



# The Threshold

**Towson Unitarian  
Universalist Church**

*A Welcoming Congregation*

## UPCOMING SERVICES

**SUNDAY SERVICE, DECEMBER 15, 2019**  
**TWO SERVICES AT 9:30 AND 11:15 AM**

*Awe and Altruism*

Rev. Clare L. Petersberger, Nick and Luke Stacy Bare returned from Iraq with PTSD. He and his brother went on a trip to hike in Utah. They were arguing and yelling at one another as they climbed a ladder. Then, Stacy remember, “we looked up and wham!” Druid Arch rose up in front of them in the middle of Utah’s Canyonlands. They took in the image in silence. Then they laughed and hugged. And Stacy remembers thinking, “What were we even arguing about?” When have you had a similar experience? What did you learn about the relationship between awe and altruism?

**December 22 - ONE SERVICE - 10:30 AM - Rev. Clare L. Petersberger, Joyce Duncan, TUUC Youth Religious Exploration classes, The TUUC Choir, Lora Powell Haney: *The Solstice Badger***

Today we celebrate the story of the sun and...no...not the moon...and not the

stars. It’s a story of loneliness and friendship, light and darkness, the winter solstice and awe. It is a story about us.

**December 24 - 5:30 PM - Rev. Clare Petersberger, Joyce Duncan, Lora Powell Haney, Tracy Hall: *Let Every Heart Prepare Room For Joy***

In this interactive family Christmas Eve Candlelight service we will celebrate ancient stories of the renewal of faith, the miracle of love, the rebirth of joy, and the dawning of hope!

**December 24 - 7:30 PM - Rev. Clare Petersberger, Lora Powell Haney, and the TUUC Choir: *Let Heaven And Nature Sing***  
For almost two decades, after passing the light of little candles, we have concluded our Christmas Eve service by singing “Joy To The World!” This year marks the 300th anniversary of the composition of this song. For his inspiration, Isaac Watts turned to Psalm 98 with its invitation to sing a “new song.” The ancient stories about joy reveal, in the words of Desmond

Tutu, "As we discover more joy, we can face suffering in a way that ennobles rather than embitters. We have hardship

without becoming hard. We have heartbreak without being broken." Tonight, we celebrate such joy!

## RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

All classes and groups will be learning about the solstice and preparing their parts for the single service on December 22. All classes start in their usual times and rooms. Children in the three youngest classes will be part of the service until they are sung out to join with

their classes. **Please let us know if you plan to attend the 5:30 Christmas Eve service.**

We have speaking and nonspeaking roles for adults or children and would love to have you participate. Please contact Joyce for more details.

## NOTICES

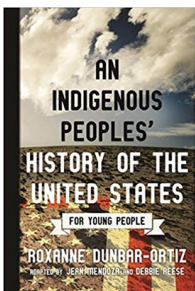
### PLEDGE REMINDER

As the year end approaches, there may be advantages for members to meet their annual pledge to TUUC by directing that the pledge come from a retirement account as part of a required minimum distribution. Talk to your financial advisor to see if this could be of benefit given your financial circumstances.

Thanks to all who are current in fulfilling their pledge to TUUC. It helps us to fulfill our mission to deepen our ethical and spiritual lives together as we work for racial, social, and environmental justice.

### TUUC COMMON READ FOR 2019-2020

*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

*If you are not familiar at all with this history, we suggest that you read the version for*

*young people.* The original version is available as an audio book. We sold out of the books that were ordered and we don't plan to re-order. Please obtain your own copy at the library or from a book seller.

### Three Discussion dates to choose from:

1. Sunday, Jan 5, 1:30-3:00 pm in the Meeting Room; Discussion leaders: Lora Powell-Haney and Rose Green

### 2. EVENING BOOK GROUP

UUA's Common Read  
Wednesday January 8, 7:30 pm  
Lower Level Lobby

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].

3. Wednesday, Jan 22, 7:00-8:30 pm in Room 7 (A Dialog on Race and Ethnicity meeting on indigenous lives); Discussion leader: Kathleen Ramirez

### **ACTC DONATIONS**

Another Sunday another car-load of donations. Food for the Assistance Center of Towson Churches (ACTC) and hats scarves and gloves for Prologue, a homeless shelter. Thank you.

In addition to food ACTC needs plastic grocery bags

### **HOLIDAY HELPERS**

A wonderful bunch of Christmas elves showed up on November 30 to decorate our church for the Holidays. Thank all of you for giving your time and talents to making TUUC look so festive and welcoming. Kai initiated the planning and set the stage for the task. Elves who carried out the work included Ben and Sue Proctor, Jeff Savoye, Janet Guthrie, Nancy Mears, Marybeth Brizzolara, Sean and Betsy Mackey, Margee Bailey, and Mary Ellen Haisfield-Wolfe.

With deep gratitude and love, Sue Walker

### **SOCIAL ACTION HOLIDAY GIVING**

You are invited to experience the joy of giving this holiday season by gifting through our community partners. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! **Place all gift cards, checks, and cash in the gift box on the counter next to the Holiday Tree and place wrapped gifts in the Earl's Place or ACTC buckets under the coat rack by December 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**EARL'S PLACE** is a recovery-based housing program providing long-term (up to two years) housing and supportive services to

men experiencing homelessness; 17 men at a time.

Thank you everyone. Earl's Place resident Donte's Holiday list is now complete.

Items such as **puzzle books and calendars, socks, and hand warmers** are always appreciated by the 17 men of **Earl's Place** in Baltimore City and the 12 chronically homeless men of **Prospect Place** in Rosedale.

**PROLOGUE** is a homeless outreach program in Towson open three days a week. With winter approaching Prologue would appreciate **donations of caps, scarves, mittens and gloves**. Donations may be placed in the ACTC basket or contact: Sue Shankroff.

**MENTORING MALE TEENS IN THE HOOD** is a program for young men ages 8 to 18, most live in Baltimore City. The program provides weekly tutoring, monthly speakers and guidance and inspiration for educational and career choices. Mentoring Male Teens offers field trips, both day trips and an annual overnight trip. **Our Holiday goal for Mentoring Male Teens is to contribute to their annual trip, which exposes and introduces the Kings to a world outside of their daily life. In 2019, the destination was Memphis, TN, which included tours of Lane College, the National Civil Rights Museum, and Beale Street. Please donate by cash or check. Checks should be payable to TUUC with MMTH in the memo line. \$20, \$25, \$50, \$100**



## CLARE'S COLLOQUY

An article in the most recent *The Christian Century* retold a story about Toni Morrison. Evidently, when she was working with a colleague at Princeton, he shared with her that he would like to write something about the religious dimensions of her work because she drew upon different religious traditions in her novels. She replied, "Yes, you're right, I do draw on those sources. But you left out the other part of the religion in my work." He gave her a puzzled look. She replied, "The strange stuff." For Toni Morrison, the strange stuff was part of the everyday---especially for vulnerable, marginalized, and oppressed people.

There is a great deal of "strange stuff" in the stories of different religious traditions this month: a great feast held in midwinter by farmers to woo back the sun; oil to rededicate the Jewish temple that was supposed to burn for only one night that burned for eight days; angels in the gospel of Luke proclaiming the birth of a savior to shepherds watching their flocks by night. The strange stuff did not happen outside of the everyday, but rather within it, at least for the hungry farmers hoping for sunlight and warmth, the underdog Jewish Maccabees who had won back the Temple, and the shepherds watching their sheep with no thought of the incarnation of the holy in a human baby.

This "strange stuff" reminds me how often we associate awe with positive experiences (as in the song 'Everything Is Awesome,' in the Legos movie.)

The word "awful," which we often associate with negative experiences of something bad or objectionable, once meant "to be filled with awe" ---with respect, and with reverence.

So the farmers must have been filled with awe when the sun shone just a bit longer each day after winter solstice. The Jewish people must have been filled with awe hearing the story of the oil that burned for eight days. And early Christians must have been filled with awe hearing the story of the heavenly host promising salvation and peace to the shepherds.

What about us, today? What does it mean to be a people of awe? In early December, I met with colleagues for a retreat. We spent 45 minutes with a poem by Lucy Shaw about the annunciation: <http://lineageofexpectation.blogspot.com/2011/11/for-who-can-endure-day-of-his-coming.html> Then we asked ourselves and shared with one another where we are in the poem, about what we need to "Fear Not"; and what is awakening in us.

In our responses, coming out of the midst of our every day lives, was Toni Morrison's "strange stuff:" vulnerability and transcendence, marginalization and inclusion, despair and hope.

Wherever you find yourself in the season, in the stories of the season, or in the poem, as people of awe, may you be touched by experiences "of that transcending mystery and wonder which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces which create and uphold life." Happy holidays!

## DENOMINATIONAL MINUTE

The Greater Baltimore Cluster of Unitarian Universalist Congregation held its second video conference December 4. Five of the eight cluster congregations were in attendance. Also present were the chair and vice-chair of the Delmarva Cluster, which like Baltimore, has eight congregations. They shared with us the history of the Cluster and described its current activities. The Cluster was established in 2009 and was attended by 22 UU's representing the eight congregations. A mission statement was created the following year and a budget and dues were established. Each congregation pays \$200 yearly and the resulting \$1600 is sufficient to cover the cluster's administrative expenses such as conducting the annual meetings. The Cluster also received a Chalice Lighters start up grant of \$20000.

The Delmarva Cluster meets every six weeks alternating between Zoom and in person. When they meet in person, some members meet for dinner. This has helped them to deepen relationships through the years. They hold an annual gathering providing workshops to build leadership capacity. The topics are selected on the basis of a survey of the eight congregations. Discussion followed their presentation and it was agreed for the two clusters to keep in touch and invite representatives of each to meetings of either cluster.

Following this presentation, the cluster discussed possible activities for an initial meeting. It was decided to hold the first face to face meeting of the cluster February 29, 2020 at the First Unitarian Church of Baltimore. The focus of the meeting will be a workshop on "Building a Community of

Communities", which will be presented by Central East Region staff member Paula Cole Jones, who is also a member of All Souls, Unitarian in Washington DC. Details will be forthcoming shortly.

Following lunch and the workshop, there will be a business meeting to start the discussion of what the next steps of the cluster should be with respect to governance, budget, meetings, and programming.

In sharing news of activities at some of the congregations that others might be interested in attending, it was decided to distribute a semi-monthly list of such activities through the cluster email list.

The next video conference meeting of the cluster is on January 7, 2020 at 7:30 PM

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### EARLY REGISTRATION OPEN!



Adult full-time registration is \$400 through March 15.

#### NEW! Registration Payment Plan:

With a \$50 down-payment, the cost of registration can be paid over the course several months. Final payment must be received by February 29, 2020. When the final registration is complete, special consideration for dormitory lodging bundles, financial aid and volunteer opportunities will become available.

[Register now!](#)



## ONGOING AND UPCOMING

### CALL FOR ATTENDEES – PROGRAM COUNCIL MEETING

**Wednesday, December 11 at 7:30 (lobby)**

All committee chairs are invited to participate. If you are the chair of a committee and cannot attend, please send a representative. The purpose of the Program Council is to support and forward TUUC's mission and vision by offering programming.

During this meeting, we will:

- Plan the details for the February 8 Talent Show and Chili Contest
- Break into groups to brain storm on specific topics
- Make each other aware of upcoming programs already planned by committees or groups for the next three months

Interested TUUC members and friends are welcome to participate. We look forward to seeing you! — Sue Royer, President-Elect and Convener of the Program Council

### 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 - Give Blood!"



### MEN'S REFLECTION GROUP

The Men's Reflection Group, which meets the first and third Tuesdays of the month, has been having a great time sharing stories about the people, places, things, adventures, etc., that have influenced our lives. We'd like to add members as the group has shrunk due to life changes, relocations, etc. Without a commitment, come to a meeting and see what's going on and if it interests you. Or, talk to Fred Sypher during coffee and conversation after the second service.

### WELCOME RENEWAL TEAM

The Welcome Renewal Team will meet on Monday, Dec 16 at 7:30 pm in Room 6. 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." For more information, contact Sue Royer

### DECEMBER ETHNIC LUNCH FEATURES ITALIAN CUISINE!

Join us for delicious Italian cuisine at 12:30 pm on Wednesday, December 18 at Cu Vino, 31 A E Padonia Rd Timonium, MD 21093 (410) 853-7484. Please respond by Friday, December 13. All are welcome, however sign ups to [ethniclunch@towsonuuc.org](mailto:ethniclunch@towsonuuc.org) by Friday, December 13 are a must so we can be

sure to have a large enough table to accommodate the group.

Hope you will be able to join us!

Janet Kuperstein and Monica Sweidel

### **WINTER SOLSTICE/YULE CELEBRATION & POTLUCK 4:00 PM, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22**

Come celebrate the turning of the seasons and the returning of the light with the Roots and Wings Chapter of the Covenant of UU Pagans!

Ritual followed by social gathering and potluck dinner. (Please list your food offerings to help those with food allergies or restrictions.)

For more information, please contact Todd Robertson at [rawc@towsonuuc.org](mailto:rawc@towsonuuc.org).

### **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](mailto:membership@towsonuuc.org).

—January 12, 2020

—March 8, 2020

—May 3, 2020

### **SINGLES FELLOWSHIP GROUP POTLUCK TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, AT 6 PM**

The group will get a start on ringing in the new year in the church lobby. We offer an atmosphere for fellowship and friendship among TUUC single adults. We

range in age from the 60's to 80's, but gladly welcome anyone to join us.

Please call Ronald Rowley to RSVP and to get more information. He is listed in the church directory.

### **GALLERY UNICORN TUUC MEMBERS' SHOW**

In the "better late than never" category comes this request for art from the members and friends of TUUC. The annual members' show will be hung on **JANUARY 6, 2020** and run from 1/12/2020 through 2/23/2020. If you or anyone in your family is an artist, I welcome (encourage) you to submit a work or 2 to the show. If you have any questions, want to include something in the show, need encouragement to get your art up on the walls of our church.....please call me (Lisa Lubomski) at 443-869-0508 or email to [lialu1958@gmail.com](mailto:lialu1958@gmail.com).

### **THE EVENING BOOK GROUP**

#### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 7:30 PM**

An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz

(non-fiction, 2014, 296 pages)

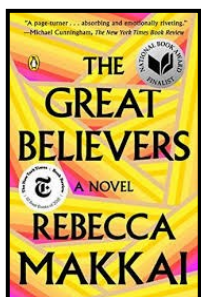
The UUA's Common Read

2015 Recipient of the American Book Award

In this first history of the United States told from the perspective of indigenous peoples, Dunbar-Ortiz adroitly challenges the founding myth of the United States and shows how policy against the Indigenous peoples was colonialist and designed to seize the territories of the original inhabitants, displacing or eliminating them. Spanning more than four hundred years, this classic bottom-up peoples' history radically reframes US history and explodes the silences that have haunted our national narrative.

\*Please note that the adult version of the book is 296 pages. The actual text of the book is 239 pages followed by 60 pages of acknowledgements, notes, works cited and an index.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 7:30 PM**  
**THE GREAT BELIEVERS BY REBECCA MAKKAI**  
**(FICTION, 2018, 431 PAGES)**



A dazzling novel of friendship and redemption in the face of tragedy and loss set in 1980s Chicago and contemporary Paris, by the acclaimed and award-winning author Rebecca Makkai. In 1985, Yale Tishman, the development director for an art gallery in Chicago, is about to pull off an amazing coup, bringing in an extraordinary collection of 1920s paintings as a gift to the gallery. Yet as his career begins to flourish, the carnage of the AIDS epidemic grows around him.

*The Great Believers* has become a critically acclaimed, indelible piece of literature; it was selected as one of the *New York Times* 10 Best Books of the Year, a *Washington Post* Notable Book, a BuzzFeed Book of the Year, a Skimm Reads pick, and a pick for the New York Public Library's Best Books of the year.

*All are welcome. Contact Jane Selewach (contact info in the Breeze) if you have any questions.*

## **MUSIC**

### **Upcoming Services**

This Sunday, December 15 (9:30 and 11:15), we'll have guest musicians Nicholas Horner and Lucas Chohany, known as Nick and Luke, bringing their own unique mix of Americana-rooted original music, jazz standards, and the bluegrass/old-time liturgy. They'll be

joined some by our own Tony Bonta. All this tucked into a beautiful service about Awe and Altruism with Rev. Clare.

The following Sunday, December 22nd (a ONE-service Sunday at 10:30), some of the RE classes will be presenting music and dance, along with an adult women's vocal ensemble and the TUUC Choir (and guess what--a little more banjo, too!). All in the context of a delightful Solstice story about the Sun and Badger becoming friends. A wonderful service, truly for ALL ages.

### **Holiday Sing-Along**

Also on Sunday, December 22nd, we'll have a sing-along time for EVERYONE, after the service, starting around 12:00 Noon. Join us for some of your favorite Christmas, Winter Solstice, and Hanukkah favorites in the Meeting Room! Lasts until around 1:15. No munchies afterward, so either bring a snack, or enjoy something at the after-service coffee hour.

### **Christmas Eve**

On Christmas Eve, you'll get to do lots of singing and even some dancing, if you like, at the 5:30 service (oriented towards families and children). We'll also have some special musical instruments, including harp! At the 7:30 service, the TUUC Choir will sing, and you'll get to sing lots of carols. We hope you have a wonderful holiday season, and that you'll spend lots of time with your TUUC family during the next few weeks!

### **SUNDAY MORNING STRUCTURE TEAM**

How does TUUC's current Sunday morning schedule work (or not work) for you and your family? We want to hear from you! The Sunday Morning Structure Team will be



hosting a series of upcoming listening sessions to gather insight from our members and friends as we continue to refine our Sunday morning experience.

Please join us for one of the following gatherings:

Jan 11 - 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (Childcare available; contact Joyce for arrangements.)

Jan 19 - 12:45 PM - 2:00 PM

Jan 26 - 12:45 PM - 2:00 PM (Childcare available; contact Joyce for arrangements.)

Jan 27 - 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Feb 16 - 12:45 PM - 2:00 PM

Feb 23 - 12:45 PM - 2:00 PM

Feb 24 - 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM

**USHER ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2019**

Date	Time	Adults/Children	Choir	Lounge	Total	Visitors Total	Nursery
12/8/2019	9:30 AM	25/0	20	7	52	↓	0
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## HOLIDAY SING-ALONG

and All the Wonderful Things

December 22, 2019

12:00 noon

TUUC Meeting Room



**LGBTQ / TGQNB\***

**Welcoming Congregations**

Five Practices of Welcome Renewal

*All of who you are is sacred. All of who you are is welcome.*  
For more information, please visit [www.uua.org/lgbtq/welcoming](http://www.uua.org/lgbtq/welcoming).

\*Transgender, Genderqueer, Non-Binary

**TALENT SHOW**

Congregational family-friendly talent show and chili contest!

**SAVE THE DATE**  
Saturday  
February 8, 2020  
4pm-7pm



# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT TUUC

Calendar is subject to change. Check the website calendar at [www.towsonuuc.org](http://www.towsonuuc.org) for most current schedule.

Date	Day	Event	Location	Start Time
13-Dec	Friday	Harmon Recitals	Meeting Room & Lobby	5:45 PM
14-Dec	Saturday	Blood Drive	Lower Level	8:00 AM
14-Dec	Saturday	Zen Community	Meeting Rm & Room 7	9:00 AM
15-Dec	Sunday	Sunday Service	Meeting Room & Lobby	9:30 & 11:15 AM
15-Dec	Sunday	Cockeysville Music	Meeting Room & Lobby	2:00 PM
16-Dec	Monday	Mindful Meditation	Room 7	7:00 PM
16-Dec	Monday	Welcome Renewal Team	Room 6	7:30 PM
17-Dec	Tuesday	Men's Reflection Group	Room 7	7:30 PM
17-Dec	Tuesday	Women's Reflection Group	Room 4	7:30 PM
18-Dec	Wednesday	Voice Lesson	Meeting Room	10:00 AM
18-Dec	Wednesday	Wednesday Writers	Room 6	10:30 AM
18-Dec	Wednesday	Voice Lesson	Meeting Room	4:00 PM
18-Dec	Wednesday	Al-Anon Meeting	Room 6	7:00 PM
18-Dec	Wednesday	Board Meeting	Rooms 1 & 2	7:30 PM
19-Dec	Thursday	Choir Rehearsal	Meeting Room	5:00-6:30-7:30 PM
20-Dec	Friday	Baltimore Vocal Jazz Ensemble	Meeting Room & Lobby	6:00 PM
21-Dec	Saturday	Third Saturday Work Party	Entire Campus	9:00 AM
21-Dec	Saturday	Harmon Recital—Snow Date	Meeting Room & Lobby	4:00 PM
22-Dec	Sunday	Sunday Service	Meeting Room & Lobby	10:30 AM
22-Dec	Sunday	Holiday Sing-Along	Meeting Room & Lobby	12:00 PM
22-Dec	Sunday	Roots & Wings—Yule	Meeting Room	4:00 PM
23-Dec	Monday	Voice Lesson	Meeting Room	4:00 PM
23-Dec	Monday	Mindful Meditation	Room 7	7:00 PM
24-Dec	Tuesday	Christmas Eve Service	Meeting Room & Lobby	5:30 PM
24-Dec	Tuesday	Christmas Eve Service	Meeting Room & Lobby	7:30 PM
25-Dec	Wednesday	<b>OFFICE IS CLOSED</b>		
25-Dec	Wednesday	Zen Community	Rooms 1 & 2	6:30 PM
25-Dec	Wednesday	Al-Anon Meeting	Room 6	7:00 PM
26-Dec	Thursday	Choir Rehearsal	Meeting Room	5:00-6:30-7:30 PM
26-Dec	Thursday	Men's Group Meeting	Room 7	7:30 PM
27-Dec	Friday	No Meetings or events		
28-Dec	Saturday	No Meetings or events		
29-Dec	Sunday	Sunday Service	Meeting Room & Lobby	10:30 AM
30-Dec	Monday	Mindful Meditation	Room 7	7:00 PM





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### **Minister**

Reverend Clare L. Petersberger  
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### **Leadership**

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Art Starr (2018-2020)  
John Mattingly (2019-2021)  
Samantha Saalfield (2019-2021)

### **Administrative Team**

Head of Staff: Rev. Clare Petersberger  
Finance: Joseph Tumbler  
House and Grounds: Todd Robertson  
Church Administrator: Kai Aiyetoro

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Convener: Sue Royer  
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