



What does it mean to be a people of play?

SUNDAY, JUNE 6, 2021 - 10:30 AM

TRACY HALL, THE TUUC CHOIR, TONY BONTA, SPICE KLEINMANN, AND OTHERS: *SPECIAL MUSIC SUNDAY—PLAYING IN THE DARK: TRICKSTERS, JOKESTERS, AND SHADOWS*

This month we explore what it means to be a people of “play.” We move right past the obvious forms of play this first week, and into the subtlety of the darker side of playfulness. We visit all sorts of mischievous characters and concepts from mythology, psychology, and spirituality through music (both pre-recorded and live) and words. If you have a simple cape or a cloak of some sort, bring it with you to your Zoom device for this service.



SUNDAY, JUNE 6 SERVICE INFORMATION

For Sunday, June 6, 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: 975 4834 1037

Passcode: 195197




CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING

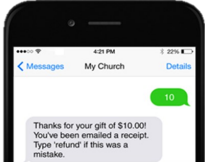
June 13, 2021

12:00—2:00 PM

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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 8th 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

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AT TUUC

JUNE ETHNIC LUNCH AT THE AMBASSADOR DINING ROOM—

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16 AT 12:30 PM

Hello Ethnic Lunchers! Our last lunch before our summer break is Wednesday, June 16 at 12:30 pm. We are going to the elegant Ambassador Dining Room for an Indian meal.

<https://ambassadorindining.com/>

The Ambassador Dining Room is located at 3811 Canterbury Road in Baltimore, 410-366-1484.

All are welcome, but please respond by Friday, June 11 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 JUNE 12 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.



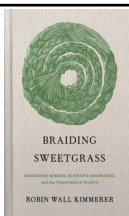
SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING—SUNDAY, JUNE 20 AT NOON

The Social Action Committee will meet on Sunday, June 20, instead of the usual 2nd Sunday of the month, because of the Congregational meeting on 6/13. We will meet after the Service & Coffee time, at noon. All are welcome. Members of the committee, as well as others on the mailing list, will receive an Agenda.

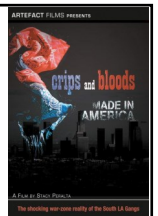
TUUC BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7

7:30 PM



CABIN FEVER
"CRIPS AND BLOODS: MADE IN AMERICA" (2014)
SUNDAY, JUNE 6: 4PM



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=aWZRTmlxMHMwQ3ExYVdwdWw4Ym9Wdz09>

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Please join us!

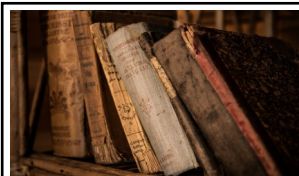
Thank you,

Sue Royer

President, Board of Trustees



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



*Writing Your Spiritual
Autobiography*
Friday, June 11
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

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

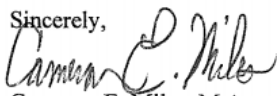
Dear Rev. Petersberger:

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 12th thru August 20th. Please know how grateful we are for the donation. Our next meeting will be May 15th 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 25th 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.

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
10 June	Thursday	Our Messy Lives	3:00 PM
10 June	Thursday	Virtual Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM
10 June	Thursday	Men's Group Meeting	7:30 PM
11 June	Friday	Spiritual Autobiography	2:00 PM
12 June	Saturday	Cabin Fever—The History of Future Folk	4:00 PM
12 June	Saturday	Singles Fellowship Group	6:00 PM
13 June	Sunday	Sunday Service and Coffee Hour	10:30 AM
13 June	Sunday	Annual Congregation Meeting	12:00 PM
13 June	Sunday	YRE Program—OWL	3:30 PM
15 June	Tuesday	Men's Reflection Group	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.

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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
05/30/2021	10:30 AM	69