



What does it mean to be a people of story?

SUNDAY, MAY 23, 2021 - 10:30 AM

REV. CLARE L. PETERSBERGER: *STORIES TO LIVE BY*

Our spiritual question for May is, “What does it mean to be a people of story?” Scientists have discovered that we would not be people if it were not for our ability to tell stories. In evolutionary terms, stories helped us to survive. But stories can also hold us back when they reflect only fear and danger. How do we help one another, especially when bad things happen, to frame our narratives in a way that points us toward redemption?

YOUTH RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

The Kindergarten through Fourth grade class meets virtually this Sunday at 9 AM for a last session before summer break. We look forward to sharing the story of Cecily the Cicada, sharing our favorite summer activities, summer yoga poses with Angela, and looking back at the past year. We also hope to get feedback on plans for an outdoor adventure for the whole family—if a parent can join us at the end of the session, that would be great. Please check email or contact Joyce for more details or information on how to join us.

The Our Whole Lives (OWL) sexuality education class for 5th through 7th grades meets this Sunday at 3:30 PM, then is on hiatus for two weeks before completing the last two sessions.

Thanks to all the RE families, the YRE Committee, and the staff and lay people who helped us provide the service last Sunday, especially Tracy Hall and our amazing tech team who dealt with last-minute glitches with their usual grace.

SUNDAY, MAY 23 SERVICE INFORMATION

For Sunday, May 23, 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: 955 7884 9373 Passcode: 695261

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



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VESPERS SERVICE

**MONDAY, MAY 24
7:00—7:30 PM**

AMAZON SMILE QUARTERLY DONATION: \$117.67

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IN MEMORIAM

IN CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF DR. WILLIAM REICHEL

We regret to inform you of the death of Dr. William Reichel on May 14, 2021. Bill was the founding Chairman of the Department of Family Medicine and Residency Director at MedStar Franklin Square Medical Center and original author of *Reichel's Care of the Elderly: Clinical Aspects of Aging* now in its seventh edition. He was also an affiliated scholar of the Center for Clinical Bioethics at the Georgetown University School of Medicine, Washington, DC.

Bill was an active member of TUUC for over 30 years. He served as a Greeter, was one of the first people that many visitors of TUUC met, and took great pleasure in getting to know others.

He was an active member of our Lay Worship Associates and invited colleagues to address ethical issues from the TUUC pulpit. He served on the Welcoming Congregation Committee in the 1990's and more recently was a member of our 2020 Welcome Renewal Team to carry forward that work of including people of different sexual orientations and gender expressions.

Bill was a Merrill Fellow at The Harvard Divinity School from 1988-1989. He loved to share resources on topics ranging from theology and ethics to racial and social justice. Bill strengthened the future of Unitarian Universalism by mentoring Unitarian Universalist seminarians: Sage Olnick, Lora Powell Haney, and Karyn Marsh.

Messages of condolence may be sent to Helen to whom he was married for over 61 years. Her contact information is in Breeze. Bill was a gentle and caring person with a keen intellect, dry sense of humor, and quiet strength. He will be greatly missed. Information on a celebration of Bill's life will be forthcoming.

---Rev. Clare

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



CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING

June 13, 2021

12:00—2:00 PM

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AT TUUC

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.

2021-2022 LAY-LED SERVICE PLANNING MEETING: MONDAY, MAY 24 AT 7:30 PM

All committees and service groups within the church who would like to host a service during the 2021-2022 church year should plan to send a representative to the service planning meeting on Monday, May 24, immediately after vespers.

Current service topics under consideration include the General Assembly, the Service Committee/Guest at Your Table, and guest ministers representing diverse perspectives such as ministers of color, transgendered ministers, and possible representatives of the Piscataway-Conoy nation.

There are also the regularly requested services hosted by YRE, the Social Action, Green Sanctuary, Music Committees, and UU-UNO.

This year, the Soul Matters team has chosen more actively-phrased themes to bring a sense of urgency and activity to worship services.

The themes for 2021-2022 are as follows:

September: Embracing Possibility
October: Cultivating Relationship
November: Holding History
December: Opening to Joy
January: Living with Intention

February: Widening the Circle
March: Renewing Faith
April: Awakening
May: Nurturing Beauty
June: Celebrating Blessings

Here are the meeting details:

Zoom Meeting ID: 913 6974 1549 Passcode: 221310

If you have any other questions, feel free to contact me via Breeze. Hope to see you there!

Dominique , Lay Worship Committee Chair

WRITING AS A SPIRITUAL PRACTICE—NEXT MEETING MOVED TO FRIDAY, JUNE 4 AT 1PM

With regret, the final virtual session of Writing As A Spiritual Practice has been moved from Friday, May 21 to Friday, June 4 at 1 PM. ----Rev. Clare

NOMINATING COMMITTEE IS SEEKING TUUC FINANCE HEAD

The nominating committee is seeking a volunteer from the church to fill the position of Financial Head. Please click [here](#) for the job description.

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](#) (*Ignore the part that delivery is made directly to ACTC.*) You will be asked to purchase the items, the delivery time and date will be arranged by email, and **delivery will be to the Trinity Episcopal Church (120 Allegheny Ave.)** 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.

TUUC BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2

7:30 PM



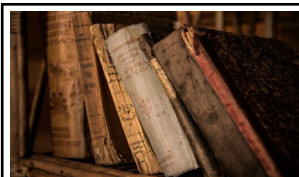
CABIN FEVER

"MLK/FBI" (2020)

SATURDAY, MAY 22: 3PM



*Writing as a
Spiritual Practice*
A VIRTUAL DROP-IN GROUP
FRIDAY, JUNE 4 AT 1:00PM



*Writing Your Spiritual
Autobiography*
Friday, May 28
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.

22 May	Saturday	Cabin Fever: MLK/FBI	3:00 PM
23 May	Sunday	Family Meetings/Classes	9:00 AM
23 May	Sunday	Sunday Service and Coffee Hour	10:30 AM
23 May	Sunday	YRE Program—OWL	3:30 PM
24 May	Monday	Vespers	7:00 PM
25 May	Tuesday	Coffee with the Minister	12:00 PM
25 May	Tuesday	Aging Together	1:00 PM
25 May	Tuesday	Soul Matters	7:30 PM
27 May	Thursday	Virtual Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM
27 May	Thursday	Men's Group Meeting	7:30 PM
28 May	Friday	Spiritual Autobiography	2:00 PM
29 May	Saturday	Cabin Fever—Love and Mercy	4:00 PM
29 May	Saturday	Singles Fellowship Group	6:00 PM
30 May	Sunday	Sunday Service and Coffee Hour	10:30 AM
30 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 Church Sick

ZOOM SUNDAY SERVICE ATTENDANCE REPORT

(Does not reflect actual number of people watching)

Date	Time	Adults/Children
05/16/2021	10:30 AM	57