



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2021 - 10:30 AM

REV. CLARE L. PETERSBERGER: "PREPARING AND REPAIRING FOR THE HOLY"

This Sunday marks the first day of Advent. Sunday Night marks the beginning of Hanukkah. The former is about preparing for the holy. The latter is about repairing the Temple so that it could be rededicated to the holy. What do these ancient stories teach us about this moment in history? For what are you preparing or waiting? What candles of hope do you need to light?

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28 SERVICE INFORMATION

For Sunday, November 28, 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/93202277374?pwd=THISckkxUDBmMnRwQ00vYXF5YIRYUT09>

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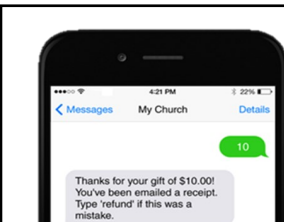


It's not too late...60 undedicated chair available!

If you would like to purchase a plaque for our new chairs, it's not too late. You may dedicate a plaque in memory of someone or honor someone for **\$75**. This money will go to the TUUC Building Fund. Contact churchoffice@towsonuuc.org for an order form. Thanks!

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.



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TUUC AUCTION—THANK YOU!

GATHER OUR GIFTS!

We did it!

Thank You!



All of us are looking forward to next year when we can party in person, enjoy a delicious potluck dinner (with Jane and Steve doing all of the cleaning up), sidle up to the bar to buy some okay beer and respectable wine, and return to the Auction Floor to figuratively beat each other into submission with our auction paddles.

That being said, I think we've gotten rather good at this virtual thing and the results bear that out: **Over \$17,400 to support the Towson Unitarian Universalist Church and its excellent programs!** It has to be conceded that there are some things about the virtual format that we might want to keep around long after Covid. Entertainment for instance. Our LIVE Auction Night and ZOOM Party was a blast thanks in large part to some top-notch performances by some very talented UUs. Spice gave a touching rendition of a Kate Wolf's "Give Yourself to Love," the Azzam family sang a lively version of "The Bare Necessities" (You've got to love the ukulele.), we couldn't stop dancing while Tracy sang "Can't Stop the Feeling" and Tony Bonta and friends performed songs of several genres including an original composition, "Let's Go Streaking," whose genre has yet to be assigned. We heartily thank these musicians who brought us such delight and Andrew Hager our Entertainment Captain who organized it all.

Thank you Members of the Auction Committee who worked hard over the past two months to make this a fun and profitable experience. What a great team you are! Special thanks to Samantha Saalfield our Head Coach, and Linda Talley our Publicity Captain for both doing so much more than a fair share.

Thank you Neil for serving as Raffle Master Supreme. Thank you Patty and John for letting us into your home and serving as Host and Auctioneer extraordinaire.

Thank you technical ushers for being well-rehearsed and skillfully coordinating this complex production on Zoom.

Thanks to Kai and Phil who tirelessly fulfilled every one of a thousand requests that always had to be done "right away."

Thanks especially to my co-Chair, Marilyn Maze who wrote the script both literally and figuratively for this year's Auction and who does so much with so much dedication.

Most of all, thanks to all of you donors and bidders, buyers and participants who gathered and shared your considerable gifts to make this year's Auction a great success.

Dan Alper, Auction 2021 Co-Chair

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS AT TOWSON UUC

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.

LISTENING SESSION WITH THE BOARD ON THE 8TH PRINCIPLE—SUNDAY NOVEMBER 28

Please join us on Sunday, November 28 at 12 noon for a virtual listening session on the 8th Principle:

“We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote: journeying toward spiritual wholeness by working to build a diverse multicultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions.”

Zoom URL: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83455516042?pwd=RG9lNks3OEI0c0J2dFl1dmVRN0NIUT09>

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The Board of Trustees approved the 8th Principle as a Board in March, 2021. During this church year, we will explore what it means to adopt the 8th Principle as a congregation. We will be voting on the adoption of the 8th Principle at the June 12, 2022 Annual Congregational Meeting. If you are interested in serving on a team to help with the adoption of the 8th Principle, please contact Andrew Hager.

Please join us for the listening session.

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!

DECEMBER ETHNIC LUNCH—DATE CHANGE: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8 AT 12:30 PM

December's Ethnic Lunch will be at Daniela's in Hamden, 824 W. 36th Street: <https://www.danielaristorante.com/> on Wednesday, December 8 at 12:30 PM. This is a week earlier than usual. Daniela's will do a similar meal to the one we had last time. There will be appetizer

plates, pastas and a mini dessert platter for \$27 per person. Drinks will be extra. If there are special diet considerations (like gluten free) they can accommodate but need notice before December 8. This is the meal that will be provided. We will not be ordering off the menu.

Staying healthy is always a concern for everyone, but as we approach the holidays, it is important to remember to respect the protocols for Covid-19. Daniela's asks everyone to wear a mask when entering the restaurant. They do not ask for proof of vaccination but expects that customers will be vaccinated.

RSVP to ethniclunch@towsonuuc.org by Monday, December 6. - *Claudia and Janet*

SUPPORT OF THE PISCATAWAY CONOY INDIAN TRIBE

Jesse James Swann, the Chief of the Piscataway Conoy Tribe, in a recently received e-mail, has outlined seven ways in which we, as concerned and caring individuals, can support them. The Tribe, who "have no tribal lands of their own," and who "are attempting to raise money to buy land," hope to "build a cultural center" for their cultural events on the acquired land, as well as for a place to welcome visitors who would like to learn more about their history, customs, culture, and current plight. With that, Chief Jesse James Swann is encouraging us, as individuals, to support them in their causes by doing one or more of the following:

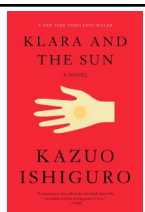
- 1) Sign the **Change.org** petition to change the name of Indian Head Highway, the Town of Indian Head, etc.
- 2) E-mail or write to our United States Senators, Chris Van Hollen and Ben Cardin, to support the Tribe's push for Federal Recognition (MD recognized them in 2012, but without Federal Recognition, federal monies and support are not available to them)
- 3) "Share both of these supports, 1) and 2), on social media, and ask your friends, neighbors, and family to do the same"
- 4) If we can, we are asked to financially support their non-profit 501(c)3 organization, **THROUGH PISCATAWAY EYES (TPE), Inc.**, "so that we can buy land and build a cultural center where we can hold not only our cultural events, but also bring students from across the region to our center to learn about the First Nations People of Maryland."
- 5) We are asked to share 4) with our friends and neighbors
- 6) "Most importantly, don't celebrate the last Thursday of November as the Official Thanksgiving. The Pilgrims assassinated the Wampanoag People, and that should not be celebrated. Instead, celebrate your own family gathering.
- 7) Finally, we are asked to "please look out for a list of businesses and restaurants that will donate a portion of their sales on the last Friday of the month to support our Tribe."

Lastly, Chief Swann thanks us all for our interest and support of his people, the Piscataway Conoy Tribe.

TUUC BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1

7:30 PM



CABIN FEVER

THE FLY (1986)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27: 4PM



SOCIAL ACTION

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/>

At the November 14 service Sheila Helgerson, director of Earl's Place, provided a wonderful talk about Earl's Place. To contribute to Earl's Place, use one of these methods:

- 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."
- Donate on Breeze: From the top of the first page of the website select "donate" and choose "EP" on the Drop-down list.

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.)

YEAR END GIVING HELPS MAINTAIN OUR BUILDING

Now is a good time for year end giving to the Building Fund to help pay for our office remediation project. This can be done by purchasing plaques for the chairs (limited supply available) and make donations to the Building Fund by December 31.

We are also seeking members for our House Team to maintain our religious home. Please speak with Clare Flynn-Avallone for more information at houseandgrounds@towsonuuc.org.

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.

Give to Towson Unitarian Universalist Church

\$ 0.00

Give to 2021-2022 Stewardship Campaign

Add Gift to Another Fund

Give this One Time

Give by Credit/Debit Card

Continue

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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

Give to Social Action Collection

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.

27 Nov	Saturday	Cabin Fever—The Fly	4:00 PM
27 Nov	Saturday	Singles Fellowship Group	7:00 PM
28 Nov	Sunday	Sunday Service and Coffee Hour	10:30 AM
28 Nov	Sunday	TUUC Listening Session with the Board	12:00 PM
30 Nov	Tuesday	Virtual Lunch with the Minister	12:00 PM
1 Dec	Wednesday	Book Club—Klara And The Sun by Kazuo Ishiguro	7:30 PM
2 Dec	Thursday	TUUC Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM
3 Dec	Friday	Writing as a Spiritual Practice	1:00 PM
5 Dec	Sunday	Sunday Service and Coffee Hour	10:30 AM
5 Dec	Sunday	Family Gathering	2:00 PM
5 Dec	Sunday	Cabin Fever—Tick, Tick...Boom	4:30 PM
7 Dec	Tuesday	Men's Reflection Group	7:30 PM
7 Dec	Tuesday	Women's Group Meeting	7:30 PM
9	Thursday	TUUC Choir Rehearsal	7:30 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
11/21/2021	10:30 AM	65