



AUGUST 21, 2022 - 10:30 AM

NANCY CASWELL AND MICHAEL MAGROGAN, LAY WORSHIP ASSOCIATES—*HIS HOLINESS THE 14TH DALAI LAMA: FINDING JOY AND HAPPINESS*

Through the lyrics of music, the words and visuals of Tibetan prayer and meditation, and several thought-provoking, inspiring quotes, all of which convey the wisdom of the 14th Dalai Lama, we will gain new insights, and be delighted to experience his predominantly jovial personality. We will watch as he and Archbishop Desmond Tutu, co-authors of [The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World](#), laugh their way through a YouTube interview, exchanging friendly barbs, and, although coming from very different religious traditions, express “how the world needs joy and compassion, more than ever before.”

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21 ONLINE SERVICE INFORMATION

For those who plan to join us on Zoom this Sunday, please see below for the Zoom information.

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/91443882654?pwd=VnMzMUNXRy9zQjYxZUxhRHBXOEEdSZz09>

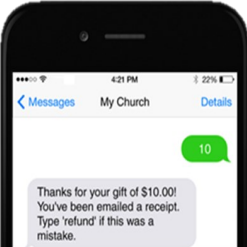
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IN CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF JEFFREY ARNSTEIN

We regret to inform you of the death of TUUC member Jeffrey 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



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Send an amount to
(410)834-0700

PASSING THE PLATE

DONATE TO TUUC VIA PAYPAL, TEXT, OR BREEZE
MORE INFORMATION ON THE [TUUC WEBSITE](#)

IN CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF SUSAN TUSA

We regret to inform you of the death of TUUC member Susan Laurie Tusa on August 16, 2022.

Susan served as Board President of TUUC from 1992-1994. She also served as a Greeter, participated in worship services, served as a member of the Adult Religious Education Committee, the TUUC Sabbatical Committee in 2005, and the TUUC Personnel Committee.

Although Susan and her husband Dan moved to Lacey, Washington 13 years ago, Susan maintained her membership with our congregation, read the Threshold cover-to-cover, sent donations for fundraisers for our community partners, and participated in our virtual adult religious education class "A Date With Death Club" from January through mid-April. Susan never lost the art form of the handwritten letter in her beautiful cursive script.

Messages of condolence may be sent to her husband Dan. Susan's contact information is in Breeze.

Susan touched so many lives in her vocation as a teacher and in her intentional outreach to people in so many different walks of life. She will be remembered for her beauty and love of beauty, for her smile, graciousness, deep listening, affirmations of "Yes! Yes!", thoughtful analysis, gentle humor, hopeful perspective, generous spirit, and love. She will be greatly missed.

In memory of Susan, donations may be made to TUUC, one of TUUC's community partners, or a charity of your choosing.

----Rev. Clare

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**

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

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.



TUUC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

TUUC BLOOD DRIVE—WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 FROM 1-7 PM

Working with the American Red Cross, we've scheduled Wednesday, September 7th, 2022 for the next TUUC Blood Drive. There is a critical need for blood right now, please check your calendar and consider donating blood at our drive. Please only join us on September 7th, if you are healthy and have no concerns about donating. To sign up for an appointment time between 1-7pm please use [this link](#) or email Clare Flynn-Avallone with your preferred times. Give the Gift of Life - Give Blood!

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.

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.

AND THIS SHALL BE A SIGN UNTO YOU!

A sign from TUUC! Our new TUUC sign, with the Pride Flag chalice on both sides (which will be lighted at night), was installed today! Be sure to look for it when you next drive to (or by) the building!

This sign replaces the one lost in a bad car accident in January.

The A-Team (Rev. Clare, Kai Aiyetoro, Dan Alper, and Clare Flynn Avallone) designed the sign with the input of Sue Royer.



Special thanks to Clare Flynn-Avallone, Todd Robertson, and Kai Aiyetoro for their labors of love getting the sign installed.

May our new sign (with its lighted Pride chalice) shine welcome on all who drive to, and by, our building!

---Rev. Clare on behalf of the TUUC Administrative Team

REVISED COVID PLAN FOR TUUC

The CDC has revised its guidance on Covid. The A-Team has updated our guidelines for our congregation. While we encourage everyone to be vaccinated and boosted (if eligible), we are not requiring those who enter our building to show proof of vaccination. We are no longer requiring registration for worship.

Because we are currently in the "yellow" zone, we are still requiring masks in the building and planning to offer hospitality (i.e., eating and drinking) outside.

We ask that if you do test positive shortly after attending TUUC, please let Rev. Clare know so that we inform those with whom you may have been in closer contact in the building.

Revised Plan: <https://www.towsonuuc.org/tuuc-covidplan>

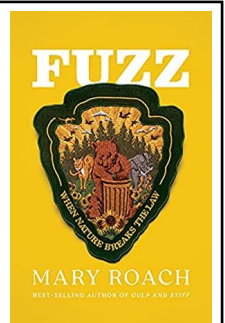
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---Rev Clare on behalf of the A-Team, Kai Aiyetoro, Church Administrator, Dan Alper, and Clare Flynn-Avallone

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.

CORNERSTONE COMMUNITY HOUSING OPENING DOORS DINNER—THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6

Cornerstone Community Housing (a SAC partner) invites you to join us at the Shriner's Boumi Temple in Rosedale for the Opening Doors Dinner, Thursday, October 6 at 6 PM.

We are so grateful for your ongoing support during the past years of distancing. You may not see us in person, but your presence is felt every day.

We are opening the doors and invite you to join us as we celebrate new beginnings for the men of Earl's Place and Prospect Place. We look forward to sharing how you continue to help change their lives as they move from homeless to housed.

DINNER: Catered by Atlantic Caterers; Soft drinks and wine are included in the ticket price. Cash bar for beer and mixed drinks.

For more information or to purchase tickets online: <https://ourfundraiser.events/OpeningDoors2022>. The silent auction is online this year and can also be accessed through this link. Please contact Sheila Helgerson with any questions at 410-522-0225 or sheila@cchbaltimore.org.

UUA JUBILEE THREE WORKSHOPS—AUGUST 19-21 AND SEPTEMBER 9-11

The UUA is offering two more Jubilee Three Workshops.

This is a powerful and meaningful workshop, please consider attending.

Here are the registration links for the next two Jubilee Three Workshops:

- [August 19th - 21st in the Eastern Time Zone](#)
- [September 9th - 11th in the Pacific Time Zone](#)

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.

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
1 Sept	Thursday	TUUC Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM
4 Sept	Sunday	Sunday Service	10:30 AM
6 Sept	Tuesday	Men's Reflection Group	7:30 PM
6 Sept	Tuesday	Women's Group Meeting	7:30 PM
7 Sept	Wednesday	Blood Drive	12:00 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 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.

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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
08/14/2022	10:30 AM	Unknown / 32