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THE
THRESHOLD

SUNDAY, MAY 29, 2022 - 10:30 AM

REV. CLARE L. PETERSBERGER: "BEAUTY IN TROUBLED TIMES"

The philosopher Blaise Pascal said, "In difficult times, carry something beautiful in your heart." These are difficult times. What beautiful thing(s) are you carrying in your heart? What does this beauty inspire you to do?

SUNDAY, MAY 29 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/92661529827?pwd=VTlOKORnVOVQSkNlckV1NWZkOGRXUT09>

Meeting ID: 926 6152 9827

Passcode: 646770

YOUTH RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

Thanks to all the teachers and parents who made our YRE program possible this year by teaching, advising, bringing your children, and helping out in the classroom as needed. Families are invited to join the worship service this Sunday; children five and under are welcome in the Nursery, which is open at 10:15 AM so you can sign in your child. Stay tuned for more details on programming for kids on Sundays in June.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR DR. WILLIAM REICHEL—SATURDAY, JUNE 11 AT 1 PM

A celebration of life for Dr. William Reichel, who died May 14, 2021, will be held on Saturday, June 11th at 1 PM with an outdoor reception to follow. Bill was a TUUC member for over 30 years who served as a greeter, an active member of our Lay Worship Associates, and as a member of the Welcoming Congregation Committee and our 2020 Welcome Renewal Team. Bill had a life-long interest in religion and social justice. Bill's legacy also includes his family and his work as a doctor, mentor, ethicist, and author. We look forward to gathering to celebrate Bill's thoughtful, inclusive, and accomplished life of service. ---Rev. Clare



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FAITHFUL RESPONSES TO HEADLINES THIS MONTH

Our monthly Soul Matter's theme at TUUC is "Nurturing Beauty." National news stories this month have made it more difficult and also an imperative to nurture beauty.

Please know that in response to the leaked news that the Supreme Court is prepared to overturn Roe V. Wade, the Unitarian Universalist Association issued this statement:

"As Unitarian Universalists, we believe that all bodies are sacred. Every person has the right to determine if, when, and how they want to have children. As people of faith, this commitment is part of our sincerest religious values: Unitarian Universalism proclaims that all individuals and communities have the right to self-determination, safety, and the resources that are necessary for health and sustainability.

As a faith tradition, we are committed to Reproductive Justice, which espouses the human right to have children, not to have children, to parent the children one has in healthy environments and to safeguard bodily autonomy and to express one's sexuality freely. In 2015, we issued a Statement of Conscience embracing this framework, which was created by women of color in the 1990s. We remain dedicated to this work."

In response to the mass shooting at Tops, the UUA's Side With Love team issued this statement: *"This latest attack is the result of a society that is rooted in white supremacy. This violence begins with people aligning themselves with white supremacy, however, it shows up in our lives. It shows up with believing that white lives should be protected over Black lives—knowing that Black children playing on playgrounds or sleeping in their homes are killed by police without hesitation, while white assailants are taken safely into custody. It shows up with packaging genocidal movements in language like 'Replacement Theory.' It shows up when the media calls Mike Brown an '18-year-old man' and the Buffalo shooter a 'white teenager.' Whether it is the lie of a stolen election or calling a deadly insurrection 'legitimate political discourse,' we must remember that 'those who can make you believe absurdities can make you commit atrocities.' White supremacy, in all its expressions, is violence. And until we collectively commit to eradicating that root structure, this violence will continue.*

We must keep telling the truth, keep fighting, keep building a shared story and collective power because in our bones—we know another world is possible. As Black movement builder and Director of the Working Families Party Moe Mitchell said this morning, 'If you don't think change is possible, organizing is not your ministry.' We begin with truth-telling and moving together in that truth. Another world is possible if we build it together."

And in response to the grim news that the United States has surpassed 1 million deaths from Covid, The Reverend Susan Frederick Grey, President of the UUA, wrote: *"We mourn for all who have died from COVID-19, and we grieve with the millions more who have been impacted by it.... From the beginning of the pandemic, the country failed to center our response on supporting the well-being of the most vulnerable in our communities, which led to BIPOC and disabled people bearing the brunt of both illness and death. As a religious community, we know that no one is outside the circle of love, that every person has worth and dignity, and that love and compassion are the foundation for the world we need."*

Love and compassion are the foundation for the world we need when it comes to women's reproductive health, to naming and changing our white supremacist culture, and to caring for each other through yet another wave of this pandemic. We need one another. And we need to nurture beauty to renew our spirits for the work ahead.

---Rev. Clare

UUA 2022 GENERAL ASSEMBLY—JUNE 22-26, 2022

If you've never attended the General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association of congregations, it's really quite amazing. Worship services are multicultural, led by diverse UU ministers. Music is multicultural. There are workshops on so many topics! And there are caucuses for young adults, and for people of color. There are opportunities to witness.

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 \$275. New this year is a Business-only virtual voting delegate option, donation to be determined by the delegate.

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

If you plan to attend and would like to serve as a voting delegate, please contact Sue Royer by May 31. The Board will be voting to approve TUUC's five delegates.

In addition, the Board of TUUC is offering a **scholarship of \$275** to cover the registration fee for a virtual registration. This scholarship is prioritized for a congregant who identifies as:

- Black, Indigenous or a Person of Color (BIPOC), or
- Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, Queer/Questioning, Intersex or Asexual (LGBTQIA), or
- Youth (will have completed grades 9 – 12), or
- Emerging Adults (age 18 – 24), or
- Young Adults (age 18 – 35)
- A first-time attendee who needs the scholarship

If you are interested, please contact Sue Royer at president@towsonuuc.org by May 31.



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UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS AT TOWSON UUC

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.

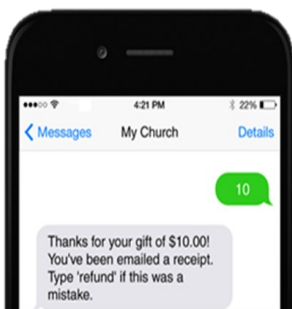
Please call Ronald Rowley to RSVP and to get more information. He is listed in the church directory.

TUUC BLOOD DRIVE—TUESDAY, JUNE 7

Working with the American Red Cross, we've scheduled Tuesday, June 7th, 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 June 7th, if you are healthy and have no concerns about donating. To sign up for an appointment time between 10:30am-4:00pm please use [this link](#) OR email Clare Flynn-Avallone with your preferred times. Give the Gift of Life - Give Blood!

NURSERY CARE PROVIDERS NEEDED

TUUC is looking for qualified nursery care providers to work in our Nursery on Sunday mornings and occasional other events. Please contact Joyce Duncan at tuudre@towsonuuc.org if you would like more details or to learn how to apply for this position.



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MORE INFORMATION ON THE [TUUC WEBSITE](#)

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.)

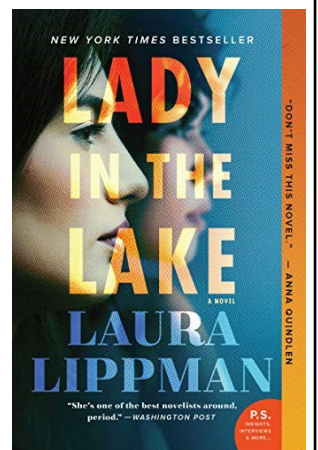
EARL'S PLACE DONATIONS

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

GRANDMA (2015)

SUNDAY, MAY 29: 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.

28 May	Saturday	Singles Fellowship Group	6:00 PM
29 May	Sunday	Sunday Service and Coffee Hour	10:30 AM
29 May	Sunday	Cabin Fever—Grandma	4:30 PM
30 May	Monday	Mindful Way Meditation	7:00 PM
1 June	Wednesday	Improv	6:00 PM
1 June	Wednesday	Book Group	7:30 PM
5 June	Sunday	Sunday Service and Coffee Hour	10:30 AM
5 June	Sunday	Cabin Fever—Disclosure	4:30 PM
6 June	Monday	Mindful Way Meditation	7:00 PM
7 June	Tuesday	TUUC Blood Drive	9:00 AM
7 June	Tuesday	Men's Reflection Group	7:30 PM
7 June	Tuesday	Women's Group Meeting	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.

The screenshot shows a donation form for 'Give to Towson Unitarian Universalist Church' with a current amount of \$0.00. It features three dropdown menus: '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 first dropdown menu to the 'Give to Restricted Fund' dropdown menu.

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Don't Church Sick

SUNDAY SERVICE ATTENDANCE REPORT

(Does not reflect actual number of people watching)

Date	Time	In-Person / Online
05/22/2022	10:30 AM	35 / 32