



What does it mean to be a people of becoming?

SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2021 - 10:30 AM

REV. CLARE PETERSBERGER, THE REV. DR. GABI PARKS: *BEING ONE*

One of our auction items in November was a worship service on a theme of your choice to be addressed by not one but two Unitarian Universalist ministers. Dr. Neil Porter won the worship service on a theme of his choice. The title he chose is "Being One." The "big question" is "How?" How do we become one with ourselves, with others, with the natural world, and with our understanding of the divine?

YOUTH RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

The class for those in Kindergarten through 4th Grade is on hiatus this week. Please check the parent email for some suggestions on how to engage more with the theme of Becoming as a family. We are looking forward to our last set of classes on the theme of Story, and presenting a story for the congregation during the YRE Sunday service later in the month. The Our Whole Lives Sexuality education class for late elementary meets again on Sunday afternoon for those registered. Check your email if the weather is questionable.

SUNDAY, APRIL 25 SERVICE INFORMATION

For Sunday, April 25, 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.

[Zoom Link](#) for service

Meeting ID: 998 3016 1418 Passcode: 153997

	<p>VESPERS SERVICE MONDAY, APRIL 26 7:00—7:30 PM</p>
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<p>AMAZON SMILE QUARTERLY DONATION: \$117.67</p>	
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<p>DONATE TO TUUC VIA PAYPAL, TEXT, OR BREEZE MORE INFORMATION ON THE TUUC WEBSITE HERE</p>		

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AT TUUC

GREEN SANCTUARY—FOLLOW UP FROM THIS WEEK'S EARTH DAY SERVICE

Our speaker Rev. Dr. Terry Ellen mentioned several sources that we can use to educate ourselves about the climate crisis, the need for immediate action in this decade, and how climate change is tied to issues of poverty, racism indigenous genocide, with wealth divide and other social justice issues. Here are the sources he mentioned:

- Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC): <https://www.ipcc.ch/>
- Sign up for Bill McKibben's weekly online articles in the New Yorker: <https://www.newyorker.com/newsletter/the-climate-crisis>
- The UUA's Create Climate Justice resource, with a newsletter to sign up for: <https://www.uua.org/environment>
- NAACP's Climate and Environmental Justice Program: <https://www.naacp.org/environmental-climate-justice-about/>
- Rev. William Barber's Poor Peoples Campaign and environmental justice: <https://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org/forward-focus-climate-change-environmental-justice/>

He also urged us all to let our elected representatives know how important it is to act on these issues now, even if you don't have a specific bill name or number to refer to.

SINGLES FELLOWSHIP GROUP HAPPY HOUR—SATURDAY, APRIL 24 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—WEDNESDAY, MAY 12 FROM 10:30 AM TO 4:00 PM

Working with the American Red Cross, we've scheduled Wednesday, May 12th, 2021 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. Please only join us on May 12th, if you are healthy and have no concerns about donating.

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 the COVID-19 Antibody testing. Also, vaccination timing doesn't interfere with donating. If you aren't having any side effects/symptoms then you are able to donate. To sign up for an appointment time between 10:30 AM to 4:00PM please use [this link](#) or email Clare Flynn-Avallone with your preferred times.

ETHNIC LUNCH—POSTPONED (WEATHER) TO WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28 AT 12:30 PM

Postponed to next Wednesday at Oregon Ridge. Contact Claudia Sumler for more info.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN WRAPS UP!

Deep gratitude to all for a successful Stewardship campaign! Thank you for giving from your heart! We have received pledges from 148 households, totaling \$287,500.

If you haven't yet pledged, we invite you to do so with this [online form](#).

Special thanks to all the Stewardship Team members and especially Susan Riggs, Sue Walker, Steve Finner, Mary Ellen Haisfield-Wolfe, and Sue Royer. Between them, they called 53 households! **#BelovedCommunity #Commitment**

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE—SPECIAL FOOD DONATIONS

Interested in providing bottled water or fresh fruit for neighbors in need? [Please complete this form](#). You will be asked to purchase the items and deliver them to ACTC. You can decide if you'd like to make a one-time donation or sign up to donate these items on several occasions.

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.)

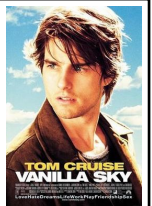
Below are the most-needed items:

- Breakfast cereal (box)
- Canned meals (pork and beans, chili, pasta meals, etc.)
- Canned vegetables (tomatoes, beans, corn, peas, potatoes, etc.)
- Canned fruit
- Dry pasta, rice, instant potatoes (bag or box)
- Spaghetti sauce (jar or can)
- Macaroni and cheese meals (box)
- Tuna (can)
- Peanut butter, jelly (jar)
- Soup (can)
- Toiletries (deodorant, lotions, soap, shampoo, toothpaste, diapers, feminine hygiene products, etc.)

CABIN FEVER

"VANILLA SKY" (2001)

SUNDAY, APRIL 25: 4PM



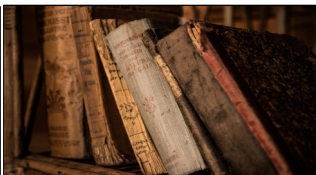
**TUUC POST AUCTION
SALE—ITEMS STILL
AVAILABLE!**



*Writing as a
Spiritual Practice*
A VIRTUAL DROP-IN GROUP
FRIDAY, APRIL 30 AT 1:00PM

TUUC BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5 AT 7:30 PM



*Writing Your Spiritual
Autobiography*
Friday, April 23
2:00 PM

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.

23 Apr	Friday	Writing Your Spiritual Autobiography	2:00 PM
24 Apr	Saturday	Third Saturday Work Party	9:00 AM
25 Apr	Sunday	Sunday Service and Coffee Hour	10:30 AM
25 Apr	Sunday	YRE Program—OWL	3:30 PM
25 Apr	Sunday	Cabin Fever—Vanilla Sky	4:00 PM
26 Apr	Monday	Vespers	7:00 PM
27 Apr	Tuesday	Coffee with the Minister	12:00 PM
27 Apr	Tuesday	Aging Together	1:00 PM
27 Apr	Tuesday	Soul Matters	7:30 PM
28 Apr	Wednesday	Ethnic Lunch (rain-date)	12:30 PM
29 Apr	Thursday	Virtual Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM
30 Apr	Friday	Writing as a Spiritual Practice	1:00 PM
2 May	Sunday	Family Meetings/Classes	9:00 AM
2 May	Sunday	Sunday Service and Coffee Hour	10:30 AM
2 May	Sunday	YRE Program—OWL	3:30 PM

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.

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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
04/18/2021	10:30 AM	74