



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2022 - 10:30 AM

REV. CLARE L. PETERSBERGER, JOYCE DUNCAN, MEMBERS OF THE TUUC STEWARDSHIP TEAM: "GATHERING OUR GIFTS"

There is a folk tale about a community that widens its circle of including strangers by gathering its gifts. This morning we will re-enact the story of Stone Soup in our homes. You are invited to move your device into your kitchen or bring a pot with water or broth, potatoes, carrots, squash, onion, celery, etc. to your device. Traditionally, the launch of our annual stewardship campaign began with a shared meal. While Omicron prevents us from sharing a meal in person, we can savor the smells and tastes of a shared meal from our own homes as we reflect on how we intend, in the coming year, to live out our mission to deepen our spiritual and ethical lives by working for racial, social, and environmental justice.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6 SERVICE INFORMATION

For Sunday, February 6, 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/97724943258?pwd=cEtLcmFMNVZVTzh0YW5QdmxOcXF6UT09>

Meeting ID: 977 2494 3258 **Passcode:** 970644

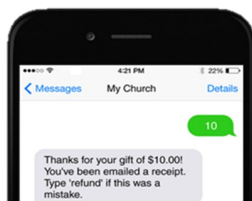
YOUTH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Families are invited to join us for a family gathering Sunday at noon by Zoom. We explore widening the circle by sharing the story of The Hungry Coat. 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.



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CLARE'S COLLOQUY

Our spiritual theme for February is “Widening the Circle.” What does this theme mean to you? When I first heard those words, in my mind’s eye I saw a circle of 40 chairs at River Road Unitarian Universalist Church with colleagues in the Chesapeake chapter of the Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association. In pre-Covid times, when another colleague arrived, we needed to literally widen the circle. This entailed finding an extra chair for this colleague, bringing it to the “circle,” and then colleagues “widening the circle” to make room for the extra chair and cherished colleague. It was not something that one person could do alone. It required effort by many individuals. Chairs scraped the floor in a wave as several people scooted back; smiles and waves were exchanged; sometimes there were further sounds of scraping as chairs were moved further back or forward to maintain something of the circle shape. Perfection was not the goal. Community was the goal.

Last winter, a hard copy of the report from the UUA Commission on Institutional Change, entitled “Widening The Circle Of Concern” sat on my desk (it still does!) The UUA Commission on Institutional Change was like the colleague arriving at the already formed circle. The report “Widening The Circle Of Concern” was like the extra chair--a means to become more inclusive. (The report may be accessed on-line, here: <https://www.uua.org/uuagovernance/committees/cic/widening>) Last winter, on Sunday afternoons, around 20 TUUC members and friends were like the colleagues moving their chairs back as we discussed the report’s recommendations on ways to become an anti-racist, multi-cultural congregation and association of congregations. Sometimes we smiled. Sometimes we winced at the scraping sound of painful stories of exclusion. The report made it clear that perfection is not the goal. The goal is a more inclusive and welcoming community. The goal is Beloved Community.

As we continue to discuss the proposed Eighth Principle, with its vision “of journeying to 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” the image of Unitarian Universalists literally moving their chairs to create a more inclusive circle is appropriate. Widening our circle of concern will entail recognizing where we are in our current circle; making adjustments; changing some practices and intentionally “widening the circle.” Perfection is not the goal. Community is the goal.

The Reverend Cristin Green will address the theme of “Widening the Circle” in worship with us on February 20th. She is the Assistant Minister for Congregational Life for the Unitarian Universalist Church of Fairfax, VA. I first heard Rev. Cristin Green in her role as Worship Arts coordinator for the Chesapeake chapter of the Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association. She is a member of Diverse & Revolutionary Unitarian Universalist Multicultural Ministries as well as Unitarian Universalist Professionals of Color. She is also a poet and musician. Please give The Reverend Cristin Green a warm TUUC welcome! Although you may not have to move your chair back when we gather for worship on February 20th, do smile, wave, and listen to her preach on the theme of widening the circle.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS AT TOWSON UUC

2021 GIVING STATEMENTS

Giving statements for calendar year 2021 (January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021) were sent out this week via email. Check your spam file if you do not see it in your inbox. Those that could not be sent by email were mailed to the address we have on file in Breeze. You may check your giving status regularly through Breeze. Login at <https://tuucdatabase.breezechms.com/login>.

Should you have any questions about your statement or need help to login to Breeze, please contact Kai Aiyetoro at churchoffice@towsonuuc.org.

MAKE STONE SOUP WITH US ON FEBRUARY 6!

We invite you to make Stone Soup on February 6, Stewardship Sunday, as we tell this story in the worship service. This soup can be made easily from common ingredients listed below, or you can alter it to suit your own taste and whatever is in your pantry and refrigerator. If you assemble and chop ingredients ahead, the only effort involved will be a bit of sautéing while finishing your breakfast; then add the remaining items and keep on low heat while enjoying the service. During breakout rooms you can share your favorite soup variations with others and then your lunch awaits. Add some crusty bread and you will have a simple, delicious meal to warm you on a cold day.

Ingredients:

- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 1 onion, chopped (white, brown, yellow)
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 large carrot, chopped (about 1 1/4 cups)
- 2 celery ribs, chopped (about 1 1/4 cups)
- 2 cups dried lentils, green, red, or brown, rinsed
- 14 oz crushed tomato
- 6 cups vegetable or chicken stock or water
- 1/2 tsp each cumin and coriander powder
- 1 1/2 tsp paprika powder
- 2 dried bay leaves
- 1 lemon (zest + juice)
- 1/4 tsp salt and pepper, each, or to taste

1. Heat oil in a large pot over medium heat. Add garlic and onion, cook for 2 minutes.
2. Add celery and carrot. Cook for 7 - 10 minutes.
3. Add all remaining ingredients except the lemon and salt. Stir.
4. Increase heat and bring to simmer. Simmer for 35 - 40 minutes or until lentils are soft.
5. Remove bay leaves.
6. Add a touch of water if you want to adjust soup consistency. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Grate over the zest of the lemon then add a squeeze of lemon juice just before serving.

GREEN SANCTUARY—NEXT MEETING ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6 AT 12:00 PM

Green Sanctuary Committee will meet on Sunday Feb 6 at noon. The Zoom information is on the TUUC web calendar.

GREEN SANCTUARY FAIR TRADE SALE—SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12 FROM 11 AM TO 12 PM

Just in time for Valentine's Day, the Green Sanctuary Committee will be selling fair trade chocolate, coffee, tea and nuts on the church porch, Saturday Feb 12th from 11 am to noon. Come get your heart felt gifts!!

ETHNIC LUNCH—WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16 AT 12:30 PM

Covid-19 cases are dropping but we think one more month with Zoom cooking demonstrations is the way to go for February Ethnic Lunch. This month Janet Kuperstein is going to take us to the Middle East by demonstrating how to prepare some dishes from Jordan.

Everyone is invited to join Janet via Zoom on Wednesday, February 16 at 12:30. RSVP to ethniclunch@towsonuuc.org. The Zoom link will be posted next week.

SOCIAL ACTION

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.)

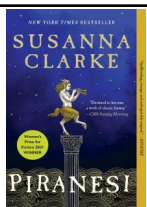
SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING—SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13 AT 12:00 PM

The Social Action Committee will meet Sunday, February 13, at noon, following the service and Coffee Time. All are invited - please see the Church Calendar for more information. An Agenda will be sent to persons on the mailing list.

TUUC BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

7:30 PM



CABIN FEVER

LILIES ON THE FIELD (1963)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6: 4:30PM



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.

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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.

6 Feb	Sunday	Sunday Service and Coffee Hour	10:30 AM
6 Feb	Sunday	Green Sanctuary Meeting	12:00 PM
6 Feb	Sunday	Date with Death Club	1:00 PM
6 Feb	Sunday	Cabin Fever—Lilies of the Field	4:30 PM
6 Feb	Sunday	Our Journey Together	7:15 PM
8 Feb	Tuesday	Virtual Lunch With Minister	12:00 PM
8 Feb	Tuesday	Aging Together	1:00 PM
8 Feb	Tuesday	Soul Matters Sharing Circles	7:30 PM
10 Feb	Thursday	TUUC Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM
10 Feb	Thursday	Men's Group Meeting	7:30 PM
11 Feb	Friday	Writing as a Spiritual Practice	1:00 PM
13 Feb	Sunday	Sunday Service and Coffee Hour	10:30 AM
13 Feb	Sunday	Social Action Committee Meeting	12:00 PM
13 Feb	Sunday	Our Journey Together	3:00 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.

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ZOOM SUNDAY SERVICE

ATTENDANCE REPORT

(Does not reflect actual number of people watching)

Date	Time	Adults/Children
01/30/2022	10:30 AM	66