

# The Threshold

Towson Unitarian  
Universalist Church

*A Welcoming Congregation*

## What does it mean to be a people of thresholds?

**May 24, 2020 - 10:30 AM**

**Rev. Clare L. Petersberger, Mike Robinson, Joyce Duncan, Lora Powell-Haney: *The Courage To Be***

The American philosopher and statesman, John McCain said, "Courage is not the absence of fear but the capacity to act despite our fears." On this Sunday before Memorial Day, we reflect the threshold between fear and courage and the intentionality needed to cross that threshold. Mike Robinson and Rev. Clare will have a dialogue on courage informed by the the 20th century theologian Paul Tillich's reflections on the courage to be. Joyce Duncan will share an exemplar of courage from the 19th century. Today we explore what it means to hearten, to impart strength and confidence in one another, in order to cultivate the courage to be.

### **NEED HELP WITH ZOOM?**

Contact [zoommtgs@towsonuuc.org](mailto:zoommtgs@towsonuuc.org)

### **YRE—FAMILY GATHERING**

The family gathering is on a break this week as we prepare a story and song for the Memorial Day Sunday service. Feel free to watch one you might have missed from the archive.

### **CLASS UPDATES**

Last Sunday, the 4th-6th grade group started a new curriculum I am calling UU Ancestors. I am gathering ideas from Tapestry of Faith sessions and combining with other resources, such as short videos, to tell the stories of important Unitarians and Universalists (and UUs) who have shaped our world. Unlike most UU curricula, which are planned for classrooms and feature hands-on activities, this is designed for a digital format.

The class enjoyed learning about Baltimore-born Frances Ellen Watkins Harper, an inspiring figure who became a poet, speaker, and social activist supporting civil and voting rights for those formerly enslaved and women. After watching a short video about

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her life and hearing her poem, "Learning to Read," the class was inspired to jointly write a poem about an issue of our time.

### Zoom Meetings: A Poem

By the 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade group: Jason and Lisa Barnett, Lou and Louie Gieszl, Eleanor Hughes, Sammie and Emily Panicia, and Joyce Duncan

It's hard to do your work on screen,  
But fun to go to work in jeans!  
Your house is lovely; did you clean for this meeting?  
We see your bowl, tell us, what are you eating?  
Other peoples' pets are cute,  
When they bark, please go to mute!  
Sometimes meeting make me blue,  
I'd rather talk (in person) to you.  
I can't tell if you're wearing pants...  
But if you are, would you like to dance?  
Please await your turn to speak,  
This is my 82<sup>nd</sup> meeting just this week!  
I'm giving you second looks,  
Have you really read all those books?  
First, I lost the password,  
then I missed what you said,  
Thanks a lot, Zoom, but I'm going back to [MUTE]!

The 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade group also started a new curriculum, *The Fifth Dimension*. This offers a chance for deep discussion after watching an episode of *The Twilight Zone*, the pioneering television series produced by Unitarian Rod Sterling.

### Zoom Parent Meeting

The Youth RE Committee wants to know how families are faring during pandemic times. We would love to chat with parents to find out how you and your children are and how

we can best support you and how we can support each other as a community.

Because some families might prefer to give us feedback in another way, we also plan to send a very short survey. You are welcome to respond to that in addition or instead of joining a meeting. You can also email Joyce at [tuucdre@towsonuu.org](mailto:tuucdre@towsonuu.org).

Please join us at either of these meetings:

Saturday May 23 at 9:30 AM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84685799887?pwd=WVZ5Y3g1czJzMEZjQldXNHl0a0lYZz09>

Meeting ID: 846 8579 9887

Password: 304891

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US (New York)

Thursday May 28 at 7 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85460544934?pwd=cE1jT2F4SVJ3Mjk2MVh5RnhSV05GZz09>

Meeting ID: 854 6054 4934

Password: 365666

If you can join us even briefly, we would love to see you!

### VESPER SERVICES

TUUC is holding vesper services online via Zoom. A vesper service is a short service that includes music, meditation/prayer, and readings, but no sermon. They are meant to provide time for reflection in an otherwise busy week. All are welcome.

The vesper service will be at 7:00 pm on Mondays. Drop in by clicking on this link: <https://uuma.zoom.us/j/696348175>.

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### **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS— YOUR PHOTOS NEEDED!**

On Sunday, June 7, TUUC will host a blessing of the animals! Gather your beloved animal companions and join us for a unique worship experience!

As we are gathering in virtual space, we are asking you to email a picture of your animal(s) with their name and a special fact about them. We will use these images and descriptions during worship. Please send your photos to:

[layworshipassoc@towsonuuc.org](mailto:layworshipassoc@towsonuuc.org) by June 1.

### **CABIN FEVER**

Every week, you are invited to watch a movie and discuss it with us. To get the link for our Zoom meeting, please join our mailing list by emailing [churchoffice@towsonuuc.org](mailto:churchoffice@towsonuuc.org).

#### **This Week - MIDSOMMAR**

This surreal folk-horror/dark comedy follows a group of American college kids as they travel to rural Sweden to participate in a rare local festival. Alternately bizarre, unsettling, and hilarious. (Available on Amazon Prime. Rated R.)

Trailer: <https://youtu.be/1Vnghdsjmd0>

Discussion: Saturday, May 23, 4 PM

#### **Next Week - COOKIE'S FORTUNE**

Legendary director Robert Altman offers a gentle, leisurely comedy about murder in a small Mississippi town. Featuring Glenn Close, Julianne Moore, and local icon Charles S. Dutton. (Available on Netflix. Rated PG-13.)

Trailer: [https://youtu.be/JnNusV9\\_2N8](https://youtu.be/JnNusV9_2N8)

Discussion: Saturday, May 30, 4 PM

### **UPDATE FROM THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE**

We have made good progress in coming up with an exemplary slate of candidates for election at the upcoming Annual Meeting. But we would like to ask the congregation's help in suggesting candidates for Finance Head, which is an appointed volunteer position and a member of the Administrative Team. Although our Committee deals primarily with elected positions, we can try to assist the Board with suggestions for appointed positions as well. Please contact either George Harrison or Sue Royer with your ideas. Thank you.

### **GREAT IDEAS DISCUSSION FRIDAY, 11:00 AM - NOON LETTING GO**



In a spiritual retreat this week, the Reverend Marcia McFee encouraged us to "Let go of the life you planned in order to lean into the life you have." In a Covid world, this sounds like a great idea! How have you experienced letting go? What spiritual practices help you to "let go" and "lean into?" Our discussion will be informed by readings from the late Unitarian Universalist Philip Simmons. All are welcome to attend any of these stand-alone discussions. Here is the link: <https://uuma.zoom.us/j/666875374>

### **E-MAIL SPOOFING AND PHISHING**

It appears that someone (or a group of people) are trolling Unitarian Universalist websites looking for the names, e-mail addresses, and photographs of leaders in congregations to create fake e-mail accounts (called spoofing) and, if anyone responds, to try to elicit money (called phishing.) On May 2, someone did so with a photograph of me

from the TUUC website. They also incorporated my legitimate church e-mail address into a fake Gmail account. Please know that neither I nor any TUUC lay leader would ever ask you for a personal financial favor. Also, I do not sign my e-mails with "God bless." Should you receive such an e-mail, ostensibly from me, or another TUUC leader, please don't click on any links. Just discard it. Then, please let me know so that I may alert authorities who are empowered to stop these scams. ---Rev. Clare

### **SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE - FEEDING THE HUNGRY**

For more than 30 years the generous TUUC community has been supporting Our Daily Bread with casseroles in months that have a 5th Saturday. May, 2020 has a 5th Saturday, but in these COVID-19 times our support needs to be different. ODB is still serving 300-400 people daily a hot lunch Monday - Friday in individual containers and sandwiches on Saturdays and Sundays. If dropping off a casserole at Our Daily Bread at 725 Fallsway, Baltimore, MD 21202 doesn't work for you, [you may text "\\$10 ODB" to 410-834-0700 or send a check to TUUC with ODB in the memo line.](#) They can purchase food to share with the many hungry people in need in these difficult time.

Thanks for all you do to help others. May we be back together by July 31, 2020, the next fifth Saturday.

### **ETHNIC LUNCH ON HIATUS**

May 16 should be the day that Ethnic Lunch devotees head to Chop Stix Gourmet for a dim sum lunch. However, that is not to be. Janet Kuperstein and I are hoping that when restaurants open up and Ethnic Lunch resumes that we can reschedule the visit to

sometime in 2021. We also realize that many restaurants probably won't be opening in June either. So we are sending Ethnic Lunch on hiatus until the fall. This means that our planned visit to Daniela, the Sardinian restaurant many of us enjoyed a couple of years ago, will also be delayed. Janet and I will be monitoring the restaurant situation and will be posting updates as we know more. —Claudia Sumler

### **SECURITY MEASURES FOR VIRTUAL WORSHIP ON SUNDAY**

On Fridays we will e-mail you the Zoom Meeting ID and password for the Sunday service. This will be a new meeting ID and



password from the previous week. You will need to enter both to join worship. The password will not be available via any other TUUC communication channel. Please look for this e-mail on Friday and save it to a safe place.

Please log-on to worship by 10:15 a.m. on Sunday. Expect to spend a few minutes in the waiting room. The technical ushers will ensure that the meeting settings are adjusted prior to letting in participants. It is helpful if you set up a free Zoom account with your first and last names. Otherwise, Zoom will pick up the name of your device, which in some cases may be "iPhone". This doesn't help us to confirm who is seeking to enter.

If you know of a visitor or guest who would like to join our service, please provide their information to [churchoffice@towsonuuc.org](mailto:churchoffice@towsonuuc.org) by Thursday at 4 pm. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work to ensure that our virtual worship space is as safe as possible.

## ZOOM FOR BEGINNERS

If you haven't yet set up Zoom and would like assistance, please call the church office at 410-825-6045 and leave a message.

Messages are being checked. We have volunteers who will speak with you on the phone and provide assistance.

It is necessary to download software on your computer to run Zoom. Go to [zoom.us](https://zoom.us) and follow the instructions. If you want to access Zoom on a smart phone or a tablet, you will need to download the app.

For any Zoom meeting, you have the option of calling in instead of joining on a computer. There are multiple numbers and any of the numbers can be used. The Meeting ID and password are the key.

Here are some of the Zoom numbers (try any of these):

301-715-8592 or 312-626-6799 or 646-558-8656 or 346-248-7799 or 669-900-9128 or 253-215-8782

After you install Zoom on your computer, this video created by a UUA staff member has useful information on how to use it:

<https://vimeo.com/397678793>

Remember that you don't need to turn on your own video/camera. If you are more comfortable without your camera on, that's okay. We do ask that you identify yourself by your first and last name when joining worship or a program on Zoom. We suggest creating a free account with Zoom; then your name will be filled in automatically when you join a meeting.

## THANK YOU!

Many thanks to all of you who have truly overwhelmed me with me with your calls, cards, emails, and texts on the occasion of my retirement. I am touched and grateful to you beyond measure! I hope to see you at TUUC sometime soon, and, for now, on virtual Sundays. Much love to you all!

— Nancy Hannah

### TECHNICAL USHERS

We are recruiting additional technical ushers. We want to rotate in one or two new ushers to give others a break. You should be comfortable with Zoom and technology and be willing to attend a rehearsal on Thursday

at 6 pm as well as join the Zoom meeting 20 minutes early on Sunday morning.

To volunteer, please contact our Church Administrator, Kai Aiyetoro, at [churchoffice@towsonuuc.org](mailto:churchoffice@towsonuuc.org).



**Annual  
Congregational  
Meeting  
Sunday, June 14  
Zoom at 12 noon**

**Voting on  
officers,  
a budget,  
and proposed  
bylaws changes.**

**SAVE  
THE  
DATE**

## THANKS! CONGRATS! BRIGHT BLESSINGS!

### DRIVE BY SEMINARY GRADUATION PARTY FOR KARYN MARSH AND LORA POWELL-HANEY TUUC PARKING LOT — JUNE 6, 2020 — 5 PM - 6 PM

TUUC Board member Karyn Marsh graduated from Starr King School for the Ministry on May 14th. In July, she will be leaving to become the Ministerial Intern at All Souls Church in Tulsa, OK. Karyn has been a member and leader of our community for over a decade and served in roles ranging from Youth Group Adviser to Lay Worship Associate, from Membership Chair to Board member.

Our Ministerial Intern, Lora Powell Haney graduated from Meadville Lombard Theological School on May 17th. She will be officially completing her Ministerial Internship with us at the end of this month. In the two years she has been with us, Lora has inspired us in worship, calmed us with her pastoral presence, and encouraged us to always think about "who might we have not included in our deliberations?" Lora will see the Unitarian Universalist Ministerial Fellowship Committee in October.

We want to thank Karyn and Lora for their leadership, congratulate them, and encourage them to take our love with them as they continue their ministries to build beloved community.

To this end, we will be hosting a "Drive By Seminary Graduation Party" at TUUC beginning at 5 p.m. and running until 6 p.m. on June 6.

What is a drive by party? You are invited to decorate your car with signs congratulating Karyn and Lora.

Please plan to come into the parking lot

sometime between 5 and 6 and form/join a line to the right behind the cars already there. Please do not pull into a parking space!

You will follow the cars in front of you.

Karyn and Lora will be a distance away from their own cars near the front of the church. You are invited to get out of your car and drop a card of gratitude (or a small gift) in a basket that will be on the back of each of their cars and call out your thanks and good wishes. Please share in a card favorite memories and words of encouragement and photographs for Karyn and Lora to carry with them.

This is intended to be like a parade rather than a coffee hour. So please do not try to enter into a conversation with either graduate if there is a line of cars! We are still practicing social distancing! You may also choose to honk your horn, wave, cheer, play favorite music etc. from inside your car!

You may drive around the parking lot more than once. In fact, several times would be grand! Please just be mindful of cars trying to enter and exit the parking lot.

Here's to a fun way, in a Covid world, to fete our two graduates who now have a Master of Divinity! Karyn and Lora, we are so proud of you! We love you! We will miss you! And we look forward to learning how the next chapters of your ministries unfold!

--Rev. Clare



## UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

General Assembly, the annual gathering of UUs to worship, vote, and do the work of our denomination, was planned to be held in Providence, RI this year. It has been switched to a 100% virtual event from June 24 through 28. There is a registration fee of \$150 and there are opportunities for scholarships from the UUA, as well as volunteer opportunities for those with technical skills. Registered



participants will have access to the GA Virtual Participation Portal, which combines multiple modes of participant engagement that include chat, Q&A, and polling. Registrants are able to watch and ask questions in live sessions including workshops and business sessions. Delegates are also be able to propose amendments in the live business sessions, participate in debates, and vote in general sessions. Some sessions will be streamed for all to view, without paying a registration fee.

The link to register for General Assembly is here: <https://www.uua.org/ga/off-site/registrants>.

If you are planning to attend General Assembly and would be interested in representing TUUC by serving as one of our delegates, please contact the church office or Karyn Marsh at [membership@towsonuuc.org](mailto:membership@towsonuuc.org) by **May 31**.

## JUNE/JULY BOOK CLUB

June 3, 2020 —7:30PM

*The Unseen World* by Liz Moore.  
2016 (451 pages)

Ada Sibelius is raised by David, her brilliant, socially inept single father, who directs a computer science lab in 1980s-era Boston. Home-schooled, Ada accompanies David to work every day. The lab begins to gain acclaim at the same time that David's mysterious history comes into question. When his mind begins to falter, leaving Ada virtually an orphan, she is taken in by one of David's colleagues. Soon she embarks on a mission to uncover her father's secrets: a process that carries her from childhood to adulthood. What Ada discovers on her journey into a virtual universe will keep the reader riveted until *the* heart-stopping, fascinating conclusion.

Join Zoom Meeting on June 3 7:20 pm  
<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/93898104362>

Meeting ID: 938 9810 4362

Password: 649555

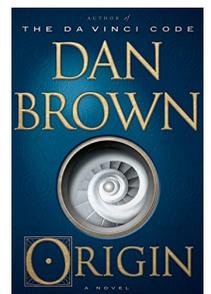
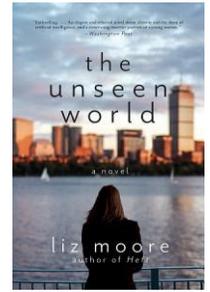
July 1, 2020—7:30 PM

*Origin* by Dan Brown.  
2017 (461 pages)

Robert Langdon, Harvard professor of symbology, arrives at the ultramodern Guggenheim Museum Bilbao to attend the unveiling of a discovery that “will change the face of science forever.”

Zoom information regarding connection to the meeting forthcoming.

\*Please note that these titles can be reserved with your library card for download in either book format or audiobook through your local



public library via Overdrive or the Cloud Library. If you need assistance with this, you can contact your public library's online Ask A Librarian or Ask Us Now service.

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

### **MAY WORK PARTY**

Please join me outdoors in taking care of our spiritual home:

**Saturday, May 23, 2020**  
**From 9 AM—12 PM**

### **ALL OUTDOORS ACTIVITIES.**

- Weeding
- Parking lot pickup
- Storage clean up
- Asphalt patch (weather permitting)

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

- Masks required for any close work with others
- Bathrooms will NOT be available
- Tools will be provided as needed.

Please contact Todd Robertson at [houseandgrounds@towsonuuc.org](mailto:houseandgrounds@towsonuuc.org) with any questions or concerns.



### **DENOMINATIONAL MINUTE:**

#### **The following comes from Steve Buckingham, Chair of the Maryland UU Legislative Ministry Democracy Task Force Launches Statewide "UU the Vote" Effort**

“THESE are the times that try [human] souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country; but he/[she] that stands by it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman.” Thomas Paine, 1776

The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has affected us all, disrupting our previously normal lives, forcing us to take precautions, and isolating us from one another. It has impacted our livelihoods and finances, schools and careers, and even our entertainment and social activities.

How we deal with it now will determine how we live after it has passed. Will we make the necessary personal sacrifices to slow its

spread, keep ourselves and other safe, and provide the needed resources for our health providers and other essential workers? Will we remain in community with our fellow human beings to serve our mutual needs and help others survive and thrive? Will we hold our elected officials accountable for their leadership and maintain our democratic institutions, including assuring that free, fair elections are held in 2020?

While we are all stressed by the pandemic's dangers, it has also provided us with opportunities, and we should seize them with enthusiasm. We now have many chances to show generosity by contributing our time and/or resources to support groups fighting the virus and providing for those with specific needs for food, shelter, education, and mental/emotional support. We are also often reminded of the value in reaching out to friends and family to offer

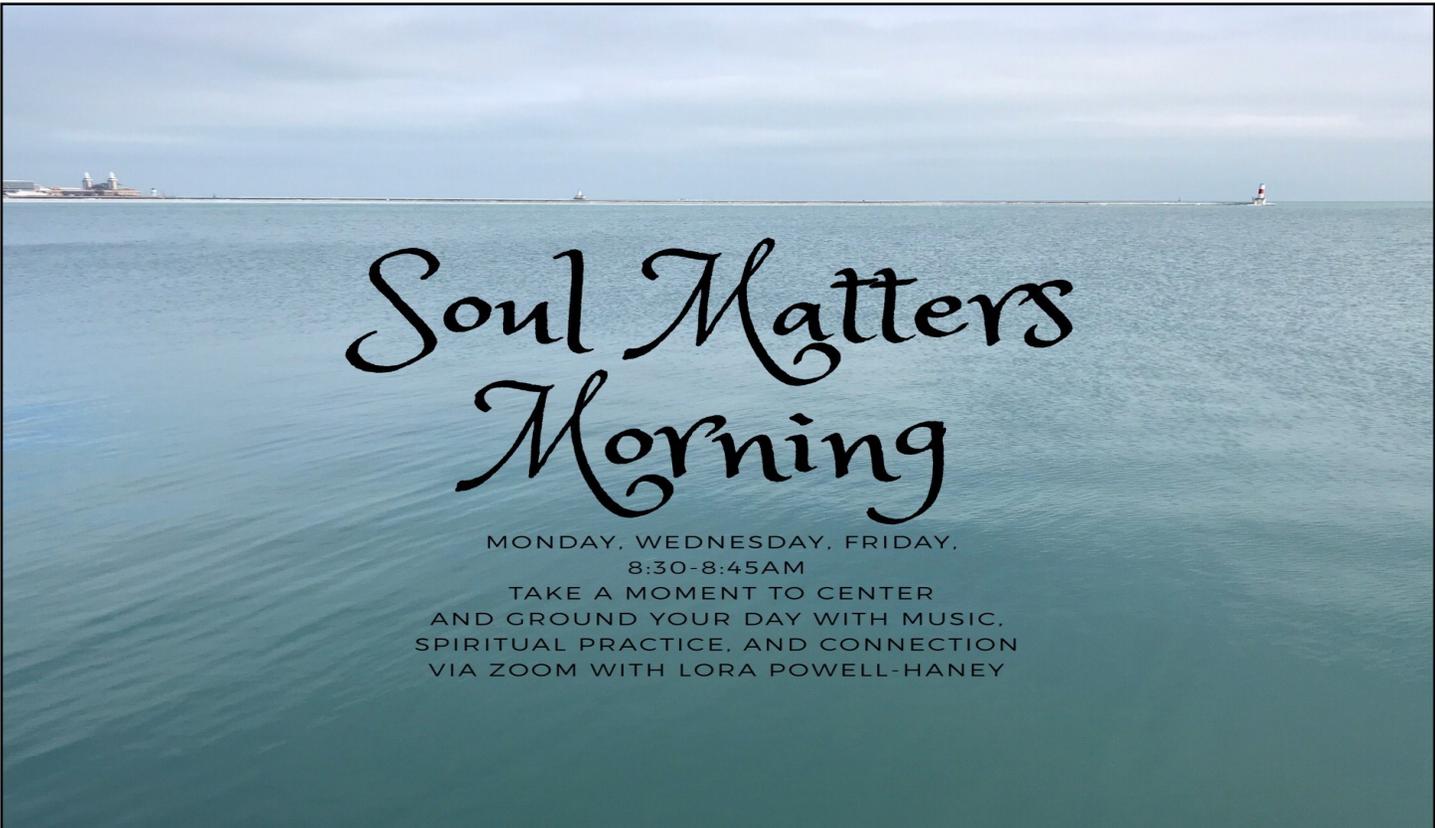
support and comfort. These are things we can all do to weather the immediate crisis. But there is more that we can do.

While the pandemic peaks and subsides (as it will undoubtedly do), we can act now to shape the world on the other side of it. We can work to assure that our democracy survives as well. The 2020 election campaigns have been dramatically curtailed, with candidates suspending all gatherings and door-to-door canvassing, and even primary elections have been postponed due to possible exposures that could result from in-person voting. Efforts are underway to implement mail-only voting in many states, and campaigns are scrambling to find ways of reaching prospective voters remotely. This has been happening on a state-by-state basis, with no national strategy yet devised.

In spite of the virus' restrictions, we believe it is time to seize the moment and take strong action to shape the November election. Our

goal is to enlist Maryland UUs in a sustained effort to increase the numbers of people voting for candidates who support our values and positions on issues. We ask that you join us in this important effort.

We know that many Maryland congregations are already working on UU the Vote activities, and we are asking local leaders to join our team to help coordinate and support efforts throughout the state (and in neighboring states as well) by filling out this congregational survey. In addition, anyone can join our Democracy Task Force here, to get plugged into what is happening, help guide our work, and provide messaging, materials and support for congregations. You can join our Facebook group here. Please note, you may have to like our page before you can join the group. Facebook groups are a good way for you to share events, articles and happenings in your congregational area.



# Soul Matters Morning

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY,  
8:30-8:45AM

TAKE A MOMENT TO CENTER  
AND GROUND YOUR DAY WITH MUSIC,  
SPIRITUAL PRACTICE, AND CONNECTION  
VIA ZOOM WITH LORA POWELL-HANEY

# 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.

23 May	Saturday	Saturday Work Party	Campus Grounds	9:00 AM
24 May	Sunday	Sunday Service	See email	10:30 AM
25 May	Monday	Soul Matters Mornings	<a href="https://us04web.zoom.us/j/2267305075?pwd=a1VscDBOdi80OTBIQTl0bWxJZE40dz09">https://us04web.zoom.us/j/2267305075?pwd=a1VscDBOdi80OTBIQTl0bWxJZE40dz09</a>	8:30 AM
25 May	Monday	Vesper Services	<a href="https://uuma.zoom.us/j/696348175?pwd=dWVKTIzRTUNZeDhldzUrVDJCMDJldz09">https://uuma.zoom.us/j/696348175?pwd=dWVKTIzRTUNZeDhldzUrVDJCMDJldz09</a>	7:00 PM
26 May	Tuesday	Virtual Coffee & Tea w/Rev.	<a href="https://uuma.zoom.us/j/467202356">https://uuma.zoom.us/j/467202356</a>	12:00 PM
26 May	Tuesday	Soul Matters Sharing Circle	<a href="https://uuma.zoom.us/j/341125887">https://uuma.zoom.us/j/341125887</a>	7:30 PM
27 May	Wednesday	Soul Matters Mornings	<a href="https://us04web.zoom.us/j/2267305075?pwd=a1VscDBOdi80OTBIQTl0bWxJZE40dz09">https://us04web.zoom.us/j/2267305075?pwd=a1VscDBOdi80OTBIQTl0bWxJZE40dz09</a>	8:30 AM
28 May	Thursday	Virtual Coffee & Tea w/Rev.	<a href="https://uuma.zoom.us/j/629474885">https://uuma.zoom.us/j/629474885</a>	4:00 PM
28 May	Thursday	Zoom Rehearsals	<a href="https://uuma.zoom.us/j/859624039">https://uuma.zoom.us/j/859624039</a>	6:00 PM
29 May	Friday	Soul Matters Mornings	<a href="https://us04web.zoom.us/j/2267305075?pwd=a1VscDBOdi80OTBIQTl0bWxJZE40dz09">https://us04web.zoom.us/j/2267305075?pwd=a1VscDBOdi80OTBIQTl0bWxJZE40dz09</a>	8:30 AM
29 May	Friday	Great Ideas Discussion Group	<a href="https://uuma.zoom.us/j/666875374">https://uuma.zoom.us/j/666875374</a>	11:00 AM
31 May	Sunday	Sunday Service	See email for info	10:30 AM
1 June	Monday	Soul Matters Mornings	<a href="https://us04web.zoom.us/j/2267305075?pwd=a1VscDBOdi80OTBIQTl0bWxJZE40dz09">https://us04web.zoom.us/j/2267305075?pwd=a1VscDBOdi80OTBIQTl0bWxJZE40dz09</a>	8:30 AM
1 June	Monday	Vesper Services	<a href="https://uuma.zoom.us/j/696348175?pwd=dWVKTIzRTUNZeDhldzUrVDJCMDJldz09">https://uuma.zoom.us/j/696348175?pwd=dWVKTIzRTUNZeDhldzUrVDJCMDJldz09</a>	7:00 PM
2 June	Tuesday	Annual Lay Service Planning	<a href="https://uuma.zoom.us/j/97702149008">https://uuma.zoom.us/j/97702149008</a>	7:00 PM
2 June	Tuesday	Women's Group Meeting	Contact Jane D'Ambrogi for Zoom info	7:30 PM

## ZOOM SUNDAY SERVICE ATTENDANCE REPORT

(Does not reflect actual number of people watching)

Date	Time	Adults/Children
05/17/2020	10:30 AM	135

Watch TUUC website  
for updated information!

[www.towsonuuc.org](http://www.towsonuuc.org)



## PASSING THE PLATE

We are committed to being a spiritual community in virtual space during this crisis and we need your financial support. This includes paying our ongoing financial commitments to our vendors and staff who are continuing to work remotely.

Renewing your pledge is more important than ever and now may be done online here: <https://www.towsonuuc.org/2021-pledge-form>

## How to contribute through Breeze

Paying your pledge or making contributions can be easily sent through Breeze through this link:

<https://tuucdatabase.breezechms.com/give/online>

## How to text your contribution or pledge

Send a text to: 410-834-0700 and indicate where you want your contribution to go by entering one of the commands to get your contribution to the right fund.

See examples in the grid.

## PayPal Contributions

You may use PayPal to pay your pledge to [treasurer@towsonuuc.org](mailto:treasurer@towsonuuc.org).

## Mail Contributions

You may still mail checks to the church. Mail is checked weekly.



Command	Description
\$50	Donates \$50 to TUUC. Users can type any amount; the dollar sign is optional (e.g. \$50 and 50 both work).
give \$50	Same as above.
give	Your text giving number will respond asking "how much you'd like to give".
Here are our customized fund keywords:	
\$50 plate	Donates \$50 to the plate fund.
\$50 2019-20	Donates \$50 to 2019-20 pledge
\$50 2020-21	Donates \$50 to 2020-21 pledge
\$10 ODB	Donates \$10 to Our Daily Bread
\$50 Charitable	Donates \$50 to Charitable Contributions
\$50 Hospitality	Donates \$50 to Hospitality Fund
\$50 General Fund	Donates \$50 to General Operations
Note: Donors can only give to one fund at a time, but can donate several times separately.	
\$50 weekly	Sets up a recurring gift of \$50 each week. Frequency options are 'weekly', 'biweekly', 'monthly', and 'yearly'.
\$50 plate weekly	Sets up a recurring gift of \$50 each week to the plate fund. Frequency options are 'weekly', 'biweekly', 'monthly', and 'yearly'.
update	Allows you to update your payment method or recurring gift. Your text giving number will respond with a link where users can make these changes. To change from credit card to a bank account, click on the current option and change.

### DONATE BY TEXT

Send an amount to  
**(410)834-0700**

- Fund Names:
- 2019-20
- 2020-21
- Plate
- ODB
- Charitable
- Hospitality
- General Fund



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Lutherville MD 21093-9705  
Phone: 410-825-6045

Email: [churchoffice@towsonuuc.org](mailto:churchoffice@towsonuuc.org)  
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### **Minister**

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