



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2021 - 10:30 AM

REV. CLARE L. PETERSBERGER, JOYCE DUNCAN, SHEILA HELGERSON—EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CORNERSTONE COMMUNITY HOUSING: *“HOPING TO END UP WITH THE RIGHT REGRETS”*

The playwright Arthur Miller wrote, “Maybe all one can do is hope to end up with the right regrets.” What role does regret play in your life? Do choices you made (or didn’t make) keep you stuck in the past? Or do you, like Roxanne Smith “love regret because regret reminds (us) that we can do better and that we want to do better?” What would it mean to you to end up with the right regrets? What are “right regrets?” Today we will be joined by Sheila Helgerson, Executive Director of Cornerstone Community Housing (formerly known as Earl’s Place.) All undesigned financial donations will be given to this TUUC community partner to support housing men healing from addictions.

YOUTH RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

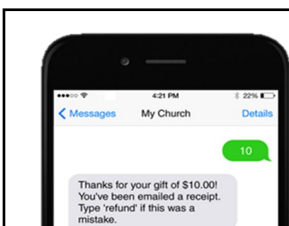
Families are invited to join us on Sunday, Nov. 14 at TUUC picnic grove. We will meet at 2 PM to take advantage of warmth and light. We will be talking about our 7th UU principle — taking care of planet earth and the interdependent web of life. Please join us for activities and projects that will help us think about how we can take care of our planet.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14 SERVICE INFORMATION

For Sunday, November 14, 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/92086557201?pwd=bURLNldTNEhxK3Z4a0Z4RW11V1pGUT09>

Meeting ID: 920 8655 7201 Passcode: 292636



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CLARE'S COLLOQUY

The Soul Matters Packet for November on "Holding History" begins with this quote from the Quaker theologian Parker Palmer:

"Jewish teaching includes frequent reminders of the importance of a broken-open heart, as in this Hasidic tale: A disciple asks the rebbe: "Why does Torah tell us to 'place these words upon your hearts'? Why does it not tell us to place these holy words in our hearts?" The rebbe answers: "It is because as we are, our hearts are closed, and we cannot place the holy words in our hearts. So we place them on top of our hearts. And there they stay until, one day, the heart breaks and the words fall in." The introduction goes on to observe: "Like those holy words, history in its fullness just sits there until our hearts break open and allow it in."

I was reminded of this story when The Reverend David Carl Olsen invited me to record a prayer for the Channing Commemorative Sunday (formerly known as "Union Sunday".) For decades, congregations near First Unitarian Universalist Church of Baltimore were invited to participate in a service in early May honoring the anniversary of when William Ellery Channing delivered "The Baltimore Sermon" at the ordination of Jared Sparks on May 5, 1819. Channing's sermon defined American Unitarianism in the early 19th century. Often the guest preacher(s) for Union Sunday focused on parts of the sermon, parts of our history, that might shine a light on contemporary Unitarian Universalism.

Because of the pandemic, we did not gather in May of 2021. Instead, First UU of Baltimore celebrated a Channing Commemorative Sunday on October 24th. It was fitting that The Revs. Phyllis Hubbell and John Manwell, who had served First Unitarian Universalist Church of Baltimore for fourteen years, chose to focus on permanent core of our faith from May of 1819 until now. Much has changed in the world in the last 19 months let alone since 1819! What spiritual wisdom do we still place on our hearts until our hearts break open to receive such wisdom?

In an e-mail conversation with Phyllis, she responded, "Here is something that might help with the prayer on images of god from the Baltimore sermon: 'We regard the spirit of love, charity, meekness, forgiveness, liberality, and beneficence as the brightest image we can bear of God, as the best proof of piety.'"

The spirit of love, charity, meekness, forgiveness, liberality, and beneficence. Whatever images of God (or of no God) that we bear in our own faith journeys, we Unitarian Universalists still hold this part of our history with care and gratitude. If you would like to view the Channing Commemorative Sunday worship service, it is posted here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7y8xtZ2nvlA>

The spirit of love, charity, meekness, forgiveness, liberality, and beneficence...may you feel these words not only resting on your heart but falling into your heart just when you need them. May they lead you to hold fast to that which is good---from generation to generation.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS AT TOWSON UUC

WELCOME ARKADY THOMPSON TO THE TUUC STAFF TEAM!

We are pleased to welcome Arkady Thompson to the TUUC Staff Team as our part time Bookkeeper. Arkady began this position on November 1.

Arkady will be working remotely as she lives with her husband and two young children in NJ. She came highly recommended by the President of the Unitarian Universalist Church of the South Jersey Shore where she also works part time as their bookkeeper. She has further experience with UU congregations as an Office Administrator for the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Lower Bucks in PA and as an Office Assistant for the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Princeton, NJ.

Arkady is looking forward to getting to know our congregation (albeit remotely!) Our Church Administrator, Kai Aiyetoro, is training her in our current bookkeeping practices. If you have questions about your pledge or donation, you may reach Arkady at bookkeeper@towsonuuc.org.

Welcome, Arkady! ---Rev. Clare

SOCRATES CAFÉ—NEXT MEETING MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15 FROM 7:30 TO 9:00 PM

Please join us for the 15th virtual edition of the TUUC Socrates Cafe, this coming Monday evening, November 15th, from 7:30-9:00 PM. Just e-mail us at socratescafe@towsonuuc.org to be added to our e-mail list, and you'll be e-mailed the Zoom Link for Monday's meeting. The question to be probed, selected at our last meeting, is "Who's to judge what's right and wrong?" We are each to choose a situation, to use as an example, which illustrates two cultures in conflict as to what's right and wrong. It should be thought-provoking and provide an interesting discussion - see you then! Namaste! **Suggested Reading for the Session:** "The Ethics Toolkit: A Compendium of Ethical Concepts and Methods" by Julian Baggini

ETHNIC LUNCH—WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17 AT LA TAVERNA ECUATORIANA

Fall weather is upon us and although we may still have warm sunny days in November, Janet and I have decided it is time to move Ethnic Lunch inside. Returning to our original list from 2020, our next lunch will be at La Taverna Ecuatoriana for an Ecuadorian meal. La Taverna is small but tables are spaced and when I checked it out in September to make sure it was still open, my friend and I were the only customers there. The food is good with lots of seafood choices. La Taverna Ecuatoriana is in Greektown, 300 Oldham Street, 410-501-8020. <https://la-taverna-ecuatoriana-restaurant.business.site/> Lunch will be at 12:30, Wednesday November 17. All are welcome, but please respond by Monday, November 15 to ethniclunch@towsonuuc.org so we will know how many tables to hold.

Hope you can join us! -Janet Kuperstein and Claudia Sumler

GREEN SANCTUARY FAIR TRADE SALE— NOVEMBER 20 AT 11 AM—NOON ON TUUC PORCH

Just in time for Thanksgiving, here's your chance to stock up on fair trade coffee, tea, chocolate, and nuts! They make great hostess gifts if you are doing holiday visits!

SINGLES FELLOWSHIP GROUP VIRTUAL GET-TOGETHER—SAT, NOVEMBER 27 AT 7 PM

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.

TUUC BLOOD DRIVE— SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11 FROM 9 AM TO 2 PM

Working with the American Red Cross, we've scheduled Saturday, December 11th, 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 December 11th, if you are healthy and have no concerns about donating. To sign up for an appointment time between 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM please use this link: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=TOWSONUUCHURCH>

OR email Clare Flynn-Avallone with your preferred times. Give the Gift of Life - Give Blood!

"GATHERING OUR GIFTS" AUCTION ITEM NEEDS YOUR INPUT!

What theological or ethical question or theme would you like addressed in a TUUC worship service? What theological or ethical question or theme do your children or grandchildren ask about? We need at least three "big" questions to bid on during the live auction. Only one will win! Please submit your question(s) to the Auction Team auction@towsonuuc.org by November 14.

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.



AUCTION COACHING SESSIONS

Zoom Info on TUUC Calendar
Tuesday 11/16, 7 PM
Saturday 11/20, 1 PM



PROPOSED TUUC REOPENING MATRIX

On October 24, the TUUC Board of Trustees hosted a Listening Session on the plan for re-opening TUUC. For those who missed it, here is what was presented:

Background: During the summer, we had hoped that TUUC would be operating in-person beginning in early September. The highly contagious COVID Delta variant meant that reopening would be more complicated and prolonged. The Board identified the need for a reopening plan and worked with the A-Team to identify protocols for the different risk levels. We agreed to use the levels established by COVID ActNow, whose data comes from official sources including the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, The New York Times, and official state and county dashboards.

Goal: The goal of this document is to provide clarity and transparency around the criteria for making decisions about reopening TUUC for in-person activities. This document is a DRAFT framework and is subject to change depending on metrics. This document is NOT intended to provide final details within each stage or a timeframe for reopening.

The matrix is grounded in our core values, drawn from the UUA:

- Recognition that our risk-taking and our protective actions affect far more than just ourselves in this interdependent web of existence
- Expectation of vaccination and accessibility and inclusion for all of our members and friends to participate in our congregation
- Ethical treatment and expectations for our leaders and staff, minimizing the risks to their own health and well-being
- Seeking consent from those responsible for TUUC programs and activities.
- Our affirmation that good science, coupled with our values, must be the basis on which we make these decisions

Some further notes on the plan

Transitioning from one risk level to another: Metrics need to qualify for 7 days before transitioning, and the minimum time in a phase is 14 days. Transitions are one phase at a time, no skipping. This will allow us to prepare for new programs that may be enabled by the transition from one phase to another. Circumstances may require TUUC to return to a more restrictive phase at any time.

Multiplatform (hybrid) services: We are committed to continuing to provide accessible engagement with TUUC when we are able to transition back to in-person worship and programs. Funds have been budgeted for equipment and for upgrading our internet capacity/speed, as well as for hiring a professional Audio Visual consultant/support staff to run the streaming equipment. We are in the process of developing this capability. Heartfelt thanks to Sue Royer and Ellie Hughes for preparing and presenting this context.

Most of you are aware that when it comes to:

Religious Exploration: Families have been exploring our Unitarian Universalist principles on Sunday afternoons outdoors. We will consider planning for classes indoors when it is safer for our students to be gathered inside.

Music: Singing has been identified as one of the highest risk activities. Instrumental music, soloists and small groups of singers will most likely be phased in earlier due to less risks of transmission.

This matrix is a work in progress. When the A-Team meets, we review the Covid Act Now numbers. This matrix has gone through several iterations between the A-Team and the TUUC Board of Trustees and will continue to do so in the weeks ahead. Our current focus is the technology needed for the participation of those who cannot physically be present in the building.

----Rev. Clare on behalf of the A-Team which includes Kai Aiyetoro, Clare Flynn-Avallone, and Dan Alper. Thanks to Sue Royer and Ellie Hughes for their good work on this matrix and on our reopening plan on behalf of the TUUC Board of Trustees!

[Click Here to View the TUUC Reopening Matrix.](#)

RISK LEVEL (PHASE)*	MINIMUM (0)	LOW (1)	MEDIUM (2)	HIGH (3)	VERY HIGH (4)	SEVERE (5)
Daily New Cases (7-day avg. per 100K)	<0.5	< 1	1-10	10-25	25-75	>75
Infection Rate	<0.45	<0.9	0.9-1.1	1.1-1.4	>1.4	>1.4
Positive Test Rate	<1.5%	<3%	3-10%	10-20%	>20%	>20%
PROTOCOLS						
Buildings and Grounds	Open	Open with check-in	Indoors with vaccination, 50% capacity limits, pre-registration, and check-in; outside with capacity limits on reservable spaces.	Outside only, with capacity limits on reservable spaces. Restrooms available	Buildings and grounds closed. Essential work only	Buildings and grounds closed. Essential work only
Masks, Social Distancing	No requirement	No requirement	Masks and 6ft distance required	Masks and 6ft distance required	Masks and 6ft distance required	Masks and 6ft distance required
Staff	No requirement	No requirement	Staff may work in building with limited contact as needed in shared spaces	Staff may work in building with limited contact as needed in shared spaces	Staff may work in building. Coordinate to avoid contact	Staff working at home unless essential
Sunday Worship	Multi-platform (pending technical capability)	Multi-platform (pending technical capability); check-in required	Multi-platform (pending technical capability). Registration required. No indoor coffee hour	Online only	Online only	Online only
Memorial Services	Multi-platform (pending technical capability)	Multi-platform (pending technical capability)	Multi-platform (pending technical capability); limited capacity	Online or outdoors with limited capacity	Online	Online
Nursery & Childcare	Follow state & local guidelines	Follow state & local guidelines	Follow state & local guidelines	Not offered	Not offered	Not offered
Religious Education	Multi-platform (pending technical capability)	Multi-platform (pending technical capability)	Small vaccinated groups indoors; family gatherings outdoors	Outside with limited capacity & online	Online	Online
Programming	Multi-platform (pending technical capability)	Multi-platform (pending technical capability)	Small groups indoors	Outside with limited capacity & online	Online	Online
Rentals	Multi-platform (pending technical capability)	Multi-platform (pending technical capability)	Small groups indoors	Outside with limited capacity & online	No rentals	No rentals
Contact Tracing	No requirements	No requirements	Sign in & out	Sign in & out	Sign in & out	Sign in & out
Food Service	All service may resume	All service may resume. Kitchen reservable for prep	No food indoors	No food	No food	No food
Music	All music groups may resume	Congregational singing with masks allowed indoors.	Small groups of instrumentalists and vocalists, may meet to record indoors. Small group of instrumentalists and/ or a soloist may perform in worship (all masked)	Musicians and singers record individually at home	Musicians and singers record individually at home	Musicians and singers record individually at home
*Metrics sources: combined ActNow data for Baltimore County https://www.covidactnow.org/covid-risk-levels-metrics						

SOCIAL ACTION

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS PARTNER WE SUPPORT?

*(** Please note the changes in dates for Text Donations below **)*

This month, we highlight two programs:

1. ACTC (Assistance Center of Towson Churches) Thanksgiving Basket Project
2. Earl's Place

THANKSGIVING BASKET PROJECT

For the annual Thanksgiving Basket Project, we would appreciate donations by **November 11** if possible.

Most of us are fortunate enough to have plenty of food, but, especially during the pandemic, there are many families who face a bleak Thanksgiving. As we did last year, TUUC is asking only for monetary donations, rather than your purchasing food baskets. A \$25 donation will purchase a basket. Giving \$10 extra would also cover the cost of a turkey. The ACTC is hoping that each church will be able to donate enough money for at least 50 baskets.

To donate, please either:

- a. Send a check payable to TUUC to 1710 Dulaney Valley Rd. Lutherville MD 21093. Please specify "Thanksgiving Basket" or "ACTC" on the memo line, or,
- b. **** Text your donation November 1 - November 13 (Sat) or November 16-17 (Mon & Tues)** to TUUC (410-834-0700) for SAC Social Action Committee (ex: text "30 SAC.")

To Volunteer, as in the past, Trinity Episcopal Church will host this event. Trinity is located across from ACTC at 120 Allegheny Ave. in Towson. **Baskets will be organized and distributed to families November 17-23.** Anyone who wishes to help organize or distribute baskets can sign up for a volunteer shift right on their website, using this link:

<https://www.actconline.info/thanksgiving/>

If You Need Food Assistance or Other Services, visit this page: <https://www.actconline.info/actc-services/>

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.)

EARL'S PLACE

Earl's Place, 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. 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), visit their website: <http://www.cchbaltimore.org/>

November 14: 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:

- Donate as you normally would, for the November 14 Service
- Send a check payable to TUUC and send to 1710 Dulaney Valley Rd. Lutherville MD 21093 and specify "Earl's Place" or "CCH" on the memo line
- ** Text your donation to TUUC (410-834-0700) for SAC Social Action Collection ex: text "30 SAC." **Text Donations to Earl's Place will only be those texted on November 14-15 (Sun/Mon)**

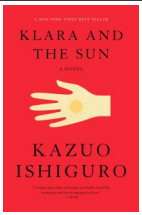
**** Please note the change in dates for Text Donations only ****

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING—SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14 AT NOON

The Social Action Committee will meet at noon, following the November 14 Service and Coffee Time. All are welcome. An agenda will be sent to people on the SAC committee or mailing list. See the church calendar for Zoom information.

TUUC BOOK CLUB

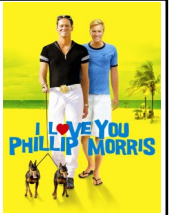
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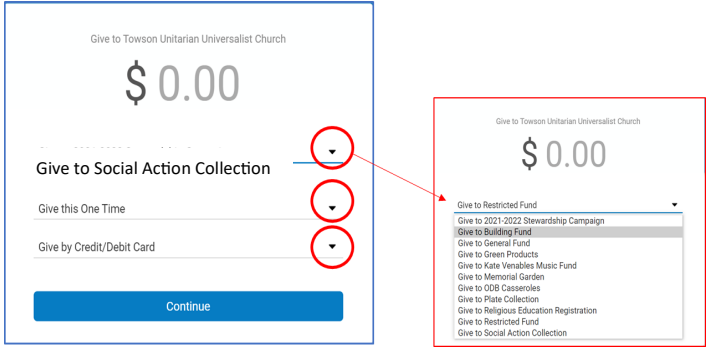
I LOVE YOU PHILLIP MORRIS
(2009)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13: 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.



TUUC AUCTION—SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Our TUUC LIVE Auction night is now just **ONE WEEK AWAY!!** Are you ready? Have you set up your *BidBeacon* account and started to look at, and maybe bid on, some of the wonderful donations we've received? We've already raised more than \$5000 from members and friends bidding on this year's donations. To set up your account visit [Get With The Program](#) Two coaching sessions are still available if you need a little help on how to bid. (see below).



While you're on *BidBeacon* don't forget to get your Raffle tickets. Take a look at the Raffle "poster" on the next page to see the wonderful gift cards and certificates donated for the Raffle. Neil Porter will once again be our Raffle Master drawing the names of winners while you watch. Raffle sales close at 7:30 p.m. on Auction night so Neil can get the last slips into the big bowl before the first drawing so it's a big help if you **buy your tickets now**. And remember, you don't have to "attend" to win a raffle prize.

Our Auction night Zoom party will feature 12 great donations for LIVE bidding. For a preview, click on Live Items on the *BidBeacon* home page. And watch for an all-church email next week that will give you all the details you'll need to participate in the party. If you know you cannot attend or access *BidBeacon* on Auction night to bid on Live Items, we can arrange a proxy bidder for you. Just send an email to auction@towsonuuc.org letting us know what item you would like to bid on and the maximum amount for your bid.

And yes, we are still accepting donations! Just visit this page: [Donation Form!](#)

The Auction Committee has been working hard to make this year's Auction a big success and lots of fun. Please do your part! Place some bids, buy raffle tickets, get ready for the LIVE auction night. It's time to ***Gather Our Gifts!*** in support of TUUC.

Gratefully,

Your 2021 Auction Committee

Bid Beacon Coaching Sessions; check church calendar for Zoom link.

Tuesday 11/16, 7 PM
Saturday 11/20, 1 PM

TUUC AUCTION RAFFLE



So many fabulous prizes and a great investment in TUUC!

Tickets on sale now and before 7:30 on Auction Evening 11/20

Buy your tickets on Bid Beacon - Winners drawn on Auction Evening

You don't have to be present to win!

RAFFLE PRIZES*

Look at this fabulous list of gift cards/certificates, and more may be added!

\$20 Heart in Hand Bread (2) (baker is TUUCer Jane Chase)

\$25 Giant Food (4)

\$25 (1) and \$50 (1) MOM'S organic market

\$50 Pappas Restaurant in Cockeysville

\$50 Amazon (4)

\$50 Trader Joe's (3)

\$50 BoneFish Grill

\$50 Home Depot

\$50 Wegmans

\$50 Orchard Market & Café (2)

\$100 Gertrude's Restaurant at the BMA

* Thanks to our generous raffle prize donors:

Ann Beezley, Jason Braspennickx, Marilyn Carlisle, Nancy Caswell,
Aynsley Hamel, Spice Kleinmann, Sharyn Rhodes & Tom Pokorny,
Claudia Sumler, Nancy Mears, Ben & Sue Proctor, Karin Symonds,
and the TUUC Social Action 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.

13 Nov	Saturday	Cabin Fever—I Love You Phillip Morris	4:00 PM
14 Nov	Sunday	Sunday Service and Coffee Hour	10:30 AM
14 Nov	Sunday	Social Action Committee Meeting	12:00 PM
14 Nov	Sunday	Family Gatherings—YRE Program	2:00 PM
15 Nov	Monday	Socrates Café	7:30 PM
16 Nov	Tuesday	Virtual Lunch with the Minister	12:00 PM
16 Nov	Tuesday	Auction Coaching Session	7:00 PM
16 Nov	Tuesday	Men's Reflection Group	7:30 PM
16 Nov	Tuesday	Women's Group Meeting	7:30 PM
17 Nov	Wednesday	Ethnic Lunch at La Taverna Ecuatoriana Restaurante	12:30 PM
18 Nov	Thursday	TUUC Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM
19 Nov	Friday	Writing as a Spiritual Practice	1:00 PM
20 Nov	Saturday	Third Saturday Work Party	9:00 AM
20 Nov	Saturday	Auction Coaching Session	1:00 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.

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
11/7/2021	10:30 AM	55