



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2021 - 10:30 AM**

**REV. CLARE L. PETERSBERGER, JOYCE DUNCAN, TRACY HALL, TUUC FAMILIES: "THE REBIRTH OF THE SUN"**

On this Sunday closest to the winter solstice, TUUC families will help us to retell the story of the rebirth of the sun. You won't want to miss the joy of this multi-generational worship service honoring the rebirth of the sun after the longest night of the year!

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 19 SERVICE INFORMATION**

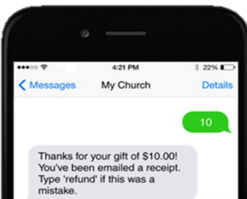
For Sunday, December 19, please join us at 10:15 AM to be admitted prior to the service starting at 10:30. We will have break-out rooms for coffee and conversation following the service.

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**YOUTH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Winter Holiday party last Sunday. We had fun sharing our family traditions with each other. Families talked about making cookies, decorating Christmas trees, celebrating Hanukkah, and attending neighborhood solstice parties. This week we hope families will join the 10:30 am Sunday worship service, which will extend our focus on the winter solstice.



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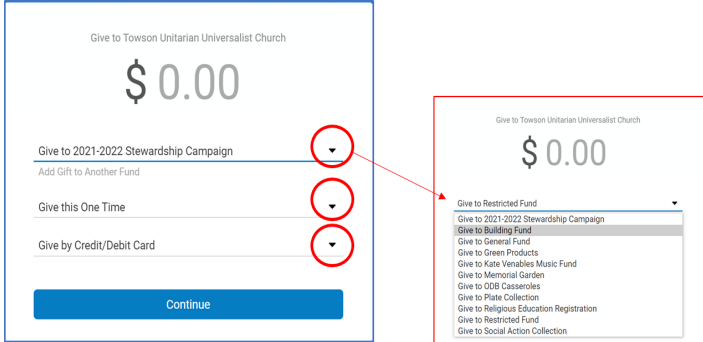
**PASSING THE PLATE**

DONATE TO TUUC VIA PAYPAL, TEXT, OR BREEZE

MORE INFORMATION ON THE TUUC WEBSITE [HERE](#)

**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.



## CHRISTMAS EVE AT TUUC

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2021 - 5:00 PM**

**REV. CLARE L. PETERSBERGER, JOYCE DUNCAN: *“REPEAT THE SOUNDING JOY!”***

Before Thanksgiving, when I asked my nephew what he would be interested in bringing to a Zoom Christmas Eve service, he replied, “Your favorite ornament.” I said, “We did that last year.” He answered, “Yeah. It was good. It should be a tradition.” Part of what made this service memorable was that people of all ages participated and shared ornaments that represented joy. So bring your favorite ornament (that may or may not be part of your family’s traditions) to your device. If you have a child who would like to share a musical piece, please let Tracy know as soon as possible. We may not be able to pass a literal flame, but we will share other sounds and symbols of love and joy! If you have a taper, please bring a taper to your device. We will light it as we sing Silent Night from our homes.

For the first Christmas eve service, please join us at 4:45 PM to be admitted prior to the service starting at 5:00 PM.

Zoom Link: <https://uuma.zoom.us/j/97357840279?pwd=STREOVZlbnNrcGk2dHUxUXJSVmdPUT09>

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**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2021 - 7:30 PM**

**REV. CLARE L. PETERSBERGER: *“LET EVERY HEART PREPARE ROOM”***

A beloved holiday Christmas story is of the pageant where the child playing the part of the innkeeper didn’t send Mary and Joseph away but instead extended hospitality and said “Come on in!” What if that child got the story right---that others helped Mary and Joseph? What would it mean for the nativity story? What would it mean for our lives? What might it tell us about where joy is found? If you have a taper, please bring it to your device. We will light it as we sing Silent Night from our homes.

For the second Christmas eve service, please join us at 7:15 PM to be admitted prior to the service starting at 7:30 PM.

Zoom Link: <https://uuma.zoom.us/j/93428508672?pwd=YmVuUFR2aFRNOE5WcS9UTVNiKONaUT09>

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**AMAZON SMILE QUARTERLY DONATION: \$91.14**

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.



## UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS AT TOWSON UUC

### WRITING AS A SPIRITUAL PRACTICE—FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17 AT 1 PM

In these drop-in sessions, we reflect on a writing prompt; write for about 15 minutes; and then share what we have written without comment or judgment. Participants are amazed by what they learn about themselves and others. You are welcome to join us, this Friday, with a prompt by Hal Borland on evergreens at this time of solstice! ----Rev. Clare

### SINGLES FELLOWSHIP VIRTUAL GET-TOGETHER—SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18 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.

### SOCRATES CAFÉ—NEXT MEETING ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 20 AT 7:30 PM

At our next TUUC Socrates Café, which will be held on Zoom next Monday evening, December 20th at 7:30 p.m., we will be probing the question, “What does the First UU Principle mean to us, and how are we applying it in our lives?” The First Principle reads: “We, the member congregations of the UUA, covenant to affirm and promote the inherent worth and dignity of every person.” We would enjoy having you join us with your thoughts, ideas, and insights. If you wish to be added to our e-mail list, in order to receive the e-mail with the Zoom Link for December 20th, please send an e-mail to [socratescafe@towsonuuc.org](mailto:socratescafe@towsonuuc.org). At each of the ensuing seven monthly TUUC Socrates Café sessions, we will be discussing the other of six Principles, in order, except for an interjection, at our April session, of a probing of the proposed 8th Principle.

### GREEN SANCTUARY COMMITTEE—HOLIDAY GIFT WRAPPING

The Green Sanctuary Committee urges you to check out, and to share, this article on how to avoid wasteful holiday gift wrapping with clever ideas for reusing what you have. [Please visit this page for a helpful guide from Greenpeace.](#)

### TUUC 2021 AUCTION—ITEMS STILL AVAILABLE

Thanks to everyone--donors and bidders, committee members, other volunteers and TUUC staff who made this year's *Gather Our Gifts!* auction a resounding success and a great deal of fun. Together we raised \$17,500 for the Towson Unitarian Universalist Church!

There's still chance to purchase the last places for some very enticing events, activities and services. You can hike, bike, eat, drink, learn, craft, sing, play games or be entertained while getting to know the other participants a little bit better. One particularly fun item is Len Proctor's online Improv Class which needs one or two additional takers. Ann had to twist my arm to buy this last year because I was worried about being put on-the-spot to perform. I was wrong. The classes were a blast. Very playful, totally non-judgmental and confidence-building.

The complete list and how to order appear in the [POST AUCTION SALES](#) link on the Auction Webpage. --Dan Alper and the 2021 Auction Team

## REOPENING PLANS SIMPLIFIED

TUUC intends to re-open for in-person worship when the COVID ActNow website shows Baltimore County, MD at the risk level Medium for 14 consecutive days, and when we have the capability to stream our worship services from the meeting room.

We will be requiring those who attend in person to register, social distance, wear a mask and be fully vaccinated. We will have reduced capacity at the Medium risk level.

Baltimore County is currently at the High risk level. Here is a link to the website: [https://covidactnow.org/us/maryland-md/county/baltimore\\_county/?s=26201524](https://covidactnow.org/us/maryland-md/county/baltimore_county/?s=26201524)

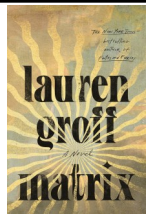
A vendor has been selected to provide and install streaming equipment and we're excited to move forward with them! Our re-opening plans are subject to change.

## HELP WANTED: CHILD AND TEEN MUSICIANS FOR FAMILY SERVICE ON CHRISTMAS EVE

Do you have a piece of music you'd like to play on an instrument, or a solo song you'd like to share with the congregation on Christmas Eve? We are looking for teens or children to add musically to the 5:00 PM service, either by playing live on Zoom or by pre-recording. If you need piano accompaniment, that can be arranged! It will be a heart-warming service of sharing our favorite ornaments and hearing stories about joy. All we need is you! Contact Tracy Hall at [music@towsonuuc.org](mailto:music@towsonuuc.org).

### TUUC BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5  
7:30 PM



### CABIN FEVER

BULL DURHAM (1988)  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19: 4:30PM



December 18, 2021  
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM



Third  
Saturday  
Work Party

#### Outdoor focus - Winter Prep & Ivy Removal

Rain or shine (disposable rain gear provided)

Moderate weather permitting.

General outdoor activities:

- Weeding
- Forestry maintenance
- Parking Lot cleaning



## 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](mailto:houseandgrounds@towsonuuc.org).

### THANKSGIVING BASKET PROJECT

TUUC contributed \$1250 to the Thanksgiving Basket Project at ACTC. Thanks to all who contributed to making Thanksgiving a bit better for more than a few families.



### It's not too late...60 undedicated chairs 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. Complete this [form](#) to place your order. Thanks!

# 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.

17 Dec	Friday	Writing as a Spiritual Practice	1:00 PM
18 Dec	Saturday	Third Saturday Work Party	9:00 AM
18 Dec	Saturday	Singles Fellowship Group	7:00 PM
19 Dec	Sunday	Sunday Service and Coffee Hour	10:30 AM
19 Dec	Sunday	Cabin Fever—Bull Durham	4:30 PM
20 Dec	Monday	Socrates Café	7:30 PM
21 Dec	Tuesday	Men's Reflection Group	7:30 PM
21 Dec	Tuesday	Women's Group Meeting	7:30 PM
23 Dec	Thursday	Men's Group Meeting	7:30 PM
24 Dec	Friday	Family Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	5:00 PM
24 Dec	Friday	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	7:30 PM
26 Dec	Sunday	Sunday Service and Coffee Hour	10:30 AM
27 Dec	Tuesday	Soul Matters Sharing Circles	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](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
12/12/2021	10:30 AM	54