburg, and Channing Memorial in Ellicott City. In sum, these congregations number 1,156 adult members, and approximately 350 children and youth in their RE programs.

As a way of illustrating the ways in which clusters can be organized, and what sort of activities they engage in, Paula described the functioning of the Del Marva cluster. Similar to Baltimore, there are eight congregations in the cluster ranging from Wilmington in the

north, which is the largest, to Salisbury in the south (<https://www.uua.org/central-east/clusters-affiliate-groups/clusters/delmarva-cluster>). The cluster meets approximately every six weeks alternating between a face-to-face meeting and a virtual meeting. The cluster has a dues structure and a budget, and makes small grants available to member congregations.

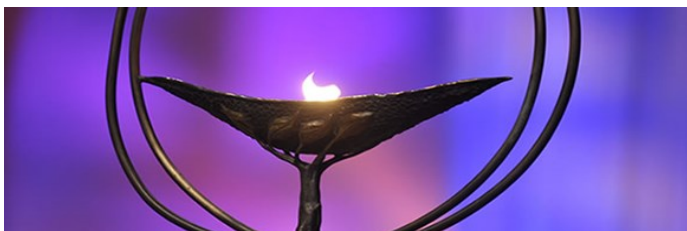
The cluster held a conference at the beginning of October and presented a number of workshops including fundraising, lay led worship, and membership development.

Two activities of interest to the UUA is using clusters to facilitate sustainability and growth and to network our youth groups, so they won't feel isolated. She suggested this is something the Baltimore cluster might want to explore. Paula also shared that some clusters have been presenting programs on anti-racism and the 8th principle.

The Philadelphia cluster holds an Annual Jubilee at which there is anti-racism training. There will be an anti-racism training presented at the UU Church of Columbia on May 29-30, 2020, details of which will be forthcoming.

Those present at this first meeting of the Baltimore Cluster expressed interest in all the activities that Paula described. There was also interest in holding a spirituality retreat and assisting congregations in their financial audit. We may be inviting a representative of the Delmarva Cluster to a future meeting to describe the finance, budget and dues structure of the cluster.

The next meeting of the cluster will be a video conference in early December. If you are interested in participating, please contact Steve Finner at finnerstephen@gmail.com



WELCOME AMBASSADORS

Can you help to assure that TUUC is a warm and welcoming place to guests? Consider becoming a Welcome Ambassador! It's an easy but important job. The best part? No sign ups (except to let us know that you want to be an Ambassador)!

On the Sundays you're at church, you would intentionally seek out guests (people with sticker name tags) and talk with them for a few minutes. You might answer questions, get to know them, or connect them with a group or activity they're interested in. Perhaps you can help someone get settled before their first service or chat after the service. Coffee hour can seem lonely when everyone is talking to someone else and no one is talking to you!



A greeter might ask you to welcome a newcomer. You'll have a special sticker on your name tag so that greeters know they can turn to you.

Our greeters do a great job welcoming guests when they first arrive. We'd like our Welcome Ambassadors to extend that hospitality.

Can you help? Let Patty Barry know at pattydbarry@gmail.com.



WELCOME RENEWAL – CALL TO JOIN OUR TEAM!

We wish to be bolder with our Welcome.

Our Unitarian Universalist Association informs us that Transgender Unitarian Universalists (UUs) are still struggling to find community in UU congregations. Bisexual UUs suffer from invisibility while asexual, intersex, and polyamorous communities are wrestling with a progressive faith that does not privilege their truth. These and the many more social ills that plague our LGBTQ+ and TGQNB communities are calling us into a deeper commitment to ensure that our Unitarian Universalist congregations are living into the Welcome that we boldly proclaim.

Many years ago, Towson Unitarian Universalist Church became a Welcoming Congregation. That UUA program was designed to help UU churches to become more welcoming to sexual and gender minorities. The Five Practices of Welcome Renewal is a program that was unveiled in 2015. The goal of the program is, "To honor your original pledge, it's essential that new people in the congregation (as well as people who were originally involved in the program) understand your congregation's commitment to this work and learn about the current needs and concerns of LGBTQ+ people."

The TUUC Program Council is sponsoring a team who will work with existing church committees and groups to embark on the steps to renew TUUC's status as a Welcoming Congregation. There are five practices of Welcome Renewal, covering such things as welcoming worship services, welcoming days of observance, and a welcoming congregational seminar. The focus is on LGBTQ+ / TGQNB communities and to bring visibility and affirmation after generations of invisibility and erasure. "All of who you are is sacred. All of who you are is welcome."

We are looking for people to join the team and will hold a planning meeting on a mutually agreeable date later in October or in

November. Please contact Sue Royer if you are interested or have questions. LGBTQ+ / TGQNB persons are especially encouraged to join the team. Young adults are especially encouraged to join the team.

<https://www.uua.org/lgbtq/welcoming/program/five-practices-welcome-renewal>



REMINDER: FALL BACK!

Reset your clocks Saturday night!
Daylight Savings Time ends this Sunday .



USHER ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2019

| Date | Time | Adults/Children | Choir | Lounge | Total | Visitors Total | Nursery |
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| 10/27/2019 | 9:30 AM | 23/2 | 19 | 6 | 50 | ↓ | 0 |
| 10/27/2019 | 11:15 AM | 72/18 | 19 | - | 109 | 11 | 2 |

YRE ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2019

| Nursery | K/1st | 2nd/3rd | 4th - 6th | 7th - 9th | YRUU | TOTAL |
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ACTC

It's time to start thinking of Thanksgiving. TUUC will again be collecting Thanksgiving baskets for the **Assistance Center of Towson Churches (ACTC)**. A sign up sheet and information will be by the Social Action table in the lounge. For additional information, contact Herb Shankroff.

I am pleased to announce that we signed up one new volunteer. We still need a few more people to help sort the donated food.



Speaking of donations - cereal and spaghetti sauce are in short supply. ACTC gets food from the Maryland Food Bank, but some of our items are not given by them.

AMONG US

We regret to inform you of Jill Sliney's passing on October 9th.

Jill, a friend of TUUC, was a beloved member of the IMPROV group and the singles group. In her professional life, she was a licensed social worker who did counseling. She was an accomplished artist. She was a dear, dear woman, who was energetic and caring, and a wonderful friend. She will be greatly missed!!

A celebration of Jill's life is being tentatively planned for the spring of 2020. Contributions in memory of Jill may be made to the Humane Society and SPCA.

— Nancy Mears

ADDITIONAL FLATWARE FOR TUUC KITCHEN

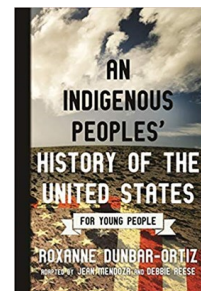
Do you have a few extra forks, knives or teaspoons cluttering your drawers? Please donate them to TUUC for our kitchen, so we can avoid use of plastic utensils, especially for large events. We're especially in need of more forks. Thanks!

PROGRAM COUNCIL

The next **Program Council** meeting will be on **Wednesday, November 13 at 7:30 PM**. The spotlight topic will be Membership.

The TUUC Program Council is sponsoring a Common Read for 2019-2020. We've chosen the same book as the UUA:

An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz (Beacon Press, 2015), 314 pages



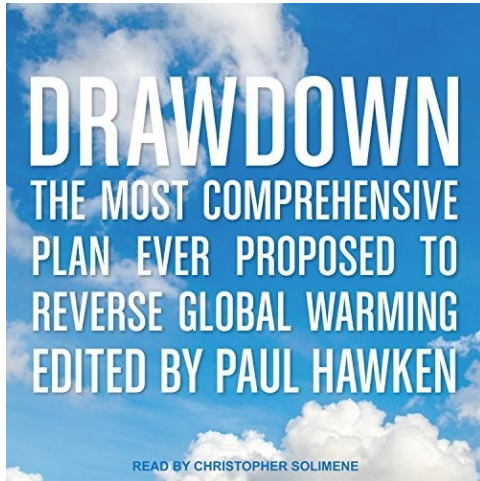
An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States for Young People by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz; adapted by Jean Mendoza and Debbie Reese (Beacon Press, 2019), 280 pages

In 2020, our nation will approach the 400th anniversary of the much-mythologized encounter at Plymouth between colonists and those native to the land, and our own UUA General Assembly 2020, in Providence, RI, will speak to the truths that contradict the mythology. At the same time, movements in response to global and local environmental emergencies, many involving UUs, are increasingly recognizing the connection between indigenous rights and climate justice. This Common Read invites us to learn the story of trauma and resilience that is the Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States. [source: UUA, with adaptation]. *If you are not familiar at all with this history, we suggest that you read the version for young people.*

Books are available through the church office and available for sale on Sunday mornings.

There will be multiple discussion opportunities in early 2020. Start reading now!

Reversing Global Warming: Introduction to Drawdown



**Green Sanctuary Committee of
Towson Unitarian Universalist
Church**

Friday November 8th

7:00 - 9:00 pm

**1710 Dulaney Valley Road
Lutherville MD**

Pachamama's Drawdown Project gives us hope! Project Drawdown is a coalition of more than 200 researchers and other experts from 22 countries led by author, environmentalist, and entrepreneur **Paul Hawken**. Over the course of 5 years of rigorous scientific research, they identified and modeled the 100 most substantive, **already existing solutions** for addressing global warming and revealed astounding news: that it is possible not just to slow global warming, but to actually reverse it by 2050.

Join the Green Sanctuary Committee for a two-hour workshop, "**Reversing Global Warming: Introduction to Drawdown**" on **Friday November 8, 7-9 pm**, at the Towson Unitarian Universalist Church. The workshop material is provided by the Pachamama Alliance and includes video clips of Paul Hawken.

Some participants may choose to continue learning by participating in a **5-session group** later this fall, "**Drawdown Solutions: Getting Into Action**".

RSVPs are recommended but not required..

<https://www.eventbrite.com/o/carel-hedlund-27728785231>

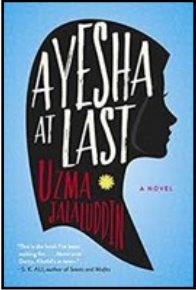
Please be prompt as the workshop will take the full two hours
(Arrive early if you wish to bring a snack to share)

For more info, contact: Carel Hedlund, Green Sanctuary Committee
cthedlund@msn.com, 410-967-3548

ONGOING AND UPCOMING

EVENING BOOK GROUP

Wednesday, November 6th 7:30 downstairs
Ayesha at Last by Uzma Jalaluddin (fiction, 2018, 352 pages). Need discussion leader

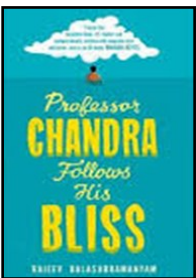


A modern day retelling of *Pride and Prejudice* set in a tight-knit Muslim community in Toronto.

"Jalaluddin constructs a timely and enlightening narrative that validates the experiences of

many South Asians and Muslims today, while weaving in universal themes of identity, class, and discrimination....*Ayesha at Last*'s fictional universe acts as a microcosm of a diverse and oft-misunderstood community, and Jalaluddin's compassionate and sensitive writing about it radiates off the page."—*NPR*

Wednesday, December 4th 7:30 downstairs
Professor Chandra Follows His Bliss by Rajeev Balasubramanyam (fiction, 2019, 368 pages). Need discussion leader.



Professor Chandra had worked his entire life to win the Nobel Prize for economics. When he fails to do so, he begins a journey of self-examination.

"Uplifting literature, or up-lit as it's called by publishers, is dominating the bestseller charts. . . . One of the funniest . . . is *Professor Chandra Follows His Bliss* by Rajeev Balasubramanyam. . . . Beneath the comedy lie serious concerns. Wellness, capitalism, mollycoddled minds intolerant of political difference: Balasubramanyam's issues are current."—*The Sunday Times*
All are welcome. Contact Jane Selewach (listed in Breeze) if you have any questions.

SUNDAY SERVICE, NOVEMBER 10, 2019

9:30 AND 11:15 AM

How to Grow the Good In Your Brain

Rev. Clare L. Petersberger

In the 19th century, Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote: *That which dominates our imaginations and our thoughts will determine our lives, and our character. Therefore, it behooves us to be careful what we worship, for what we are worshipping, we are becoming.* In the 21st century, research on experience-dependent neuroplasticity is confirming Emerson's observation that our experiences and "what dominates our imaginations and our thoughts will determine our lives." What implications does this have for our spiritual lives?

MUSIC

"Like Night and Day" Concert This Saturday, November 2nd

On Saturday evening (November 2nd) at 7:00 PM, musicians of TUUC present the



concert, "Like

Night and Day." It will be a great variety of music, with vocal soloists, a band for the evening, and the TUUC Choir presenting some favorites of the musical theater, film, classical, and pop musical worlds. All the music centers around themes of daytime and night. Andrew Hager hosts. You'll even get to sing and dance a little yourself, if you feel so inclined. About 90 minutes of fun! A free concert, but donations will be accepted to support special music at TUUC.

Guest Musician on Sunday, November 3rd

We welcome guest musician Aaron Hill to the Sunday morning services this week (Sunday, November



3rd). Aaron is a highly esteemed local keyboard player, producer, composer, teacher, and blogger. His music encompasses a variety of styles: jazz, hip-hop, neo-soul, gospel, new age, funk, and classical. Here is a sample of his playing: <http://aaronhillsmusic.com/track/the-serenade-vol-1-ode-to-robert-glasper>.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION SESSIONS

Are you interested in deepening your relationship with Towson Unitarian Universalist Church?

The Membership Committee is offering one hour sessions on membership at TUUC, which include a brief discussion of UU theology and history and a light lunch. The sessions start at 12:45 PM.

If you are interested in attending any one of these, please RSVP to membership@towsonuuc.org.

—November 10, 2019

—January 12, 2020

—March 8, 2020

—May 3, 2020

STEWARDSHIP TEAM MEMBERS NEEDED

If you have been wondering about a way to get involved at TUUC more deeply, the Stewardship Team is in need of new members. We have a few dedicated members continuing from last year, but we are searching for some new faces with fresh ideas. The level of participation can vary

depending on how much time and energy you are willing and able to give. Here are the activities team members may participate in:

- attend occasional meetings to plan the stewardship campaign
- help with kick-off brunch February 2
- promote the stewardship campaign
- contribute to whatever activity we decide on to go along with the campaign
- stuff envelopes with stewardship packets to mail to the congregation in January
- help out with some of the monthly luncheons sponsored by stewardship

To volunteer, talk to co-chairs Anita Cox or Monica Sweidel or email stewardship@towsonuuc.org. Thank you for considering being part of the Stewardship Team.

ADORE

ADORE's next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, November 5, at 7:00 PM**. Will you be celebrating the coming holidays with family and friends who are racially biased—and loud about it? Join us for a discussion on how to handle difficult conversations about race with your nearest and dearest. There'll be advice and a chance to practice.

On **Friday, November 1st, at 6:30**, ADORE will join with Available Light to present Ang Lee's *The Wedding Banquet*. See notice on page 11 for the description of this delightful comedy.

New date and time for December meeting!

Sunday, December 8, 1-3 PM

Our December meeting has been rescheduled from Tuesday, December 3 to Sunday, December 8 after services, 1-3 pm.

On Sunday, December 8, representatives from UUJME (Unitarian Universalists for Justice in the Middle East) will be joining us to have a circle talk about Palestine/Israel and what UUJME is doing to promote a peaceful and just resolution of the Palestine-Israel conflict, affirming the equality, dignity, freedom and security of all peoples involved. Please plan to join us for a fascinating look at how UUJME supports human rights of all peoples in the Middle East.

AMAZON SMILE

TUUC recently received a quarterly donation of **\$59.59**, thanks to customers shopping at smile.amazon.com. To date, AmazonSmile has donated a total of **\$1,017.72** to Towson Unitarian Universalist Church.

DEDICATE A NEW CHAIR OR NOT!

Now is the perfect time to dedicate a chair or contribute to the fund. We are very close to reaching the goal.

UPDATE: We are only **\$4045** away from placing the order for 200 new chairs.

AVAILABLE LIGHT AND ADORE PRESENT THE WEDDING BANQUET

East meets west in Ang Lee's delightful 1990 romantic comedy, *The Wedding Banquet*. A Taiwanese-born American lives in the US with his boyfriend, unbeknownst to his parents, who live half a world away. When they pressure him to marry, he makes an arrangement with a neighbor who needs her green card. Unfortunately, this marriage of convenience does not deter his parents, who arrive ready to throw a giant party. Crises of



identity, assimilation, tradition, and love abound. **Event is this Friday, November 1, at 6:30. Bring a snack.**

BOOK NOOK

The next Book Nook will be held this Sunday, November 3.



BLOOD DRIVE

Working with the American Red Cross, we've scheduled Saturday, December 14, 2019 for the next TUUC Blood Drive. With December 14th coming up fast, please check your calendar and consider donating blood at our drive. When you see our appointment sign-up sheet in the church lobby, please stop by and select an appointment time between 8:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. (we are starting earlier!) on December 14th. Contact Clare Flynn-Avallone or Nina Della Vecchia if you have any questions. Give the Gift of Life -



DEDICATE A NEW CHAIR or NOT!

**ONLY 47
MORE
TO GO!**



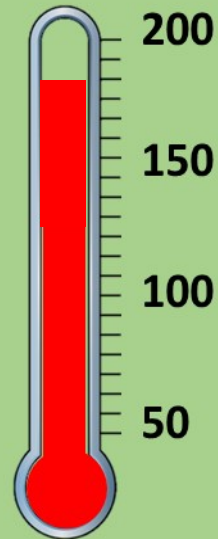
MILLENNIA
BERTOLINI SANCTUARY SEATING PEW STACKER 4015

Chair color subject to change.

**Dedicate a
new chair
or NOT!**

Your contribution at
any amount will help
reach our goal of
200 chairs.

GOAL: 200 chairs



Complete the chair form and return to the office with your contribution.

Dedicated chairs _____ X \$75.00 each = _____

Non-Dedicated chairs _____ X \$65.00 each = _____

Non-Dedicated chair contribution = _____

Check # _____ or CC# _____

Expiration Date: _____ CSI _____

3 digit number on back of card

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Engraved Plaque Dedication located on the back of each chair.

(Includes 2 lines of engraving, limit 30 characters on second line – PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY):

In honor of

_____ or

In memory of

Use backside for more dedications.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT TUUC THROUGH NOVEMBER 5, 2019 , AS OF 10/25/2019

Calendar is subject to change. Check the website calendar at www.towsonuuc.org for most current schedule.

| Date | Day | Event | Location | Start Time |
|--------|-----------|----------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1-Nov | Friday | Piano Tuning | Meeting Room | 1:00 PM |
| 1-Nov | Friday | Available Light | Meeting Room | 6:30 PM |
| 2-Nov | Saturday | Choir Rehearsals | Meeting Room | 9:30 AM |
| 2-Nov | Saturday | TUUC Music Set-ups, Concert | Meeting Room | 5:00, 7:00 PM |
| 3-Nov | Sunday | Sunday Services | Meeting Room & Lobby | 9:30 & 11:15 AM |
| 3-Nov | Sunday | Green Sanctuary Committee | Lower Level Lobby | 10:30 AM |
| 3-Nov | Sunday | Sunday Lunch | Lobby | 12:30 PM |
| 3-Nov | Sunday | Ministerial Internship Committee | Room 7 | 12:45 PM |
| 4-Nov | Monday | Handel Choir Rehearsal | Meeting Room, Lounge | 6:00 PM |
| 4-Nov | Monday | Mindful Meditation | Room 7 | 7:00 PM |
| 5-Nov | Tuesday | Allen Concert Taping | Meeting Room | 12:00 PM |
| 5-Nov | Tuesday | ADORE | Rooms 1 & 2 | 6:00 PM |
| 5-Nov | Tuesday | Men's Reflection Group | Room 7 | 7:30 PM |
| 5-Nov | Tuesday | Soul Matters | Room 6 | 7:30 PM |
| 5-Nov | Tuesday | Women's Reflection Group | Room 4 | 7:30 PM |
| 6-Nov | Wednesday | Voice Lesson | Meeting Room | 10:00 AM |
| 6-Nov | Wednesday | Wednesday Writers | Room 6 | 10:30 AM |
| 6-Nov | Wednesday | Voice Lessons | Meeting Room | 4:00 PM |
| 6-Nov | Wednesday | IMPROV | Meeting Room | 7:00 PM |
| 6-Nov | Wednesday | Al-Anon Meeting | Room 6 | 7 PM |
| 6-Nov | Wednesday | 1st Wednesday Book Group | Lobby | 7:30 PM |
| 7-Nov | Thursday | Choir Set-ups, Rehearsal | Meeting Room | 5:00, 6:30, 7:30 PM |
| 7-Nov | Thursday | Caring Ministry | Minister's Office | 7:30 PM |
| 8-Nov | Friday | OWL Overnight | Lower Level | 6:00 PM |
| 8-Nov | Friday | Drawdown - Green Sanctuary | Meeting Room, Lobby | 6:00 PM |
| 9-Nov | Saturday | Zen Community | Meeting Room, Room 7 | 9:00 AM |
| 10-Nov | Sunday | Sunday Services | Meeting Room, Lobby | 9:30 & 11:15 AM |
| 10-Nov | Sunday | Social Action Committee | Lower Level Lounge | 10:30 AM |
| 10-Nov | Sunday | Membership Information Session | Room 6 | 12:45 PM |
| 11-Nov | Monday | Voice Lesson | Meeting Room | 4:00 PM |
| 11-Nov | Monday | Handel Choir Rehearsal | Meeting Room, Lounge | 6:00 PM |
| 11-Nov | Monday | Mindful Meditation | Room 7 | 7:00 PM |
| 11-Nov | Monday | Membership Committee Meeting | Room 6 | 7:30 PM |
| 12-Nov | Tuesday | Aging Together | Lobby | 1:00 PM |



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