



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2021 - 10:30 AM

REV CLARE L. PETERSBERGER: *WHAT IS YOUR CREATION STORY?*

In honor of Indigenous Peoples Day, in worship, today, we reflect on which creation story (or stories) have shaped our understanding of ourselves, our relationship to others, our relationship to the earth, and our relationship to the cosmos. What stories have shaped your understanding that, in the words of Paula Gunn Allen, Laguna Pueblo, "The land is not really the place (separate from ourselves) where we act out the drama of our isolate destinies. It is not a means of survival, a setting for our affairs ... It is rather a part of our being, dynamic, significant, real. It is our self."

YOUTH RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

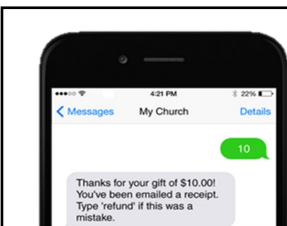
TUUC families will gather this Sunday at Cromwell Valley Park at 3 PM to learn about the third UU principle, Our churches are places where all people are accepted and where we keep on learning together. We will talk about the people who inhabited this land, those of the Piscataway and Canoy nations, and how they handed down their knowledge of the earth and how to care for it, to each generation. Please contact Joyce Duncan at tuucdre@towsonuuc.org if you would like more details or would like to register for programming.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10 SERVICE INFORMATION

For Sunday, October 10, 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/91738049632?pwd=bnFINDFwWXZpZnAreVpJNEFTYVk4UT09>

Meeting ID: 917 3804 9632 **Passcode:** 300250



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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.

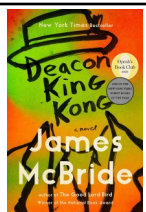
What objects would you choose for this spiritual exercise? And what do they reflect about the relationships you cultivated in the past year and a half and seek to cultivate now?

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, NOVEMBER 3

7:30 PM



CABIN FEVER

WATERMELON MAN (1970)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9: 4PM



UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS AT TOWSON UUC

NEWS ABOUT US

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!

We regret to inform you of the death of former TUUC member Bonnie J. Reynolds who had moved to Atlanta. Bonnie was an artist, served as Director of the Community Arts Center at Towson University, and was very active with our own Gallery Unicorn. She had sparkling eyes and a wide smile. Bonnie was vivacious, gracious, encouraging, and tremendously creative. Messages of condolence may be sent to Michael Magrogan (whose contact information is in Breeze) He will forward them to Bonnie's daughter, Julie.

---Rev. Clare

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@towsonnuuc.org. The virtual info will be on the church calendar.

GREEN SANCTUARY FAIR TRADE SALE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16 FROM 11 AM TO NOON

Here's your chance to stock up on candy for Halloween and coffee/tea for the cooler weather! The Green Sanctuary Committee will be selling Equal Exchange Fair Trade products on Saturday morning October 16th, 11-noon, on TUUC's front porch.

We will have chocolate bars and mini chocolates perfect for trick or treat and a variety of regular and decaf coffee, tea, almonds and cashews,

ETHNIC LUNCH—WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20 AT FELIPE'S MEXICAN TAQUERIA AT 12:30 PM

Ethnic lunch will be at Felipe's Mexican Taqueria located in the lower level of Kenilworth Square in Towson. It is reachable from the outside on the side opposite the parking garage. <https://www.felipestaqueria.com/locations/baltimore/towson/> Felipe's is a fast-casual restaurant with outside seating. You order the food inside (You can order at the bar) and the food is brought to you outside when it is ready. **Lunch will be at 12:30, Wednesday October 20.** All are welcome, *but please respond by Monday, October 18* to ethniclunch@towsonuuc.org so we can work to hold a sufficient number of tables so we are sitting near each other.

Hope you can join us!

- Janet Kuperstein and Claudia Sumler

SINGLES FELLOWSHIP GROUP VIRTUAL GET-TOGETHER SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23 AT 7PM

The group will have a gathering for conversation in virtual space. We offer an atmosphere for fellowship and friendship among TUUC single adults. We range in age from the 60's through the 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.

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>



BALTIMORE AREA UU CLUSTER—NEXT MEETING ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26 AT 7 PM

We invite you to join the Baltimore Cluster Meetings for Fall 2021. These are virtual meetings for Unitarian Universalists from the Greater Baltimore area. The events are free. October's meeting is about Healthy Communication and Conflict and features Rev. Sunshine Wolfe.

Zoom Link: <https://uua.zoom.us/j/91771937553?pwd=ZVpxb3NmbFBIY2ZpTOh5WEM4OFhPdZ09>

Meeting Id: 917 7193 7553

Passcode: 360645



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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: ODB) in the note area for clarification.

A screenshot of an online contribution form. At the top, it says "Give to Towson Unitarian Universalist Church" and "\$ 0.00". There are three dropdown menus: "Give to Social Action Collection", "Give this One Time", and "Give by Credit/Debit Card". A blue "Continue" button is at the bottom.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".

SOCIAL ACTION

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS PARTNER WE SUPPORT?

For October, we highlight the TUUC Community Partner, **Earl's Place**, which, along with Prospect Place are programs of Cornerstone Community Housing (CCH). CCH is dedicated to helping men experiencing homelessness rebuild their lives and to changing attitudes toward homelessness through outreach and education. Earl's Place, which is a stepping stone on the way to attaining a permanent home, houses 17 men at a time. So far this year, 32 men have found a safe place to rebuild their lives at Earl's Place. Twelve moved to permanent housing, one moved with family, and unfortunately two were not successful. The others continue to work toward their goals. Prospect Place just completed six years of providing Housing First permanent housing to men who were chronically homeless when they moved in. Five of the original 12 residents have been housed since 2015. The support of organizations like TUUC help provide the steady income necessary to provide hope, help and home to men experiencing homelessness. To learn more about Cornerstone Community Housing (Earl's Place), go to their website, <http://www.cchbaltimore.org/>.

On October 31, Sheila Helgerson, director of Earl's Place, will speak briefly about it. The entire (non-pledge) offertory plate will be donated to Earl's Place. To contribute to Earl's Place, use one of these methods:

1. Donate as you normally do, for the 10/31 Service,
2. Send a check payable to TUUC to 1710 Dulaney Valley Rd. Lutherville MD 21093 and *specify "CCH" or "Earl's Place" on the memo line, or,*
3. Text your donation to TUUC (410-834-0700) for SAC (Social Action Committee), ex: text "30 SAC." 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, 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.)

OCTOBER IS A MONTH WE DONATE MONEY FOR CASSEROLES

This October is a month with 5 Saturdays (which usually happens 4 times a year), so TUUC has pledged to donate 50 casseroles (\$10 per casserole) to Our Daily Bread. This program serves food to the hungry 365 days a year. *Please give what you can.* To donate to Our Daily Bread, use one of these methods:

- Text your donation to TUUC (410-834-0700) for example: text "20 ODB."
- Send a check payable to TUUC to 1710 Dulaney Valley Rd. Lutherville, MD 21093 and specify "ODB" on the memo line.



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.

9 Oct	Saturday	Cabin Fever—Watermelon Man	4:00 PM
10 Oct	Sunday	Sunday Service and Coffee Hour	10:30 AM
10 Oct	Sunday	Social Action Committee Meeting	12:00 PM
10 Oct	Sunday	Our Journey Together	7:15 PM
12 Oct	Tuesday	Virtual Lunch with the Minister	12:00 PM
12 Oct	Tuesday	Aging Together	1:00 PM
12 Oct	Tuesday	Soul Matters Sharing Circles	7:30 PM
12 Oct	Tuesday	Virtual Band Night	7:30 PM
14 Oct	Thursday	TUUC Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM
14 Oct	Thursday	Men's Group Meeting	7:30 PM
16 Oct	Saturday	Third Saturday Work Party	9:00 AM
16 Oct	Saturday	Coffee, Tea, and Chocolate Sale	11:00 AM
17 Oct	Sunday	Sunday Service and Coffee Hour	10:30 AM
17 Oct	Sunday	Family Gatherings—YRE Program	3:00 PM



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
10/03/2021	10:30 AM	66