



**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2021 - 10:30 AM**

**REV CLARE L. PETERSBERGER: *RESPONDING TO THE DISINTEGRATION OF "WE"***

At the end of August, I received an e-mail from someone in our community with the subject "Animus Unbound." This person was struggling with the deep polarization in our country over a particular social issue---and wrote: "Be it the First Principle, lovingkindness, or the 'Father forgive them, for they know not what they do' of my childhood faith, it's not working. I am enraged." This individual is not alone. A colleague recently asked, "When do I try to understand the other side; when do I go on the attack; and how do I figure that out?" Given the very real polarization in our country over matters of life and death how are you responding? What guidance does our Unitarian Universalist faith tradition offer?

### **YOUTH RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION**

Families continue to learn about the seven UU principles on Sunday afternoons at 3 pm. This Sunday we look forward to a scavenger hunt and then an art project as ways of discussing our 4th principle: the free and responsible search for meaning. We will decide whether questions about some UU ancestors are true or false by learning from each other. Then we will think about our own ancestors and how they searched for truth. Please contact Joyce Duncan at [tuucdre@towsonuuc.org](mailto:tuucdre@towsonuuc.org) or more information or to join us.

### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17 SERVICE INFORMATION**

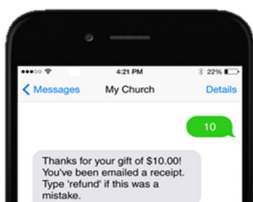
For Sunday, October 17, please join us at 10:15 AM to be admitted prior to the service starting at 10:30. We will have break-out rooms for coffee and conversation following the service.

**Zoom Link:** <https://uuma.zoom.us/j/97895735278?pwd=Q3gxZ1NWRE93emRHVEp3Rm9tRGZzZz09>

**Meeting ID:** 978 9573 5278    **Passcode:** 712587

### **AMAZON SMILE QUARTERLY DONATION: \$98.21**

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.



### **DONATE BY TEXT**

Send an amount to  
**(410) 834-0700**

### **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

Our Minister, Rev. Clare Petersberger, has been experiencing some issues with dizziness in the last two weeks. She has undergone testing and is consulting with medical professionals. As Board President, I've encouraged Rev. Clare to step back from some of her responsibilities so that she can rest when she feels unwell and focus on diagnosis and care. Some days she feels better than others. Being on a screen for email or Zoom meetings is a challenge when she feels unwell. We ask for your patience and understanding. Rev. Clare welcomes your expressions of care and concern for her – sending a card or email is fine. Please understand that she may not respond right away. You can always contact our Church Administrator, Kai Aiyetoro at [churchoffice@towsonuuc.org](mailto:churchoffice@towsonuuc.org) with any requests related to the church. Kai is in regular contact with Rev. Clare. Likewise, you may contact me.

Love and light,  
Sue Royer, TUUC Board President

### **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,

### **SOCRATES CAFÉ - NEXT MEETING MONDAY, OCTOBER 18 FROM 7:30 TO 9:00 PM**

Monday evening, October 18th, from 7:30 to 9:00 PM, will be the 14th installment of our TUUC Socrates Cafe. The question at hand for the evening will be "Just because it's legal, is it moral?" Should be an interesting question to scrutinize and probe. Although the Zoom Link will be e-mailed to those already on our e-mail list on Tuesday, October 12th, if you would like to join, just send an email to [socratescafe@towsonuuc.org](mailto:socratescafe@towsonuuc.org), and you will receive the Zoom Link for the 18th. We'd enjoy hearing your diverse thoughts and ideas. Hope to see you then! Namaste!

### **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](mailto: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.

## 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=ZVpxb3NmbFBIY2ZpT0h5WEM4OFhPdZ09>

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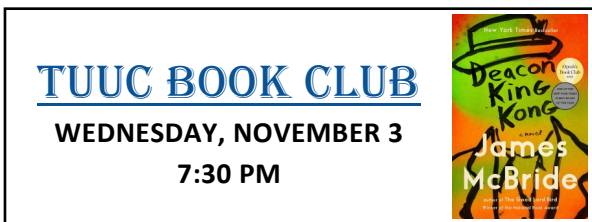
**BALTIMORE CLUSTER MEETINGS FALL 2021**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26 AT 7PM**  
WITH REV. SUNSHINE WOLF  
TOPIC: HEALTHY COMMUNICATION & CONFLICT IN CONGREGATIONS

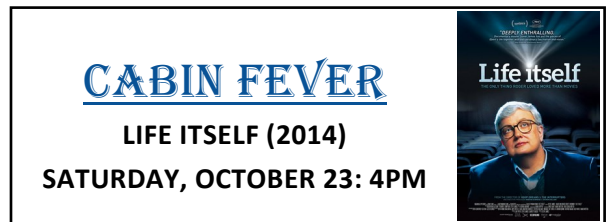
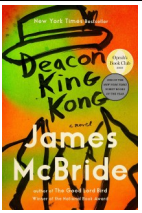
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30 AT 7PM**  
WITH REV. TYLER COLES  
TOPIC: COVENANT & GOVERNANCE IN CONGREGATIONS

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17 AT 6PM**  
BALTIMORE CLUSTER HOLIDAY MIXER!


**ON ZOOM:**  
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PASSCODE: 360645



**TUUC BOOK CLUB**  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3  
7:30 PM

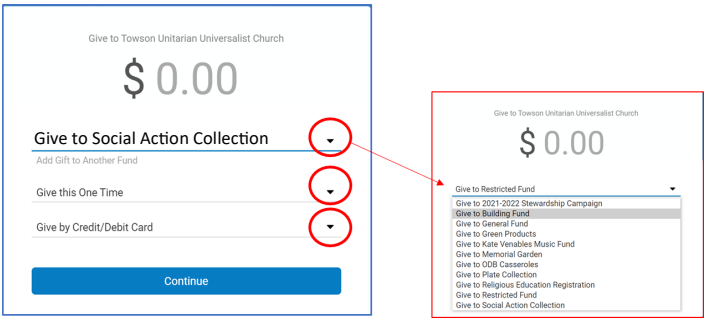


**CABIN FEVER**  
LIFE ITSELF (2014)  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23: 4PM



### 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.



The screenshot shows a donation form for Towson Unitarian Universalist Church. The amount is \$0.00. There are three dropdown menus: 'Give to Social Action Collection', 'Give this One Time', and 'Give by Credit/Debit Card'. A red box highlights the 'Give to Social Action Collection' dropdown, which is open to show a list of funds including '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 *and the first two weeks of November*, 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/>.

**At the November 14 service**, 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 **November 14** 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.)

### 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.



It's time to *Gather Our Gifts!*

**Step #1** for a successful 2021 Auction is receiving **your** donation.

It would be terrific if you can enter your donation by October 17 so that it's in the system when we open bidding next week, but we will gratefully receive your donations anytime over the next few weeks. Here are easy links to give you some ideas and to help you make your donation:

**What Can I Donate:** [What Can I Donate?](#)

**Instructions:** [Instructions](#)

**Donation Form:** [Donation Form](#)

And we can simply copy over donations from last year if you want to repeat an event or re-list an item that didn't sell. Just email us at [auctiondonations@towsonuuc.org](mailto:auctiondonations@towsonuuc.org)

**Step #2** for a successful 2021 Auction is getting bids on donations. On-line bidding will open October 18. Watch for an all-church email next week that will give you all the information you need. You will need to install Bid Beacon on your preferred device if you don't already have it from last year. And the email will give you the unique code you will need to access this year's Auction. Then you can start to peruse all the wonderful donations already received, bid on those of interest, and watch for new donations as they come in.

If you're new to Bid Beacon or would like a refresher course, take advantage of the Zoom coaching sessions hosted by Auction committee members. See box below.

The Auction Committee is working hard to make this year's Auction a big success and lots of fun. Make a donation, place a bid, let's *Gather Our Gifts!* in support of TUUC.

Gratefully, Your 2021 Auction Committee

Bid Beacon Coaching Sessions Listed Below (check the church calendar for Zoom link):

Monday 10/18, 7 PM
Sunday 10/24, 12 PM
Saturday 11/6, 10 AM
Monday 11/8, 7 PM
Tuesday 11/16, 7 PM
Saturday 11/20, 1 PM

# 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.

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
17 Oct	Sunday	Our Journey Together	7:15 PM
18 Oct	Monday	Auction Coaching	7:00 PM
18 Oct	Monday	Socrates Café	7:30 PM
19 Oct	Tuesday	Virtual Lunch with the Minister	12:00 PM
19 Oct	Tuesday	Men's Reflection Group	7:30 PM
19 Oct	Tuesday	Women's Group Meeting	7:30 PM
20 Oct	Wednesday	Ethnic Lunch	12:30 PM
21 Oct	Thursday	Our Messy Lives	3:00 PM
21 Oct	Thursday	TUUC Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM
23 Oct	Saturday	Cabin Fever—Life Itself	4:00 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](mailto:churchoffice@towsonuuc.org) for additional information or to volunteer.

**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
10/10/2021	10:30 AM	68