



SUNDAY, JANUARY 23, 2022 - 10:30 AM

KARYN MARSH, TUUC AFFILIATE COMMUNITY MINISTER: "IN A PERFECT WORLD"

For centuries our Unitarian and Universalist ancestors have believed in the possibility of creating heaven on Earth. Some like Unitarian minister George Ripley and Bronson Alcott, father to Louisa May Alcott, tried to put their ideas into action by establishing utopian communities in the 1840s. These communities failed, but the idea of creating beloved community still remains alive in Unitarian Universalism two centuries later. In today's service, Affiliate Community Minister Karyn Marsh will explore the idea of creating a perfect world today.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23 SERVICE INFORMATION

For Sunday, January 23, 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://us02web.zoom.us/j/85007718063?
pwd=QTR4QTVLVnA5eVQwUGN1Z1V0OHhLUT09

Meeting ID: 850 0771 8063 Passcode: 779514

YOUTH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We invite families to join us for the virtual family gathering this Sunday at noon to explore living with intention. Would you like a chance to chat with members of the YRE Committee and other parents? If so, please join us for a **drop-in parent meeting on Tuesday, January 25**, anytime between 7 and 8 PM. We look forward to hearing from you and getting feedback about programming. Please check the parent email or the church calendar for details to join either of these meetings. Contact Joyce Duncan at tuucdre@towsonuuc.org if you have any questions or to be added to the mailing list.



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UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS AT TOWSON UUC

VIRTUAL LUNCH WITH THE MINISTER—NEXT MEETING ON FEBRUARY 1

Virtual Lunch with the Minister will not meet on January 25th so that Rev. Clare can attend a virtual national conference on reproductive justice. It will resume on Feb 1. ---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 revolare@towsonuuc.org.

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.

WRITING AS A SPIRITUAL PRACTICE—FRIDAYS FROM 1-2 PM—JANUARY 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

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.

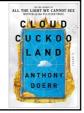


AMAZON SMILE QUARTERLY DONATION: \$91.14

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TUUC BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2 7:30 PM



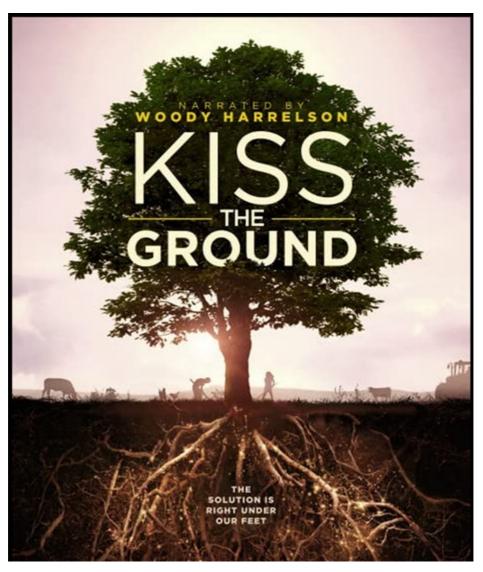
CABIN FEVER

PAPER MOON (1973) SUNDAY, JANUARY 23: 4:30PM



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 <u>TUUC web calendar</u>.

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:

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

Thank you for your generosity!

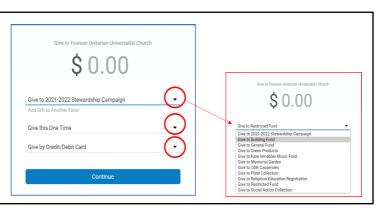
ASSISTANCE CENTER OF TOWSON CHURCHES (ACTC) FOOD DONATIONS

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.)

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.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT TUUC

Calendar is subject to change. Check the website calendar <u>here</u> for most current schedule.

Click **here** for the schedule of ongoing regular TUUC virtual meetings.

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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	
23 Jan	Sunday	Date with Death Club	1:00 PM	
23 Jan	Sunday	Cabin Fever—Paper Moon	4:30 PM	
24 Jan	Monday	Passing the 8th Principle	7:30 PM	
25 Jan	Tuesday	Aging Together	1:00 PM	
25 Jan	Tuesday	Parent Meeting	7:00 PM	
25 Jan	Tuesday	Soul Matters Sharing Circles	7:30 PM	
27 Jan	Thursday	TUUC Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM	
27 Jan	Thursday	Soul Matters Sharing Circles	7:30 PM	
28 Jan	Friday	Writing as a Spiritual Practice	1:00 PM	
30 Jan	Sunday	Sunday Service and Coffee Hour	10:30 AM	
30 Jan	Sunday	Cabin Fever—Kiss the Ground	4:30 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.

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ZOOM SUNDAY SERVICE ATTENDANCE REPORT

(Does not reflect actual number of people watching)

Date	Time	Adults/Children
01/16/2022	10:30 AM	65