



The Threshold

Towson Unitarian
Universalist Church

A Welcoming Congregation

What does it mean to be a people of Compassion?

June 7, 2020 - 10:30 AM

**Rev. Clare L. Petersberger, Andrew Hager,
Mia Hager: *Blessing of The Animals***

In mid-May, the PBS Newshour ended with a segment on pets. Apparently, viewers had begun to wonder, "Will William Brangham be on? Will the cat be on the sofa? Will it be awake? Will the PBS logo obscure it?" and Lisa Desjardins received a message from a man name Craig who wrote, "My cat was watching your cat dig into the crack in your sofa, and he pointed out to me that he felt your cat was getting treats, and it's just not fair to other cats." One of the great gifts of living in a virtual world is getting to know the creatures with whom others share space. So today seemed like a perfect time to hold a blessing of the animals. Mia Hager will deliver a sermon on how animals teach us about compassion. If you send a photo of your pet(s) and a brief description of their qualities to layworshipassoc@towsonuuc.org, Andrew and Mia will offer them a blessing. All the creatures with whom you

live can be right at your device to share this experience. As Linda Pastan writes, "Into the gravity of my life, the serious ceremonies of polish and paper and pen has come the manic animal, whose innocent disruptions make nonsense of my old simplicities, as if I needed him to prove again that, after careful planning, anything can happen."

NEED HELP WITH ZOOM?

Contact zoommtgs@towsonuuc.org

YRE—FAMILY GATHERING

We all like to think that we are compassionate people. But how do you get there in real life situations? How good are we at showing compassion to others? In the story of "Hannah and the Wind," two neighbors living in cramped quarters learn how to let go of anger and find peace. I hope you can find time to watch the short family gathering provided as YouTube video that you can access in the link below:

<https://youtu.be/tv8zAZwVzP8>

VIRTUAL PROGRAMS AT TUUC

We thank everyone who participated in one of the parent Zoom meetings and/or the survey. If you haven't responded yet, please use this link to let us know how we can help support you and your family this summer and next year.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NMV8HFP>

VESPER SERVICES

TUUC continues to hold 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/91309340540?pwd=K0FsdDdCZEY2cmU2ZXBRc2hQZnp4QT09>

Meeting ID: 913 0934 0540

Password: 343650

CABIN FEVER

Join us as we watch and discuss a variety of movies! For Zoom meeting info, join our mailing list by emailing churchoffice@towsonuuc.org.

This Week—THE VIRGIN SUICIDES

In 1970s Detroit, a group of young men befriend a set of sisters raised by very strict parents. Directed by Sofia Coppola. (Available on Amazon Prime. Rated R.)

Trailer: <https://youtu.be/8kDcCGlaBwY>

Discussion: Saturday, June 6, 4PM

Next Week- WHAT HAPPENED, MISS SIMONE?

This revealing documentary tracks the rise to fame and subsequent retreat into privacy of legendary singer Nina Simone. Overflowing with music, intelligence, and social commentary.

(Available on Netflix. TV-14.)

Trailer: https://youtu.be/DeevW_zYojY

Discussion: Saturday, June 13, 4PM

GREAT IDEAS DISCUSSION FRIDAY, 11:00 AM - NOON TOPOPHILIA



The word *topophilia* literally means love of place. How does a sense of place inform your life? Where are you “from?” Where are you drawn to when you think of a place you love? What is the history of the people of that place (i.e., native peoples, immigrants, settlers, population shifts in age, class, race, ethnicity, etc.)? What cultural food, music, or dance originated or is enjoyed there? How does a sense of place ground you in a time of fear and uncertainty? How will climate change impact this place you love? All are welcome to attend any of these stand-alone discussions. Here is the link: <https://uuma.zoom.us/j/666875374>
---Rev. Clare

SINGLES FELLOWSHIP GROUP HAPPY HOUR Saturday, June 13, at 4 pm

The group will have a happy hour chat in virtual space. 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.

DONATIONS FOR ACTC

Canned food-meat, Pasta meals, Baked beans, Fruit, Tuna, Tomatoes, Spaghetti sauce, Chili, Dried Foods-Rice, Pasta, Mac and Cheese, Potatoes, Peanut butter and Jelly. Donations may be taken to Ascension

VIRTUAL PROGRAMS AT TUUC

Lutheran Church on Monday 12-2PM. Trinity Episcopal Church on Thursday 12-2PM and Valley Baptist Church on Thursday 5-7 PM

BUILDING USE PROCEDURE DURING COVID

At this time the Church Building at TUUC remains closed to help limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus. However, in keeping with our current understanding of safe gathering

practices and state and local regulations outdoor spaces on the grounds may be used in a limited capacity. If your group wishes to use an outdoor space for an event or activity, please see these [procedures](#).

Face coverings required.
Please keep 6 ft apart.



Non-medical masks, bandanas, scarves, and cloth can be used.

CALL TO THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Annual Congregational Meeting of the Towson Unitarian Universalist Church will be held on Sunday, June 14, 2020, at 12 noon via Zoom. There are three items requiring a congregational vote:

The election of officers

Approval of the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2020 – 2021

Proposed Bylaw changes

All are encouraged to attend; however, only members can vote. Members are requested to sign into the Zoom meeting waiting room at 11:45 am.

The Zoom information for the meeting is:

<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/93333134234>

Meeting ID: 933 3313 4234

Password: 373857

Or join by phone by dialing any of these numbers:

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

Meeting ID: 933 3313 4234

Password: 373857

Thank you,
Neil C. Porter, President

The Call to the Annual Congregational Meeting Packet was sent to all members via Breeze email from Neil Porter on May 29 and contains the following attachments:

Agenda

Nominating Slate

Proposed Budget for 2020 – 2021

Budget Memo

Proposed Bylaws Changes

PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGES – OUR PROCESS

The first step in updating our bylaws in support of our governance change was to jettison the Operations Team. Those changes were approved at a congregational meeting on October 27, 2019. The Board appointed a Bylaws Committee that same month with the following members serving:

Karyn Marsh and Art Starr, both Trustees-at-Large
Dan Alper, former Trustee-at-Large and member of the Governance Task Force
Herb Shankroff and Linda Talley, both past TUUC Presidents

The Bylaws Committee met regularly and reviewed our existing bylaws, suggested changes from Rev. David Pyle, who performed a governance assessment for TUUC in 2016-17, and the bylaws of other UU churches. As each article was reviewed and proposed changes were drafted, the changes went to the Board for discussion. Sometimes additional changes were made. Then each article was sent to members of the congregation for review and feedback.

Article Two – Purpose – proposed changes sent 2/21/20

Article Three – Membership – proposed changes sent 2/21/20

Article Four – Congregation and Cong. Meetings – proposed changes sent 5/21/20

Article Five – Board of Trustees – proposed changes sent 5/21/20

Article Seven – Committees – proposed changes sent 4/1/20

Article Nine – Fiscal Provisions – proposed changes sent 4/1/20

Each email invited comments or feedback via email by a specific date.

The Board conducted a listening session on April 19 at 1 pm via Zoom. In addition to Board members and Bylaws Committee members, seven people attended. Feedback received during that listening session was incorporated into the final proposed version of the bylaws changes that was sent on 5/29/20.

We look forward to any further discussion and voting on these changes at our congregational meeting on June 14 at 12 noon.

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

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



SAVE
THE
DATE

CLARE'S COLLOQUY

About five weeks ago, two mourning doves began building a nest outside one of our windows. This annual ritual of preparing for new life felt so reassuring in the midst of a pandemic.

Shortly after, on a Saturday afternoon, terrible caws announced impending doom. Grey feathers of a mourning dove flew up in front of the window as a large crow descended. The terrible caws continued. When I walked outside, the nest, which I do not believe had any eggs in it, was in bits and pieces. Following this violence and destruction, the mourning doves did not return to rebuild at our house. Absence became the greatest presence. The calls of the mourning doves could be heard further down the block.

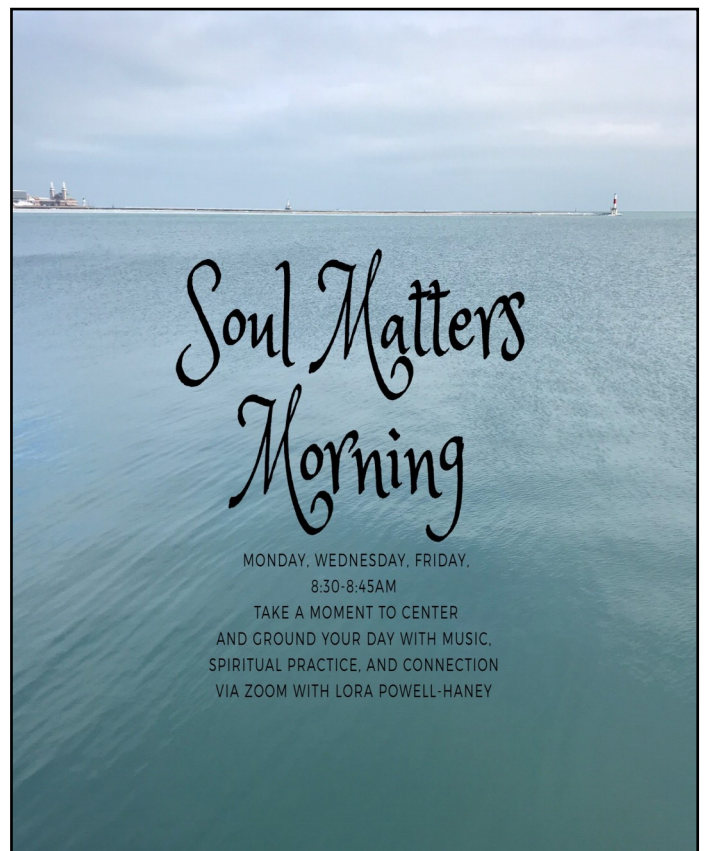
But then, just over two weeks ago, I noticed the mother mourning dove sitting on a nest slightly away from where the first one was begun at our home. They had returned to build their second nest at our house.

When the news repeatedly showed the horror of the murder of George Floyd in broad daylight by someone sworn to protect the public, I went to look at the mother bird protecting her eggs. When the news showed images of shouting and the streets of America burning, I listened as the mourning dove parents cooed to each other about feeding their hungry babies. When the reports came from clergy of being pelted with rubber bullets and sprayed with tear gas in Lafayette Square during a peaceful protest just so the President could have a photo op holding a Bible, my mind flashed back to the descent of the crows. I went to check on the nest. The head of one parent bobbed up and

down while the other parent sat watch for any outside threats.

The mourning doves have reminded me of what we are called to do as people of faith: build, nurture, protect, feed, work together, rebuild when necessary, and partner all for the sake of the most vulnerable. Birds may not have a sense of justice, but we humans do. In the words of the banners at TUUC: Black Lives Matter.

I am grateful for TUUC's public commitment to racial justice. As the mourning dove fledglings take flight, my hope is that we will continue to lift our voices, lend a listening ear, write letters, speak up and out, offer financial support, partner with others and with other organizations, and contribute in whatever ways we can to bending the moral arc of the universe towards racial justice and creating a better future together.



CLARE'S COLLOQUY ON COVID CARE FUND

While preparing the TUUC Needs Assessment in March, I noticed that questions that colleagues were asking members of their congregation included “Would you be willing to contribute to a fund to help members in financial need?” and “Are you in need of financial assistance?”

Since then, I have received four inquiries from TUUC members asking if we could establish such a fund to support members and friends who have lost their jobs due to Covid. These members generously offered to donate as an expression of our mission to deepen our ethical and spiritual lives by exemplifying what it means to be a caring community. One person offered to make a contribution out of the CARES check being sent by the government. I was touched by these inquiries and the spirit of compassion in which they were made.

At its meeting on May 20, the TUUC Board voted to establish a TUUC COVID Care Fund for up to two years for the purpose of helping TUUC members who are in financial distress due to this pandemic. Policies for the COVID Care Fund include those advocated by the UUA: <https://www.uua.org/leadership/library/money-matters/ministers-discretionary-fund>

I am under no illusion that we are going to be able to meet all the financial needs that exist among us or will emerge in the next 12 to 18 months. But my hope is that some assistance with paying for a member’s prescription, or toward rent or mortgage, or for groceries (if not eligible for ACTC assistance) will help to ease economic hardship due to COVID and help members going through tough times to feel the love and support of TUUC.

If you are able to donate to our newly established TUUC COVID Care Fund, please let our Bookkeeper know that your contribution is for the TUUC COVID Care Fund. Also, please know that no contribution may be designated for the benefit of a particular recipient.

If you are in need of financial assistance, please speak with me. All requests will be kept confidential.

In no way is this fund intended to take away from our support of the Assistance Center of Towson Churches. In fact, our fifth Sunday collection this coming Sunday, May 31, will be for the Assistance Center of Towson Churches. ACTC is in great need as they continue to work to provide food to people who are food deprived.

Our mission is to deepen our ethical and spiritual lives through service to others. Thank you for your compassion and for your generosity as we seek to care both for those within our spiritual community and those in the wider community. In the words of George Odell:

We need one another when we mourn and would be comforted... when we are in trouble and afraid... when we despair, in temptation, and need to be recalled to our best selves again.

We need one another when we would accomplish some great purpose, and cannot do it alone... in the hour of our successes, when we look for someone to share our triumphs [and] in the hour of our defeat when with encouragement we might endure and stand again.... All our lives we are in need, and others are in need of us. ---Rev. Clare

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.

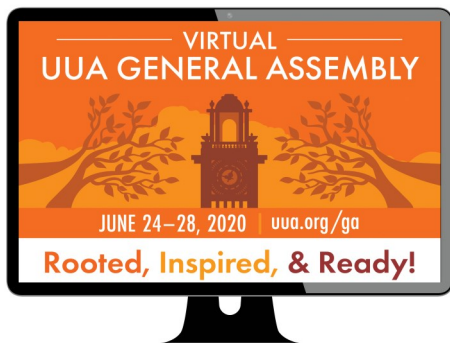
Here's to a fun way, in a COVID world, to fete our two graduates who now have a Master of Divinity! Karyn and Lora, we are so proud of you! We love you! We will miss you! And we look forward to learning how the next chapters of your ministries unfold!

--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.uaa.org/ga/off-site/registrants>.

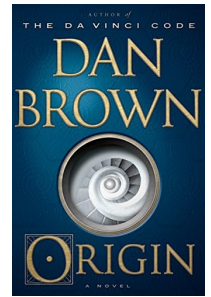
*If you are planning to attend General Assembly and would be interested in representing TUUC by serving as one of our delegates, please contact the church office or Karyn Marsh at membership@towsonuuc.org by **May 31**.*

JULY/AUGUST BOOK CLUB

July 1-7:30pm zoom meeting

Origin by Dan Brown, 2017 (461 pages)

In keeping with his trademark style, Dan Brown, author of *The Da Vinci Code* and *Inferno*, interweaves codes, science, religion, history, art, and architecture into this new novel. *Origin* thrusts Harvard symbologist Robert Langdon into the dangerous intersection of humankind's two most enduring questions, and the earthshaking discovery that will answer them.



Zoom information regarding connection to the meeting forthcoming.

August 5-7:30pm zoom meeting

The Dutch House by Ann Patchett, 2019 (337 pages)

The novel follows a brother and sister who grow up in a fairy tale—a huge house, a loving father, and a caring staff. The only thing that's missing is their mother. When their father dies and leaves his fortune to their stepmother, the kids are left to fend for themselves, going on to live a drastically different life than they had imagined. The house of their youth haunts them through adulthood, and revenge is their desire—but not in the way you imagine.



*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.

DENOMINATIONAL MINUTE: FAITHIFY.ORG CROWD FUNDING FOR UU PROJECTS

Recently, I posted a link to Faithify.org on TUUC's Facebook page. Faithify is a web site for crowd funding of UU Projects. Following is more information. Faithify is a crowdfunding site where passionate people INSPIRE, UNITE, and FUND Unitarian Universalist ministries.

Faithify's purpose is to:

- Inspire a culture of innovation that extends the reach of UU values
- Lower the walls between existing congregations
- Ignite ministries in new venues, formats, and communities
- Bridge geographic and generational borders using 21st century technologies
- Help passionate individuals invest directly in ministries that excite them
- Help ministry innovators reach a passionate public

We envision a people with renewed faith and a Unitarian Universalism that is more connected, relevant, and vibrant.

Crowdfunding has fundamentally changed how we fund-raise. In being able to mobilize resources from everyday people, and rely on thousands of smaller donors rather than the institutional backing from governments, foundations, or even select donors with big pockets, now anyone can raise thousands of dollars with just the click of a button.

Changes in technology, culture, and newer generational mindsets are offering us new possibilities. Crowdfunding offers not only a new way of raising funds but a new way of thinking about how to get things done and

where to focus our limited energies and highly motivated spirits to amplify the good work we are already doing.

We don't believe for even a second that the best days of Unitarian Universalism are behind us. But we know that what is coming will probably look a bit different than what exists now. The practices that we need to embrace that dawning future – Risk, Experimentation, and Mutual Support are practices that are inherently embodied in crowdfunding.

We launched Faithify in 2014 to start to prepare for that future. Where any leader could learn and use our digital platform to connect to supporters and funders, leverage social networks to get the word out about their ideas, and get the support they need to start building a new way.

Since then, Faithify.org has become Unitarian Universalism's crowdfunding site, where passionate individuals can invest directly in ministries that excite them. Our 80% success rate shows how we embrace and are transformed by the challenge of our time. The only question we have for you is...

What Will You Faithify?

[Create Your Own Campaign](#)

[Not sure how? Learn more](#)

[Pick a Campaign to Fund](#)

[See most funded campaigns](#)

Greater Baltimore Cluster of UU Congregations—The Baltimore Cluster has been quite active for the past three months. We have met monthly or semi-monthly since our first face to face meeting at First Unitarian in Baltimore, Feb. 29. Our two most

recent meetings have focused on UU The Vote.

Our next Denominational Minute will have more information about the cluster and this project.

—Stephen Finner

ACROSS THE THRESHOLD AND BACK

How strange that, in a season when time seems befuddled, that it should also have moved so swiftly! Wasn't it just a few months ago that I first crossed the threshold of Towson Unitarian Universalist Church, to attend a summer lay leadership training? When I first met Sue and Art and Patty and Tracy and Sue and Todd and Kai and Nancy and (Joyce and I already knew each other!).... Just as I am saying hello, it is time to say good-bye.

Graduation from seminary completes just part of this journey into ministry: my ministry at TUUC grew me into leadership, into self-awareness, into pastoral presence and practice, grew me into love for people and community. From bearing witness to your joys and sorrows during worship, to delighting in your creativity during the auction, to grieving with you at losses, to visioning a different way to grow into your new governance, you have all been my teachers and colleagues as much as Rev. Clare has been.

I still have reading and writing to do over the summer, in preparation for my interview with the Ministerial Fellowship Committee in October. Being in this liminal space between internship and ministry/chaplaincy feels a little uncomfortable (as it should!), but I also know I am well-grounded for whatever may come, because I knew you.

Although my internship time officially ends this last Sunday in May, Soul Matters Mornings will continue until mid-June, and Todd and I will co-lead a Litha/Summer Solstice ritual for Roots and Wings on June 21. I will set a boundary, recommended as a best practice by the UUA, the UUMA, and LREDA, of no contact with the church or congregants for one year, so will be saying good-bye on social media too. Please know that you will get news of what comes next for me!

You have been an integral part of my growth as a minister and chaplain. Keep moving toward this new way of doing the work of the church, cherish and remain committed to your community partners, keep your mission and vision in mind and heart even in the midst of pandemic limitations. Because Spirit calls strongly in uncertain times, and the "answer is Under Construction." Thank you so much for taking a chance on sponsoring a ministerial intern! And remember, the answer is Under Construction. Blessed be!

— Lora Powell Haney

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.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT TUUC

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

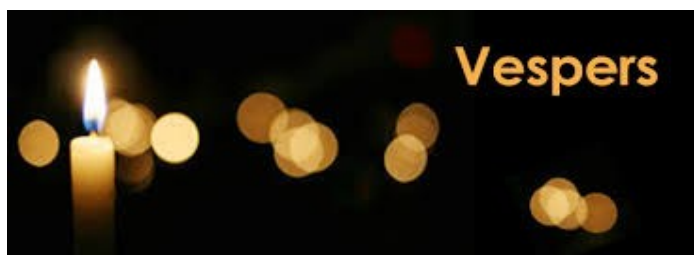
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| 7 June | Sunday | Sunday Service | See email for info | 10:30 AM |
| 8 June | Monday | Soul Matters Mornings | https://us04web.zoom.us/j/2267305075?pwd=a1VscDB0di80OTBIQTl0bWxJZE40dz09 | 8:30 AM |
| 8 June | Monday | Vesper Services | https://uuma.zoom.us/j/91309340540?pwd=K0FsdDdCZEY2cmU2ZXBRc2hQZnp4QT09 | 7:00 PM |
| 8 June | Monday | Membership Committee Mtg | Please contact Patty Barry at membership@towsonuuc.org for Zoom information. | 7:00 PM |
| 9 June | Tuesday | Coffee with the Minister | https://uuma.zoom.us/j/93836459040 | 12:00 PM |
| 9 June | Tuesday | Soul Matters Sharing Circle | https://uuma.zoom.us/j/341125887 | 7:30 PM |
| 10 June | Wednesday | Soul Matters Mornings | https://us04web.zoom.us/j/2267305075?pwd=a1VscDB0di80OTBIQTl0bWxJZE40dz09 | 8:30 AM |
| 10 June | Wednesday | Al-Anon Meeting | Contact Leader for Zoom information | 7:00 PM |
| 11 June | Thursday | Coffee with the Minister | https://uuma.zoom.us/j/97890854969 | 4:00 PM |
| 11 June | Thursday | Zoom Rehearsal | https://uuma.zoom.us/j/859624039 | 6:00 PM |
| 12 June | Friday | Soul Matters Mornings | https://us04web.zoom.us/j/2267305075?pwd=ZUhc3ZsMGZlMG51a0FidGFFTWVpZz09 | 8:30 AM |
| 13 June | Saturday | Singles Fellowship Group | Contact Ronald Rowley for info | 4:00 PM |
| 14 June | Sunday | Sunday Service | See email | 10:30 AM |
| 14 June | Sunday | Annual Congregational Mtg | https://uuma.zoom.us/j/93333134234 | 11:45 AM |
| 15 June | Monday | Vesper Services | https://uuma.zoom.us/j/91309340540?pwd=K0FsdDdCZEY2cmU2ZXBRc2hQZnp4QT09 | 7:00 PM |
| 16 June | Tuesday | Coffee with Minister | https://uuma.zoom.us/j/95459183516 | 12:00 PM |
| 16 June | Tuesday | Women't 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 |
|----------|----------|-----------------|
| 06/31/20 | 10:30 AM | 109 |

Watch TUUC website
for updated information!
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 though 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.

Mail Contributions

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



| Command | Description |
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| \$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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Leadership

Board of Trustees:

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Secretary: Angela Castillo-Epps (2018-2020)

Trustees-at-Large:

Karyn Marsh (2018-2020)
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John Mattingly (2019-2021)
Samantha Saalfield (2019-2021)

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