



What does it mean to be a people of beloved community?

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2021 - 10:30 AM

REV. CLARE L. PETERSBERGER, JOYCE DUNCAN: *THE EIGHTH PRINCIPLE*

The Unitarian Universalist Association is currently reviewing our seven principles. This process is similar to the one our congregation undertook to review our mission statement. At the UUA General Assembly in June, a delegate suggested adding the Eighth Principle as a preamble to the seven existing ones. What is the Eighth Principle? Why did this delegate suggest that it come before and not after the other seven? Her answer was the expectations of beloved community in the Eighth Principle. To her, they encompassed all the other principles. How does the Eighth Principle speak to your own vision for beloved community and the future of our faith?

YOUTH RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

YRE classes at 9 AM are on hiatus this Sunday. We hope to see you at the 10:30 AM service to hear a modern interpretation of an ancient Buddhist Wisdom tale about birds who found their strength in unity. We will see you again when we meet on March 7. Thanks to everyone who participated in the Winter Walk at Hampton mansion. We enjoyed each other's company, the beautiful day, and learning a little about the history of this site that prospered from the labor of enslaved people. We hope you can join us on March 14 for a walk at Benjamin Banneker park, also at 2 PM. We will be continuing our Parent meetings on Fourth Thursdays, now from 8 to 9PM. Parent emails will have more details and the link to join or contact Joyce at tuucdre@towsonuuc.org.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28 SERVICE INFORMATION

For Sunday, February 28, 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/99731830128>

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VESPERS SERVICE

MONDAY, MARCH 1

7:00—7:30 PM

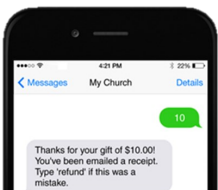
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DONATE TO TUUC VIA PAYPAL, TEXT, OR BREEZE

MORE INFORMATION ON THE TUUC WEBSITE [HERE](#)



UPCOMING PROGRAMS AT TUUC

GREEN SANCTUARY—LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

The Green Sanctuary Committee prepared and submitted letters on 4 important issues pending in the Maryland legislature (click on links to see letters):

1. [A constitutional amendment on environmental rights](#)
2. [A prohibition on single-use plastic bags](#)
3. [A climate solutions bill that requires an acceleration in greenhouse gas reductions, targets overburdened communities, protects fossil fuel workers, and plants 5 million trees](#)
4. [A bill targeting transit safety and investment](#)



Because these bills were supported by the UU Legislative Ministry of Maryland, these letters were signed in the name of TUUC by President Sue Royer. They were submitted to Senator Chris West and Delegates Michele Guyton and Nino Mangione, as our church is in their district.

Feel free to forward these letters to your own senator and delegate, indicating that your church supports these important bills and you think they are important! Please contact Carel Hedlund (info in Breeze) if you have any questions.

GIVING STATEMENTS

Working on your taxes? Looking for your statement of giving for calendar year 2020? Our bookkeeper, Raly Baltchev, sent statements via email in January. The subject line is "Giving Statement". If you have trouble locating it or need another statement sent to you, please contact Raly at bookkeeper@towsonuuc.org or contact Kai Aiyetoro at churchoffice@towsonuuc.org or 410-825-6045 for assistance.

TUUC GARDENERS ANONYMOUS—FIRST MEETING MONDAY, MARCH 1 AT 7:30 PM

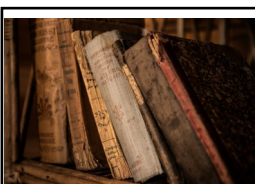
Whether you are a gardening guru or beginner please join other TUUCers to discuss all things growing: vegetables and flowers, and fruits. I hope we can share our skills and knowledge, maybe even share seeds or plants. We will meet the first Mondays of the month, starting on Monday, March 1, at 7:30 pm after Vespers. Contact Joyce Duncan if you have questions.



[ZOOM LINK](#)

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***Writing Your
Spiritual Biography***
Friday, February 26
2:00 PM

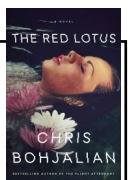


[TUUC BLOOD DRIVE](#)

**FRIDAY MARCH 12
10 AM—4 PM**

[TUUC BOOK CLUB](#)

WEDNESDAY MARCH 3 AT 7:30 PM



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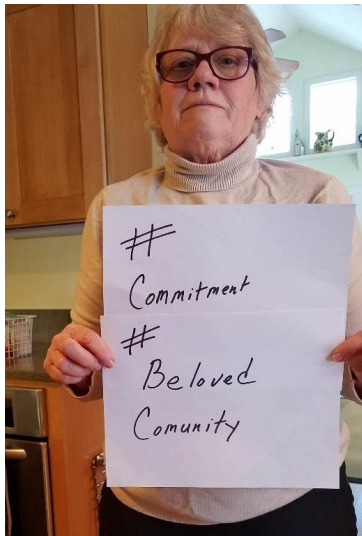
Jane D'Ambrogi helped to lead our lay-led service on February 21 on how food unites us. She shared her testimonial, speaking about her need for community after she retired. For Jane, "TUUC has been a spirit saving community during the time of COVID-19". If you weren't at the service, you can read her remarks, which are posted on the church website under [Member Area](#).

You will have received the letter inviting you to pledge and the form in the mail by now. We have both an [online form](#) and a [printable form](#) on our website. To date, 32 pledges have been received – thank you! Let us visualize being generous with our hearts. We invite you to give from your heart, and to be as generous as you can.

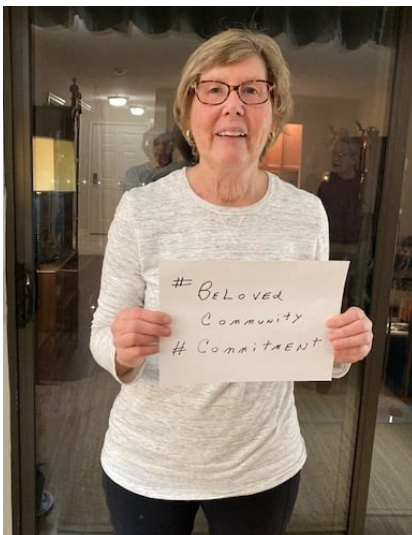
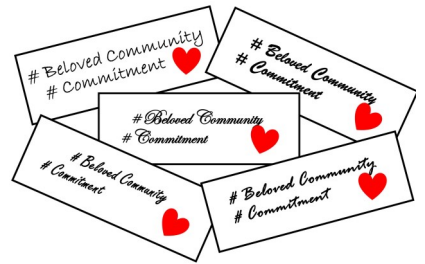
You are invited to take a photo of yourself and your family holding a sign with #Beloved Community #Commitment and post it in our TUUC Facebook Group or submit it for inclusion in the Threshold.



Jeffrey Arnstein



Jane D'Ambrogi



Mary Ellen Haisfield-Wolfe



Allan and Marilyn Thorn

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS PARTNER WE SUPPORT?

This month, we highlight the TUUC Social Action Partner, the Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry of Maryland (UULM-MD). The 2021 Legislative Session started January 13, 2021 and will be in session through April 12, 2021. Please also see the article below, “*These Issues Need Our Support - How You Can Help*” which shows us how we can urge our Legislators to support issues which agree with our Unitarian Principles. You can learn more about the organization, the laws, or donate to, the UULM at their website, <https://www.uulmmd.org/>.



The **Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry of Maryland (UULM-MD)** is a statewide advocacy network of Unitarian Universalists. They work to educate, mobilize, and coordinate UUs on specific issues before the Maryland General Assembly. Working in coalition with established state and national organizations, they as UUs model a reverence for the interdependent web of all existence which fosters justice, health and equity in society. You are encouraged to join on this journey as we engage Marylanders, expand freedom and nurture an inclusive, life-affirming system of government.

THESE ISSUES NEED OUR SUPPORT—HOW YOU CAN HELP

In Item 2 of the upcoming Maryland Legislative Session, you will find a few key measures which the Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry of MD (UULM-MD) supports. Voting on Item 2A occurred on Thursday, February 11.

Please find your Representative [here](#), and email or call them. More information on these measures can be found at the [UULM website](#).

You may use this template, or any part of it you wish, for an email:

Please vote to support the following measures:

Override the governor's vetoes of:

- 1. Women's prerelease centers - [HB 801/SB 684](#). Women receive no support on the transition from prison while men have a program.*
- 2. Blueprint for Maryland (Kirwan Commission) - [HB 1300](#). The General Assembly passed a comprehensive overhaul of Maryland's education system with emphasis on early childhood education, teacher retraining, and college pathways. Overriding this veto is a step toward redressing oppressive systemic inequities.*

Vote for:

- 1. Criminal justice reform: Repeal the Law Enforcement Bill of Rights (HB 151) and Police Reform and Accountability Act of 2021 - ([HB 670](#))*
- 2. Climate change: Transportation Safety and Investment Act - [HB 114](#) / [SB 199](#) and Climate Solutions Now - [HB 583](#) / [SB 414](#)*

3. *Economic Justice: Family and Medical Leave Insurance (FAMLI) Program Act - [HB 375](#) / [SB 211](#)*
4. *Healthcare: Health Equity Resource Communities Initiative - [HB 463](#) / [SB 172](#)*
5. *Gun Violence Prevention: Require licensed dealer for all gun transfers [HB 4/SB 208](#) and fund the Maryland Violence Intervention and Prevention Program [SB 708](#)*
6. *Immigration: The Maryland Trust Act - [HB 304](#) / [SB 88](#) and MVA Data Sharing law [HB 23](#) / [SB 234](#) to limit local cooperation with ICE and Dignity Not Detention - [HB 16](#) / [SB 478](#) to end local contracts to imprison immigrants pending deportation*

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/>.



VIRTUAL CHOIR REHEARSAL
THURSDAYS AT 7:30 PM



SINGLES FELLOWSHIP
HAPPY HOUR
THIS SATURDAY (2/27) AT 4PM



*Writing as a
Spiritual Practice*
A VIRTUAL DROP-IN GROUP
FRIDAY, MARCH 5 AT 1:00PM




UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
JUNE 23-27, 2021



*Coffee with the
Minister*
Tuesdays at Noon



TUUC POST AUCTION
SALE—**ITEMS STILL AVAILABLE!**



COMMON READ
NEXT MEETING: MONDAY,
MARCH 22 AT 7:30 PM

CABIN FEVER
“DR. STRANGELOVE” (1964)
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27 AT 4PM



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT TUUC

Calendar is subject to change. Check the website calendar [here](#) for most current schedule. Click [here](#) for the schedule of ongoing regular TUUC virtual meetings.

26 Feb	Friday	Writing Your Spiritual Autobiography	2:00 PM
27 Feb	Saturday	Cabin Fever: Dr. Strangelove	4:00 PM
27 Feb	Saturday	Singles Fellowship Happy Hour	4:00 PM
28 Feb	Sunday	Sunday Service and Coffee Hour	10:30 AM
28 Feb	Sunday	Widening the Circle	1:00 PM
1 Mar	Monday	Vespers	7:00 PM
1 Mar	Monday	Gardeners Anonymous	7:30 PM
2 Mar	Tuesday	Coffee with the Minister	1:00 PM
2 Mar	Tuesday	Men's Reflection Group	7:30 PM
2 Mar	Tuesday	Women's Group Meeting	7:30 PM
3 Mar	Wednesday	TUUC Book Club	7:30 PM
4 Mar	Thursday	Virtual Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM
5 Mar	Friday	Writing as a Spiritual Practice	1:00 PM
6 Mar	Saturday	Cabin Fever—Nomadland	4:00 PM
7 Mar	Sunday	Family Meetings/Classes	9:00 AM

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.

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

ZOOM SUNDAY SERVICE ATTENDANCE REPORT

(Does not reflect actual number of people watching)

Date	Time	Adults/Children
02/21/2021	10:30 AM	75