



## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2021 - 10:30 AM

### REV. CLARE L. PETERSBERGER, WENDELL FINNER, NICOLE HANSON-MUNDELL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF "OUT FOR JUSTICE": *EMBRACING THE POSSIBILITY OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM*

In the summer of 2020, across the country, people showed up to advocate for criminal justice reform---particularly defunding the police and ending sustained violence against Black individuals and other people of color by law enforcement officers. Did you know that Maryland has the highest racial disparities in our prison population in the country?! 70% of prisoners in Maryland are African American. What can we do to advocate for criminal justice reform? Today we will hear from Wendell Finner, Rev. Clare, and Nicole Hanson-Mundell, Executive Director of "Out For Justice." We will also take a special collection for Out For Justice.

### YOUTH RELIGIUS EXPLORATION

This Sunday afternoon we look forward to welcoming old and new friends on TUUC grounds. Families will learn or review the history of the symbol of our liberal faith, the flaming chalice, and then have the opportunity to think about their family values and paint a chalice reflecting those values.

Those who wish can help refill planters to beautify the space where we will be meeting. We are planning plenty of time to play and reconnect safely. Due to safety restrictions, programming is now by registration only.

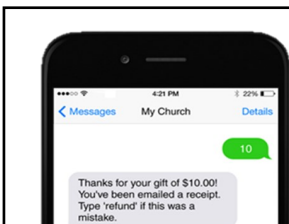
On September 26, we are meeting at Oregon Ridge park, a beautiful natural area in which we will discuss the first UU principle that we honor the importance of each individual. Contact Joyce for more details or to be added to our weekly email list.

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 SERVICE INFORMATION

For Sunday, September 19, 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: <https://uuma.zoom.us/j/91568415845?pwd=YW5CR1VpL2t6TWtUdEhiUjFhOGs0Zz09>

Meeting ID: 915 6841 5845 Passcode: 407244



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## PASSING THE PLATE

DONATE TO TUUC VIA PAYPAL, TEXT, OR BREEZE

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

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS AT TOWSON UUC

### NEWS ABOUT US

We regret to inform you of the death of Hugh and Anne Burgess within the past 15 months. Anne sang with the TUUC Choir. There will be a celebration of both their lives at the McDonogh School Chapel from 10:30-11:15 AM on October 9th. Guests need to be masked and practice social distancing. Messages of condolence for their family members may be left here: <https://rememberinganneandhugh.com> ----Rev Clare

### GREEN SANCTUARY COMMITTEE FAIR TRADE SALE—SEPTEMBER 18 FROM 11 AM TO NOON

Celebrate our new church year and support fair trade farmers with the Green Sanctuary Committee, Saturday morning September 18th from 11 AM to 12 Noon, on TUUC's front porch.

### TUUC SOCRATES CAFÉ—MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 FROM 7:30-9:00 PM

Monday evening, September 20th, from 7:30-9:00 PM, will be the 13th installment of our TUUC Socrates Cafe on Zoom. If you are not already on our e-mail list and would like to join, please send an e-mail to [socratescafe@towsonuuc.org](mailto:socratescafe@towsonuuc.org), and you will receive the Zoom Link for the 20th by email the day before. The question at hand for the 20th, to which we will apply the Socratic Method of scrutinizing and probing, will be, "*How do we manage significant differences of opinion in close relationships?*" It should be an interesting discussion...we'd enjoy hearing your diverse thoughts and ideas...hope to see you then! Namaste!

### WRITING YOUR SPIRITUAL AUTOBIOGRAPHY – FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 FROM 7:30-8:30 PM

Join us for Writing Your Spiritual Autobiography on Friday, September 24 from 7:30 to 8:30 PM. We will explore our spiritual history as we write on selected topics. The meeting is facilitated by Art Starr. Please contact Nancy Caswell at [nancycaswell@cox.net](mailto:nancycaswell@cox.net) for the Zoom meeting information.

### OUR JOURNEY TOGETHER—SESSIONS ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 10, 17, AND 31

Are you new to TUUC or wanting to deepen your involvement? Join us for a small group experience this fall on Zoom!

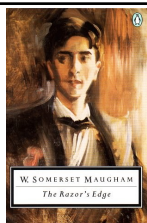
Inspired by the classic UU slogan, "[deeds not creeds](#)," we present Unitarian Universalism as a particular way of journeying through the world, rather than as a set of beliefs.

You might not be so much looking for an organization to join as you are searching for companions to walk with. If you are wondering if Towson Unitarian can provide you with tools and partners for your spiritual journey, come find out.

### TUUC BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6

7:30 PM



### CABIN FEVER

I AM DIVINE (2013)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18: 4PM



Join us for a four-part program during which we will explore the experiences of

- Becoming, by listening to our deepest self
- Belonging, by loving our neighbors,
- Engaging, by serving needs greater than our own, and
- Being, by opening up to life's gifts.

Our four sessions will be held on Zoom October 3, 10, and 17 from 7:15 - 8:45 p.m. and October 31 from 3 - 4:30 PM. Sign up by sending an email to [membership@towsonuuc.org](mailto:membership@towsonuuc.org).

### **SOUL MATTERS SHARING CIRCLES—9/28, 10/26, 11/9, 11/23, 12/14, 12/28, 1/11, 1/25**

Soul Matters Sharing Circles will begin meeting, virtually, on September 28. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month for a little over an hour to explore the spiritual theme of the month in more depth. Rather than simply read what theologians have to say about a topic or all discuss a list of questions on the topic, participants have the opportunity to engage a spiritual practice that speaks to them and reflect on a question that leads them to a deeper insight. Each participant receives a monthly packet with at least four exercises, a list of possible questions, and several pages of resources. We ask that participants commit to meeting twice a month for a semester (through the fourth Tuesday of January.) If you are interested in being part of a virtual Soul Matters Sharing Circle, or have questions about the program, please e-mail [revclare@towsonuuc.org](mailto:revclare@towsonuuc.org). ----Rev Clare

### **ORDINATION OF KARYN BERGMANN MARSH**

In June, The Towson Unitarian Universalist Church voted to ordain Karyn Marsh as a minister. We have set a time and date! Please mark your calendars for 2 p.m. on Saturday, November 6. While we do not yet know whether this great occasion will be held virtually or on site, we do know it will be a grand celebration! The congregation participates in the actual act of ordination so we need you to attend! Our current budget for the ordination includes flying in a guest preacher; special music; flowers; a reception; a dinner for Karyn's family and honored guests; and a gift from the congregation for Karyn.

However, the ordination was not part of this year's operating budget approved by the congregation. So, if you would like to make a designated financial gift for the ordination of Karyn Marsh, you may do so here: <https://tuucdatabase.breezechms.com/give/online>

Enter amount; designate for "Restricted Fund;" and write Karyn's name in comments section after entering your information.

You may also donate by text to **410-834-0700**

{Amount} Ordination - example (\$50 Ordination).

If you choose to snail mail a check, please write "Ordination Karyn Marsh" in the memo line.

Thank you for your generosity! And please know that any funds not needed for the ordination will be designated for the TUUC Building Fund. Whether we ordain Karyn in the TUUC building or in virtual space, this will be a truly uplifting and memorable event in the life of our congregation! Again, mark your calendars, now, and plan to participate! ----Rev Clare

## SOCIAL ACTION

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

On Sunday, September 19, the entire collection plate will go to one of our Social Action Community Partners, Out For Justice, Inc. Out For Justice, Inc. (OFJ) is a nonprofit, grassroots, organization dedicated to supporting and advocating for ex-offenders in Maryland. It is comprised of individuals who are both directly and indirectly impacted by the criminal justice system, advocating for the reform of policies and practices that adversely affect successful reintegration into society. For instance, people who have been accused of a crime, but have not yet been adjudged, should not have to be jailed (and so unable to care for their children or possibly lose their jobs) just because they cannot afford a small bail. Once a person has paid their debt to society, they should be able to re-enter society (get a job, rent an apartment, etc.) and not forever be judged by the worst day of their lives.

Since COVID, Out For Justice has:

- Collaborated with partners to create and implement a reentry housing plan to be used in conjunction with the DMV Black Mama's Bail Out initiative.
- Collected monetary donations that have funded mutual aid items, rent support, bail, and home detention fees.
- Facilitated the bailout/ home detention release/ housing placement of more than 50 people thus far.
- Issued a statement to Gov. Larry Hogan concerning the expedited release of incarcerated citizens, with a special emphasis on releasing those individuals on detention who are already in work release/pre-release status, in spite of their crime.
- Created a space for incarcerated individuals and their community to voice their opinions and concerns regarding incarceration during this pandemic on the Stories Behind the Walls Livestream.
- Completed a radio ad educating the formerly and currently incarcerated on their right to vote.
- Created three TV commercials informing Baltimore residents of their voting rights (to be aired on Fox 45 station) that include OFJ members and partners.

To donate you may A: donate as you normally do, to the plate or to "SAC" on Sunday, September 19, B: write a check to TUUC and specify "OFJ" or "SAC" on the memo line, or C: donate directly to Out for Justice, at [www.Out4Justice.org](http://www.Out4Justice.org). 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.)

#### AMAZON SMILE QUARTERLY DONATION: \$100.43

Thank you for choosing Towson UUC as your preferred charity with [Amazon Smile!](#) Every time you use the site with TUUC listed as your preferred charity, Amazon donates a small amount (0.5%) from your purchase to our church.



# 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.

18 Sept	Saturday	Third Saturday Work Party	9:00 AM
18 Sept	Saturday	GSC Fair Trade Sale	11:00 AM
18 Sept	Saturday	Celebration of Life—Al Peabody	2:00 PM
18 Sept	Saturday	Cabin Fever—I am Divine	4:00 PM
19 Sept	Sunday	Sunday Service and Coffee Hour	10:30 AM
20 Sept	Monday	Auction Kick-Off Meeting	7:30 PM
20 Sept	Monday	Socrates Cafe	7:30 PM
21 Sept	Tuesday	Virtual Lunch with the Minister	12:00 PM
21 Sept	Tuesday	Men's Reflection Group	7:30 PM
21 Sept	Tuesday	Women's Group Meeting	7:30 PM
23 Sept	Thursday	Virtual Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM
23 Sept	Thursday	Men's Group Meeting	7:30 PM
24 Sept	Friday	Writing as a Spiritual Practice	1:00 PM
24 Sept	Friday	Spiritual Autobiography	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](mailto:churchoffice@towsonuuc.org).

**Don't Work Sick**  
**Don't School Sick**  
**Don't Church Sick**

## TUUC SERVICE ATTENDANCE REPORT

(Does not reflect actual number of people in attendance and/or watching)

Date	Time	Adults/Children
09/11/2021	10:00 AM	36 (in person)
09/12/2021	10:30 AM	61 (Zoom)