



SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2022 - 10:30 AM

MICHAEL MAGROGAN AND TOM ZELLER: "AGING TOGETHER"

The process of aging is tough for all of us, but the questions in Soul Matters helped us establish this Service. Hope you can join us on March 27th for the "Aging Together" Service.

SUNDAY, MARCH 27 ONLINE SERVICE INFORMATION

For those who have not registered for in-person worship and who plan to join us on Zoom this Sunday, please see below for the Zoom information.

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/92371603172?pwd=ZHHBd0p3MzJYTVNlQUhzMGUvQUlVQT09>

Meeting ID: 923 7160 3172 **Passcode:** 509758

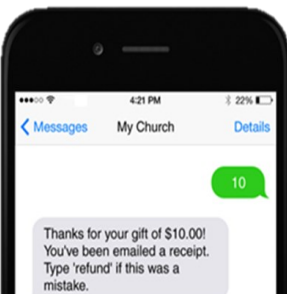
YOUTH RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

We look forward to seeing you again this Sunday. Your child is invited to join one of the following classes. Please fill out the form on the website if you would like to be added to the YRE mailing list: <https://www.towsonuuc.org/yre-form>.

Kindergarten through 5th grade will be discussing the Soul Matters themes that are used in worship, Renewing Faith. This group starts upstairs in the service at 10:30 AM and then meets in Room 5.

6th-8th grade will be "Heeding the Call" using lessons from a curriculum of the same name that highlights the qualities needed for making justice. This group starts upstairs in the worship service and then meets in Room 6.

9th -12th grade (YRUU) Young Religious Unitarian Universalists, or YRUU, will be discussing topics of their choosing and upcoming events. **This group meets at 10:30 AM in Room 7 unless you hear otherwise, not in the meeting room.**



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ORDINATION OF KARYN MARSH

On Saturday, May 7, 2022, our own Karyn Bergmann Marsh will be ordained as a Unitarian Universalist minister by the Towson Unitarian Universalist Church. Answering the call to ministry is more than just a career choice. Being ordained into professional religious leadership is a life-changing event, both for the new minister and for any congregation or organization they may serve.

Ordination is one of the most important traditions of our faith. A congregation's decision to ordain someone represents the congregation's faith in, and support for, the ordinand's ministry. In the UU tradition, the ritual of ordination allows the minister to use the title of Reverend. As a formal recognition of entry into service as a UU minister, ordination offers an invitation to individual and communal transformation, as well as an opportunity to serve our faith in the world. Ordination isn't just about one person's ministry. In the UU tradition, authority to ordain ministers rests squarely with the congregation. To highlight the significance and rarity of this event to our congregation, TUUC hasn't ordained a new minister since 1999.

Karyn's journey toward ministerial ordination has included TUUC at almost every step. She's been deeply committed to TUUC from the day she signed the TUUC membership book in 2008 to the present day. She's served tirelessly on multiple committees, been a member of the choir, served as a Lay Worship Associate, was the Membership Committee chair for six years, and spent more than eight years combined on the Board of Trustees and Operations Team, always working for the betterment of TUUC, our community, the Unitarian Universalist Association, and the world at large. She currently serves as an Affiliate Community Minister of TUUC. After an intensive three-year program, Karyn graduated from the Starr King School for the Ministry in Berkeley, CA in May 2020 with a Masters of Divinity degree. She also served as a ministerial intern at All Souls Unitarian of Tulsa from August 2020 until May 2021 and provided ministerial support to the UU fellowship of Charlestown in Catonsville, MD. Following a rigorous evaluation process the UUA accepted her into Preliminary Fellowship, a necessary step toward ordination. In June 2021, the congregation voted unanimously to ordain Karyn into the UU ministry. She is currently serving as a Chaplain at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, providing support to patients, their families, and staff. The celebration of ordination is a deeply moving ceremony that will involve TUUC's congregation, Unitarian Universalists far and wide who have mentored and counseled Karyn on her journey, and Karyn's friends and family. The joyful ceremony will include hymns, songs, and readings, the presentation of gifts, and the laying of hands, a particularly poignant element where the congregation joins as one living body to bless Karyn as she makes her first steps on her chosen path. The service will be presented both in-person and online via zoom. As one of the first live events at TUUC since early 2020, the ordination will also be a celebration of the congregation's return to in-person gatherings.

The Board of Trustees has budgeted \$7,200 for Karyn's ordination - the ceremony itself, a reception for all attendees (pie will be served, of course), a dinner for select guests, and transportation and lodging for our guest minister. TUUC has established a special drive to assist in the collection of additional funds that may be needed. Any collected funds above those needed for Karyn's ordination will be transferred to TUUC's Building Fund. Members and friends may make a donation by visiting <https://tuucdatabase.breezechms.com/give/online>. Use the first pulldown to select Restricted Fund, and to ensure your donation is properly applied, add a comment that your gift is for Karyn's ordination.

Please save the date - **May 7 at 2 PM** - to celebrate Karyn's ordination.



The General Assembly of UU congregations will be held in person in Portland, Oregon, and virtually on June 22 – 26, 2022. The theme is Meet the Moment: Reimagining Radical Faith Community. Promotional videos for over 80 workshops are available here:

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/9361087>

There will be workshops on Beloved Community, The 8th Principle, A Conscious Model of Transformative Justice, Co-Creating Community Ministry, Faith Based Response to Homelessness, Including Islam in UU Sources of Inspiration, Our Vision for a Radical Mental Health Community, Play Workshop for Multicultural Competence, Ecological Civilization - Earth, Religion, and the Human Future, Four Indigenous Spiritual Practices Promoting Flow and Resilience, Restorative Circles - A Pathway to Right Relations, Sociocracy - Governing with Equivalence Effectiveness and Transparency, Wearing Bifocals - Seeing the Nondual through Queer Eyes, and more!

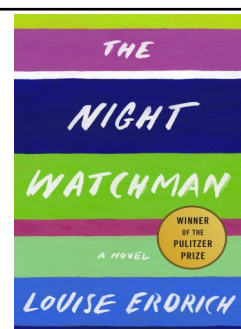
Registration is now open for both in-person and/or virtual participation. Virtual registration costs \$250 prior to 5/1. TUUC has scholarships available; contact Board President Sue Royer if you are interested. New this year is a Business-only virtual voting delegate option. Registration for the GA choir (both in-person and/or virtual) is also now open.

<https://www.uua.org/ga>

TUUC BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

7:30 PM



PROGRESS PRIDE FLAG: WIDENING THE LGBTQ WELCOME BY SUE ROYER, BOARD PRESIDENT

Have you been to TUUC in person since we re-opened? Look for our new Progress Pride flag hanging in the lobby!

I first became aware of the Progress Pride flag at the 2021 General Assembly of UUs. It's the well-known gay pride flag, redesigned in 2018 by Daniel Quasar to bring focus on inclusion and progress within the community.

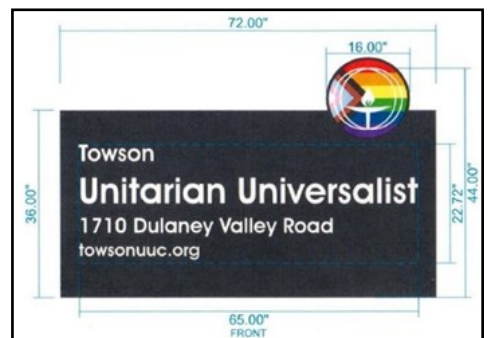
According to Wikipedia, *the "Progress" variation adds a chevron along the hoist that features black, brown, light blue, pink, and white stripes to bring those communities to the forefront (the communities being marginalized people of color, trans individuals, and those living with HIV/AIDS and those who have been lost); the arrow points to the right to show forward movement, while being along the left edge shows that progress still needs to be made.*"



We also have a new outdoor sign on order, to replace the one that was destroyed by a car cash. Our new sign will have a colorful Progress Pride flag as the background behind a chalice.

See the artist's rendering of our new outdoor sign (subject to change):

By displaying the Progress Pride flag on our sign and in our lobby, we are widening our circle of welcome.



SOCIAL ACTION

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.)

ACTC TOP FIVE PREFERRED ITEMS

The top five items that ACTC is requesting are: pasta, pasta sauce, cereal, peanut butter, and Pop Tarts.

STEWARDSHIP

Our Stewardship campaign officially ended on March 15; however, you can still pledge and be able to positively impact our proposed budget for FY22-23. Please submit your pledge form today. For inspiration, see the [Stewardship Testimonials on our website](#).



As of March 23rd, 124 households have pledged. Thank you! If you haven't submitted your pledge form, get ready to receive a phone call from one of our team members, inviting you to pledge for the upcoming year. There are over 20 households from whom we expect to hear back.

The Board of Trustees chose these focus areas for the Stewardship campaign:

- gathering in person at church for worship, while concurrently opening our online doors by streaming from the meeting room, leveraging new equipment and an upgraded network.
- actively working to be more accessible to people with disabilities.
- a congregation fully living into our mission to deepen our ethical and spiritual lives together as we work for racial, social, and environmental justice.

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.

We appreciate every pledge! We appreciate you!



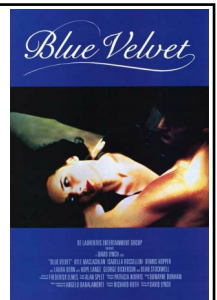
AMAZON SMILE QUARTERLY DONATION: \$87.89

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.

CABIN FEVER

BLUE VELVET (1986)

SUNDAY, MARCH 27: 4:30PM



UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS AT TOWSON UUC

TUUC REOPENING

We have increased the number of seats available for in-person worship to 92. For more information please visit <https://www.towsonuuc.org/tuuc-reopening> Everyone in the building will need to have registered; be prepared to show their vaccination card or a photo of it on their phone; and be masked while in the building. We will also be streaming Sunday's service on Zoom. Weather permitting, we hope to serve hospitality outside, under the balcony, beginning March 20. And our Choir will begin rehearsing in the building (masked, vaccinated, and socially distanced) on March 17th. ---*The TUUC A-Team*

FROM THE PULPIT MICROPHONE

After three weeks back in the building for worship, we are aware that the sound quality of the pulpit microphone is not as clear or as loud as we would like if you are worshiping with us on Zoom. We are working on this technical challenge and learning how we can offer better and consistent sound quality through all our microphones. We regret the frustration and thank you for your patience. ----*Rev. Clare*

TUUC NETWORK UPGRADE

The network and phone upgrade at church is almost complete! There is no change to our phone number, website URL, or email addresses. You'll find more Wi-Fi access points on the new network. Look for signs in the building with the password for guest wireless access.

SINGLES FELLOWSHIP GROUP VIRTUAL GET-TOGETHER—SATURDAY, MARCH 26 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.

LISTENING SESSION WITH THE BOARD—SUNDAY, MARCH 27 AT NOON

Join the Board on Sunday, March 27 for a multi-platform listening session. The topic is TUUC's re-opening plan and progress. Time: 12 noon – 1:15 pm. You may join in person in the meeting room, or [on Zoom](#). We look forward to hearing from you!

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES ABOUT THE PROPOSED 8TH PRINCIPLE

At our What are some suggested ways to better understand why it is important that we vote in favor of the congregation's endorsement of the proposed 8th Principle on June 12th at our TUUC Annual Meeting? We suggest googling [Widening the Circle of Concern](#), the 2020 Report of the UUA Commission on Institutional Change, which analyzes structural and institutional racism and white supremacy culture within UUism. We also recommend googling a Winter 2019 UU World article written by The Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones and Karin Lin, "The Call to Our Faith," which offers the history of and perspectives related to the UUA's racial issues over the years, and addresses "Unitarian Universalism's central theology requirement: "working

toward, as worded in the 8th Principle, “building a multicultural, anti-racist Beloved Community.”

Watch for details about two upcoming Friday Evening Movie Nights and two Common Reads. These will be educational, as well, and lead us to discussions about adopting the 8th Principle. To get started with the two Common Read suggestions, locate [So You Want to Talk About Race](#) by Ijeoma Oluo to be discussed in late April, and [How to Be an Antiracist](#) by Ibram X. Kendi for the end of May. All are welcome to the occasional after Sunday Service 8th Principle Board discussions, as well. This is an open-ended process. Let your voice be heard! The TUUC 8th Principle Team, chaired by our President-elect Andrew Hager (AndrewW.Hager@gmail.com), welcomes all insights, opinions, concerns and comments, pro and con. Let’s view this as an awesome opportunity not to be missed!

FROM THE TUUC NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Do you want to help lead the church into the future? Do you want to help build our Beloved Community? If so, the nominating committee is looking for a few good people. Our church thrives from a regular infusion of new ideas, perspectives and talents. The Nominating Committee has worked tirelessly to fill a slate of candidates to be voted on at the annual meeting on June 12, but this work is ongoing. To be considered for future leadership roles or to participate in leadership trainings and seminars, please contact Andrew Hager at AndrewW.Hager@gmail.com. (As part of our commitment to being an inclusive congregation, there may be consideration for flexibility and innovation to accommodate anyone who is interested.)

RETIREMENT OF JOYCE DUNCAN

Joyce Duncan, our Credentialed Director of Religious Exploration, will be retiring at the end of June. She is looking forward to more fiddling, dancing, and traveling! Joyce began working for TUUC as our Interim DRE in August of 2004. She not only became our settled DRE, she also studied and became accredited as a UUA Credentialed Director of Religious Exploration. We will have many stories from Joyce's creative, energetic, and nurturing leadership over the past (almost) 18 years to celebrate at a retirement party for her at noon on May 15th. The TUUC Board of Trustees recently appointed a DRE Search Committee. Members include Angela Castillo-Epps, Lou Gieszl, Eleanor Hughes, and Larry Magder.

We look forward to celebrating Joyce and her leadership on May 15th! And we want to thank her family who have been so supportive of her years of dedicated service to TUUC: Tom Zeller, Leah Balkoski, and Emma Balkoski. Please mark your calendars to celebrate Joyce! We will keep you apprised of the work of the DRE Search Committee. ---Rev. Clare

CHOIR IN PERSON!

The TUUC Choir has returned to rehearsing in person! Come sing with us! If you'd like to participate, please email Tracy Hall at music@towsonuuc.org. We are already working on material for Special Music Sunday (in May), plus upcoming music for services prior to then (we will return to singing in services as soon as possible). You'll need to be vaxxed and masked (singer masks are available). We meet at 7:30 PM on Thursday evenings. Please arrive between 7:15 and 7:25 PM to facilitate setting of the chairs.

COMMON READ—BY ANDREW HAGER, TUUC PRESIDENT ELECT

In Iceland, there is a holiday tradition where family members exchange books on Christmas Eve, then spend the night reading and eating chocolate. I find this simultaneously quaint and aspirational.

If, like me, you loved the thought of curling up with a book during the long, dark nights of late autumn and early winter, you'll likely relish the return of TUUC's Common Read. Last year, we read *An Indigenous People's History of the United States*. This year, we'll be reading a series of books about anti-racism and discussing them in the Spring as part of our ongoing education and discussion around the 8th Principle.

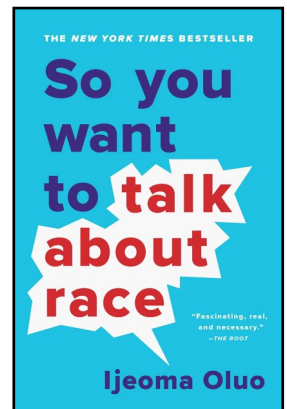
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SO YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT RACE BY INEOMA OLUO

Join Nancy Caswell and members of the 8th Principle Team in reading and discussing this illuminating work!

In *So You Want to Talk About Race*, Ijeoma Oluo guides readers of all races through subjects ranging from police brutality and cultural appropriation to the model minority myth in an attempt to make the seemingly impossible possible: honest conversations about race, and about how racism infects every aspect of American life.

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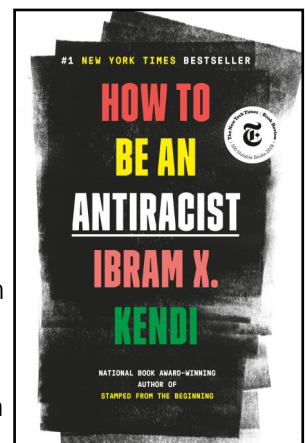


WEDNESDAY, MAY 25 AT 7:30 PM

HOW TO BE AN ANTIRACIST BY IBRAM X. KENDI

Join Ann Beezley and members of the 8th Principle Team for a discussion of this penetrating book!

Antiracism is a transformative concept that reorients and reenergizes the conversation about racism—and, even more fundamentally, points us toward liberating new ways of thinking about ourselves and each other. At its core, racism is a powerful system that creates false hierarchies of human value; its warped logic extends beyond race, from the way we regard people of different ethnicities or skin colors to the way we treat people of different sexes, gender identities, and body types. Racism intersects with class and culture and geography and even changes the way we see and value ourselves. In *How to Be an Antiracist*, Kendi takes readers through a widening circle of antiracist ideas—from the most basic concepts to visionary possibilities—that will help readers see all forms of racism clearly, understand their poisonous consequences, and work to oppose them in our systems and in ourselves.



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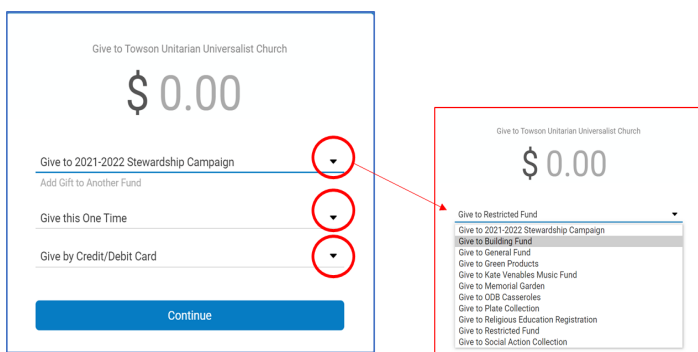
WHAT'S HAPPENING AT TUUC

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.

25 Mar	Friday	Writing as a Spiritual Practice	1:00 PM
26 Mar	Saturday	Singles Fellowship Group	7:00 PM
27 Mar	Sunday	Sunday Service and Coffee Hour	10:30 AM
27 Mar	Sunday	TUUC Listening Session with the Board	12:00 PM
27 Mar	Sunday	Cabin Fever—Blue Velvet	4:30 PM
31 Mar	Thursday	TUUC Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM
1 Apr	Friday	Cabin Fever & YRE—Hidden Figures	6:00 PM
3 Apr	Sunday	Sunday Service and Coffee Hour	10:30 AM
3 Apr	Sunday	Cabin Fever—The Florida Project	4:30 PM
5 Apr	Tuesday	Men's Reflection Group	7:30 PM
5 Apr	Tuesday	Women's Group Meeting	7:30 PM
7 Apr	Thursday	TUUC Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM

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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Don't School Sick
Don't Church Sick

ZOOM SUNDAY SERVICE

ATTENDANCE REPORT

(Does not reflect actual number of people watching)

Date	Time	In-Person / Online
03/20/2022	10:30 AM	72 / 43