

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 2021 - 10:30 AM

ANDREW HAGER, TONY BONTA: *OH MAN, DID WE HAVE FUN!*

In TUUC's annual poetry service, members and friends share poetry they've written or that speaks to them as we explore the summer theme of Play. Tony Bonta and a group of skilled musicians will bring the funk as our musical accompaniment.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22 SERVICE INFORMATION

For Sunday, August 22, 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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84540657363?pwd=RUIlMkxydXZqTzhlcCtRVEF3MFVMUT09>

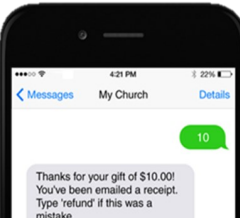
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FOR VIRTUAL BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS ON AUGUST 29

During the summer we have been reflecting on what it means to be a people of play. We conclude our summer worship series by celebrating what our pets teach us about play. Tom Hayden wrote how dogs, "motivate us to play, be affectionate, seek adventure and be loyal." When has a pet motivated you to play, be affectionate, seek adventure and be loyal? For our virtual annual "Blessing of the Animals" worship service on August 29, you are invited to send a photo of your pet(s) and a few words about what this family member has taught you about play. Or you may choose to send photo of a pet you remember fondly and what you learned from them about play. Please email your photos and descriptions to: andrew.hager@gmail.com by August 24th.

---Rev. Clare and Andrew Hager



PASSING THE PLATE

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

FROM THE TUUC A-TEAM

NEWS FROM THE A-TEAM: THE OPENING OF TUUC HAS BEEN POSTPONED

The TUUC Administrative Team met on August 5 and, after looking at the metrics and projected metrics for Covid in our community, decided to postpone homecoming scheduled for September 12 and to delay re-opening the building in September.

We made this decision based on the ever-growing numbers of Delta variant cases in Maryland and evidence that the Delta variant is more contagious, capable of infecting vaccinated individuals, and dangerous for younger people. We need to better understand the risks of this variant before returning to our building. Also, children under the age of 12 have yet to be vaccinated. Our number one priority is safety. To this end, we are using a formula for re-opening that is being used by many UU congregations that takes into consideration case counts, transmission rates, test positivity rates, number of people hospitalized with Covid, etc. The A-Team will continue to monitor these numbers to evaluate when we might safely reopen. We hope this set-back is temporary.

This decision was not easy. Based on the metrics in June, we were looking forward to regathering for a big homecoming celebration to see one another; to launch Sunday School classes, to appreciate the remediation work in the building that has been accomplished this summer; to express gratitude for the work on the grounds that has been done during three "Homecoming" work parties; to appreciate the freshly installed nameplates on the new chairs in the Meeting Room (see photos in newsletter); and to celebrate the lives of Al Peabody and Joan Kolobielski. So many people have contributed time this summer to preparing for our return to the building and we extend our heartfelt thanks!

We realize that this delay to returning to gathering in the building is disappointing. You are invited to gather on Zoom at 7:30 p.m. either August 24 or 31 at the following URL:

<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/91464236242?pwd=NHpQNE9HaFpKQ0c2ZDlIQWozNVdMUT09>

to express your feelings and to brainstorm ideas for ways to stay connected as a community until the metrics indicate that we can plan to safely re-open the building.

We have promised that what defines our congregation is not a building but being in right relationship: "Love is the doctrine of our church, the quest of truth is its sacrament and service is its prayer." Thank you for embodying this covenant with your compassion, inspiration, resilience, and engagement.

In the midst of uncertainty, it is good to remember what does not change. No matter how the Covid metrics rise and fall, we care for and need one another in this beloved community.

*---Rev. Clare on behalf of other A-Team members
Kai Aiyetoro, Dan Alper, and Clare Flynn-Avallone*

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS AT TUUC

SINGLES FELLOWSHIP GROUP AUGUST POTLUCK—SATURDAY, AUGUST 21 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.

GREEN SANCTUARY PLANNING MEETING—SUNDAY, AUGUST 29 FROM 12—1:30 PM

Green Sanctuary Committee Planning Meeting will be held on Sunday August 29th from 12 - 1:30 PM via Zoom. All are welcome to join us. Contact Carel Hedlund (info in Breeze) with any questions.

NEXT TUUC BLOOD DRIVE—TUESDAY, AUGUST 31 FROM 10:30 AM—4:00 PM

Working with the American Red Cross, we've scheduled Tuesday, August 31, 2021 for the next TUUC Blood Drive. There is a critical need for blood right now but we are also in a different time with COVID-19 disease prevention. We at TUUC strongly encourage anyone that has ANY reservation about giving blood at this time for ANY reason to please sit this one out. We will get past this and will have more blood drives in the future for you to participate in. Please only join us on August 31 if you are healthy and have no concerns about donating. To sign up for an appointment time between 10:30am-4:00pm [please use this link](#) or email Clare Flynn-Avallone with your preferred times. Give the Gift of Life – Give Blood!

SOCIAL ACTION

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.)

TUUC BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

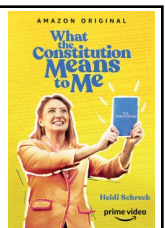
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CABIN FEVER

"WHAT THE CONSTITUTION
MEANS TO ME" (2020)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21: 4PM



AMAZON SMILE QUARTERLY DONATION: \$100.43

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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.

21 Aug	Saturday	Homecoming Work Party—Final Touches	9:00 AM
21 Aug	Saturday	Cabin Fever—What the Constitution Means to Me	4:00 PM
21 Aug	Saturday	Singles Fellowship Group	6:00 PM
22 Aug	Sunday	Sunday Service and Coffee Hour	10:30 AM
24 Aug	Tuesday	Ministry in Uncertain Times	7:30 PM
26 Aug	Thursday	Men's Group Meeting	7:30 PM
28 Aug	Saturday	Cabin Fever—Annette	4:00 PM
29 Aug	Sunday	Sunday Service and Coffee Hour	10:30 AM
29 Aug	Sunday	Green Sanctuary Planning Meeting	12:00 PM
31 Aug	Tuesday	TUUC Blood Drive—Tentative	10:30 AM
31 Aug	Tuesday	Ministry in Uncertain Times	7:30 PM
1 Sept	Wednesday	Book Club	7:30 PM
5 Sept	Sunday	Sunday Service and Coffee Hour	10:30 AM
7 Sept	Tuesday	Men's Reflection Group	7:30 PM



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.

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
8/15/2021	10:30 AM	51