



The Threshold

Towson Unitarian
Universalist Church

A Welcoming Congregation

UPCOMING SERVICES

What does it mean to be a people of wisdom?

March 8, 2020 9:30 and 11:15 AM
SPRING CLOCKS FORWARD
FOR START OF DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

The Wisdom of Clowning

Rev. Clare L. Petersberger, Joyce Duncan

Today is not only the first day of Daylight Saving Time in the United States, it is being celebrated as Purim in Judaism and Holi in Hinduism. In the words of Soul Matters: "Costumes! Color! Food! Bonfires! Storytelling! Water Fights! March 8, 2020 is the best year ever because of the exact intersection of Purim and Holi." Both holidays entail leaving usual ways of being in the world and entering a time of disarray and play. Wisdom is found in turning the world upside down---if only for a brief time.

Having just experienced the change of Daylight Saving Time, today we ask, "What would a UU festival of Clown Wisdom look like?"



March 15 , 2020 9:30 and 11:15 AM

Holy Wisdom

Rev. Clare L. Petersberger



When you hear the word "wisdom," what images come to mind? Do you see a particular book? A family member? A mentor? A favorite character in a play or movie? Do you remember a lesson learned from a past mistake? In Greek philosophy and

Christian history, holy wisdom has been personified as Sophia. Who was Sophia and how might she deepen our understanding of wisdom?

SPRING FORWARD
MARCH 8, 2020

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.

Kindergarten/First Grade

World of Wonder: Thanks Be to Trees

No shade tree? Blame not the sun but yourself. — Chinese proverb

This session focuses on the vital role trees play in our ecosystems, as imaginatively told in a story about a young girl in India (based on the Chipko—or "tree-hugging" — movement in India). Children will physically embody a tree in an activity that teaches the purpose of each part of a tree. A guided meditation promotes a spiritual connection with the life cycle of a tree.

2nd/3rd Grade

Faithful Journeys: Finding Balance

This session explores the second Unitarian Universalist Principle: justice, equity, and compassion in human relationships. Participants discover how, by finding balance in their own lives, they can promote equity across the interdependent web of life. They experience sharing resources and finding

enjoyment with scant material possessions. We will add the signpost, "Find Balance," to our Faithful Journeys Path.

4th-6th Grade

Harry and UU: Fighting Environmental Dangers

This class continues to learn about the horcrux of environmental degradation. This Sunday they will discuss how to have more sustainable households and make bird feeders using food that might have been discarded (stale bagels from church coffee hour). This will be the last Harry and UU session; on March 8, Our Whole Lives sexuality education for 4th-6th graders starts for those whose parents have attended an orientation session.

7th-9th Grade

Our Whole Lives sexuality education

This group meets at 11 am in Room 6.

YRUU

Wisdom

This group meets at 11:15 in Room 7. They will be discussing the theme of the month and plans for the rest of the year, and reviewing the service they gave two weeks ago.

CLARE'S COLLOQUY

Many years ago, in a sermon delivered to the Unitarian Universalist General Assembly, a colleague shared that if she could be granted one wish, she knew exactly what it would be: "I would be wise."

This begs the question, "What is wisdom?" Our English word for wisdom comes from the Proto-Indo-European root *weid* meaning "to see." And it is associated with the Sanskrit *veda* "I know."

Wisdom has to do less with information and more with deep knowing and a wide perspective.

For example, Tolstoy said there are only three key questions in life: When is the best time to do things? Who is the most important one? What is the right thing to do?

When I asked Siri these three questions, Siri produced articles from the web on the best time of day to do things, articles on how

winning is the most important, and an app to figure out the right thing to do.

I did not find Tolstoy's answers that the most important time is now; the most important person is the one you are with; and the right thing to do is good for that person.

As Tolstoy illustrates, wisdom isn't just information. Wisdom guides our decisions and actions.

I think of the character Scotty, in Star Trek, asking Captain Kirk, "Is that wise, Captain?" Information was part of any decision the Captain was making, but Scotty often reminded him of ethical implications at stake.

Wisdom, as spiritual teaching, is highly valued in the world's religions. Sacred texts from the Vedas to the Quran collect the wisdom of human beings through time. And our own faith tradition lifts up, as one of our

sources, the wisdom of the world's religions which inspire us in our ethical and spiritual lives.

Where do you turn for sources of wisdom?

Kent Nerburn, an American author focusing on Native American and American culture and general spirituality writes, *"There are many ways to seek wisdom. There is travel, there are masters, there is service. There is staring into the eyes of children and elders and lovers and strangers. There is sitting silently in one spot and there is being swept along in life's turbulent current. Life itself will grant you wisdom in ways you may neither understand nor choose."*

This month, in worship, we will explore sources of wisdom as we reflect on the question, "What does it mean to be a people of wisdom?" Please bring your wisdom to share!

NOTICES

NOTES FROM THE BOARD

Please mark your calendar to attend a listening session with Board members on **Sunday, March 22**, after each service, regarding our governance changes, including an update on the work of the Bylaws committee and proposed Bylaw changes.

TUUC bids farewell to Treasurer Monica Sweidel and her husband Marty, who are relocating to the Leesburg, Virginia area. If you attended either service on February 16, you heard Rev. Clare extoll Monica's contributions to our church over the past five years. Monica knows how to get things done! She made many valuable contributions to our church as a trustee and Treasurer. We wish her all the best in her new ventures!

With Monica departing from the Board, the Board has conducted a search for a member qualified to fill the open position. We are pleased to announce that Marion (Casey) Mashburn will be serving as our Treasurer and a member of the Board, for the remainder of Monica's term, through June 30, 2021.

Casey's career was as an actuary for retirement plans, teaching math, and regulating insurance companies for the Maryland Insurance Administration. She has been attending TUUC off and on for more than ten years; she's been attending regularly since 2014 and joined as a member in 2018.

Casey sings in the choir and helps to organize the choir music. She has participated in the

meditation group, ADORE discussions, and House & Grounds work parties.

Casey was concerned about our leaking roof in 2018 and, in conjunction with House & Grounds Head Todd Robertson, brought forward a proposal for replacing the roof by borrowing from the Endowment. (The loan was later forgiven by a vote of the Congregation).

Casey is also an avid Scrabble player!

The Board voted in favor of Casey filling the open Treasurer position at our February 19 Board meeting. Welcome, Casey!

PROPOSED TUUC BYLAWS REVISIONS

Since November 2019, the Bylaws Committee has been reviewing TUUC's Bylaws and making recommendations for their revision. The Board approved changes to Articles 2 (Purpose) and 3 (Membership) for ratification at the June Annual Congregational Meeting. The proposed articles were sent out via email to members. They are included as an appendix to the Threshold. The Board welcomes comments and questions from the congregation. We will be having town halls on these and other Bylaws changes on **Sunday, March 22**, in the main meeting room both **in between services** and after the second service at 12:45 pm. All are welcome.

PROPOSED REVISED BYLAWS

ARTICLE TWO – PURPOSE

The purpose of this Church is to promote the spiritual growth of individuals and transform society into a more just, equitable, and compassionate community. Bound by this common purpose, and committed to

freedom of belief, we hold in unity of spirit a diversity of conviction.

ARTICLE THREE – MEMBERSHIP

SECTION ONE - Principles. This Church welcomes into membership all persons who are in sympathy with the Principles of Unitarian Universalism and this Church's mission, regardless of race, ethnicity, religious background, national origin, sex, sexual and affectional orientation, gender identity and expression, political persuasion, marital status, age, income, or disability and without requiring adherence to any particular religious belief or creed.

SECTION TWO – Requirements for

Membership. Any person who is at least eighteen years of age and is in sympathy with the purposes and programs of this Church may become a member by:

- (a) Participating in a new member orientation that includes discussion of this Church's mission, the Principles of Unitarian Universalism, and the responsibilities and privileges of membership;
- (b) Signing the Membership Book in the presence of the Membership Chair, a Board officer, or the Minister;
- (c) Making an annual financial contribution (unless it has been waived at the discretion of the Treasurer or the Treasurer's designee);
- (d) Participating, as they are able, in this Church's programs.

SECTION THREE – Rights of Membership.

Members may vote on all matters at duly-called congregational meetings and serve as chairpersons of committees, trustees, or officers of this Church. Members shall become eligible to vote thirty (30) days after

they sign the Membership Book and make a financial contribution of record.

SECTION FOUR – Termination of Membership.

Any person having become a voting member shall continue to be a voting member until:

- (a) They give written notice of resignation to the Minister, Membership Chair, or Board;
- (b) No financial contribution of record has been made on their behalf in the previous and current fiscal year up to 60 days before the date of the annual congregational meeting;
- (c) Their membership status is terminated by the Board for cause, as determined by a two-thirds vote of the Board, provided that the member has the right to appear before the Board and right of appeal.

WE'RE ALL IN—Stewardship Update

We are nearing the end of our 2020-2021 Stewardship Campaign, We're All In.



We have raised \$190,944 towards our goal of \$330,000. Thank you so much to those of you who have already turned in your pledge forms. We depend on your pledges to plan our

budget so that we can continue to have Sunday services, run our programs, and do service work in the wider community. Without your continued support, we cannot carry on the work of the church. Let's really be "All In."

Here is an update on the status of the Famous UU teams. We are tracking progress based on the percentage of people who have pledged on each team. We are looking for 100% participation from every team. The

end of our pledge drive is coming soon, so time is of the essence.

Julia Ward Howe 67%
Linus Pauling 67%
Mary White Ovington 67%
Theodore Parker 61%
Francis Watkins Harper 56%
Ralph Waldo Emerson 56%
Susan B. Anthony 50%
James Reeb 44%
Dorothy Dix 44%
Abigail Adams 39%
William Ellery Channing 33%

If you have not already submitted your pledge form, please do so as soon as you can. You should have received a pledge packet in the mail in late January. If you did not receive one or misplaced your form, you can find one on our website (towsonuuc.org) by clicking either the "Member Area" or "Donate to TUUC" button. At this time, we are unable to process pledges through the website, but you can print it and turn it in. You may also pick up a pledge form at church. Please contact Anita Cox if you have questions, concerns, or need a form. Email her at stewardship@towsonuuc.org.

We're all in for TUUC!

CALL FOR ATTENDEES

PROGRAM COUNCIL MEETING

By Sue Royer, President-Elect and Convener of the Program Council

Wednesday, March 11, 7:30 PM in the 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:

- ⇒ Have a spotlight on possible culture changes to become truly welcoming.
- ⇒ Talk about budget inputs for programs for the next fiscal year.
- ⇒ 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!

SIGN UP TO PERFORM IN THE TUUC TALENT SHOW (WITH CHILI COOK-OFF) ON APRIL 4

You may now sign up to perform at the Talent Show on Saturday, April 4th! The event lasts from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. Please print and fill out the [Sign-up Form](#) and return it in one of the ways listed below. Space is limited! Acts should be family friendly. Each person may perform a maximum of 2 times--once solo and once in a group, and each act is limited to 3.5 minutes. You may present any type of act. We will be avoiding repeats of songs or poems.

You are encouraged to decide as soon as possible on your act, and to begin preparing! Groups are encouraged, especially groups that are multi-generational. If you are looking for someone to collaborate with, please include that request in the sign-up form, and efforts will be made to match you with the talented people you are seeking! Open rehearsal times will be scheduled on the church calendar, so also indicate whether you need rehearsal time at the church in your sign-up form.

1) Print and return completed form to the

physical mailbox for Music Director, in the Lobby, near the Office at TUUC.

2) Fill out and email to Tracy Hall at music@towsonuuc.org. Please put TALENT SHOW SIGN UP in the subject line.

THE TUUC CHILI CONTEST (WITH TALENT SHOW) IS COMING SOON ON APRIL 4

It's time to get into your Chili making mode. We are looking for the next "TUUC Chili Making Champ". Are you up for it?

Meat Chili, Vegetable Chili, Gluten Free Chili - Mild-Hot-Fiery - What's your specialty?

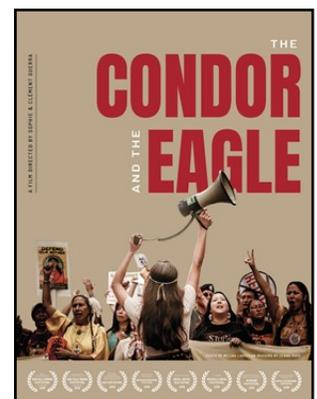
Sign up to enter the contest. Not a Chili maker – No problem; how about contributing some fixings – sour cream, shredded cheese, guacamole, corn chips – whatever you like to top chili with. Or maybe some cornbread or salad to go on the side, some beverages (non-alcoholic) to wash it down with? And then there is always dessert!

This promises to be a fun event for all, so plan to be there and help make it a success!

Email me if you want to enter the contest or want to contribute other food items for the evening. Looking forward to hearing from you. On behalf of the Program Council - Jane D'Ambrogio

GREEN SANCTUARY Friday, March 13th.

The Green Sanctuary Committee and ADORE present *The Condor and the Eagle*, an award-winning documentary film about four indigenous leaders who embark on an extraordinary trans-continental adventure from the Canadian plains to deep



into the heart of the Amazonian jungle to unite the peoples of North and South America and deepen the meaning of “Climate Justice”.

Their path through the jungle takes them on an unexpectedly challenging and liberating journey, which will forever change their attachment to the Earth and one another.

There is no charge for this program, but donations will be accepted for the UUMFE (UU Ministry for Earth), which is an executive producer of this film. UUMFE will use the funds to bring the filmmakers, protagonists, and other Indigenous partners to the UUA's General Assembly (where reckoning with colonization and UU colonial history, and committing to Indigenous solidarity, will be a major focus), and to support ongoing UU organizing in partnership and solidarity with Indigenous leaders through the UUA Create Climate Justice campaign. **Vegetarian Potluck begins at 6:30, with the movie beginning about 7:15 PM.**

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.

—March 8, 2020

—May 3, 2020



TUUC SEDER - SAVE THE DATE!

There will be a Seder on Friday, April 10, at TUUC at 6 pm. All are welcome! Additional details will appear in future Thresholds.

AVAILABLE LIGHT AND ADORE PRESENT

The First Friday Movie March 6 @ 6:30 PM

PARIS IS BURNING

In the late 1980s, a vibrant underground community developed around “drag balls,” where members of the African-American and Latin LGBT community created a space to celebrate their identities with joy and bravado. This landmark 1990 documentary—a focal point of academic discussions around race, gender, and sexuality—is a provocative and transcendent experience. Join Andrew Hager for the film, followed by discussion. Bring a snack.



ACTC

(Assistance Center of Towson Churches)

The following food items are needed at ACTC in order of priority:

1. Spaghetti sauce
2. Canned meat (Ham, Spam, chili), jelly, mac & cheese
3. Cereal, canned fruit, canned tomatoes

Contact: Herb Shankroff

SOCIAL ACTION

On Sunday, March 8, the Social Action Committee will have a 90 minute meeting, after the Second Service, from 12:30-2:00. All are welcome. We will meet in the open area of the lower level. An agenda will be sent to members.

ONGOING AND UPCOMING

MARCH ETHNIC LUNCH FEATURES JAPANESE CUISINE!

Kon'nichiwa! Join us for a Japanese lunch at 12:30 pm on **Wednesday, March 18** at Edo Sushi, 53 E. Padonia Rd, Cockeysville. (410) 667-9200, <http://www.edosushimd.com/timonium.htm> . All are welcome, but please respond by Friday, March 13 to ethniclunch@towsonuuc.org so we can reserve a table large enough to accommodate the group.

Hope you can join us!

Janet Kuperstein and Claudia Sumler

SINGLES FELLOWSHIP GROUP POTLUCK, Saturday, March 21, at 6 pm

Join the Singles Fellowship Group for a potluck with good food and conversation in the upper 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.

ADORE

March 25 6:00 pm Woman of Color
Come prepared to share about the great things women of color leaders are doing today. Just a brief summary to share, and then we can discuss/ask questions about what we learn.



TUUC BOOK CLUB CHOICES

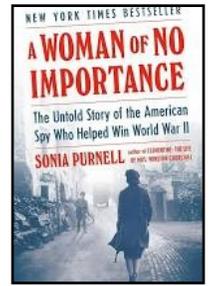
Wednesday April 1 @ 7:30 pm

A Woman of No Importance

by Sonia Purnell

(non-fiction, 2019, 368 pages)

In this fast-paced biography, Sonia Purnell tells the story of Virginia Hall, an American spy who worked undercover in France during World War II for Britain's Special Operations Executive (SOE). Hall's story is a surprising one: she began her life in Baltimore, Maryland with a mother who wished for the perfect debutante. Hall chose a different path. She drove ambulances in France, and was recruited by a recently formed SOE as a spy in occupied France. Hall posed as a newspaper reporter, enlisting civilians for the French Resistance and establishing an underground network of allies and becoming one of the most important spies during World War II. Purnell does an amazing job bringing Hall's exploits to life and has crafted a gripping and cinematic biography for an unsung hero of wartime espionage. Chosen as a BEST BOOK OF THE YEAR by *NPR*, the New York Public Library, the *Seattle Times*, the *Washington Independent Review of Books*, Book Browse, the *Spectator*, and the *Times of London*



Wednesday May 6 @ 7:30 pm

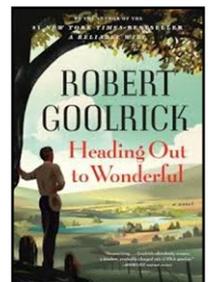
Lower Level Lobby

Heading out to Wonderful

by Robert Goolrick

(fiction, 2012, 304 pages)

It is the summer of 1948 when a handsome, charismatic stranger, Charlie Beale, recently back from the war in Europe, shows up in the town of Brownsburg, a sleepy village nestled in the Valley of Virginia.



All he has with him are two suitcases: one contains his few possessions, including a fine set of butcher knives; the other is full of money. A lot of money. *Heading Out to Wonderful* is a haunting, heart-stopping novel of love gone terribly wrong in a place

where once upon a time such things could happen. Booklist review says that it is "Finely crafted fiction from a captivating writer."

All are welcome. Contact Jane Selewach (listed in Breeze) if you have any questions.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Out For Justice, a TUUC community partner, is cosponsoring a March on Annapolis for Jobs & Justice starting at 8:00 A.M. on Thursday, March 19, 2020 to increase support for policies that eliminate barriers and increase access to jobs and justice for all Marylanders. They particularly seek presence and advocacy from residents of Baltimore County. The link to let them know you'll be there is <http://bit.ly/marchonannapolis2020>.

Several bills identified as priorities by the UU Legislative Ministry of Maryland are in the post-hearing phase. UULM asks that advocates whose representatives and senators are on the committees identified below make their views known now. You can look up your delegates and senator at this link: <http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Members/District>. Track the status of all UULM priority legislation at <https://www.uulmmd.org/current-status-of-priority-legislat>:

Economic Justice

- [HB 839/SB 539](#) - Labor and Employment - Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program - Establishment - Committees: [House Economic Matters](#) and [Senate Finance](#)

Medical Aid in Dying

- [SB 701](#) - End-of-Life Option Act (Richard

E. Israel and Roger 'Pip' Moyer Act) - Committee: [Senate Judicial Proceedings Immigration](#)

- [HB 677/SB 850](#) - Correctional Services - Immigration Detention - Prohibition (Dignity Not Detention Act)
- [HB 388](#) - Criminal Procedure - Civil Immigration Enforcement - Restrictions
- [HB 892/SB 649](#) - Public Information Act – Motor Vehicle Administration – Warrant for Personal Information and Reporting
- [HB 1612/SB 901](#) - State and Local Government - Participation in Federal Immigration Enforcement
- [HB 403/SB 903](#) - Immigration Enforcement - Public Schools, Hospitals, and Courthouses - Policies

Committees: [Senate Judicial Proceedings](#) and [House Judiciary](#)

Education

- [HB 1300/SB 1000](#) - Blueprint for Maryland's Future – Implementation of Kirwan Commission Recommendations - Committees: [House Appropriations](#), [House Ways and Means](#), [Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs](#), and [Senate Budget and Taxation](#)

DENOMINATIONAL MINUTE

Baltimore Cluster hold first face-to-face meeting. On the road to being re-established, the Baltimore Cluster of UU Congregations met Saturday, February 29, at First Unitarian Church in Baltimore. This meeting was scheduled after three Zoom virtual conference meetings were held last fall.

Twenty-eight UU's were in attendance. Present were representatives from First Unitarian, Towson, Cedarhurst, Fallston and Channing Memorial in Ellicot City. Representing our church were Steve Finner, Karyn Marsh, Sue Royer, and Tom Zeller.

The primary focus of the group was a workshop "Building An Inclusive Community", led by Paula Cole Jones, our regional staff contact from the Central East Region of the UUA. Much of the day was spent in small group sessions discussing such questions as how do our congregations fit together, why have a cluster, what do we need, and what do we have to offer each other. Also discussed was "Multiculturalism and UU Evolution". How can our congregations be more diverse? What challenges do we face, and what would progress look like. As befitting Unitarian Universalists at the start of a journey, there was much discussion of all of these questions with few answers. However, that was the intent of this initial

meeting. More information will be forthcoming as we plan for our next meeting. To that end, a Zoom virtual conference will be held later this month.

UU Faithify: Many individual Unitarian Universalists, and many congregations and groups of congregations often have needs and ideas for both broadening and deepening our faith, but don't have the resources to transform these ideas into action.



USHER ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2020

Date	Time	Adults/Children	Choir	Lounge	Total	Visitors Total	Nursery
3/1/2020	9:30 AM	24/11	1	4	40	↓	0
3/1/2020	11:15 AM	80/21	0	5	106	8	4

YRE ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2020

K/1st	2nd/3rd	4th - 6th	7th - 9th	YRUU	TOTAL
3	2	3	N/A	3	11

Don't Work Sick
Don't School Sick
Don't Church Sick

We care for our
community in caring for
ourselves in this way.

Rev. Jordinn Nelson Long

Dear TUUC Community,

With the news surrounding the COVID-19 outbreak around the world and cases in the U.S., it's natural for fears and questions to arise. With that in mind, I am writing to you about how to care for yourselves, and, as people of both resilience and wisdom (our Soul Matters words for February and March), how we will care for one another as a spiritual community.

Maintaining Health Phase

Right now, we are in a "maintaining health" phase. This includes the following advice, drawn from guidelines from the CDC:

Practice hygiene precautions:

- ⇒ **Wash your hands often and for 20 seconds.** Ideally with non-anti-bacterial soap and running water. If that is not available, then alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- ⇒ **Use ONLY your knuckle to touch light switches, elevator buttons, etc.** Lift the gasoline dispenser with a paper towel or use a disposable glove. Open public doors the same way.
- ⇒ **Notice how often you touch your face** – we all touch our faces way more than you would ever think. Your awareness may help reduce this behavior, which is one of the ways any virus is spread. **Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth.**
- ⇒ **Avoid sharing utensils, cups, towels, and other items. Wash these items thoroughly.**
- ⇒ **Stock canned, dry, frozen foods for two weeks if you can---as well as regular medication.** This is the wisdom of *Scientific American* <https://blogs.scientificamerican.com/observations/preparing-for-coronavirus-to-strike-the-u-s/> The idea of “flattening the curve” has great appeal.
- ⇒ **Explain COVID-19 and good hygiene to children:** <https://www.npr.org/sections/goatsandsoda/2020/02/28/809580453/just-for-kids-a-comic-exploring-the-new-coronavirus>
- ⇒ **Develop a preparedness plan for your household.** Talk about this plan with other family members (such as at dinnertime) to build consensus and “buy in.” Rev. Julia Hamilton wrote the ditty we sang on Sunday (and will sing again.) Lora Powell Haney posted the tune on the TUUC Facebook page. The song could be adapted to “Family, wanderer, lover of cleaning, Rinsing the germs off is vital to do, wash, rinse, and repeat.” Post the family plan on the refrigerator.

Get lots of sleep, manage stress, drink fluids and eat healthy foods, and maintain the physical and spiritual practices that keep you feeling healthy.

- ⇒ **Facemasks have little evidence of widespread benefit outside of clinical settings.** They must be worn correctly, removed properly, and disposed of safely. **They are important for people who are infected to wear.**
- ⇒ **Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when sneezing (disposing of them frequently), or sneeze into your sleeve elbow.**
- ⇒ **If you are sick, STAY HOME** – from work, from school, from TUUC. You care not only for yourself this way, you care for those with whom you would have come into contact. Not everybody you encounter has a strong immune system. Consider the impact of your germs on others. Some

people have jobs that do not currently have a liberal sick leave policy. Hopefully, this will change as we have watched the spread of this virus in real time as leaders in Iran were interviewed on television. **If you are sick, STAY HOME.**

⇒ **Reach out** by phone or email to let someone know you are ill ~ that includes me (Rev. Clare), if you'd like. Just because you are sick, doesn't mean you have to be isolated.

PLAN FOR TUUC

For Worship

- ⇒ We are planning to bathe the stones we drop in 10% Clorox.
- ⇒ **For the time being, we will exchange hand holding before the closing words for gentle elbow bumps or bowing with a Namaste or putting one's own hands over one's heart. And we encourage greeting one another after worship with a bow and "Namaste" rather than a hug.**
- ⇒ We will encourage hospitality servers to wear food preparation gloves and begin to plan for treats that do not entail many hands touching the same open plate.

Disruption Phase

- ⇒ If a widespread outbreak occurs in the U.S., particularly in our area, we will follow state and federal recommendations about shutting down programs, following the example of local schools and businesses. During such a time, staff would telecommute, and we would try to provide services and programs electronically as much as possible. We are currently looking at YouTube as one way to broadcast worship services and Zoom (a video conferencing platform) as a means to hold programs and meetings and bring people together safely.
- ⇒ If we experience any deaths, we will attempt to communicate this transition and safe ways to mourn together with all our members through our website, Facebook page, voicemail message, and Bulletin Board. This will continue as long as federal or state guidelines to avoid public places are in place.

Rebuilding Community Phase

- ⇒ **When all restrictions are lifted, we will resume our regular church activities and work to rebuild our community.**

This is being shared in the spirit of preparing for what may come based on limited knowledge of, and experience with, this new virus.

What we do know is the importance of human caring. On Sunday, I quoted Dr. Timothy Brewer, a public health expert who said, **"Remember to not let fear override your common humanity about how you treat other people...Just remember we're all in this together."** We are all in this together. This is a virus. No individual or ethnicity or culture is "to blame" for this virus.

We are all in this together. Let us take good care of ourselves and others.

---Rev. Clare

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT TUUC

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

6-Mar	Friday	Available Light	Meeting Room	6:30 PM
7-Mar	Saturday	Auction Event	Rooms 1 & 2	9:00 AM
7-Mar	Saturday	Graham Celebration of Life	Meeting Room & Lobby	1:00 PM
7-Mar	Saturday	Auction Event	Lower Level	6:00 PM
8-Mar	Sunday	Sunday Services	Meeting Room & Lobby	9:30 AM & 11:15 AM
8-Mar	Sunday	Social Action Committee	Lower Lobby	12:30 PM
8-Mar	Sunday	Membership Information	Room 6	12:45 PM
8-Mar	Sunday	OWL Parent Orientation	Rooms 1, 2, 7	12:45 PM
8-Mar	Sunday	Tau Delta Omega	Rooms 1 & 2	4:00 PM
9-Mar	Monday	Voice Lesson	Meeting Room	4:00 PM
9-Mar	Monday	Handel Choir	Meeting Room & Lobby	6:00 PM
9-Mar	Monday	Drawdown Workshop	Rooms 1, 2, 3	6:00 PM
9-Mar	Monday	Mindful Meditation	Room 7	7:00 PM
10-Mar	Tuesday	Aging Together	Lobby	1:00 PM
10-Mar	Tuesday	Soul Matters	Room 7	7:30 PM
11-Mar	Wednesday	Wednesday Writers	Room 6	10:30 AM
11-Mar	Wednesday	Voice Lesson	Meeting Room	10:30 AM
11-Mar	Wednesday	A-Team Meeting	Minister's Office	6:30 PM
11-Mar	Wednesday	IMPROV	Meeting Room	7:00 PM
11-Mar	Wednesday	Al-Anon	Room 6	7:00 PM
11-Mar	Wednesday	Program Council Meeting	Lobby	7:30 PM
12-Mar	Thursday	Voice Lesson	Meeting Room	10:30 AM
12-Mar	Thursday	Choir Rehearsals	Meeting Room	5:00, 6:30, 7:30 PM
12-Mar	Thursday	Men's Group	Room 7	7:30 PM
13-Mar	Friday	Green Sanctuary/ADORE film	Meeting Room & Lobby	6:00 PM
14-Mar	Saturday	Auction Event	Lobby	3:00 PM
15-Mar	Sunday	Sunday Services	Meeting Room & Lobby	9:30 AM & 11:15 AM
16-Mar	Monday	Handel Choir	Meeting Room & Lobby	6:00 PM
16-Mar	Monday	Mindful Meditation	Room 7	7:00 PM
17-Mar	Tuesday	Men's Reflection Group	Room 7	7:30 PM
17-Mar	Tuesday	Nominating Committee	Room 6	7:30 PM
17-Mar	Tuesday	Women's Reflection Group	Room 1	7:30 PM
18-Mar	Wednesday	Wednesday Writers	Room 6	10:30 AM
18-Mar	Wednesday	Voice Lessons	Meeting Room	10:30 AM; 5:30 PM
18-Mar	Wednesday	IMPROV	Meeting Room	7:00 PM



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