



## What does it mean to be a people of story?

**SUNDAY, MAY 30, 2021 - 10:30 AM**

**REV. CLARE L. PETERSBERGER: *IMAGINING PEACE***

The Irish theologian and community leader Pádraig Ó Tuama observes that we live in both the shadow and the shelter of each other. We tell stories of shelter or shadow about others. On this Memorial Day, when we honor those who died fighting for peace, we will think about our understanding of peace and what stories we would need to hear and be able to tell in order to realize it.

### YOUTH RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

Youth Religious Exploration classes are on hiatus until the start of the next church year. Please submit the RE Registration form <https://www.towsonuuc.org/yre-form> if you would like to be on our mailing list to receive updates over the summer of possible outdoor get togethers. If you are interested in assisting with faith development of our children and teens in any way, including teaching or being a sub, please contact Joyce Duncan at [tuucdre@towsonuuc.org](mailto:tuucdre@towsonuuc.org).

If you have any gift you would like to share with the next generation of Unitarian Universalists, we would love to hear from you!

### SUNDAY, MAY 30 SERVICE INFORMATION

For Sunday, May 30, 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

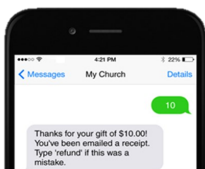
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### SPECIAL MUSIC SUNDAY (JUNE 6) IS COMING SOON!

Sunday, June 6th will be a service very full of music! Many TUUC musicians will be participating, both by video and live on Zoom. Join us for this special exploration of "the dark side--" tricksters, jokers, and shadow--through music and words.

#### AMAZON SMILE QUARTERLY DONATION: \$117.67

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## PASSING THE PLATE

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

# CALL TO THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AND LISTENING SESSIONS

The Annual Congregational Meeting of the Towson Unitarian Universalist Church will be held on **Sunday, June 13, 2020, at 12 noon** via Zoom. There are three items requiring a congregational vote:



- The election of officers
- Approval of the operating budget for fiscal year 2021 – 2022
- Resolution for the ordination of Karyn Marsh

All are encouraged to attend; however, only members can vote. Members are requested to sign into the Zoom meeting waiting room at 11:45 AM.

The Zoom information for the meeting is:

<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/93239208852?pwd=alRsSWMrVmdTQzFoQUQ4YzZWTHTtZz09>

Meeting ID: 932 3920 8852

Passcode: 349633

Or join by phone by dialing any of these numbers:

301-715-8592 or 312-626-6799 or 646-558-8656 or

Meeting ID: 932 3920 8852

Passcode: 349633

In addition, the Board is hosting two listening sessions to review the information and seek input and feedback:

**Sunday, May 30 at 12 noon on Zoom**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87913058814?pwd=WEx4T1h6UFpYcHlvWjRWUDF5bUI4UT09>

Meeting ID: 879 1305 8814 Passcode: 005603

**Thursday, June 3 at 7 PM on Zoom**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88243539862?pwd=aWZRTmlxMHRMwQ3ExYVdwdWw4Ym9Wdz09>

Meeting ID: 882 4353 9862 Passcode: 646460

Please join us!

Thank you,

*Sue Royer*

*President, Board of Trustees*

### MOVING FORWARD WITH THE EIGHTH PRINCIPLE

On March 17, 2021 the TUUC board of trustees voted unanimously to ask this congregation to adopt the proposed Eighth Principle of Unitarian Universalism, in which UU congregations covenant to journey toward spiritual wholeness by working in beloved community to accountably dismantle individual and institutional racism and other oppressions:



“We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote: journeying toward spiritual wholeness by working to build a diverse multicultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions.”

The consideration of the Eighth Principle now passes to the TUUC congregation, which may vote to adopt the Principle at a future congregational meeting. The Principle’s covenant will not be served by the application of a rubber stamp; our church is capable of deep discussion and discernment in which we’ll see whether we wish to make individual and institutional commitments to the work of conscience which the Principle demands. Other churches which have adopted the Principle have done so through a process of understanding and commitment. The Unitarian Universalist Church of Silver Spring committed at its last congregational meeting to spend a year in “deep study and mindful reflection about what adopting the 8th Principle means for our Congregation... with the goal to bring the 8th Principle to a Congregational Vote in 2021.” The resolution which the Silver Spring church will consider at its next congregational meeting acknowledges “that there is no set roadmap in this work; rather it is incumbent on us to continually, mindfully, and lovingly forge our own path while holding ourselves accountable to the common good.”

The UUA as a whole will consider the Eighth Principle starting with the work of a Principles and Purposes study commission established under Article II (Principles and Purposes) of the UUA Bylaws. The work of the commission, which was established in 2017, is a multi-year process which may result in the adoption of an 8<sup>th</sup> principle by the denomination as a whole. A conversation between commissioners Satya Mamdani and Paula Cole Jones, founder of A Dialogue on Race and Ethnicity and one of the authors of the Principle’s text, may be seen at <https://www.uua.org/uuagovernance/committees/article-ii-study-commission/blog/conversation-eight-principle-project>.

Paula Cole Jones notes that antiracism is sacred work. As TUUC works to consider adoption of the Eight Principle, we are part of a movement to create at the level of individual congregations a grassroots foundation for our denomination to make generational change in its guiding principles. We are deepening the understanding and strengthening the ties which build our own Beloved Community.

*---Wendell Finner, for the Board of Trustees*

## 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**

## TUUC ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **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.

### **A HISTORIC OPPORTUNITY TO ORDAIN**

In our Unitarian Universalist faith tradition, the only body that has the authority to ordain a minister is the congregation. The Reverend Joanna Crawford calls the congregation's decision to ordain "a theological statement." She writes, "They draw out from their midst an individual, acknowledge the calling in their life, and recognize the education, training, and fellowshiping that has been a part of their preparation. And then they set the individual apart, giving them special authority for ministry...(Unitarian Universalists) do not require an intermediary or higher authority, such as a bishop, to acknowledge the workings of Spirit; we *are* that authority."

**I am delighted to share that Karyn Marsh has requested that the Towson Unitarian Universalist Church ordain her as a minister!!!**

Karyn has been a member of The Towson Unitarian Universalist Church for thirteen years. She served as a Lay Worship Associate; facilitated our Youth Group for two years; served as Inner Life Council Head for two years; served as Membership Chair for six years; initiated "Strengthening and Growing through Engagement" to study our mission, culture, and practices to better define our church's mission and to identify those best practices that would allow TUUC to better achieve that mission." Karyn also sang in the Choir; served on the Board of Trustees; served on our Governance Task Force; and served on the Bylaws Revision Committee that presented the congregation with an entire new set of Bylaws that were approved, virtually, in October.

By asking to be ordained by the members of TUUC, Karyn is honoring how our community shaped her calling. She graduated from Starr King School for the Ministry; completed her Clinical Pastoral Education at Johns Hopkins; and just completed her Ministerial Internship at All Souls Unitarian Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma, which has over 2,000 members! The Ministerial Fellowship Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Association has granted Karyn Preliminary Fellowship. Karyn will be next be a Chaplain Resident at Johns Hopkins Hospital. The TUUC Board voted, unanimously, to ask the congregation to vote to ordain Karyn Marsh during our Congregational Meeting on June 13 at noon.

Please plan on being present for this vote to transform Karyn and give her the right to put "The Reverend" in front of her name. This vote reminds us, as a congregation, of our place in the living tradition of Unitarian Universalism. If the congregation votes to ordain Karyn, (and I trust that we will!) then we are planning for Karyn's ordination to take place at TUUC in the fall. If you have any questions about ordinations, or this process, please ask me. It is a deep honor to be asked, as a congregation, to perform this ancient rite of passage.

---Rev. Clare

## 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



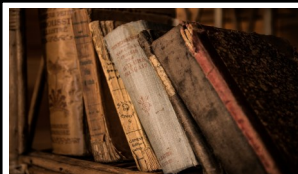
### CABIN FEVER

"LOVE & MERCY" (2014)

SATURDAY, MAY 29: 4PM



*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



## TUUC COMMUNITY PARTNER—MENTORING MALE TEENS IN THE HOOD

This is a thank you letter from our Community Partner, Mentoring Male Teens in the Hood. On Social Action Sunday, March 21, we collected a **record** \$1842 for this group!



Cameron E. Miles, Director

**Mailing Address:**

P. O. Box 6756  
Columbia, Maryland 21045

**Meeting Address:**

New Shiloh Family Life Center (NSFLC)  
2100 North Monroe Street  
2nd Floor, Room 3  
Baltimore, Maryland 21217

May 15, 2021

Rev. Clare Petersberger  
Towson Unitarian Universalist Church  
1710 Dulaney Valley Road  
Lutherville, Maryland 21093-5903

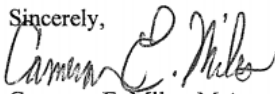
Dear Rev. Petersberger:

Hello. I hope that you, your family, and all of the members of TUUC are doing well. I just wanted to say "Thank You" regarding the donation that we recently received from you and your congregation. The donation will be used for Transportation, Food, and supplies for the upcoming STEM camp which takes place from July 12<sup>th</sup> thru August 20<sup>th</sup>. Please know how grateful we are for the donation. Our next meeting will be May 15<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:30 am and you are welcome to stop by if your schedule allows you to. This is a significant donation and I hope that you and your congregants know how much we appreciate it.

Our meetings are held on the first and third Saturday of each month 9:30 until 1:30 pm. We are now doing tutoring the first Saturday of each month. We are also tutoring on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evening from 5:30 pm until 8 pm. As of now, this takes place online through Google classrooms. We have started our 25<sup>th</sup> year.

During the third Saturday of each month, we bring in role models from different occupations so that our Kings can start thinking about what they want to do with their lives. Since we are dealing with the Corona Virus, each King will have to do a report regarding how the pandemic makes them feel. We are now doing Zoom meetings the first Saturday, cultural enrichment trips, and many other activities. In February, we visited a small business on North Ave. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the number listed. We continue to Invest in Boys and Build strong Men.

Sincerely,

  
Cameron E. Miles, M.A.  
Director & Founder

*P.S. Thank you again!*

# 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.

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	Listening Session with the Board	12:00 PM
1 June	Tuesday	Men's Reflection Group	7:30 PM
1 June	Tuesday	Women's Group Meeting	7:30 PM
2 June	Wednesday	TUUC Book Club	7:30 PM
3 June	Thursday	Listening Session with the Board	7:00 PM
3 June	Thursday	Virtual Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM
4 June	Friday	Writing as a Spiritual Practice	1:00 PM
6 June	Sunday	Sunday Service and Coffee Hour	10:30 AM
6 June	Sunday	Cabin Fever—Crips and Bloods: Made in America	4:00 PM
8 June	Tuesday	Aging Together	1:00 PM
8 June	Tuesday	Soul Matters	7:30 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](mailto: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
05/23/2021	10:30 AM	61