



The Threshold

Towson Unitarian
Universalist Church
A Welcoming Congregation

What does it mean to be a people of deep stillness?

DECEMBER 6, 2020 - 10:30 AM

REV. CLARE L PETERSBERGER: *DO NOT BE AFRAID*

The Bible is filled with stories of encounters with angels. These are not the graceful figures often placed as tree toppers. These messengers often preface their news with, “Do not be afraid.” They go on to invite the listener into a new way of understanding and sometimes even a completely new life. The message, “Do Not Be Afraid” seems especially timely this year. Today we reflect on the Biblical messengers and similar contemporary messengers in our own lives.

VIRTUAL VESPERS – DECEMBER 7 FROM 7-7:30 PM—THE WISDOM OF ADVENT

Virtual Vespers is a contemplative service of readings and music. This is a time to rest from the demands of the world; to let go of stress; to meditate; and to deepen one's spiritual life. Tonight, we contemplate the wisdom of Advent.



YOUTH RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

Our faith reminds us that the winter holidays are a time for beauty, peace, and stillness. Our culture often encourages commercialism, debt, and stress. It takes an effort to step away from the media messages that buying things and doing more and more things will make us happy. So what is one of the ways our faith guides us into becoming a people of stillness? It tells us, “Step away from the busyness!”

Please join us at 9 am for a Family meeting after which we will break into classes for those in K through 4th and 5th-7th grades.

Those in 8th through 12th grades are invited to help stuff stockings for men at Earl's Place and Prospect Place on Sunday, December 6. Please see the parent email for more details and to RSVP or contact Joyce at tuucdre@towsonuuc.org.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6 SERVICE INFORMATION

For Sunday, December 6, please join us at 10:15 am to be admitted prior to the service starting at 10:30. We will have break-out rooms for coffee and conversation following the service.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/92900237957>

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ONGOING VIRTUAL MEETINGS

Contact facilitator in Breeze for meeting information or see the [church calendar](#).

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

2nd Sunday each month at noon

Facilitator: Lorraine Sorbello

COFFEE WITH THE MINISTER

Tuesdays 12:00 – 1:00 PM

Facilitator: Rev. Clare Petersberger

AGING TOGETHER

2nd Tuesday each month at 1:00 PM

Facilitator: Michael Magrogan

WOMEN'S GROUP MEETING

1st & 3rd Tuesdays 7:30—9:00 PM

Facilitator: Jane D'Ambrogi

SOUL MATTERS

2nd & 4th Tuesdays 7:30—8:30 PM

Facilitator: Rev. Clare Petersberger

PROGRAM COUNCIL MEETING

2nd Wednesday each month at 7:30 PM

Facilitator: Andrew Hager

MEN'S REFLECTION GROUP

1st & 3rd Tuesdays 7:30—9:00 PM

Facilitator: Fred Sypher

TUUC BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

3rd Wednesday each month at 7:30 PM

Facilitator: Sue Royer

MEN'S GROUP

2nd & 4th Thursdays 7:30—8:30 PM

Facilitator: Michael Magrogan

GREEN SANCTUARY COMMITTEE

1st Sunday each month at 12:00 PM

Facilitators: Carel Hedlund and Charlene Rossi

CLARE'S COLLOQUY

Recent notifications of sales for Black Friday reminded me of a lesson I learned twelve years ago. I purchased toys for two very active kittens: a tunnel to run through; a plastic sphere with a ball to chase round; a wand with feathers to bat at; and cloth mice filled with catnip to hunt.

One day, I noticed that the female kitten was sitting perfectly still in an empty cardboard box in the living room. I had not called her attention to it. She had found it. When I called her name, she did not move. She only moved when I moved toward her. That's when I realized we were playing a game of hide and seek that she had initiated. By the same token, one day I watched the male kitten run into an empty paper grocery bag. He spun himself round and round in the bag and then settled down and waited to be found. It helped that his tail was sticking out of the bag.

The two "toys" these kittens enjoyed most had been in the house all along. They were objects in which to hide in order for me to find them. That was the best game in town--being found by love.

Heading into winter holidays in the midst of a pandemic has reminded me of the kittens with the empty cardboard box and the brown grocery bag. Our celebrations will not be found "out there" this year. We will create them with things, and people, and creatures in our homes.

I hope you will count the spiritual home of TUUC as part of your home. Together in virtual space, we will imagine and live new ways to brighten these dark December days from weekly vespers on Monday evenings; to a blue holidays service on Dec. 11; to a 5 pm. family gathering on Christmas Eve to share favorite holiday ornaments and decorations and a more traditional virtual service at 7:30. You are invited to send me your answer to the question, "What unexpected signs are giving you hope and new life this December?" for the December 13th worship service in which we will celebrate Hanukkah as well as photographs of beauty that is stunning you to stillness for the December 20th winter solstice worship service.

We will not be able to physically gather around the menorah to sing the blessings in our Meeting Room or have a multigenerational pageant for Winter Solstice or fill the Meeting Room with candlelight on Christmas Eve. But like the kittens with their game of hide and seek in cardboard boxes and brown paper bags, may we experience finding others and being found in windows in virtual space by people we love and who love us. Happy Holidays.

TUUC AUCTION 2020—DIAMOND JUBLIATION! WE DID IT!

It wasn't quite the same, but it was glorious none-the-less. Our Virtual, Covid-constrained **Diamond Jubilation!** Auction came off, almost without a hitch, and what a fun evening we had. There was the curious case of Sheila's cat logging her off of Bid Beacon at an inopportune moment and Neil valiantly fighting off hydraulic urgency (We think he did.) as he completed a Raffle drawing. But all that aside, we had spirited bidding, great entertainment, and a stellar MC and Auctioneer. There was a *Whole Lotta Shakin' Goin' On* and we made \$15,000 to support the Towson Unitarian Universalist Church and its excellent programs.



We three Co-Chairs are so grateful to the wonderful team we had in the Auction Committee that adopted to the new reality of a Virtual Auction and made it succeed with enthusiasm, creativity and incredibly hard work. Thank you to the musicians; Andy Peterson and Once Around the Horn, Tony Bonta and Jay Herzog, and Deborah Spice Kleinmann and Lizza whose talent, stage presence and production efforts and expertise kept us entertained throughout the evening. Thanks to the technical ushers who coordinated this complex ZOOM event to keep it interesting and engaging. Thank you to Kai and Phil who never complained and tirelessly fulfilled every one of a thousand requests that always had to be done "right away." Special thanks to Patty and John Barry who opened their home and skillfully hosted us as MC and Auctioneer. You made it delightful and we all want you to do this every week with a *Barrytown, Baltimore* reality series.

Most of all, thanks to all of you donors and bidders, buyers and participants who made November 21st a great success, and an evening to remember fondly.

Dan Alper, Marilyn Maze, and Nina Della Vecchia; your 2020 Auction Co-Chairs

COFFEE WITH THE MINISTER: TUESDAYS AT NOON

Virtually share a cup of coffee or some other beverage of your choice (or even eat lunch) with Rev. Clare. Our conversations have ranged from the beauty of nature to pets on the screen to concern for our upcoming elections.

What's on your mind and heart today?

Check the TUUC Website for Zoom Information.



UPCOMING PROGRAMS AT TUUC

CABIN FEVER

Join our online movie group for weekly discussions.

Email churchoffice@towsonuuc.org to be added to our mailing list and receive Zoom meeting information.



This Week—INSIDE LLEWYN DAVIS (2013)

The Coen Brothers take a bittersweet look at the Greenwich Village folk scene from the early 1960s. Beautiful music matched by terrific performances from Oscar Isaac, Carey Mulligan, and John Goodman. (Available on Amazon Prime. Rated R.)

Trailer: <https://youtu.be/VuQ8pz-5WLY>

Discussion: Saturday, December 5, 4 PM

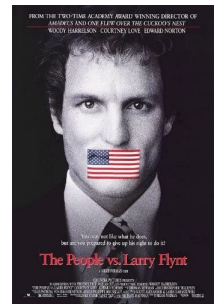


Next Week—THE PEOPLE VS. LARRY FLYNT (1996)

This Oscar-nominated biopic details the legal battles surrounding pornographer Larry Flynt, including his landmark First Amendment victory. (Available on Amazon Prime. Rated R.)

Trailer: <https://youtu.be/fr6l4D47fW8>

Discussion: Saturday, December 12, 4 PM



WRITING AS A SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

You are invited to drop in to "Writing As A Spiritual Practice" from 1:00-2:00 on Friday, Dec. 4. We introduce ourselves; I share a writing prompt; and then we write together for 10-15 minutes without stopping. At the end, I ring a chime inviting everyone to stop writing. Those who wish to do so will share what they have written---without comment, feedback, or judgement. Our prompt, today, is about the most powerful energy available to us. ---
Rev. Clare



FAIR TRADE SALES - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5 AND 19—10 AM—NOON

As we enter this unconventional holiday season, the Green Sanctuary Committee is offering you two chances to stock up on fair trade goodies from Equal Exchange and spread some sustainable cheer.

Join us on TUUC's porch on Saturday December 5 and 19. We will have a selection of organic and fair trade item including the following:

- Coffee (regular including some whole beans, and decaf)



- Tea (black, green, flavored, herbal)
- Chocolate, including bars in a variety of flavors
- Baking cocoa
- Nuts (cashews and almonds)
- Palestinian Olive Oil

Payment will be accepted by check, PayPal, or texting to TUUC; details will be available at the sales table. Contact Samantha Saalfeld (information in directory) with any questions.

TUUC PRESENTATION ON AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY FROM JIM CROW TO BLACK LIVES MATTER IN BALTIMORE COUNTY – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6 AT 7:00 PM

The presentation, from someone who has led walking tours in East Towson, is an attempt to understand this enclave from the perspective of Jim Crow to Black Lives Matter. East Towson is unique to Baltimore County as it became a thriving but tight knit community located adjacent to Towson’s urban core. Its founders were freed or manumitted enslaved persons from Hampton Plantation. Descendants of enslaved people from Hampton can be found in the neighborhood today. This presentation has been organized to not only revolve around the black resident history but political events that had major consequence in East Towson. The underlying purpose is to educate audiences to the value of this unique Jim Crow neighborhood.



Join us in learning about his enclave from the perspective of Jim Crow to Black Lives Matter. Carol Allen is a historic preservationist, Executive Director of Historic Towson, Inc. (1992-2006) and Commissioner of Baltimore County Land Preservation Commission, Immediate Past Chair (2006-2018). Nancy Goldring is the President of the Northeast Towson Improvement Association, Inc. (N.E.T.I.A., Inc.). She grew up in Historic East Towson and is the granddaughter of the late Adelaide Bentley.

There will be time for questions following the presentation. Thanks to Towson Unitarian Universalist Church, all other group leaders, tech ushers and supporters for making this event possible. Special thanks to Carol Allen, Nancy Goldring, and Deborah Spice Kleinmann. ***Zoom Information below:***

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Meeting ID: 502 401 0045
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BLUE HOLIDAYS SERVICE—NEW DATE—FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11 AT 7:30 PM

On this Friday evening, we create space to honor that the holidays are sometimes “blue.” This year, in particular, we may be feeling loss, loneliness, grief, and anxiety as we move into pandemic holidays. You are invited to bring four candles to your device (it is not necessary to do so to participate.) The purpose of this contemplative service is to acknowledge our feelings; to sing; to meditate and pray; and to light candles in the darkness. --- *Rev. Clare*

Blue Holidays Service Zoom Information:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/95976986598>

Meeting ID: 959 7698 6598

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OUR MESSY LIVES

This group is about certain personality traits like patience and kindness and what happens when we try to implement them in our lives. If you are always patient and kind, for example, congratulations! However, this group is not for you. But if you are like me and are not always patient or kind, then please join us as we explore our messy lives. Open to all: women, men, and non-binary; but *pre-registration is required* to receive the Zoom meeting id, password and personality trait that will be featured that week. The group will meet via Zoom from 3-4 pm on Dec 10. To register, contact Art Starr at mensgroup@towsonuuc.org.

SINGLES FELLOWSHIP GROUP HAPPY HOUR—SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12 AT 4PM

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.

TUUC BLOOD DRIVE - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

Working with the American Red Cross, we've scheduled Saturday, December 12th, 2020 for the next TUUC Blood Drive. There is a critical need for blood right now but we are also in a different time with social distancing and COVID-19 disease prevention. We at TUUC strongly encourage anyone that has ANY reservation about giving blood at this time for ANY reason to please sit this one out. We will get past this and will have more blood drives in the future for you to participate in.



NEW INFO: The Red Cross is testing all donations for COVID-19 antibodies. The antibody test is authorized by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and will indicate if the donor's immune system has produced antibodies to the coronavirus, regardless of whether they developed symptoms. This test is not to diagnose current COVID-19 symptoms, referred to as a diagnostic test. Click [here](#) to learn more about COVID-19 Antibody testing.

To sign up for an appointment time between 8:00 am-2:00 pm please use [this link](#) OR email Clare Flynn-Avallone with your preferred times. Give the Gift of Life - Give Blood!"

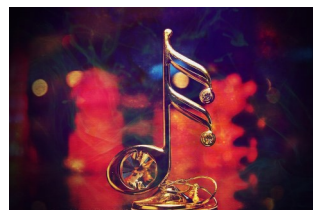
TUUC SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE—SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13 AT NOON

The Social Action Committee will meet on Sunday, December 13, following the Service and Coffee, at [noon](#).

All are welcome. An Agenda will be sent to SAC members.

TUUC HOLIDAY SING-ALONG 2020—SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19 AT 3:00 PM

We'll have a fun time for all ages on the afternoon of Saturday, December 19th at 3:00 on Zoom! Join us to sing along with your favorite Christmas, Hanukkah, Winter and Solstice songs and carols! We'll have a variety of song leaders, some pre-recorded and some live, for you to enjoy! Put on your holiday duds, decorate the area around your device, and join your TUUC friends for some rollicking good holiday cheer! Stay tuned for more details soon.



FROM TUUC PASTORAL ASSOCIATES: FACING THE HOLIDAYS IN OUR NEW REALITY

With the travel limited and the holidays coming, many people are going to be home and have to deal with the challenge of a new holiday reality. The TUUC Lay Pastoral Associates do want you to know that we are available to chat with anyone who feels the need for a listening ear. We do not want anyone to feel alone or lonely. Someone is always a phone call away. Current Lay Pastoral Associates are Mimi Marks, Carol Horst, Nancy Mears, and Mary Beth Brizzolara. And we just welcomed George Harrison and Ann Beezley as our newest LPA's. If you want someone to talk to please feel free to e-mail lajpastoralassociates@towsonuuc.org. You may also call Rev. Clare who will connect you with a Lay Pastoral Associate. Or you may call me. My phone number is in the church directory on-line.

Sending lots of love to all,

Carol Horst (on behalf of the Lay Pastoral Associates)

CALLING ALL INSTRUMENTALISTS

We need musicians who play all sorts of instruments to help during December! Young or old, experienced or less so, we want to hear you play during this holiday season!! If your child plays an instrument, we'd especially love to hear them at the early Zoom event on Christmas Eve!!! But opportunities abound--for Sunday services, the holiday sing-along, and several special services during the month! Please don't keep your light "hidden under a bushel," we want to hear you!! Contact Tracy Hall at music@towsonuuc.org if you'd like to play this month.

STEWARDSHIP TEAM

The Board of Trustees has started brainstorming about our Stewardship Campaign. We are looking for a few people to join a planning team. We'll need additional volunteers in the follow-up phase of the campaign, where we reach out one-on-one to those who have not yet pledged. If you are willing to serve in either capacity, please contact Sue Royer, Wendell Finner, or Susan Riggs.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO THE AUCTION TEAM!

The Board of Trustees sends a huge thank you to our 2020 Diamond Jubilee Auction Co-Chairs: Dan Alper, Nina Della Vecchia and Marilyn Maze! Kudos to our event hosts Patty and John Barry! Special thanks to the musicians, to all of the auction committee volunteers, and to our staff who supported this project! We had fun, we had good participation, and we raised \$15,000 and counting (some items are still available). In these COVID times, this auction far exceeded our expectations!!!



VESPERS SERVICE FOR ADVENT

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7 FROM 7-7:30 PM

WRITING AS A SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4 AT 1:00PM

A reading and writing prompt give us the opportunity to both write and hear what others write that we might know ourselves and be known.

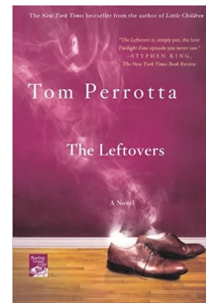


TUUC BOOK CLUB

January 6, 2021—7:30PM:

The Leftovers by Tom Perrotta (2014—384 pages)

What if—whoosh, right now, with no explanation—a number of us simply vanished? Would some of us collapse? That's what the bewildered citizens of Mapleton, who lost many of their neighbors, friends and lovers in the event known as the Sudden Departure, have to figure out. Tom Perrotta has written a startling, thought-provoking novel about love, connection and loss.



ZOOM INFO:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/94362838007>

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+1 646 876 9923 US (New York)

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

NEXT BOOK CLUB

MEETING

ON FEBRUARY 3, 2021

AT 7:30PM

The Vanishing Half
by Brit Bennett (2020)



JOIN THE TUUC CHOIR

TUUC Choir has started its first virtual choir recording project! We are beginning gently, using only audio for our first production. You can be involved, even if you are not attending rehearsals regularly. But we still have regular Thursday evening rehearsals, from 7:30 to around 8:45 on Zoom, where we discuss the recording process, rehearse pieces that we anticipate will become audio and/or video recorded projects, and check-in with one another. Please join us!

ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS FOR THE THRESHOLD

TUUC committees are encouraged to submit an article or announcement to the weekly published Threshold newsletter. Please remember the deadline is **Wednesday at 12:00 PM** and should be sent to news@towsonuuc.org.

TECHNICAL USHERS NEEDED



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 at churchoffice@towsonuuc.org.

TUUC SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

FOOD DONATIONS TO ASSISTANCE CENTER OF TOWSON CHURCHES (ACTC)

Since we cannot make food donations in our lobby now, nonperishable food can be dropped off at these locations:

Mondays, 12 to 2 PM:

Ascension Lutheran Church parking lot (7601 York Rd.)

Thursdays, 12 to 2 PM:

Trinity Episcopal Church parking lot (120 Allegheny Ave.)

Thursdays, 5 to 6 PM:

Valley Baptist Church parking lot (1401 York Rd.)

You also may donate to Assistance Center of Towson Churches (ACTC) by sending a check payable to TUUC with ACTC in memo line, or by donating directly to their website: <http://actconline.info/>.

HOMELESS NEED WINTER GEAR

In partnership with the Surprise Shop, ACTC will be collecting blankets (including mylar emergency blankets), sleeping bags, winter coats and jackets to help keep our homeless community and neighbors in need warm this winter. If you have new or gently used items to donate, please drop them off at one of our donation locations:



Ascension Lutheran Church (7601 York Road) Mondays, 12-2 PM

Trinity Episcopal Church (120 Allegheny Avenue) Thursdays, 12-2 PM

Valley Baptist Church (1401 York Road) Thursdays 5-6 PM

Also, if you are someone you know in our service area is facing eviction or cut-off of heat or electricity, please email actc316@gmail.com. Be sure to include name, address, contact information and a summary of financial need.

POST-AUCTION SALES



Thanks to everyone who helped us celebrate TUUC's 60th Anniversary and make our *Diamond Jubilation!* Auction a big success! Some items from the 2020 TUUC Auction are still available for sale. Please check [Post-Auction Sales](#) on the TUUC Website for more information!

Social Action Holiday Giving

You are invited to experience the joy of giving this holiday season by gifting the men of Cornerstone Community Housing (Earl's Place & Prospect Place) healing from homelessness. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



Earl's Place is a recovery-based housing program providing long-term (*up to two years*) housing and supportive services to men experiencing homelessness; 17 men at a time.

Adopt-a-Resident's Holiday Wish List

Michael C is our 80-year-old resident.

- He would like a pair of shoes size 8 regular with Velcro closures (Leader Show Men's Casual Elderly Safety Walking Shoes Light Weight Strap Comfort Sneakers on Amazon or something similar).
- He could also use chino pants with an elastic waist size 36 x 30.
- He enjoys reading and movies, a DVD player would be great as well.
- Socks (size medium dress or every day with non-elastic top)
- Gloves (size medium)
- Pull-on knit hat
- Calendars, toiletries, candy and cookies are always appreciated.

This year order online with/without giftwrapping; **ship to arrive prior to December 21st**.

Send directly to Michael C. Earl's Place 1400 E. Lombard Street Baltimore, MD 21231

Prospect Place is in Rosedale and serves 12 chronically homeless men.

Gift cards would be great! All types are appreciated; Amazon and Walmart are most convenient for the men. Our TUUC goal is to gift twelve \$25.00 gift cards.

Mail or email gift cards **prior to December 21st** to Sheila Helgerson Executive Director of CCH.

sheila@cchbaltimore.org Earl's Place 1400 E. Lombard St Baltimore, MD 21231

Please email sac@towsonuuc.org the item you purchased to help keep the list up to date. Thank you.

2021 COMMON READ, BY ANDREW HAGER, PRESIDENT-ELECT

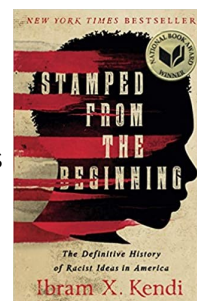


In Iceland, there is a holiday tradition where family members exchange books on Christmas Eve, then spend the night reading and eating chocolate. I find this simultaneously quaint and aspirational.

If, like me, you loved the thought of curling up with a book during the long, dark nights of late autumn and early winter, you'll likely relish the return of TUUC's Common Read. Last year, we read *An Indigenous People's History of the United States*. This year, we'll be reading a series of books about anti-racism and discussing them in the Spring as part of our ongoing education and discussion around the 8th Principle.

For February: *Stamped from the Beginning* by Ibram X. Kendi or *Stamped (Young Adult Adaptation)* by Jason Reynolds

Synopsis: "The construct of race has always been used to gain and keep power to create dynamics that separate and silence. Dr. Ibram X. Kendi's National Book Award-winning *Stamped from the Beginning* reveals the history of racist ideas in America, and inspires hope for an antiracist future. It takes you on a race journey from then to now, shows you why we feel, how we feel, and why the poison of racism lingers. It also proves that while racist ideas have always been easy to fabricate and distribute, they can also be discredited."



Meeting: Monday, 2/22/2021, 7:30-9:00 PM

For March: *Punching the Air* by Ibi Zoboi and Yusef Salaam

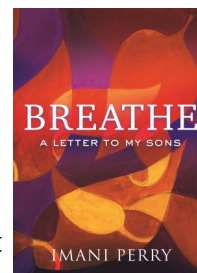
Synopsis: "From award-winning author Ibi Zoboi and prison reform activist Yusef Salaam of the Exonerated Five comes a powerful YA novel in verse about a boy who is wrongfully incarcerated."



Meeting: Monday, 3/22/2021, 7:30-9:00 PM

For April: *Breathe: A Letter to My Sons* by Imani Perry

Synopsis: "Emotionally raw and deeply reflective, Imani Perry issues an unflinching challenge to society to see Black children as deserving of humanity. She admits fear and frustration for her African American sons in a society that is increasingly racist and at times seems irredeemable. However, as a mother, feminist, writer, and intellectual, Perry offers an unfettered expression of love—finding beauty and possibility in life—and she exhorts her children and their peers to find the courage to chart their own paths and find steady footing and inspiration in Black tradition." (This is the UUA's Common Read choice for this year.)



Meeting: Monday, 4/19/2021, 7:30-9:00 PM

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>

PAYPAL CONTRIBUTIONS

You may use PayPal to pay your pledge to treasurer@towsonuuc.org. To avoid additional fees, send your contribution to the setting "family and friends" and please note the purpose of your donation in the message area.

MAIL CONTRIBUTIONS

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

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 NEW examples below:



amount + Auction	Auction
<i>ex: text "50 Auction" to give to Auction</i>	
amount + 2020-21	2020-2021 Stewardship Campaign
<i>ex: text "50 2020-21" to give to 2020-2021 Stewardship Campaign</i>	
amount + ODB	ODB Casseroles
<i>ex: text "50 ODB" to give to ODB Casseroles</i>	
amount + GreenProducts	Green Products
<i>ex: text "50 GreenProducts" to give to Green Products</i>	
amount + SAC	Social Action Collection
<i>ex: text "50 SAC" to give to Social Action Collection</i>	
amount + Plate	Plate Collection
<i>ex: text "50 Plate" to give to Plate Collection</i>	

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT TUUC

Calendar is subject to change. Check the website calendar [here](#) for most current schedule.

4 Dec	Friday	Writing as a Spiritual Practice	1:00 PM
5 Dec	Saturday	Equal Exchange Sale	10:00 AM
5 Dec	Saturday	Cabin Fever	4:00 PM
6 Dec	Sunday	Family Meetings/Classes	9:00 AM
6 Dec	Sunday	Sunday Service and Coffee Hour	10:30 AM
6 Dec	Sunday	Green Sanctuary	12:00 PM
6 Dec	Sunday	African American History Presentation	7:00 PM
7 Dec	Monday	Vespers	7:30 PM
8 Dec	Tuesday	Coffee with the Minister	12:00 PM
8 Dec	Tuesday	Aging Together	1:00 PM
8 Dec	Tuesday	Soul Matters	7:30 PM
10 Dec	Thursday	Rehearsal	6:00 PM
10 Dec	Thursday	Virtual Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM
10 Dec	Thursday	Men's Group Meeting	7:30 PM
11 Dec	Friday	Blue Holidays Service	7:30 PM
12 Dec	Saturday	Blood Drive	8:00 AM
12 Dec	Saturday	Cabin Fever	4:00 PM



ZOOM SUNDAY SERVICE ATTENDANCE REPORT

(Does not reflect actual number of people watching)

Date	Time	Adults/Children
11/29/2020	10:30 AM	90



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Lutherville MD 21093-9705
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