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**THE  
THRESHOLD**

**JUNE 19, 2022 - 10:30 AM**

## **TUUC SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE – THE SOCIAL ACTION SERVICE**

This year, we highlight the Assistance Center of Towson Churches, TUUC's first Community Partner. This month's theme is Celebrating Blessings, and one way we do this is by sharing them with causes which reflect our Unitarian values, such as ACTC. They provide food for needy families, and assistance services for homeless persons in the area.

Today is also Juneteenth, aka Jubilee Day, which commemorates the end of slavery in the U.S. And, of course, we also celebrate Fathers Day!

## **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.

Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/97555984379?pwd=Nyt0WHVPTeM2bmdOajB0ZDFaa0tFUT09>

Meeting ID: 975 5598 4379 Passcode: 219215

## **YOUTH RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION**

Children ages 6 to 12 years are invited to join us for fun outdoor activities with a UU slant, while we learn about the six UU sources. Older children and teens are welcome as assistants. In previous Sundays we learned about two Unitarian ancestors Henry David Thoreau and Beatrix Potter. This week Ellie and Lou will lead a session on making art from natural items, based on the work of earth artist Andy Goldsworthy. Please join us in the meeting room; children will leave after the story for all ages. Care for children 5 and under is provided in Room 5. Contact Joyce Duncan at [tuucdre@towsonuuc.org](mailto:tuucdre@towsonuuc.org) if you have questions or would like to be added to our mailing list.

# **JUNETEENTH FREEDOM DAY**

**Juneteenth** (officially **Juneteenth National Independence Day**, and also known as, **Jubilee Day**, **Emancipation Day**, **Freedom Day**, and **Black Independence Day**) is a federal holiday in the United States commemorating emancipation of enslaved African Americans. It is also often observed for celebrating African-American culture. Originating in Galveston, Texas, it has been celebrated annually on June 19 in various parts of the United States since 1865. The day was recognized as a federal holiday on June 17, 2021, when President Joe Biden signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act into law. Juneteenth's commemoration is on the anniversary date of the June 19, 1865, announcement of General Order No. 3 by Union Army general Gordon Granger, proclaiming freedom for enslaved people in Texas, which was the last state of the Confederacy with institutional slavery.

## 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 11<sup>th</sup>. 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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."



# ANNUAL MEETING RESULTS

The Annual Meeting of TUUC was held on June 12 as a multi-platform meeting. Members could participate in discussion and vote either in person or on Zoom. All business matters passed.

The business matters were:

- The Rules of Procedure
- Resolution: Reaffirmation of Votes
- The Nominating Slate
- Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 22 – 23
- Resolution to Adopt the 8<sup>th</sup> Principle

Thank you to all the members who participated and voted, including those who voted via a proxy voter.

## ANNUAL REPORT

Have you read the TUUC Annual Report? It's quite impressive!

<https://www.towsonuuc.org/s/2021-2022-Annual-Report-Final.pdf>

## FISCAL YEAR END

This is a reminder that our church's fiscal year ends on June 30. If you have expenses for which you are seeking reimbursement, please turn them into the office as soon as possible. If you have not yet paid your full pledge for the current year, please do so by June 24. We appreciate every contribution!

## INCOMING BOARD OF TRUSTEES

For our new church year, starting on July 1, 2022, please welcome the incoming Board of Trustees:



President  
Andrew Hager



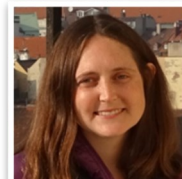
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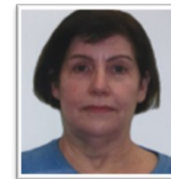
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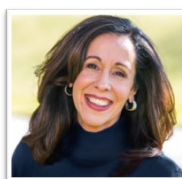
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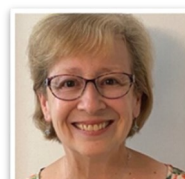
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### NEXT MONDAY AT SOCRATES CAFÉ - PROBING OF THE 6TH UU PRINCIPLE

This coming Monday evening, June 20th, from 7:30-9:00 p.m., the TUUC Socrates Cafe will be examining, on Zoom, our 6th UU Principle, which is our covenant to affirm and promote "the goal of world community with peace, justice, and liberty for all. "What does this Principle mean to us, and how are we living it out in our lives day-by-day? To join our discussion, if you are not yet on our email list, email [socratescafe@towsonuuc.org](mailto:socratescafe@towsonuuc.org) and you will receive the Zoom Link by email the day before. We welcome new ideas, thoughts, questions, answers, and ruminations. We are all searching to know the truth as each of us, individually, sees it. We gain insights by both speaking from our hearts and minds ourselves and listening to others...hope to see you then!

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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. 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.

### 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.





## 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.

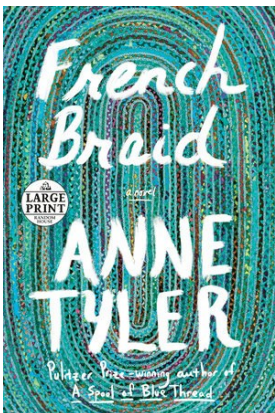
<https://www.uua.org/ga>

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](mailto:president@towsonuuc.org).

## TUUC BOOK CLUB



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

## HAPPY FATHER'S DAY



# 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.

## SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS ON SAC SUNDAYS

Throughout the year, the Social Action Committee dedicates SAC Sundays to support specific organizations through congregation contributions. When you donate to any of these funds, please remember to write the name of the organization in the memo line on your check. If you are contributing through Breeze online or text, remember to select the correct dropdown as shown on the offering page in the slide presentation (ex: ACTC, MMTH, O4J, etc.) Help us to get the funds to the correct receiver by indicating the receiver in the memo or comment line.

### 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

Give this One Time

Give by Credit/Debit Card

Continue

Give to Towson Unitarian Universalist Church

\$ 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

Give to Plate Collection

Give to Religious Education Registration

Give to Restricted Fund

Give to Social Action Collection



### 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.

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
21 June	Tuesday	Men's Reflection Group	7:30 PM
21 June	Tuesday	Women's Group	7:30 PM
25 June	Saturday	Celebration of Life - Nancy Hannah	1:00 PM
25 June	Saturday	Singles Fellowship	6:00 PM
26 June	Sunday	Sunday Service	10:30 AM
26 June	Sunday	Cabin Fever	4:30 PM
27 June	Monday	Mindful Way Meditation	7:00 PM
28 June	Tuesday	Aging Together	1:00 PM

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

Focus:

- Weeding
- Reforestation tree maintenance and care.



**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
06/10/2022	10:30 AM	60 / 33