



SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 2022 - 10:30 AM

REV. CLARE L. PETERSBERGER, TUUC SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE, MENTORING MAIL TEENS IN THE HOOD: "DISCOVER SOMETHING THAT IS SO ETERNALLY WORTHFUL THAT YOU WILL NEVER GIVE IT UP"

Today, we celebrate the birth of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. by reflecting on what he found to be "so eternally worthwhile that (he) never gave it up." What was the resonance between Dr. King's intentions and his impact? What is the resonance between our own intentions and our impact? We will be joined by guests from Mentoring Male Teens In The Hood and take a special collection for this TUUC community partner.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16 SERVICE INFORMATION

For Sunday, January 16, 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/92726952636?pwd=ZDBHQ3hCdUxxNkxkTXJPS2phTisxZz09>

Meeting ID: 927 2695 2636 **Passcode:** 101559

YOUTH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Families are invited to join us for a family gathering next Sunday at noon by Zoom. We are exploring living with intention by sharing the story of Wangari Maathai, Kenyan activist, environmentalist, and Nobel prize laureate. Her persistence in planting trees and teaching others how to do so helped to reforest their country. Contact Joyce Duncan at tuucdre@towsonuuc.org for more information or to be added to the mailing list. See the family email or the TUUC website calendar for the link to join.

MLK SUNDAY—MENTORING MALE TEENS IN THE HOOD (MMTH)

This Sunday, Jan 16, will be Martin Luther King Sunday. In Coordination with MLK Sunday, we will collect donations to support one of our Community Partners, Mentoring Male Teens in the Hood (MMTH), which has been changing young lives since 1996. Several TUUC members volunteer at MMTH, which tutors urban boys and young men, opens their horizons with field trips, and mentors them into becoming productive citizens and leaders of tomorrow. Education, speakers, trips, sporting events, health forums, conflict resolution, STD and AIDS workshops, and real conversations about the 'Hood' come together to prepare them to compete in a society that too often allows them to slip through the cracks. The entire collection plate of undesignated monies will go to Mentoring Male Teens in the Hood. To inform our bookkeeper of your intent please:

- a. Text "GIVE" to 410-834-0700, and use the SAC Code, e.g. "20 SAC"
- b. To donate through Breeze, select the Social Action Collection (or the PLATE Collection)
- c. To write a check, make sure to write "SAC" or "MMTH" on the memo line.

CLARE'S COLLOQUY

At the end of November, my parents learned that my mother's "Cousin Nan," who was in her early 90's, had died of natural causes in February of 2021. When I learned the news, my first thoughts were of visiting with her and her first husband, Dick, when I was a child. She was tall, full of energy, hail-fellow-well-met, inquisitive, and was a lot of fun. Her husband was the kind of person who would go down the slide designed for children at a pool. They both had wide smiles and loved to laugh---big, hearty laughs.

Reading her obituary, I was struck by these details: "A committed friend and philanthropist, she loved family, neighbors, and spending quiet evenings in conversation with a cigar and a brandy in each hand (in that order)....She gave generously to support the causes she cared about and lent her energy, warmth, and compassion to all who knew her. (She) was simultaneously larger than life and down to earth, and we will always be reminded of her when we sit outside, breathe deep the fresh air, and gaze into the big night sky. And then we'll each raise a brandy and say: "To you, Nan!"

Her friends and family were reflecting in her obituary who she was, fundamentally, at her core. These were qualities of being that Cousin Nan could not have set New Year's resolutions or goals to achieve.

Our congregational chat has reflected the deaths of many loved ones in the past year. These people are missed, primarily, for who they were in relationship to us and to others---rather than for anything on a resume; or any significant publications; or specific ways they worked to become a better version of themselves in the New Year.

Perhaps for this reason, our Soul Matters theme for January is "What does it mean to open to intention?" What does it mean to pause to reflect on who we are? This is different from the tradition of setting resolutions and goals to become a better version of ourselves.

The Great Resignation, an idea proposed by Professor Anthony Klotz, that a large number of mid-career employees in health care and technology have left or will leave their jobs after the Covid pandemic ends may be related to questioning if what they are doing is aligned with their deepest values. It may be related to inner discernment about authenticity and transformation rather than about how society defines (or defined) success.

This month, at the start of a new year, when we are done with the pandemic but it does not appear to be done with us, we open to intention. The word comes from Latin and refers to stretching and leaning towards. This month we stretch toward our true selves and lean towards our internal compass so that we can reflect on who we want to be in relationship to ourselves, to others, and to the moral issues facing us. We reflect on the qualities of our unique and unrepeatable selves for which we hope to be remembered so that those who follow "will sit outside, breathe deep the fresh air, gaze into the big night sky," and raise a glass in our honor.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS AT TOWSON UUC

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. 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*

VIRTUAL LUNCH WITH THE MINISTER—TUESDAYS AT NOON

If you are available at noon on Tuesday in January and February, join Rev. Clare and others for conversations over virtual lunch on topics ranging from how it goes with out spirits to how it goes in the nation and the world.

PHISHING/SCAM EMAILS—DO NOT RESPOND

Well, the scammers are at it again. If you receive an e-mail, ostensibly from my Gmail account, with a request for gift cards or a message that I need help from you and can't telephone you, or some other vague request that I would never make, please ignore it. I don't know how the scammers get addresses for members of our UU congregations. I know that my Unitarian Universalist colleagues have had to warn their congregants to avoid such phishing scams. My thanks to those who have alerted me to recent attempts. I have reported the bogus Gmail account addresses to Google. ---Rev. Clare

SOUL MATTERS SHARING CIRCLES—FEBRUARY 8 AND 22, MARCH 8 AND 22, APRIL 12 AND 26, MAY 10 AND 24

Soul Matters Sharing Circles will begin new groups, virtually, on February 8. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month for a little over an hour to explore the spiritual theme of the month in more depth. Our themes will be Widening The Circle, Renewing Faith, Awakening, and Nurturing Beauty. Rather than simply read what theologians have to say about a topic or all discuss a list of questions on the topic, participants have the opportunity to engage a spiritual practice that speaks to them and reflect on a question that leads them to a deeper insight. Each participant receives a monthly packet with at least four exercises, a list of possible questions, and several pages of resources. We ask that participants commit to meeting twice a month for a semester (through the fourth Tuesday of January.) If you are interested in being part of a virtual Soul Matters Sharing Circle, or have questions about the program, please e-mail revclare@towsonuuc.org.

WRITING AS A SPIRITUAL PRACTICE—FRIDAYS FROM 1-2 PM—JANUARY 14 AND 28, FEBRUARY 11 AND 25, MARCH 11 AND 25, APRIL 8 AND 22, MAY 20, JUNE 3 AND 17

You are invited to drop in to experience the power of writing in community. Twice a month we will gather for an hour on a Friday afternoon. We will introduce ourselves; I will share a quotation and writing prompt; and then we will write together for 10-15 minutes in silence and without stopping. Those who wish to do so will share what they have written---without

comment, feedback, or judgement. This is sacred sharing and listening. The goal is not to improve one's writing (or to improve someone else's writing!). The goal is to know one another and be known and to share stories of who we are and what is on our mind and in our hearts. --- *Rev. Clare*

SOCRATES CAFÉ—NEXT MEETING MONDAY, JANUARY 17 AT 7:30 PM

At our next TUUC Socrates Café, which will be held on Zoom next Monday evening, January 17th from 7:30-9:00 PM, we will be probing the question, "What does the second UU Principle mean to us, and how are we applying it in our lives?" The second UU Principle reads: "We, the member congregations of the UUA, covenant to affirm and promote justice, equity, and compassion in human relations." 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 January 17th, please send an e-mail to socratescafe@towsonuuc.org. At each of the ensuing six monthly TUUC Socrates Café sessions, we will be discussing the rest of the Principles, in order, except for an interjection, at our April session, of a probing of the proposed 8th Principle.

ETHNIC LUNCH TIME—WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19 AT 12:30 PM (VIRTUAL)

The upsurge in Covid-19 cases, thanks to the arrival of Omicron, means many people are reluctant to visit restaurants. Janet Kuperstein and I have decided to return Ethnic Lunch to Zoom cooking demonstrations until we feel comfortable returning to restaurant dining.

On Wednesday, January 19 at 12:30 everyone is invited to join Janet as she prepares a lunch with a French influence. She'll prepare *salade Niçoise*, *Madeleines* with a savory cheese flavor and *pots de crème*.

We may be continuing with Zoom get togethers until Spring. If there are any cooks out there who would like to demonstrate a favorite dish from their cultural background or discovered on a trip to foreign countries, let us know.

If you plan to join us, RSVP to ethniclunch@towsonuuc.org.

--- *Claudia Sumler and Janet Kuperstein*

[Zoom Link](#)

Meeting ID: 891 6636 4388 | **Passcode:** 637145

SINGLES FELLOWSHIP VIRTUAL GET-TOGETHER—SATURDAY, JANUARY 22 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.

OUR JOURNEY TOGETHER

Are you new to TUUC or wanting to deepen your involvement? Join us for a small group experience on Zoom! Inspired by the classic UU slogan, “[deeds not creeds](#),” we present Unitarian Universalism as a particular way of journeying through the world, rather than as a set of beliefs. You might not be so much looking for an organization to join as you are searching for companions to walk with.

If you are wondering if Towson Unitarian can provide you with tools and partners for your spiritual journey, come find out.

Join us for a four-part program during which we will explore the experiences of

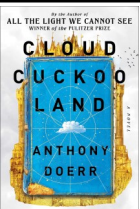

- Becoming, by listening to our deepest self
- Belonging, by loving our neighbors
- Engaging, by serving needs greater than our own
- Being, by opening up to life’s gifts

Our four sessions will be held on Zoom February 6 at 7:15 - 8:45 PM, February 13 at 3 - 4:30, and February 27 and March 6 at 7:15.

Sign up by sending an email to membership@towsonuuc.org


PASSING THE 8TH PRINCIPLE—MEETING ON MONDAY, JANUARY 24 AT 7:30 PM

Last year, TUUC’s Board voted to support the proposed 8th Principle, which seeks to accountably dismantle systems of oppression. This year, the principle is up for a vote at our annual congregational meeting. If you would like to be part of the group responsible for educating and moving the congregation toward that approval, please join our 8th Principle Team! Our first meeting is Monday, January 24 at 7:30 PM. Zoom information can be found on the TUUC Calendar.

<p>TUUC BOOK CLUB WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2 7:30 PM</p> 	<p>CABIN FEVER THE KING OF COMEDY (1982) SUNDAY, JANUARY 16: 4:30PM</p> 
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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.



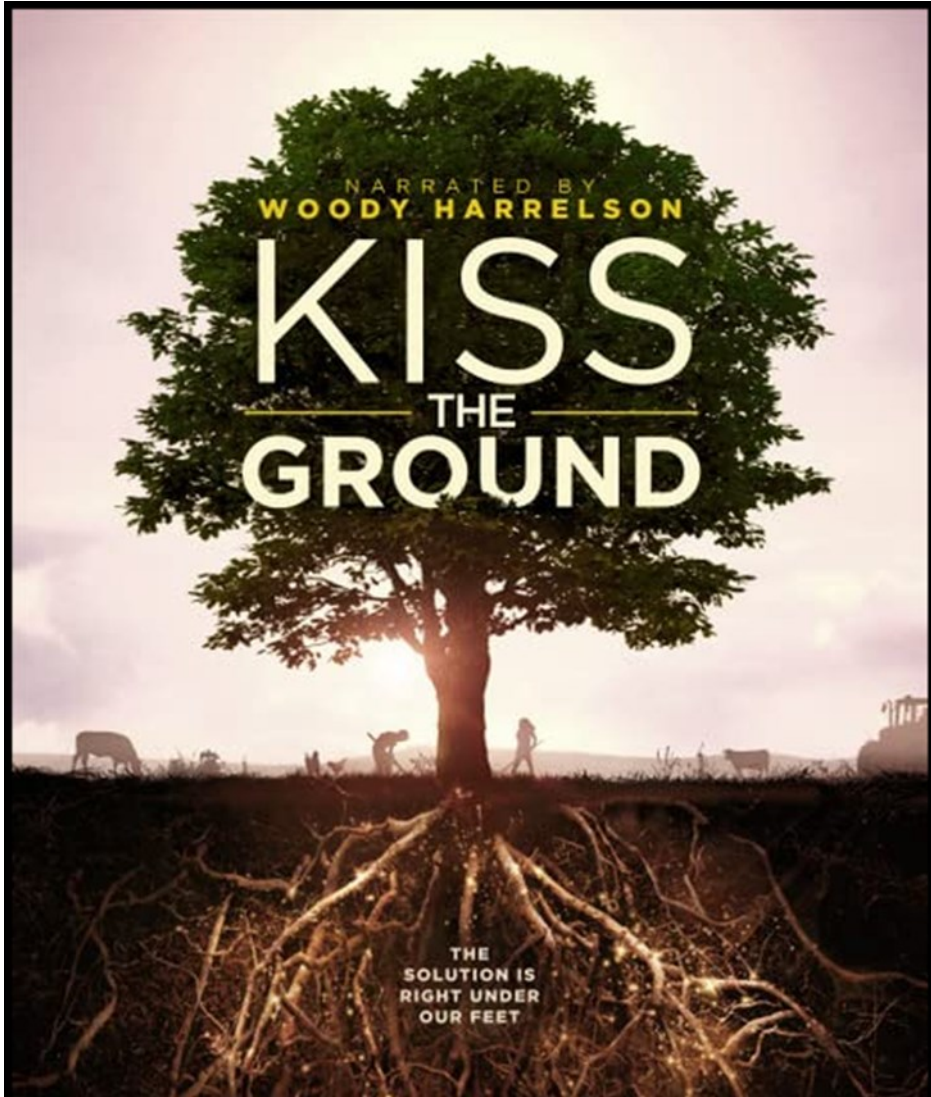
Third Saturday Work Party January 15 - 9:00 AM

Weather permitting



GREEN SANCTUARY/CABIN FEVER—KISS THE GROUND

The Green Sanctuary Committee and Cabin Fever jointly present
Kiss the Ground (Netflix)
as the January 30th Cabin Fever screening discussion about
helping the planet:



A revolutionary group of activists, scientists, farmers, and politicians band together in a global movement of "Regenerative Agriculture" that could balance our climate, replenish our vast water supplies, and feed the world.

Please watch on your own, then join us on January 30th at 4:30pm for discussion around this environmental documentary that will make you think how we can all help on a local level as well as the larger planet. Zoom link on [TUUC web calendar](#).

SOCIAL ACTION

TUUC NEEDS TO DONATE 60 OUR DAILY BREAD CASSEROLES BY JANUARY 29

This month is one in which TUUC has pledged to deliver the equivalent of 60 casseroles (at \$10 each) to the Our Daily Bread (ODB) Program, by Jan. 29. Since June 1, 1981, Our Daily Bread have never missed a day of lunch service to those experiencing hunger in Baltimore, in spite of blizzards, hurricanes or any other occurrence.

Our Daily Bread is Maryland's largest hot meal program, serving more than a quarter of a million meals to those experiencing hunger in Baltimore City each year. Contributions by individuals and churches serve 600-800 lunch guests each day! During Covid, we are contributing funds only (\$10 per casserole), not actual cooked casseroles.

To learn more about the program, see

<https://www.catholiccharities-md.org/services/ourdaily-bread-hot-meal-program/>

Please contribute to Our Daily Bread by one of these methods:

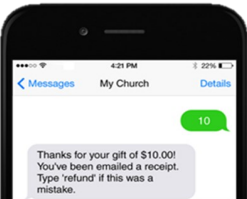
- Text—Send a text to 410-834-0700: amount + ODB, for example text "50 ODB" to give \$50
- To donate through Breeze, select the ODB line
- Send a check to TUUC (1710 Dulaney Valley Rd. Lutherville, MD 21093) and specify "ODB" on the memo line.

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.)



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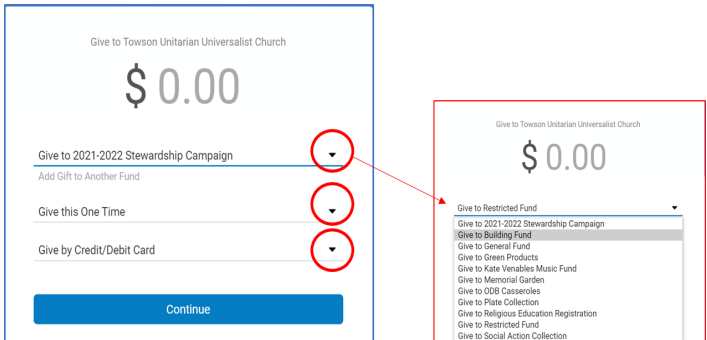
PASSING THE PLATE

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.



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

Give to Towson Unitarian Universalist Church

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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

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.

14 Jan	Friday	Writing as a Spiritual Practice	1:00 PM
15 Jan	Saturday	Third Saturday Work Party	9:00 AM
16 Jan	Sunday	Sunday Service and Coffee Hour	10:30 AM
16 Jan	Sunday	Family Gathering	12:00 PM
16 Jan	Sunday	Cabin Fever—The King of Comedy	4:30 PM
17 Jan	Monday	Socrates Café	7:30 PM
18 Jan	Tuesday	Virtual Lunch with the Minister	12:00 PM
18 Jan	Tuesday	Men's Reflection Group	7:30 PM
18 Jan	Tuesday	Women's Group Meeting	7:30 PM
19 Jan	Wednesday	Ethnic Lunch Time	12:30 PM
20 Jan	Thursday	TUUC Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM
22 Jan	Saturday	Singles Fellowship	7:00 PM
23 Jan	Sunday	Sunday Service and Coffee Hour	10:30 AM
23 Jan	Sunday	TUUC Listening Session with the Board	12:00 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
01/09/2022	10:30 AM	62