



#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2022 - 10:30 AM

#### **REV. CLARE L. PETERSBERGER: "A GATHERING OF EARTHSEED"**

Octavia Butler wondered about the challenges and adventures of widening the circle in her science fiction. Her stories offered a vision of the future that paradoxically combined a dystopia and a utopia. What can we learn from her, the theology she created in her fiction, and her vision for humankind?

#### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27 SERVICE INFORMATION**

For Sunday, February 27, 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://zoom.us/j/98032168442?pwd=TGFxRG44M0htVmVyWllkYnVvOEZ1UT09

Meeting ID: 980 3216 8442 Passcode: 801958

#### YOUTH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Families are invited to join us at noon this Sunday for the last virtual family gathering. We look forward to meeting in person once again on March 6 in the church building at 10:30 AM. Please look for more details on registering for classes in upcoming emails and articles in the Threshold. Thanks to those who joined us last Sunday for a walk at Jerusalem Mill. We enjoyed the beautiful day and the scenic surroundings, including the blacksmith forging a candle holder in a historic building, as well as connecting with friends old and new. Contact Joyce at <a href="mailto:tuucdre@towsonuuc.org">tuucdre@towsonuuc.org</a> or to be added to our mailing list or if you have questions about our Religious Exploration program.



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

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#### PASSING THE PLATE

DONATE TO TUUC VIA PAYPAL, TEXT, OR BREEZE MORE INFORMATION ON THE TUUC WEBSITE HERE

#### **STEWARDSHIP**

The theme for this year's Stewardship campaign is #GatherOurGifts. During our Feb 20 worship service, Sue Royer shared the ways that TUUC is widening our circle, including sharing personal pronouns, displaying the Progress Pride Flag, launching multi-platform worship and working with an architect to assess and plan for an accessible restroom on the main level.



On our website, there is an **online pledge form** and a **printable** pledge form, as well as the Stewardship letter. You have the option of becoming a sustaining pledger. Sustaining pledgers from last year have been sent letters with the amount of your sustaining pledge; if you want to make any changes, please let the office know by March 15.

You are invited to take a photo of yourself and your family holding a sign with #GatherOurGifts and post it in our TUUC Facebook Group or submit it for inclusion in the Threshold. Pledge forms are due by March 15.

#### **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.)

#### TUUC BOOK CLUB

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2** 7:30 PM



#### CABIN FEVER

**TIME (2020)** SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27: 4:30PM



### Skill Up **Spring Series 2022**

bit.ly/skillup4justice





FEB. 20: Creating Effective Guest Opinions & Letters to the Editor - Jeff Milchen

MAR. 20: Grounding, Welcoming & Energizing - Canedy Knowles & Rev. Kristina Church

APRIL 17: The Art of the Ask - Nicole Pressley

MAY 15: How Do I Get People to Care? **Building Strong Grassroots Actions for Justice** 

- Susan Leslie

**Every 3rd** Sunday

- 1 pm PT
- 2 pm MT
- 3 pm CT
- 4 pm ET

#### **UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS AT TOWSON UUC**

#### GREEN SANCTUARY MEETING—SUNDAY, MARCH 6 AT 1 PM

The Green Sanctuary Committee will meet via Zoom on Sunday March 6th at **1 pm (note time change)**. The Zoom information is on the church calendar. All are invited!

#### TUUC BLOOD DRIVE—WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9 FROM 10:30 AM TO 4:00 PM

Working with the American Red Cross, we've scheduled Wednesday, March 9th, 2022 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 March 9th, if you are healthy and have no concerns about donating.

To sign up for an appointment time between 10:30am-4:00 PM please use the link below OR email Clare Flynn-Avallone with your preferred times. Give the Gift of Life - Give Blood!

https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=TOWSONUUCHURCH

#### JUBILEE 3 ANTI-RACISM TRAINING—APRIL 1-3, 2022

Do you wish to deepen your understanding of how race and ethnicity play out in our institutions and our daily lives? Are you ready to take a leading role to nurture a multicultural future in the face of opposing cultural currents? Jubilee 3 Anti-Racism training is for you! This online training includes presentations, discussions, videos, exercises, and small group work. This 2 ½ day workshop is open to anyone who wants to journey toward making a stand against racism. Registration and details

Trainers: Paula Cole Jones, Dr Leon Spencer, and Lutricia Callair. \$170 per person. Registration deadline is March 27. Some training funding for volunteers is available in the church operating budget; contact Sue Royer for details.

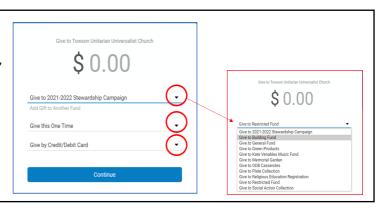
#### INFORMATION SESSION: DEEP DIVE INTO THE 8TH PRINCIPLE

On Sunday Feb 27 at 12 noon, join the Board for a deep dive into the 8th Principle. We'll be exploring the purpose of the 8th principle and sharing what we've learned from other UU churches. There will be facilitated discussion time. Please join us!

Zoom Link | Meeting ID: 834 5551 6042 | Passcode: 974030

#### **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 <a href="here">here</a> for most current schedule. Click <a href="here">here</a> for the schedule of ongoing regular TUUC virtual meetings.

| 25 Feb | Friday   | Writing as a Spiritual Practice       | 1:00 PM  |
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| 27 Feb | Sunday   | Sunday Service and Coffee Hour        | 10:30 AM |
| 27 Feb | Sunday   | TUUC Listening Session with the Board | 12:00 PM |
| 27 Feb | Sunday   | Family Gathering                      | 12:00 PM |
| 27 Feb | Sunday   | Cabin Fever—Time                      | 4:30 PM  |
| 27 Feb | Sunday   | Our Journey Together                  | 7:15 PM  |
| 1 Mar  | Tuesday  | Men's Reflection Group                | 7:30 PM  |
| 1 Mar  | Tuesday  | Women's Group Meeting 7:30            |          |
| 3 Mar  | Thursday | TUUC Choir Rehearsal                  | 7:30 PM  |
| 6 Mar  | Sunday   | Sunday Service and Coffee Hour        | 10:30 AM |
| 6 Mar  | Sunday   | Date with Death Club                  | 1:00 PM  |
| 6 Mar  | Sunday   | Green Sanctuary Meeting               | 1:00 PM  |
| 6 Mar  | Sunday   | Gallery Unicorn Reception             | 1:0 PM   |
| 6 Mar  | Sunday   | Cabin Fever—Hell or High Water        | 4:30 PM  |
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#### 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 <a href="mailto:churchoffice@towsonuuc.org">churchoffice@towsonuuc.org</a> 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 |
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| 02/20/2022 | 10:30 AM | 62              |