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**SUNDAY, MAY 8, 2022 - 10:30 AM**

**REV. CLARE L. PETERSBERGER: "LOOK IN THE MIRROR: FLOWER COMMUNION SUNDAY"**

When Ralph Waldo Emerson talked about his experiences in and with nature he used words like the following: "delight, wild, vision, rapture, light, wild delight, wildness, exhilaration, gladness and wild beauty." Today, as we celebrate our annual Flower Ceremony, we will reflect on the "mirror wisdom" in Buddhism: how the beauty we see outside ourselves is a reflection of the beauty within us. If you are attending in person, you are invited to bring a flower with you. Today we celebrate gladness and the wild beauty of both nature and human community.

**SUNDAY, MAY 8 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/94880869033?pwd=TnFyTGppS3NSb3FYZ3BPa1FhcitOUT09>

**Meeting ID:** 948 8086 9033

**Passcode:** 028593

**YOUTH RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION**

We look forward to seeing children and teens this Sunday .The K-5th class continues with stories and activities about beauty; the 6th-8th will be continuing to learn about qualities needed for justice-making; YRUU will continue with sessions on virtue ethics. YRUU starts in Room 7 at 10:30 am.

Your family is invited to join us at a screening followed by a short discussion of the movie Remember the Titans on Friday, May 13, at 6:30, in collaboration with Cabin Fever and the 8th Principle Committee. Watch for a link to sign up.

Please contact Joyce Duncan if you have questions or would like to be added to our mailing list.



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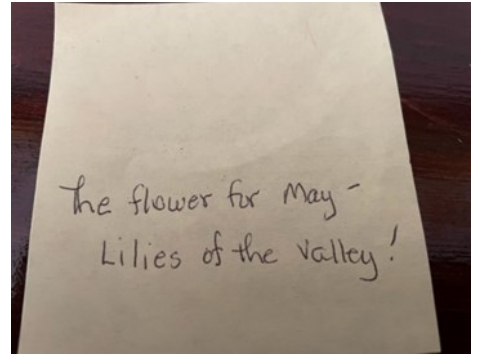
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## CLARE'S COLLOQUY

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!



### 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.

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS AT TOWSON UUC

### 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.

### FAIR TRADE SALE—SUNDAY, MAY 8, BEFORE AND AFTER THE SERVICE

Need to replenish your coffee/tea/chocolate/nut supply? The Green Sanctuary Committee will be selling these fair-trade products on the outside porch both before and after the service on Sunday May 8th. Buy to support small farmers and to stock your cupboards!

### POTLUCK LUNCHEON TO CELEBRATE JOYCE DUNCAN—MAY 15 AT 12:00 PM

In worship, on May 15th, we will be celebrating Joyce Duncan's 18 years with TUUC as our Acting Director of Religious Exploration, then Director of Religious Exploration, then Credentialed Director of Religious Education. Joyce is retiring at the end of June.

At noon, we will be holding a potluck luncheon---our first potluck since the pandemic began--to continue to celebrate Joyce and her years of dedicated service to TUUC.

If your name is A-F bring fruit or dessert; G-Q bring main dishes ; R-Z bring appetizers or sides; but if you especially want to provide something in particular, please feel free.

We look forward to sharing delicious food, moving testimonials, and lots of laughter on May 15th!

## **MAY ETHNIC LUNCH—WEDNESDAY, MAY 18 AT 12:30 PM**

On May 18 Ethnic Lunch returns to Villagio Café, <http://villagiocafe.com>, 6805 York Road, in Towson. It has been several years since we ate at this Persian restaurant but I had lunch there recently and it was as good as I remembered it.

**Lunch will be at 12:30, Wednesday May 18.**

All are welcome, but we will need to make reservations. Please respond by Sunday, May 15 to [ethniclunch@towsonuuc.org](mailto:ethniclunch@towsonuuc.org) so we can contact the restaurant.

*---Janet Kuperstein and Claudia Sumler*

## **SINGLES FELLOWSHIP GROUP POTLUCK—SATURDAY, MAY 28 AT 6:00 PM**

Join us for good food and conversation at the church's lower level outdoor patio. 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.

## **STEWARDSHIP REPORT AND BUDGET PROCESS**

The stewardship of TUUC members and friends is our largest source of income. At present, Finance Head Dan Alper is working through the second draft of a budget for fiscal year 22-23. The first draft has already been reviewed by the A-Team and by the Board. All committee chairs, staff, and program leaders should have already submitted their budget requests to Dan. All members and pledging friends should have already submitted their pledge for the next fiscal year. Once the Board approves a draft budget, it will be sent to members; the congregation will vote to approve the draft budget at our June 12 annual meeting.

Here's an update on our pledges:

Year	Total Pledged	Paid-to-date
FY 21-22	\$294,404	\$235,899
FY 22-23	\$277,033	\$7,285 (paid in advance)

If you haven't yet pledged for FY 22-23, please complete the online pledge form:

<https://www.towsonuuc.org/2022-23-pledge-form>

We appreciate every pledge!

## SOCIAL ACTION

### FOOD DONATIONS AT TUUC

We are again collecting donations of nonperishable food for the Assistance Center of Towson Churches (ACTC). Please deposit them in the round bin (Marked ACTC) on the floor of the Church lobby.

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

### 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.)

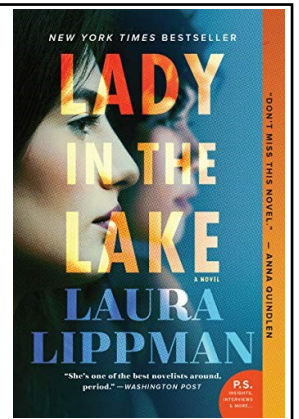
### EARL'S PLACE DONATIONS

In addition, there is a round bin marked "Earl's Place" for donations of paper goods and toiletries, such as toilet paper or paper towels.

## TUUC BOOK CLUB

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1**

**7:30 PM**



## CABIN FEVER

**THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WIND (2018)**

**SUNDAY, MAY 15: 4:30PM**



# 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 May	Friday	Writing as a Spiritual Practice	1:00 PM
7 May	Saturday	Ordination of Karyn Marsh	2:00 PM
8 May	Sunday	Fair Trade Sale	9:45 AM
8 May	Sunday	Sunday Service and Coffee Hour	10:30 AM
9 May	Monday	Social Action Committee Meeting	12:00 PM
9 May	Monday	Mindful Way Meditation	7:00 PM
10 May	Tuesday	Aging Together	1:00 PM
10 May	Tuesday	Soul Matters Sharing Circles	7:30 PM
12 May	Thursday	In Person Only—TUUC Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM
12 May	Thursday	Men's Group Meeting	7:30 PM
13 May	Friday	Cabin Fever & YRE—Remember the Titans	6:00 PM
15 May	Sunday	Sunday Service and Coffee Hour	10:30 AM

## 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.

**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
05/01/2022	10:30 AM	58 / 40