



What does it mean to be a people of story?

SUNDAY, MAY 16, 2021 - 10:30 AM

JOYCE DUNCAN, CRE; TEACHERS, AND MEMBERS OF YOUTH RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION PROGRAM: YRE SUNDAY

How can stories help us explore such themes of Listening, Commitment, and Beloved Community? As Rev. Shari Woodbury stated, "Let us choose with care the stories that we teach to our children, remembering that all of our stories have power, and that all of our stories are connected, for all of life is one." Join us as we reflect and share stories from the pandemic year.

YOUTH RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

Please join us at the 10:30 AM worship service which will be presented by the Youth Religious Exploration Committee and honors the role of sharing stories, especially how this was done in the past year. We also hope you join us for our last virtual RE session of this church year on May 23. Look for the link in the parent email or contact Joyce Duncan at tuucdre@towsonuuc.org for details.

SUNDAY, MAY 16 SERVICE INFORMATION

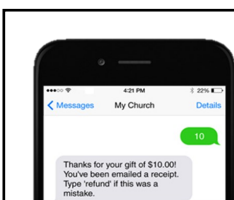
For Sunday, May 16, please join us at 10:15 AM to be admitted prior to the service starting at 10:30. We will have break-out rooms for coffee and conversation following the service.

[Zoom Link](#) for service

Meeting ID: 815 8205 7163 Passcode: 075137

IN CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF AL PEABODY

We regret to inform you of the death of TUUC member Al Peabody on the afternoon of May 5, 2021. For over a decade, Al served our community in a variety of roles from an active participant in the Drum Circle to editor of our Threshold newsletter; from serving on our Gifts Based Ministry Team to serving as Communications Council Head on our Operations Team. He attended worship, regularly; was active in discussing philosophy with the Socratic Circle; offered a listening ear and keen insights in Chalice Circles, and relished discussing theology in adult religious education classes. Al was committed to serving others and to creating justice. His curiosity, thoughtfulness, sense of humor, and kindness will be greatly missed. Messages of condolence may be sent to Kim whose contact information is in Breeze. Details of a celebration of Al's life will be forthcoming. ---Rev. Clare



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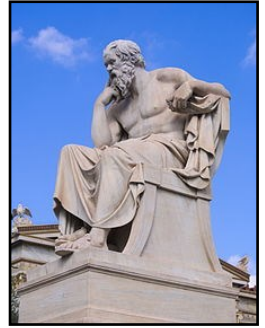
DONATE TO TUUC VIA PAYPAL, TEXT, OR BREEZE

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

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AT TUUC

SOCRATES CAFÉ—NEXT MEETING ON MONDAY, MAY 17 AT 7:30 PM

The next TUUC Socrates Cafe will be meeting on Zoom next Monday evening, May 17 from 7:30 to 9:00 PM. The question to be Socratically explored, suggested at our last meeting by Al Muehlberger, is, "*Do we need religion to have morality?*" Trudy Pojman suggested, as a companion piece to the discussion, Nobel Prize-winning British author William Golding's 1954 dystopian novel Lord of the Flies, which explores the dark side of humanity. If you have not yet joined our Socrates Cafe and would like to, please send an email to socratescafe@towsonuuc.org and you will be added to our email list to receive our meeting Zoom Links/other notifications.



MAY ETHNIC LUNCH FEATURES AN ASIAN FUSION CUISINE

Hello Ethnic Lunchers! We are going to meet at a restaurant once again. Fusion Restaurant has sufficient outdoor seating to enable us to gather safely. Join us for lunch at 12:30 PM on Wednesday, May 19 at Fusion. Their address is 10752 York Road, Cockeysville, MD 21030. And their phone number is [443-330-5714](tel:443-330-5714). All are welcome, but please respond by Monday, May 17 to ethniclunch@towsonuuc.org so we can reserve enough tables to accommodate the group. Hope you can join us!



- Janet Kuperstein and Claudia Sumler

SINGLES FELLOWSHIP GROUP HAPPY HOUR—SATURDAY, MAY 29 AT 6 PM

The group will have an outdoor meal on the lower level porch at the church. We will take proper precautions for our health. Bring your own chair, beverage, and food. 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.



COVID VACCINE ASSISTANCE

If you need assistance with getting your Covid vaccination; a local pharmacy is available for home delivery or walk-in vaccination. Leave a message on the church office voicemail for more information.

TUUC BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2

7:30 PM



CABIN FEVER

"ANGEL HEART" (1987)

NOW SUNDAY, MAY 16: 4PM



SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS PARTNER TUUC SUPPORTS?

For May, we highlight the **Assistance Center of Towson Churches (ACTC)**, which has been a TUUC Community partner longer than any other organization. During the pandemic, when so many have lost their income and may even be homeless, the need for food and other assistance is greater than ever.

ACTC has continued to operate the entire time (safely), not only as a food bank, but also as a source of emergency assistance, *including food, eviction and utility cutoff prevention, payment for prescriptions and lunches for the homeless*. They even provide a maildrop for those with no current address. Members of TUUC are among the volunteers. On the **FIFTH SUNDAY** of this month, **May 30**, the entire (non-pledge) collection plate will be donated to ACTC. So, please be generous and Thank You for your generosity!

Whether your text donation says "Plate" or "SAC," it will go to ACTC. To contribute to ACTC by check, send a check payable to TUUC and send to 1710 Dulaney Valley Rd. Lutherville MD 21093 and *specify "ACTC" on the memo line*. PayPal donations for this service will go to ACTC. Any other time, you could donate directly to ACTC at this link: <http://actconline.info>.

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.)

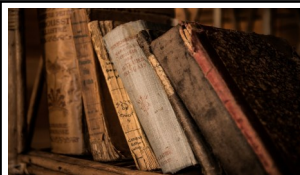
Thursdays, 5 to 6 PM: Valley Baptist Church parking lot (1401 York Rd.)

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.



*Writing as a
Spiritual Practice*
A VIRTUAL DROP-IN GROUP
FRIDAY, MAY 21 AT 1:00PM



*Writing Your Spiritual
Autobiography*
Friday, May 14
2:00 PM

AMAZON SMILE QUARTERLY DONATION: \$117.67

Thank you for choosing Towson UUC as your preferred charity with [Amazon Smile](#)! Every time you use the site with TUUC listed as your preferred charity, Amazon donates a small amount (0.5%) from your purchase to our church.



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.

14 May	Friday	Writing Your Spiritual Autobiography	2:00 PM
15 May	Saturday	Third Saturday Work Party	9:00 AM
16 May	Sunday	Sunday Service and Coffee Hour	10:30 AM
16 May	Sunday	YRE Program—OWL	3:30 PM
16 May	Sunday	Cabin Fever – Angel Heart	4:00 PM
17 May	Monday	Socrates Café	7:30 PM
18 May	Tuesday	Coffee with the Minister	12:00 PM
18 May	Tuesday	Men's Reflection Group	7:30 PM
18 May	Tuesday	Women's Group Meeting	7:30 PM
19 May	Wednesday	Ethnic Lunch	12:30 PM
19 May	Wednesday	TUUC Board Meeting	7:30 PM
20 May	Thursday	Virtual Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM
21 May	Friday	Writing as a Spiritual Practice	1:00 PM
22 May	Saturday	Cabin Fever: MLK/FBI	3:00 PM
23 May	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
05/09/2021	10:30 AM	60