



SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 2022 - 10:30 AM

REV. CLARE L. PETERSBERGER, JOYCE DUNCAN: "AWAKE, ARISE!"

In December we sing how "away in the manger" Jesus laid his sweet head and "Silent Night" with its invitation to the tender and mild baby Jesus to "sleep in heavenly peace." On this April morning, we focus on a song from Ghana calling Jesus to "Wake up!" Rumi wrote, "The breezes at dawn have secrets to tell you, don't go back to sleep!" To what are we awakening this Easter? To what are we being invited to arise?

SUNDAY, APRIL 17 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/93726897863?pwd=dGo1Q3R3RnozS0dCVlg5N28raGZTdz09>

Meeting ID: 937 2689 7863 **Passcode:** 182043

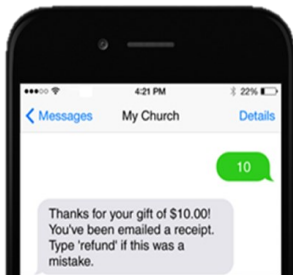
YOUTH RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

We hope you can join us on Sunday to celebrate the awakening of Spring and Easter in a family-friendly service, with wonderful music, an opportunity to color an egg for our "Easter tree," and a story by illustrator Jan Brett. Families who would like to participate in the Easter egg hunt (outside, weather permitting) will be invited to leave before the end of the service. Those in 6th grade and up are invited to arrive at 10:15 am to help hide eggs (optional, not required!). Those in K through 5th are invited to search for hidden eggs.



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NEWS ABOUT US

Our loving thoughts are with **Caren Samuels and her family**. Caren's brother, Larry, died on March 28th. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, Vietnam war veteran, Facilities and Construction Coordinator for the Queens Public Library in New York City, author, and civic volunteer extraordinaire. To learn more about Larry, please go here: <https://www.galenafuneralhomeofsls.com/obituary/larry-samuels>

Messages of condolence may be sent to Caren. Her contact information is in Breeze.

We regret to inform you of the death of **Nancy Hannah** on April 5. Nancy faced a diagnosis of pancreatic cancer over three years ago and lived with intention, love, and courage. She made her wishes known from preparing advanced directives to planning her own celebration of life on Saturday, June 25 at 1 PM.

Nancy was a cherished member of TUUC for over 50 years. She shared the gift of her amazing voice with the TUUC Choir. She served as TUUC's Office Assistant for fourteen years. Her determination, thoughtfulness, creativity, attention to detail, energy, and good cheer were greatly appreciated!

Messages of condolence may be sent to Lea through contact information in Breeze.

In January of 2020, in honor of TUUC's 60th anniversary, Nancy said, "It was exactly 50 years ago this Christmas past that I first came to TUUC. This building had yet to be built, but the church – the people – were already a vibrant, exciting, earnest collection of Unitarians!"

She concluded,

"All this to say that for me, the church is first the people, the givers and collectors of memories that bind us together as a congregation, and as human beings. I close with my favorite of all our chalice lightings:

*IN MEMORY OF THOSE WHOM WE LOVE
AND WHO LOVED US;
IN HONOR OF THOSE WHOSE COMMITMENT MADE
POSSIBLE THIS PLACE, AND WHOSE
IDEALS WE CHERISH;
WITH KNOWLEDGE THAT WE ARE INHERITORS
OF BOTH REASON AND KINDNESS;
IN THE BELIEF THAT THE SEARCH FOR TRUTH
IS A LAMP UNTO LIFE;
WE NOW LIGHT THIS LAMP."*



We shall now light our lamps and swing them higher in memory of Nancy Hannah. ---Rev. Clare

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 began rehearsing in the building (masked, vaccinated, and socially distanced) on March 17th. ---*The TUUC A-Team*

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.

APRIL ETHNIC LUNCH—WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20 AT 12:30 PM

Last month we were supposed to go to Heritage Kitchen, which has a Filipino menu, but it is a one person operation and their hours of operation are unpredictable. Instead we enjoyed a Thai lunch at Bodhi Corner. We have found another Filipino restaurant for our April lunch.

We will be going to James Fiesta Grill, 8428 Willow Oak Road in Parkville. **Lunch will be at 12:30, Wednesday April 20.**

All are welcome, but please respond by Friday, April 15 to ethniclunch@towsonuuc.org so we can let the restaurant know how many people to expect. Looking forward to see you!

---*Janet Kuperstein and Claudia Sumler*

NEXT SOCRATES CAFÉ TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED 8TH UU PRINCIPLE

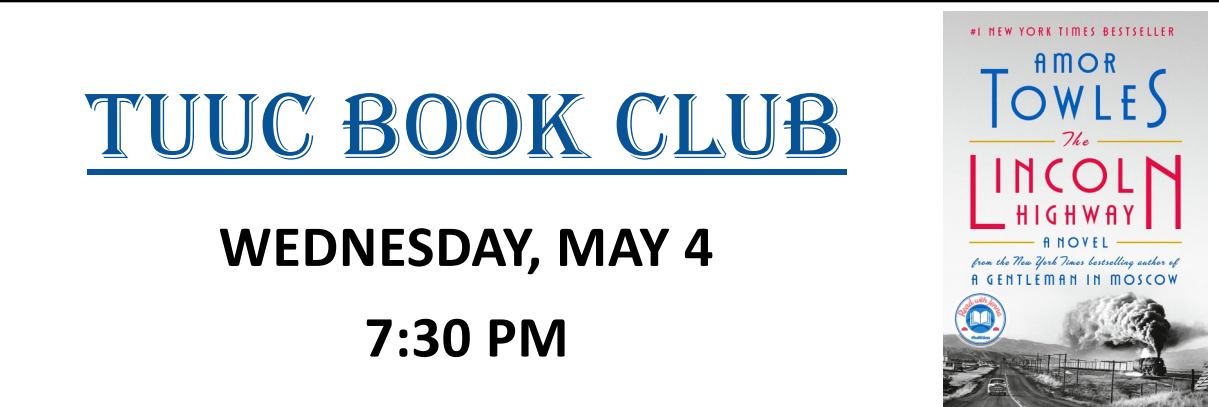
On Monday evening, April 18th, from 7:30-9:00 p.m., the TUUC Socrates Cafe will be meeting on Zoom to continue our search for truth and meaning, as Socrates would have us do, by answering the question, **“What does the proposed 8th UU Principle mean to us, and, if TUUC adopts it, how would we be called to live it, as an ideal, in our daily lives?”** This will be an opportunity to increase our awareness of and to better understand its implications, for us as individuals and as a UU congregation. The proposed 8th UU Principle: **“We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote: journeying toward spiritual wholeness by working to build a diverse, multicultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and in our institutions.”** At our TUUC Annual Meeting, on June 12th, our congregation will have the opportunity to vote on this important consideration, on whether or not to adopt it. If you would like to join us on the 18th, with your welcomed thoughts, ideas, and opinions, please e-mail us at socratescafe@towsonuuc.org, and the Zoom Link will be e-mailed to you the day before.

OUR MESSY LIVES TO BE HELD ON ZOOM ON THURSDAY, APRIL 21

"Our Messy Lives," a one-hour TUUC Zoom discussion group, will be meeting again on Thursday afternoon, April 21st, from 3:00-4:00 p.m. We would enjoy having you join us. Please bring your welcomed ideas, thoughts, opinions, and experiences, as we discuss the word "ACCEPTANCE," suggested by one of our group members at our last meeting. If you would like to join us, please go to BREEZE, our TUUC Membership Listing, and send an email to Nancy Caswell, Zoom Host and "Our Messy Lives" Facilitator, and she will send you the Zoom Link for the April 21st meeting.



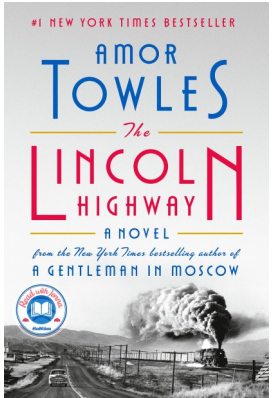
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TUUC BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

7:30 PM



#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER
AMOR TOWLES
The
LINCOLN HIGHWAY
A NOVEL
from the New York Times bestselling author of
A GENTLEMAN IN MOSCOW

SOCIAL ACTION

NONPERISHABLE FOOD

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.)

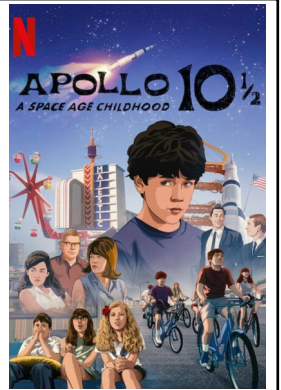
ACTC TOP FIVE PREFERRED ITEMS

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

CABIN FEVER

APOLLO 10 1/2: A SPACE AGE CHILDHOOD (2022)

SATURDAY, APRIL 16: 4:30PM



**April 16, 2022
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

Outdoor focus

- Tree Care and Maintenance
- Parking lot clean up
- Gas trimmer training for those interested.
- Leaf blower training for those interested

Rain or shine (disposable rain gear provided)

Moderate weather permitting.

Bathrooms available.

**Third
Saturday
Work Party**

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.

16 Apr	Saturday	Third Saturday Work Party	9:00 AM
16 Apr	Saturday	Cabin Fever—Apollo 10 1/2: A Space Age Childhood	4:30 PM
17 Apr	Sunday	Sunday Service and Coffee Hour	10:30 AM
18 Apr	Monday	Socrates Café	7:30 PM
19 Apr	Tuesday	Men's Reflection Group	7:30 PM
19 Apr	Tuesday	Women's Group Meeting	7:30 PM
20 Apr	Wednesday	Ethnic Lunch	12:30 PM
21 Apr	Thursday	Our Messy Lives	6:00 PM
21 Apr	Thursday	TUUC Choir Rehearsal (In-Person Only)	7:30 PM
22 Apr	Friday	Writing as a Spiritual Practice	1:00 PM
24 Apr	Sunday	Sunday Service and Coffee Hour	10:30 AM
24 Apr	Sunday	TUUC Listening Session with the Board	1:00 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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SUNDAY SERVICE ATTENDANCE REPORT		
(Does not reflect actual number of people watching)		
Date	Time	In-Person / Online
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