



SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2022 - 10:30 AM

REV. CLARE L. PETERSBERGER, JOYCE DUNCAN, YOUTH GROUP ADVISORS, ROBIN AZZAM AND HER FAMILY, BRADY MAHONEY AND HIS FAMILY: "PLEASURE IS A THING THAT ALSO NEEDS ACCOMPLISHING"

As a religious community, we have the honor of nurturing the growth and beauty of our children as they grow into young adulthood. Today, we celebrate two of our soon-to-be high school graduates who literally grew up in our congregation: Robin Azzam and Brady Mahoney. What do they (and we) need to know now about beauty and pleasure to navigate the world?

SUNDAY, MAY 1 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/95452440758?pwd=eUpmV1VwNW1aQXkxbXplc0F6MVVUQT09>

Meeting ID: 954 5244 0758

Passcode: 207238

YOUTH RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

Children in the K to 5th grade class will discuss Nurturing Beauty, with a story, art, and other activities when they join in Room 4 after the story for all ages in the worship service.

Those in grades 6-8th will leave the service during the offertory to meet in Room 6 with teachers to discuss the Historic East Towson association, which they learned about in the service last week.

Teens are invited to participate in the entire service, which celebrates their fellow YRUUers, Brady Mahoney and Robin Azzam, who graduate this year from high school and from the RE program at Towson UU Church.

We look forward to seeing the next steps in their journeys. Please join us at coffee hour, which will be held outside on the downstairs porch, to wish them well.

Please contact Joyce Duncan if you wish to be added to our mailing list or if you have any questions about family or children's programming.



AMAZON SMILE QUARTERLY DONATION: \$87.89

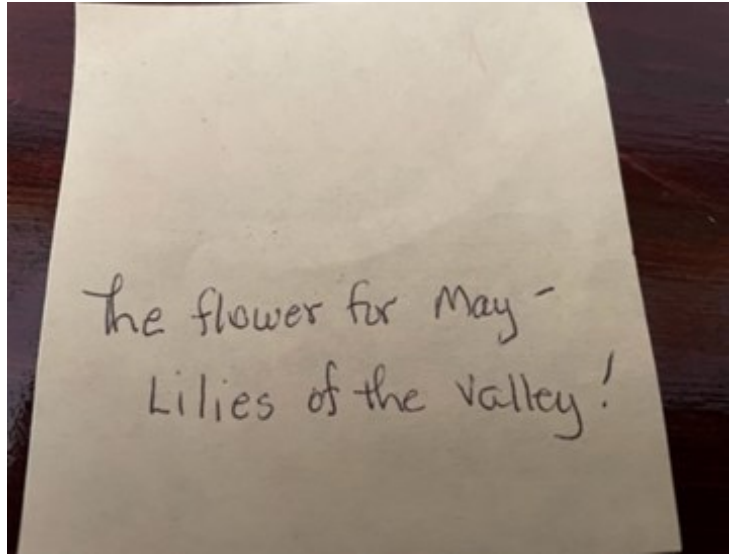
Thank you for choosing Towson UUC as your preferred charity with [Amazon Smile](#)! Every time you use the site with TUUC listed as your preferred charity, Amazon donates a small amount (0.5%) from your purchase to our church.

CLARE'S COLLOQUY

In a recent spring cleaning of our home, I discovered this post-it note.

It transported me to May 1, 2019. Walking into my office at TUUC, I was greeted with something new on my desk. The desk was cluttered. What stood out was a small vase with a sprig of lily of the valley. Below the vase was this note.

The flowers and note were from our Office Assistant, Nancy Hannah. The sweet smelling lily of the valley came from her home garden. The thoughtful gift came from her heart.



According to legend, on May 1, 1561, King Charles IX received a sprig of lily of the valley as a token of good luck. He was so appreciative that began the tradition of the Fête du Muguet in France. On May 1, family and friends give each other a sprig of lily of the valley to wish each other "bonne chance" and as a token of appreciation. It is also a reminder of the beauty of spring.

Holding the post- it-note in my hand, I thought about how the flowers of 2019 had faded; how the tiny vase was empty; how Nancy had not only retired in 2020 but had died on April 5th. I am not yet ready to part with her message which reminds me of the beauty of the lily of the valley and of Nancy who cultivated flowers and nurtured people!

This month, our Soul Matters theme is "Nurturing Beauty." Nurturing beauty is not just about awakening to the beauty of flowers. It is about planting seeds and cultivating their growth for future flowers. Nancy did not just savor beauty. She nurtured and shared it with others. This is part of her legacy.

In memory of Nancy, in honor of the Fête du Muguet, as a token of appreciation for you, and to inspire your reflection on how you are cultivating the true, the good, and the beautiful that will be part of your legacy, I leave you with a photo of lily of the valley---the flower for May!



NEWS ABOUT US

We regret to inform you of the death of former TUUC member **Harriet Andrews** on April 7th at the age of 91. Harriet and her husband Ells had moved to North Carolina in 2007 to be closer to family. Ells died in 2013.

Harriet had sparkling eyes, a wide smile, and was an active member of our Social Action Committee. She was particularly supportive of Sarah's Hope which provides shelter to homeless families. Harriet was already to help someone in need.

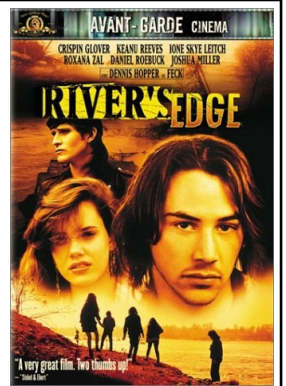
She maintained her interest in Unitarianism until her death and participated in the UU group at Salemtowne Retirement Community. Her service will be on May 12 at 3:30 in Salemtowne Retirement Community in Wiston Salem, NC. Memorial gifts may be made to TUUC or a charity of your choice. Messages of condolence may be sent to Mark and Susan Andrews, 110 Hearthside Drive, Winston Salem, NC 27104 and Scott Andrews 32 Adams St. Fitchburg, MA 01420.

---Rev. Clare

CABIN FEVER

RIVER'S EDGE (1987)

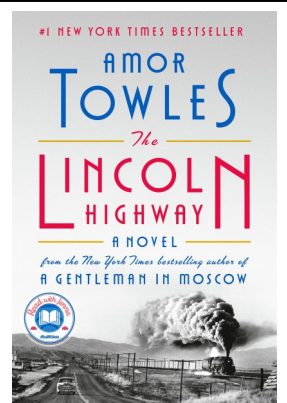
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TUUC BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

7:30 PM



UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS AT TOWSON UUC

FOR THE BIRDS

In this month when we are exploring awakening, Nancy Mears sent me an article about the avian flu that is being transmitted from wild birds to poultry farms in Maryland. With spring unfurling, if you have outdoor bird feeders, you may want to take them down; clean them with bleach; and put them away for awhile. For more information, please see this article from National Public Radio <https://www.npr.org/2022/04/09/1091491202/bird-flu-2022-avian-influenza-poultry-farms> ---Rev. Clare

NEWS FROM THE A-TEAM

In light of recent changes to the ACT NOW metrics, we are revising TUUC's Covid policy.

We are strongly encouraging vaccination because we are preparing to reopen our nursery and our youngest members cannot be vaccinated and some cannot wear a mask.

We are lifting capacity limits in the Meeting Room.

We still strongly encourage you to register on-line for worship and YRE for both planning and tracking purposes. However, we don't want you to not come and participate in worship or YRE because you didn't register in time. For tracking purposes, those who do not register will be asked to sign-in with a Greeter. Our goal is to avoid a bottle neck at the door.

For the time being, we will continue to mask inside the building---especially in larger groups such as worship.

We are looking for a volunteer to organize our hospitality team.

Although the nursery is not open yet, we are preparing to do so.

We hope these changes reflect the commitment of TUUC to be an inclusive community where people care for each other's well-being.

---Rev. Clare on behalf of the A-Team

GREEN SANCTUARY—MAPPING THE ROAD TO FREEDOM TRAIL

As a follow-up to the Earth Day service, check out the [Green Sanctuary section of the TUUC website](#) for information on how you can support the "Mapping the Road to Freedom Trail" initiative.

SOCIAL ACTION

PLEASE RUSH—DONATIONS (FOR OUR DAILY BREAD CASSEROLES) DUE ASAP FOR APRIL

TUUC has pledged to provide at least 60 casseroles to Our Daily Bread (ODB) in each month which has 5 Saturdays (usually 4 times per year). April is one of these months. 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.

So, please contribute to Our Daily Bread (ODB) by one of these methods:

1. Text—Send a text to: 410-834-0700: amount + ODB, for example: text "50 ODB" to give \$50
2. Check—Send a check to TUUC (**1710 Dulaney Valley Rd. Lutherville MD 21093**) and specify "ODB" on the memo line.

Thank you for your generosity!

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.

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING—MONDAY, MAY 9 AT NOON

Because of Mother's Day, the Social Action Committee will meet on Zoom on **Monday**, May 9 at noon. All are welcome! Zoom info will be on the church calendar and an agenda will be sent to all on our mailing list.



DONATE BY TEXT
Send an amount to
(410)834-0700

PASSING THE PLATE
DONATE TO TUUC VIA PAYPAL, TEXT, OR BREEZE
MORE INFORMATION ON THE [TUUC WEBSITE](#)

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.

1 May	Sunday	Sunday Service and Coffee Hour	10:30 AM
1 May	Sunday	Green Sanctuary Meeting	1:00 PM
1 May	Sunday	Cabin Fever—River's Edge	1:00 PM
3 May	Tuesday	Men's Reflection Group	7:30 PM
3 May	Tuesday	Women's Group Meeting	7:30 PM
5 May	Thursday	In Person Only—TUUC Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM
6 May	Friday	Writing as a Spiritual Practice	1:00 PM
7 May	Saturday	Ordination of Karyn Marsh	2:00 PM
8 May	Sunday	Sunday Service and Coffee Hour	10:30 AM
9 May	Monday	Social Action Committee Meeting	12:00 PM
10 May	Tuesday	Aging Together	1:00 PM
10 May	Tuesday	Soul Matters Sharing Circles	7:30

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.

The screenshot shows a web form for contributing to Towson Unitarian Universalist Church. The amount is \$0.00. There are three dropdown menus for selecting a fund: 'Give to 2021-2022 Stewardship Campaign', 'Add Gift to Another Fund', and 'Give this One Time'. A red box highlights the 'Give to Restricted Fund' dropdown menu, which is open to show a list of options including 'Give to Building Fund', 'Give to General Fund', 'Give to Green Products', 'Give to Kate Venables Music Fund', 'Give to Memorial Garden', 'Give to ODB Casseroles', 'Give to Plate Collection', 'Give to Religious Education Registration', 'Give to Restricted Fund', and 'Give to Social Action Collection'. A red arrow points from the dropdown arrow of the first menu to the 'Give to Restricted Fund' option in the second menu.

Don't Work Sick
Don't School Sick
Don't Church Sick

SUNDAY SERVICE ATTENDANCE REPORT

(Does not reflect actual number of people watching)

Date	Time	In-Person / Online
04/24/2022	10:30 AM	71 / 32