



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2021 - 10:30 AM

REV CLARE L. PETERSBERGER: *CULTIVATING OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH FAITH*

In October 1959, two words separated the Unitarians and the Universalists from consolidating into one denomination. Today we explore those two words and our own relationship to them. What does it mean to cultivate a relationship with faith, in general, and with our Unitarian Universalist faith in particular? Today we will recognize a paragon of doing both. Steve Finner will soon be moving back to Vermont which is the "home of his soul." We want to thank Steve for all of his labors of love on behalf of TUUC and give him a good goodbye.

YOUTH RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

We have enjoyed lovely weather so far for our outdoor family gatherings. Last Sunday families gathered in a grassy area of Oregon Ridge park to talk about the first UU Principle. After lighting a chalice, we played some circle games and then took off to enjoy the Native American garden, the chickens and domestic fowl pens, the Marble Quarry path, ending with the playground made from natural materials. Children went home with materials to make cards to give to someone as a token of that person's importance in their lives. Please contact Joyce Duncan at tuucdre@towsonuuc.org if you would like to join us. This week we will meet outside at TUUC, at our usual time on 3 PM Sunday.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3 SERVICE INFORMATION

For Sunday, October 3, 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/99416461162?pwd=YU1teXNPM3lrTkVMMIRTOHJ2dG9uQT09>

Meeting ID: 994 1646 1162 **Passcode:** 775002

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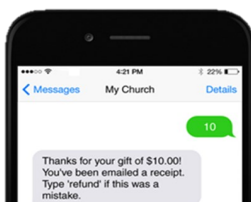
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CLARE'S COLLOQUY

“Find and take a picture of at least a handful of the ordinary objects you relied on during the pandemic.” During the first session of Soul Matters Sharing Circles, this was an exercise that many participants chose to engage.

The idea came from Artist/ethnographer Paula Zuccotti. Via social media, she invited people to photograph 15 items that they relied on during the pandemic. Explore that project and check out some of the responses here: <https://lockdownessentials.org/About-the-project> and <https://www.itsnicethat.com/news/paula-zuccotti-future-archaeology-of-a-global-lockdown-photography-280421>

The first objects I thought of were from early in the pandemic: masks, hand-sanitizer, disinfectant wipes, toilet paper, and even gloves.

Next came electronic equipment that kept us connected in a time of disconnection: computers, phones, Zoom, Google Slides.

But the deeper I got into the exercise, the more I realized that I was choosing objects that represented experiences of cultivating relationships.

The photo of our two cats represented companionship with creatures who only leave home to go to the vet. The photo of the file of recordings of family Zoom visits represented experiences of being safely with loved ones. The photo of Stephen Colbert on The Late Night represented the comedy that Don and I sought during an anxious time. The photo of the church parking lot represented walks to commune with nature and occasionally other TUUC members. And in my photo, I included the chalice Nancy Hannah gave me which had been gifted to her by Helen Smith which I have been lighting for worship and church programs. I also included a ribbon I had held up during one of our first Zoom worship services as a symbol of connection hand to hand and box to box. It's been sitting on my desk for almost 19 months as a symbol of our relationships in beloved community.

Listening to others share what objects they chose and why, it became clear that the objects were symbols of relationships with self, others, the natural world, and with what was of ultimate worth during a time of disconnection and isolation. One person included the phone number of a help line with which they connected to serve others during this time of social distancing.

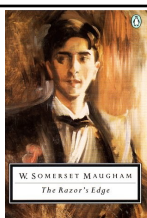
What objects would you choose for this spiritual exercise? And what do they reflect about the relationships you cultivated in the past year and a half and seek to cultivate now?

This month, in worship, we will be exploring cultivating relationships which the pandemic reminded us are vital to our well-being as human beings.

TUUC BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6

7:30 PM



CABIN FEVER

CRIMSON PEAK (2015)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3: 4PM



UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS AT TOWSON UUC

NEWS ABOUT US

Dick Scholle and Happy Brooks welcome hearing from TUUC friends. On September 8, Dick was diagnosed with ALS. He is doing well and enjoys hearing from friends. The best way to reach Dick and Happy is through e-mail, cards, or texts. Their contact information is in Breeze. ---Rev. Clare

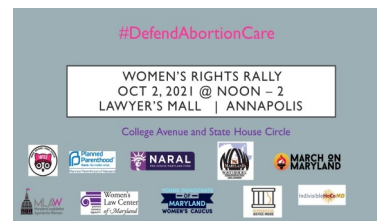
So that we may safely gather to celebrate in person, the ordination of Karyn Marsh, which had been scheduled for November 6, is being postponed until April of 2022. The current Covid numbers put into question whether family and other guests would be able to safely travel and whether we could fulfill our vision for this great occasion. We hope to have a grand celebration in person for Karyn, her family, guest clergy, and the congregation in April of 2022! ---Rev. Clare

TUUC DRUM CIRCLE TO MEET OUTDOORS—SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2 AT 4:00 PM

Join the rhythm on Saturday, Oct. 2nd outside on the TUUC grounds! We'll meet from 4:00 to 5:00 PM in the TUUC parking lot. Participants must RSVP to Tracy at music@towsonuuc.org, and must be masked during the event. Limited to 8 people. Bring a hand drum if you have one, but there will be a few available instruments.

SUPPORT FOR REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE—OCTOBER 2 FROM 12-2 PM IN ANNAPOLIS

You may be planning to attend the Women's March in DC from Freedom Plaza to in front of the Supreme Court at noon on Oct. 2nd. But if you would like to witness, here in Maryland, to your support for reproductive justice please know of this event. ---
Rev. Clare



GREEN SANCTUARY MEETING—SUNDAY OCTOBER 3 AT NOON

The monthly meeting of the Green Sanctuary Committee will be held Sunday October 3 at noon. The Zoom info is on the church calendar. All are welcome to join. If you have any questions, please contact Carel Hedlund (info in Breeze).

TUUC BAND NIGHT—TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12 AT 7:30 PM

On Tuesday, Oct. 12th at 7:30 PM, let's meet up virtually and plan some projects (popular genres like rock, folk, jazz, etc.) for TUUC worship and events! Show up and express your interests, and maybe you'll find someone new to collaborate with. We'll plan virtual projects, but also talk about small groups possibly presenting music "live" virtually. It would be helpful if you could RSVP to Tracy Hall at music@towsonuuc.org. The virtual info will be on the church calendar.

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. 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.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY VIDEOS NOW AVAILABLE TO ALL

Videos of workshops and general sessions from the 2021 UUA General Assembly are available to watch here: <https://vimeo.com/showcase/uuaga2021>



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.)

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING—SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10 AT NOON

The Social Action Committee will meet on Sunday October 10 at noon, after the Service and Coffee time. All are welcome. An agenda will be sent to all on the mailing list. (See church calendar for Zoom information.)

ONLINE CONTRIBUTIONS

When making your contributions online, please be sure to designate your donation to the correct fund by using the dropdown arrow. Click on the fund you wish to contribute to and write the entity (ex: OFJ) in the note area for clarification.

A screenshot of a web form for online contributions to Towson Unitarian Universalist Church. The amount is \$0.00. There are three dropdown menus: "Give to 2021-2022 Stewardship Campaign", "Add Gift to Another Fund", and "Give this One Time". A "Continue" button is at the bottom. Red circles highlight the dropdown arrows.A screenshot of a dropdown menu from the online contribution form. It lists various funds: "Give to Restricted Fund", "Give to 2021-2022 Stewardship Campaign", "Give to Building Fund", "Give to General Fund", "Give to Green Products", "Give to Kate Venables Music Fund", "Give to Memorial Garden", "Give to ODB Casseroles", "Give to Plate Collection", "Give to Religious Education Registration", "Give to Restricted Fund", and "Give to Social Action Collection". A red arrow points from the first dropdown menu in the previous screenshot to this one.



Yes, once again, our beloved TUUC Auction will be a virtual event, but we know we can count on all of you to make it a successful one. With no time to waste, we are beginning the call for donations to the 2021 Auction. It's time to ***Gather Our Gifts!*** Online bidding will open on October 18th, just two weeks away. It would be great to have lots of donations entered by that date, so they have maximum exposure to interested buyers.

Here are links to the instructions and the online donation form:

[Instructions](#)

[Donation Form](#)

We ask that donations of physical articles be limited to new or previously owned items in excellent condition. Because of the added challenges of getting items picked up and delivered to the buyer, we are limiting donations to items with a value of at least \$25.

We are happy to have all kinds of donations: items large and small, services you can offer, outdoor activities you can host, gift boxes and baskets, online classes, and group events either socially distanced or post-pandemic. Those who think up interesting offerings are often surprised by the appreciative response of the congregation. Hosting an event like a bike ride, hike or picnic gets a great response and allows the donor and buyers to have a good time together.

Donated gift cards and gift certificates are always welcome. There will be a virtual Raffle this year and gift cards continue to be a great raffle prize!

If you're still stumped, a cash donation will help offset the expenses of putting on the Auction. You can enter your cash donation using the Auction 2021 Donation Form (link above) or [Donate by Text as described on the TUUC website.](#)

The Auction Committee is working hard to make this year's Auction a big success and lots of fun. And it all starts with your donations.

Let's ***Gather Our Gifts!*** In support of TUUC.

Gratefully,

Your 2021 Auction Committee

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.

1 Oct	Friday	Writing as a Spiritual Practice	1:00 PM
2 Oct	Saturday	TUUC Drum Circle	4:00 PM
3 Oct	Sunday	Sunday Service and Coffee Hour	10:30 AM
3 Oct	Sunday	Green Sanctuary Meeting	12:00 PM
3 Oct	Sunday	Family Gatherings—YRE Program	3:00 PM
3 Oct	Sunday	Cabin Fever—Crimson Peak	4:00 PM
3 Oct	Sunday	Our Journey Together	7:15 PM
5 Oct	Tuesday	Virtual Lunch with the Minister	12:00 PM
5 Oct	Tuesday	Men's Reflection Group	7:30 PM
5 Oct	Tuesday	Women's Group Meeting	7:30 PM
6 Oct	Wednesday	Book Club	7:30 PM
7 Oct	Thursday	TUUC Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM
9 Oct	Saturday	Cabin Fever—Watermelon Man	4:00 PM
10 Oct	Sunday	Sunday Service and Coffee Hour	10:30 AM



SEEKING TECHNICAL USHERS—WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Two of our regular technical ushers have moved from the area. We need additional volunteers to give the regulars a break. The most pressing need is for people who are comfortable with Powerpoint (or Keynote) and have a very good internet connection – to be the A/V usher once a month on Sunday morning. Rehearsals are Thursdays at 6 PM. Please contact churchoffice@towsonuuc.org for additional information or to volunteer.

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ZOOM SUNDAY SERVICE

ATTENDANCE REPORT

(Does not reflect actual number of people watching)

Date	Time	Adults/Children
09/26/2021	10:30 AM	50