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**THE
THRESHOLD**

June 12, 2022 - 10:30 AM

REV. CLARE L. PETERSBERGER – CRITICAL RACE THEORY

Last year, Tucker Carlson said, "I've never figured out where critical race theory is, to be totally honest, after a year of talking about it." This is the problem. Fox News invoked stories "about" Critical Race Theory 1,300 times in a three-month period in 2021. As a result, 36 states have signed into law or proposed legislation banning or restricting the teaching of critical race theory. In November, TUUC members chose "critical race theory" as the theme of a worship service. Today we look at what critical race theory is and its blessings.

SUNDAY, JUNE 12 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/95246799671?pwd=S044UU40dHpLL2NqZjFWajNhbTZnZz09>

Meeting ID: 952 4679 9671

Passcode: 826939

YOUTH RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

Children ages 6-12 are invited to join us this Sunday. We will meet in the service and leave after the story for all ages. This Sunday we will talk about the six UU sources and learn about our Unitarian ancestor Beatrix Potter, who was a scientist, writer, and illustrator. She was also a philanthropist who donated the many farms she purchased to the National Trust to be preserved for future generations. Children will have a chance to explore nature and record it with water colors. Dress for the weather as we will be outside. Contact Joyce Duncan at tuucdre@towsonuuc.org if you wish to be added to our mailing list or enroll for classes next fall.

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

Celebration will also be available:

<https://zoom.us/j/92378149335?pwd=cGJTeTdaalBucihuSzNCKORPWUhedz09>

Meeting ID: 923 7814 9335 **Passcode:** 339608

CLARE'S COLLOQUY

"The sweet June days are come again; the birds are on the wing..." Samuel Longfellow

In these sweet June days, we are expecting the installation of our new church sign with its lighted Pride flag chalice to signal that ours is a community of welcome for those with myriad identities and orientations and truths---not just in June---but every day.

In these sweet June days, the staff will be taking the Monday after Juneteenth as a holiday. For the first time, and thanks to the organizing by Black elders over decades, we are recognizing that Juneteenth is not just an African American holiday celebrating the emancipation of enslaved people after the Civil War. It is a national American holiday of freedom and liberation.

In these sweet June days, we honor fathers of all kinds and, in the words of Rev. Evin Carvill-Ziemer, the "radical idea that men have the full capacity to nurture."

In these sweet June days, here in Maryland, we celebrate the longest day of the year---the summer solstice---and the longest hours of sunlight that literally brighten our days.

Yet, in these sweet June days, we are still processing pain, grief, anger and despair from all the bad, difficult, irrational news in our country and our world and seeking a better way. Some will be participating in The March For Our Lives (against gun violence) from 10 a.m. – noon in Washington, DC on June 11th. Others will be participating in vigils for reproductive justice when the Supreme Court announces its ruling on Roe V. Wade. And, through the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, we continue to support the people in Ukraine.

So that we do not have to celebrate, grieve, and act alone, we gather in religious community. In these sweet June days, we will hold our Annual Congregational Meeting at noon on June 12th both in the Meeting Room and in Zoom. We will elect new leadership, thank outgoing leaders, vote on our annual budget, and vote on a resolution to adopt the 8th Principle for our congregation:

"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 our institutions."

This principle supports our congregation's mission "to deepen our ethical and spiritual lives by working for racial, social, and environmental justice."

When the sweet June days come again, when the birds are on the wing, may we support one another through the challenges we face in our own lives and in the world. May we be, in the words of John O'Donohue, "compassionate of heart, clear in word, gracious in awareness, courageous in thought, and generous in love."



UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS AT TOWSON UUC

CALL TO THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING—SUNDAY, JUNE 12 AT 12 PM

Did you see the Call to the Annual Meeting? Sue Royer sent the call via email on May 27. The meeting will be held on June 12, 2022 at 12 noon, both in person at TUUC and on Zoom.

These items will require a congregational vote:

- 1) The Rules of Procedure for this meeting
- 2) Resolution: Reaffirmation of Votes
- 3) The Election of Officers
- 4) Approval of the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2022–2023
- 5) Resolution to Adopt the 8th Principle

Amendments must be submitted in writing to Board Secretary Susan Riggs by Monday, June 6 at 5 pm. Her email is secretary@towsonuuc.org. Amendments will not be accepted from the floor during the meeting. Members who are unable to attend may find another member to serve as their proxy. Please notify Board Secretary Susan Riggs if you need a proxy or can serve as a proxy.

See you at the meeting!

GREEN SANCTUARY FAIR TRADE SALE 6/12

This is your opportunity to stock up for the summer on your favorite fair trade coffee, tea, nuts and delicious chocolate. At the same time you will be supporting small farmers that need our support.

JUNE ETHNIC LUNCH—WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15 AT 12:30 PM AT YASOU GREEK BISTRO

June 15 will be the last Ethnic Lunch before we take a summer break. We'll be gathering at Yasou Greek Bistro, a Greek restaurant, 11121 York Road, in Cockeysville, www.yasougreekbistro.com. Lunch will be at 12:30 PM, Wednesday June 15.

All are welcome, but we will need to make reservations. Please respond by Sunday, June 12 to ethniclunch@towsonuuc.org so we can contact the restaurant.

Janet Kuperstein and Claudia Sumler

"OUR MESSY LIVES" DISCUSSION GROUP TO MEET NEXT THURSDAY, THE 16TH, ON ZOOM

On Thursday afternoon, June 16th, from 3:00-4:00 p.m., "Our Messy Lives" will be meeting and combining a bit of "self-awareness-raising-writing" with our usual thought-provoking discussion, this time on the subject of the dichotomy of SANITY/INSANITY, suggested at our last session by Walt Dent. The Zoom Link will be emailed out to our list of knowingly interested people the day before, and the Zoom will begin a few minutes before, on the 16th. Please email Nancy Caswell, Zoom Host and Co-facilitator, with Art Starr, if you would like to join us, and have not, as yet, received the Zoom Link by the 15th.

SINGLES FELLOWSHIP GROUP POTLUCK, SATURDAY, JUNE 25 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.

HELP NEEDED

HELP NEEDED: GREETERS

Can you help us welcome members and visitors as they enter for worship on Sundays? We are in need of a few more friendly folks to serve as Greeters on Sunday mornings. On the days that you sign up, we ask that you get to TUUC a bit early (around 10:15) and assist folks as they enter. It's a great way to get to know people a bit better--and we'll partner you with an experienced Greeter in the beginning! Please email Patty Barry at membership@towsonuuc.org if you're interested.

HOSPITALITY SUNDAYS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

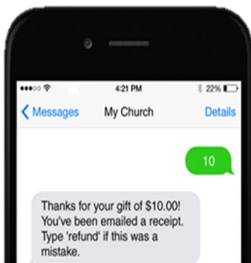
Kathy Ramirez will be organizing hospitality for Sundays. If you have an item to donate, or are able to help on occasion, please e-mail Kathy at k18alicat@yahoo.com. Also, after services, please pitch in by either bringing something (from on top of the island by the kitchen) down to the patio, or by returning items to the kitchen at clean up time (@12:15). Last, if you would like to conserve on waste, you are encouraged to get a mug or cup from the kitchen storage for personal use and place in dishwasher when finished. Paper and plastic items will be available for those who prefer them.

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 tuucdre@towsonuuc.org if you would like more details or to learn how to apply for this position.

AMAZON SMILE QUARTERLY DONATION: \$87.89

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UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY MULTIPLATFORM / PORTLAND • 2022

The theme for this year's GA is Meet the Moment: Reimagining Radical Faith. The Board has approved the following Members to be delegates to GA: Nancy Caswell, Ann Beezley, Wendell Finner, and Sue Royer. One delegate position remains available. Rev. Clare has delegate status on her own.

Virtual registration costs \$275. The suggested donation for attending only the business sessions (as a delegate) is \$100.

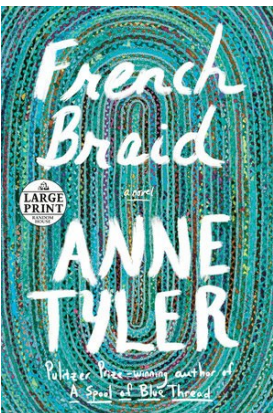
<https://www.uua.org/ga>

The Board scholarship of \$275 to cover the registration fee to participate virtually remains available. 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.

TUUC BOOK CLUB



**FRENCH
BRAID**
Wednesday
July 6
7:30 PM

CABIN FEVER

THE TRAIN
Sunday
June 12
4:30 PM



SOCIAL ACTION

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING—DATE CHANGE—MONDAY, JUNE 13 AT NOON

Because of the Congregational meeting June 12, the Social Action Committee will meet on **Monday, June 13** at noon. All are welcome. An agenda will be sent to those on our mailing list. Please see the Church Calendar for the Zoom address.

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.

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.

Give to Towson Unitarian Universalist Church

\$ 0.00

Give to 2021-2022 Stewardship Campaign

Add Gift to Another Fund

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\$ 0.00

Give to Restricted Fund

Give to 2021-2022 Stewardship Campaign

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

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Give to Plate Collection

Give to Religious Education Registration

Give to Restricted Fund

Give to Social Action Collection

Third Saturday Work Party June 18, 2022 - 9:00am-noon

Focus:

- Weeding
- Reforestation tree maintenance and care.



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.

11 June	Saturday	Celebration of Life—Bill Reichel	1:00 PM
12 June	Sunday	Fair Trade Sale	10:00 AM
12 June	Sunday	Sunday Service and Coffee Hour	10:30 AM
12 June	Sunday	Annual Congregational Meeting	12:00 PM
12 June	Sunday	Cabin Fever—The Train	4:30 PM
13 June	Monday	Social Action Committee Meeting	12:00 PM
13 June	Monday	Mindful Way Meditation	7:00 PM
13 June	Monday	Membership Committee Meeting	7:30 PM
14 June	Tuesday	Aging Together	1:00 PM
15 June	Wednesday	June Ethnic Lunch	12:30 PM
15 June	Wednesday	TUUC Board Meeting	7:30 PM
16 June	Thursday	Small Group Music Rehearsal (TBD)	7:30 PM
17 June	Friday	TUUC Sunday Service Rehearsal	6:00 PM
18 June	Saturday	Third Saturday Work Party	9:00 AM
19 June	Sunday	Sunday Service	10:30 AM
20 June	Monday	Mindful Way Meditation	7:00 PM
20 June	Monday	Socrates Café	7:30 PM

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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
06/03/2022	10:30 AM	60 / 36