



**SUNDAY, JULY 11, 2021 - 10:30 AM**

**STEPHEN FINNER: JOY IN BECOMING**

The theme for our summer services is "play", and linked to play is "joy". Where have you found your joy? We shall hear from a few of our members who will talk about finding joy in faith, joy in being a UU, joy in being a member of TUUC. Of course, there shall be some unusual and special music, both live and recorded.

**SUNDAY, JULY 11 SERVICE INFORMATION**

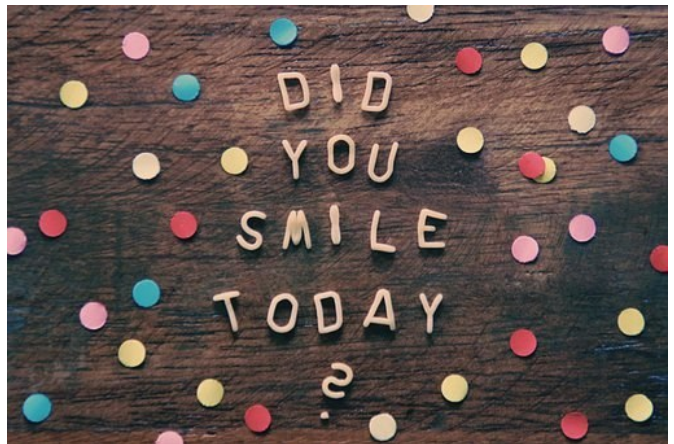
For Sunday, July 11, please join us at 10:15 AM to be admitted prior to the service starting at 10:30. We will have break-out rooms for coffee and conversation following the service.


Join Zoom Meeting

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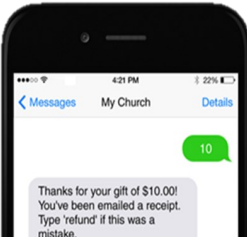
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## SUMMER MUSINGS—BY SUE ROYER, BOARD PRESIDENT

This summer, our worship services are on the theme of being a people of play. One of the things that kept me going during lockdown was playing Settlers of Catan online with family members in three other locations. We had become fans of the game previously, and were used to playing face-to-face when together on vacation or at holidays. During the stay-at-home times, we would play almost weekly, getting on a group phone call and all joining the same game. We learned that the rules enforced online were slightly different than the rules we were used to.



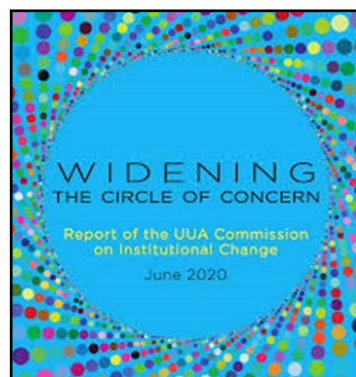
When we could resume playing in person on an actual board, I found myself trying to remember the rule differences... are we placing an initial settlement and a city? And acquiring resources just for the city? When I was growing up and playing Monopoly, we didn't have money on Free Parking. When we first played with my brother-in-law, he did have money on Free Parking. We had all assumed that our way of playing was the right way; we hadn't considered that anyone would play with different rules.

Now I wonder, is it okay to enjoy playing these board games? Are they reinforcing colonialism or capitalism? At the Unitarian Universalist General Assembly last month, there were many workshops on becoming more multicultural, and on identifying white supremacy culture in ourselves and our institutions, so that we can become anti-racists, and so that we can bring the life-saving theology of Unitarian Universalism to a wider audience. We participated in worship services (remotely) where Black, Indigenous, Latinx, AAPI, and queer UU religious professionals expressed lament and expressed joy. In the Beloved Conversations workshop, each of us was called to truth and love. The work can be joyful – play, singing, dance. It may be counter-cultural to begin with joy. We are encouraged to refuse to let the dominant white culture define our capacity for joy, laughing, dancing.

In the coming year, our church will discuss and discern the findings from Widening the Circle of Concern and the proposed 8<sup>th</sup> Principle:

*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.*

Can we learn to understand and identify the difference between our culture and our theology? Are we ready to change to become more multi-cultural? Do we recognize practices of white-normed culture such as perfectionism, false sense of urgency, assuming a right to comfort, and individualism? These and more will be some of the questions we'll consider.



## UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS AT TUUC

### **GOODBYE GATHERING FOR ROBIN SINN—JULY 17 FROM 4 TO 6 PM**

#### **TUUC UNDER THE BALCONY**

In May of 2006, Robin Sinn, her husband Thom, and daughter Naomi first began attending TUUC. In the past fifteen years, Robin served as the YRE Council Head on the Operations Team; Chaired our Adult Religious Education Committee; for many years facilitated and then organized Chalice Circle small group ministry groups; served on the Mission Task Force that created our current mission statement; Chaired the Committee on Ministries; and most recently served as Chair of the TUUC Memorial Garden as well as serving on the TUUC virtual worship tech team (including running AV!) Throughout the years, Robin has been an active and dedicated participant in TUUC work parties!

Speaking of a party----we are going to have one for Robin before she and Thom move west! Robin will be Director of Collections and Open Strategies and Iowa State University Library. We are happy for this exciting new job opportunity! We are glad that Robin will be closer to her sister and to her daughter, Naomi and her fiancé, Tom. We are grateful to Robin for her years of dedicated service to TUUC! We are going to miss her thoughtfulness, empathy, leadership, and just plain hard work! We are going to miss Robin's wide smile.

That we might have a good goodbye with Robin, you are invited to stop by TUUC between 4 and 6 on July 17<sup>th</sup>. We plan to gather under the balcony. Cold beverages will be available. While Robin and Thom have enough to pack and move, messages of appreciation and good wishes will be most welcome!

If you have any questions, please contact Samantha Saalfield or Nick Troxel (in Breeze).  
---Rev. Clare

### **SINGLES FELLOWSHIP GROUP POTLUCK—SATURDAY, JULY 17 AT 6:00 PM**

Join us for good food and conversation at one of our homes. We offer an atmosphere for fellowship and friendship among TUUC single adults. We range in age from the 60's to 90'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.

### **UPDATE ON HOUSE AND GROUNDS—DANDER REMEDIATION PROJECT**

Those who attended a recent listening session or the annual congregational meeting have heard about our dander issue and dander remediation project. Due to allergic reactions experienced by staff and guests prior to the church closing, we hired a firm to conduct environmental testing on the indoor air and carpets. Significant dander was found in the office areas on the main and lower levels. The Administrative Team has researched and requested quotes from contractors to address this issue. The Board has approved spending up to \$25,000 on the project. The work includes:

- Boxing up books, files, and music from the offices (staff and volunteers)
- Moving the boxes and furniture out of the offices (contractor)
- Removing existing carpet (contractor)

- Deep cleaning – HEPA vacuuming, cleaning the floor and the walls, hot thermal fog, with containment area set up (contractor)
- Painting and new flooring – vinyl plank (contractor)
- Moving the boxes and furniture back into the offices (contractor)
- Duct work cleaning – entire building (contractor)
- Moving books, files, and music back into the offices (staff and volunteers)
- Air flow analysis of the entire building (HVAC contractor)

The scope of work is the offices – main office, Rev. Clare’s office, and the shared office on the lower level. The only work that involves the entire building is the duct cleaning and air flow analysis. In accordance with our governance policy, we have obtained at least two quotes for any single expenditure \$3500 or greater. The work has started and we anticipate completion over the summer.

## **THE TUUC SIGN**

During the wee hours of June 12, a driver lost control of his vehicle on Dulaney Valley Road and ran through the light post and the TUUC sign. We have filed an insurance claim and are in the process of replacing the sign. However, for the time being, the entrance to church and Dulaney Valley Road at our entrance has no lighting, which creates additional safety hazards. After we meet the deductible, we expect the insurance to cover the cost of replacing the sign with the same size sign.

## **OUR BUILDING FUND—AN INVITATION TO CONTRIBUTE**

As part of our governance policy, the Board of Trustees has established a Building Fund. This fund is for capital projects that are approved by the Board. We invite you to contribute to the Building Fund to help cover the costs of the dander remediation project and any future projects that the Board approves. To give, you may write a check to TUUC and indicate Building Fund in the memo line, or contribute through Breeze, by selecting Give Now and write Building Fund in the comments. You may also donate stock and inform the church office that your gift is directed to the Building Fund.

## **REVERENT CLARE OFF-DUTY FOR JULY**

Reverend Clare will be off duty for the month of July. In addition, in August, she will be on study leave. Being a solo minister, and especially in the time of a pandemic, can seem like a 24 by 7 job. The Board of Trustees has strongly encouraged Rev. Clare to disconnect from TUUC and pastoral duties for July and August, so that she can rest and recharge. Our Lay Worship Associates have planned services for the summer on the theme of being a people of Play; we look forward to seeing you on Zoom.

Church business continues in Rev. Clare’s absence, and emergency pastoral care is available. Please contact [churchoffice@towsonuuc.org](mailto:churchoffice@towsonuuc.org). We will relay your request to a lay pastoral associate or a back-up minister.

## SOCIAL ACTION

### DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS PARTNER WE SUPPORT?

This month, we highlight the TUUC Social Action Community Partner Our Daily Bread (ODB). Since June 1, 1981, they have never missed a day of lunch service to those experiencing hunger in Baltimore, in spite of blizzards, hurricanes or any other occurrence. Our Daily Bread is Maryland's largest hot meal program, serving more than a quarter of a million meals to those experiencing hunger in Baltimore City each year.

TUUC has pledged to provide at least 50 casseroles to ODB each month which has 5 Saturdays (usually 4 times per year). July is one of those months. Contributions by individuals and churches serve 600-800 lunch guests each day!

During Covid, we are contributing funds only (\$10 per casserole), not actual cooked casseroles.

To learn more about the program, see <https://www.catholiccharities-md.org/services/our-daily-bread-hot-meal-program/>

So, please contribute to Our Daily Bread (ODB) by one of these methods:

1. Text - Send a text to 410-834-0700:

amount + ODB, for example: text "50 ODB" to give \$50

2. Send a check to TUUC (1710 Dulaney Valley Rd. Lutherville MD 21093) and specify "ODB" on the memo line.

Thank you for your generosity!

### ASSISTANCE CENTER OF TOWSON CHURCHES (ACTC) FOOD DONATIONS

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.)

### SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING—SUNDAY, JULY 11 AT 12 PM

The Social Action Committee will meet on Sunday, July 11 at noon, after the Service and Coffee Hour. All are welcome. Members of the committee as well as others on the mailing list will receive an agenda.

### TUUC BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4

7:30 PM



### CABIN FEVER

"13TH" (2016)

SATURDAY, JULY 10: 4PM





# 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.

10 July	Saturday	Cabin Fever—13th	4:00 PM
11 July	Sunday	Sunday Service and Coffee Hour	10:30 AM
11 July	Sunday	Social Action Committee Meeting	12:00 PM
13 July	Tuesday	Aging Together	9:00 AM
17 July	Saturday	Third Saturday Work Party	9:00 AM
17 July	Saturday	Goodbye Party for Robin Sinn	4:00 PM
17 July	Saturday	Cabin Fever—Summer of Soul	4:00 PM
18 July	Sunday	Sunday Service and Coffee Hour	10:30 AM
19 July	Monday	Socrates Café	7:30 PM
20 July	Tuesday	Women's Group Meeting	7:30 PM
20 July	Tuesday	Men's Reflection Group	7:30 PM
22 July	Thursday	Men's Group Meeting	7:30 PM
25 July	Sunday	Sunday Service and Coffee Hour	10:30 AM
1 Aug	Sunday	Sunday Service and Coffee Hour	10:30 AM



## TECHNICAL USHERS NEEDED

We continue to recruit 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).

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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
07/04/2021	10:30 AM	47