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THE
THRESHOLD

AUGUST 14, 2022 - 10:30 AM

LUKE WILLIAMS, LAY WORSHIP ASSOCIATE—*THE BLESSING OF COMMUNITY*

When people think about their achievements, they often focus on the importance of their own hard work. Ultimately, however, our achievements are due to the collective blessings of all who have shaped our lives. In this service we will consider how achievements are the result of collective action.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14 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/99748650310?pwd=WVFsaUIHeVNnd29Zcm1ZWUVxQ3lmZz09>

Meeting ID: 997 4865 0310

Passcode: 995901

IN CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF JEFFREY ARNSTEIN

We regret to inform you of the death of TUUC member Jeffry Arnstein on July 30, 2022. Jeff was committed to racial justice. He participated in our A Dialogue On Race And Ethnicity; spoke in worship about what he learned about racism in the Boy Scouts in the 1950's; and put his commitment into action serving on our Social Action Committee and Mentoring Male Teens In The Hood. He was a cherished member of Soul Matters Sharing Circles. Jeff once wrote about Kvelling, a Yiddish word for "Choked up in the upper chest with positive emotion." Jeff radiated such positivity---especially after meeting his soul mate Jane at TUUC. In planning for his celebration of life, when asked what he hoped his legacy would be, Jeff answered with one word: kindness. Messages of condolence may be sent to Jane.

A more complete obituary is here:

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/baltimoresun/name/jeffrey-arnstein-obituary?id=36159081>

A celebration of Jeff's life will be held at noon on September 10th.

---Rev. Clare

UPDATED GOVERNANCE POLICY

During the last fiscal year, the Board of Trustees reviewed TUUC's Governance Policy. We agreed on multiple updates to the policy; the updated version is now available on the TUUC Website.

https://www.towsonuuc.org/s/TUUC_Governance_Policy_2022_Adopted_May18.pdf

Summary of changes:

- Added Board responsibility for maintaining the church's connection/relationship with the UUA.
- Added sections on decision-making for the Board, the Administrative Team, and the Program Council.
- Clarified that Board committees make recommendations to the Board and that decision-making authority rests with the Board.
- Aligned the section on the Endowment and the Endowment Committee with Bylaws changes approved by the Congregation in October 2020.
- Aligned the section on the Nominating Committee with the current Bylaws.
- Added language to the Personnel Committee regarding the UUA Benefits Tune-Up Workbook and clarified responsibility for the Personnel Manual.
- Updated the Right Relations Team section based on feedback from the Right Relations Team.
- Added the Stewardship Team as a standing Board Committee.
- Removed the role of Communications Head under the Program Council.
- In the Care for Members and Guests section, regarding creating a welcoming and respectful environment for use by all persons, added regardless of disability, and added regardless of body size or weight.
- Updated the policy section regarding donation of a portion of our plate receipts to our community partners, based on our current practices.
- Removed the COVID Care Fund as a Board-approved fund. It was set up for two years; the authorization has expired and there was not a strong need to extend it.
- Clarified who needs to submit written reports to the Board under oversight/monitoring.

Please contact me or any Board member with your questions.

Sue Royer, Immediate Past President

AMAZON SMILE QUARTERLY DONATION: \$81.66

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TUUC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR COFFEE HOUR

TUUC Hospitality needs volunteers for coffee hour. The process is quite simple and we will assist in educating helpers who have not participated in this area before. Volunteers will be on a rotation/sign-up basis. Other needs are for sharing a baked goodie/fruit/salad/or other treats. Please email or text Kathy Ramirez (contact information in Breeze) if you are able to assist in any way.

The following supplies are also needed:

- **Immediate Needs:** Equal Packets, Splenda Packets, Sugar Packets, Half/Half Non-Refrigerated, No-Dairy Cream Substitute (Powdered)
- **Upcoming and Monthly Needs:** Half/Half, Small Paper Plates, Napkins—Paper and Cloth (Preferably Environmentally Friendly As Possible)

BE A MONITOR AT TUUC!

Towson Unitarian Universalist Church (TUUC) derives income from renting our facility to external groups when not in use by the congregation for church events. The monitor is to ensure that both the Church and the renter are satisfied with their use of church facilities.

The monitor role is to ensure that the church facility is appropriately used and in accordance with the TUUC Facility Use Policy to protect the Church building and resources from misuse and damage. As a representative of TUUC it is also the monitor's responsibility to ensure that the renter's use of the facilities is as smooth and trouble free as possible.

This is an on-call paid position. Rate of pay is \$15.00 per hour. Please contact the Church Administrator at churchoffice@towsonuuc.org for more information.

SOCRATES CAFÉ TO MEET MONDAY, AUGUST 15 AT 7:30 PM

At our August 15th Socrates Cafe, 7:30-9:00 PM, which will be our 24th on Zoom, we will probe a question submitted to us by Happy Brooks: "In his greatest work, Alexis de Toqueville asked, 'Will the cultivation of equality, in the form of democracy, eventually destroy liberty?'" Happy admonishes, "Seems to me, like we'd better start thinking about it!" A Google search has revealed that in de Tocqueville's greatest work, Democracy in America, published in 1835, the 19th century aristocrat, who had, in the 1830s, traveled around the United States studying the political culture of the world's first truly democratic nation, wasn't quite sure! So let's examine the question ourselves, as Socrates would have us do, and see what we come up with! Suggested reading for the 15th is Democracy in America, even if read only in summary. We welcome newcomers...to be one, email socratescafe@towsonuuc.org and the Zoom Link will be emailed the day before the meeting. As Socrates said, "Wonder is the beginning of wisdom." Namaste!

“OUR MESSY LIVES” TO DISCUSS THE WORD “MONEY” - THURSDAY, AUGUST 18 AT 3 PM

At our next "Our Messy Lives" meeting, on Thursday, August 18th, from 3:00-4:00 PM, the topic for a brief writing exercise, for sharing, and for discussion will be "MONEY," often a hot topic in our messy lives! Possible prompts include: What comes into your head when you think

about the word "money?" How important is money? How would the world be different if all the money were shared equally among all people? Please email Nancy Caswell (see directory) if you would like to be added to our email list to receive the Zoom Link the day before for the meeting on the 18th. Blessings!

GREEN SANCTUARY PLANNING MEETING—SUNDAY AUGUST 21 AT 12:30 PM

The Green Sanctuary Committee will hold its annual planning meeting via zoom on Sunday August 21st, starting at 12:30. Zoom link is on TUUC web calendar. All are welcome as we discuss our projects and activities for the upcoming church year. Contact Carel Hedlund (info in directory) if questions.

SINGLES FELLOWSHIP GROUP POTLUCK—SATURDAY, AUGUST 27 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.

ETHNIC LUNCH RETURNS IN SEPTEMBER

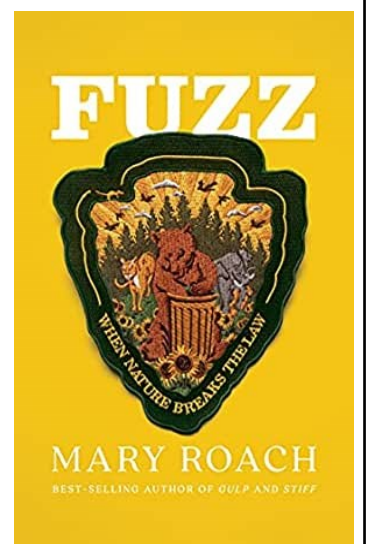
Ethnic Lunch will return in September with a visit to Yasou Greek Bistro. We were supposed to go there in June, but they had to close that day because of an oven malfunction. We went to the Indian restaurant Mint Leaf instead. In October we will be doing dim sum at Asian Court in Ellicott City.

Janet Kuperstein and I are working on a new list of restaurants. We have received several suggestions and welcome more. Any restaurants that you have tried that you think the group would like? Any that you have heard about but haven't visited yet? Any old favorites? Anyone know of a good Vietnamese restaurant? We haven't done Mexican in a while. Other Latin American cuisines available at lunch time? Send your suggestions to ethniclunch@towsonucc.org.

TUUC BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24

7:30 PM



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.

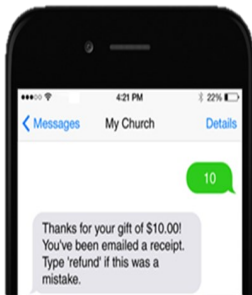
NONPERISHABLE FOOD

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.



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](#)

August 20, 2022
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM



Outdoors activities:
Tree care for reforestation project

Rain or shine (disposable rain gear provided)
Moderate weather permitting.

Third
Saturday
Work Party

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.

14 Aug	Sunday	Sunday Service	10:30 AM
15 Aug	Monday	Socrates Café	7:30 PM
16 Aug	Tuesday	Men's Reflection Group	7:30 PM
16 Aug	Tuesday	Women's Group Meeting	7:30 PM
18 Aug	Thursday	Our Messy lives	3:00 PM
20 Aug	Saturday	Third Saturday Work Party	9:00 AM
21 Aug	Sunday	Sunday Service	9:00 AM
21 Aug	Sunday	Green Sanctuary Planning Meeting	12:30 PM
23 Aug	Tuesday	Aging Together	1:00 PM
24 Aug	Wednesday	Book Group	7:30 PM
27 Aug	Saturday	Singles Fellowship Group Potluck	6:00 PM
28 Aug	Sunday	Sunday Service	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.

The screenshot shows a donation form for 'Give to Towson Unitarian Universalist Church' with a total amount of \$0.00. The form includes 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 2021-2022 Stewardship Campaign' dropdown, which is open to show a list of options including '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', and 'Give to Social Action Collection'. A red arrow points from the dropdown menu to the 'Give to Restricted Fund' option.

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
08/07/2022	10:30 AM	30 / 34