



SEPTEMBER 18, 2022 - 10:30 AM

REV. CLARE L. PETERSBERGER, HANNAH FREEMAN (ORGANIZER FOR BRIDGE, MARYLAND), ANN BEEZLEY, NANCY CASWELL, OUR YRE TEACHERS, AND THE TUUC CHOIR—*BELONGING AND JUSTICE*

Did you know that the Towson Unitarian Universalist Church is now a member of BRIDGE, Maryland? What is faith based community organizing and why is it relevant today? What does faith based justice look like in the public arena? How does a BRIDGE membership put TUUC in the position to lead its own justice work? What does TUUC, as a congregation, need to do to become a leading congregation in the fight for public justice?

Today, Rev. Clare and Hannah Freeman, an organizer for BRIDGE Maryland, will dialogue on these questions. Ann Beezley, Chair of our Social Action Committee and Nancy Caswell, who both attended a recent BRIDGE, Maryland training will share what they learned. Since our youth religious exploration classes begin again this Sunday, we will dedicate our teachers who will help our students to feel they belong and who teach them to work for justice.

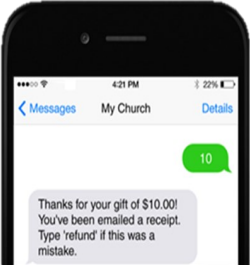
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 ONLINE SERVICE INFORMATION

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

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/96195153677?pwd=Vk5paHBKSXdNSElJSXJ3QUJHsjN5Zz09>

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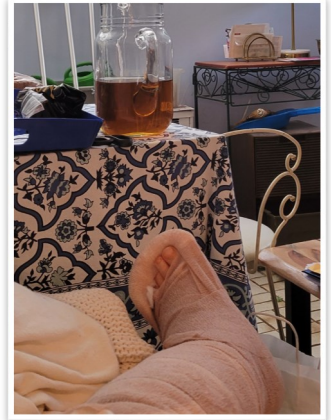
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TUUC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

MESSAGE FROM THE HALL FAMILY

Words are not adequate thanks for all the attention given to Tracy during her convalescence by members of Towson Unitarian Universalist Church. Members of TUUC sent flowers while she was in the hospital, lent various devices, visited her in the hospital, posted her needs for food before and after surgery, delivered food, helped with household chores, sent cards and gifts, picked up grocery orders, called to check in, and contracted a pianist to help with services during her absence. The response to her needs was so great that most everything she needed was taken care of.

--- Gale Hall, Tracy Hall's father



NEXT SOCRATES CAFÉ TO CONSIDER THE MERICRATIC IDEAL—MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

"What's become of the common good?" is the question our next TUUC Socrates Cafe will be considering and probing this coming Monday evening, September 19th from 7:30-9:00 PM on Zoom. As a follow up to our August discussion, Peter Talley suggested that we consider reading Michael Sandel's book, The Tyranny of Merit. Or watch Sandel, an important and influential living philosopher, share his ideas and principles by Googling selected YouTubes as background material to bring to this, our 25th TUUC Socrates Cafe. A suggestion is Sandel's excellent 8:48 minutes TED Talk, "The Tyranny of Merit," which describes Meritocracy, a questionable political system, where people are chosen and moved into positions of success, power, and influence on the basis of their demonstrated abilities and merit, and where Sandel proposes that "only the elite, in that new Meritocracy, would enjoy the opportunity for self-fulfillment." Further, Sandel advises: "The Meritocratic Ideal is not a remedy for inequality, it is a justification for inequality!" How do we of the TUUC Socrates Cafe see it? Every thought, opinion, revelation, and insight brought on the 19th is welcome! Come and be a part of the discussion, or come, just to listen, if you like! To join, if not yet on our email list, send an email to socratescafe@towsonuuc.org, and you will receive an email with the Zoom Link for the 19th the day before.

SEPTEMBER ETHNIC LUNCH—WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 AT 12:30 PM

Summer is ending and it is time for Ethnic Lunch to return from vacation. Last June we were supposed to gather at Yasou Greek Bistro <http://www.yasougreekbistro.com>

However their oven broke down that day and they were closed. We are trying again on Wednesday, September 21 at 12:30. Their address is 11121 York Road, Suite C in Cockeysville. They are in the same shopping center as the PA Dutch Market.

Please RSVP to ethniclunch@towsonuuc.org by Monday September 19 so we can reserve a table. Looking forward to seeing everyone.

---Janet Kuperstein and Claudia Sumler

SINGLES FELLOWSHIP GROUP POTLUCK—SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 AT 6:00 PM

Join us for good food and conversation at one of our homes. 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.

COME OUT FOR THE "COMMUNITY CHOIR" ON SEPTEMBER 25—EVERYONE WELCOME!

We're bringing back a concept we started a few years ago--Community Choir! On a Community Choir Sunday, everyone is invited--all ages and all skill levels--to come for a rehearsal on the morning of the service. On September 25th, you can just "walk in" to be part of this special initiative, at 9 AM. We need to start early due to AV sound checks at 10 AM (at which point you'll have a break). We'll be learning relatively simple music for the service that day. For young children, there will be one song that may be a bit of a challenge if you are not reading yet, but most of the music will be doable by practically anyone! We also will include some rhythm instruments at one point in this service, so if you have something special (and small) at home that you want to play, feel free to bring it. Because we need to be distanced, it would be very helpful if you could RSVP that you plan to participate by emailing Tracy at music@towsonuuc.org. Please remember to bring some kind of mask to wear as well.

WRITING AS A SPIRITUAL PRACTICE—DROP IN SESSIONS

Sept. 23, Oct. 7, Oct. 21, Nov. 4, Nov. 18, Dec. 9, Jan. 6, Jan. 20 from 1-2 PM on Zoom

Writing As A Spiritual Practice will resume on September 23 and all are welcome to these stand alone sessions on Zoom. We check-in; light a chalice; listen to a brief reading; and then choose one of several prompts. After writing together for 15 minutes in silence, we are invited to share what we have written. Through this practice we become more present to our own lives and get to know the lives of others at a deeper level. We close with a benediction. The purpose of this group is not perfection it is presence. Join us on one or all of the Friday sessions above!

SACRED CURRICULUM ON FAITH SUPPORT FOR REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM

A new national organization called SACReD, the Spiritual Alliance of Communities for Reproductive Dignity (<http://www.sacreddignity.org/>) has formed to empower congregations to become loving, justice-seeking faith communities that fully support the fulfillment of reproductive moral agency and flourishing for all. SACReD has developed a curriculum to help participants deepen their understanding of the connection between faith, racism, and reproductive ethics, and to identify strategies and actions for liberation within religious communities and the larger world.

Given that the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade—and that many people have never had meaningful access to reproductive healthcare—it is a critical time to learn and to act. Rev. Clare will be offering this curriculum in seven 2-hour sessions on Zoom, 1:00-3:00 PM. The first session will be offered on Sunday Oct. 2 and repeated on October 30th.

SACRED CURRICULUM *continued*

Participants are required to attend the first session. That's why it is being offered twice. The other sessions will be held on Nov. 13, Jan. 8, Feb. 5, March 5, April 2, and April 30. Participants are required to attend at least 6 of the 8 sessions including the first one. Please register [here](#) if you would like to participate. Your participation will help TUUC to become an official part of this interfaith Spiritual Alliance of Communities for Reproductive Dignity.

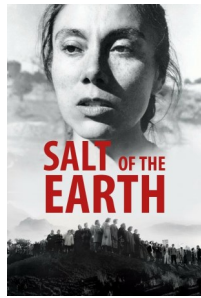
AMAZON SMILE QUARTERLY DONATION: \$81.66

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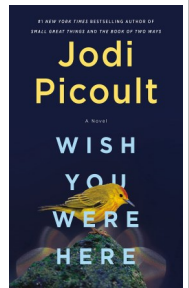
CABIN FEVER

SALT OF THE EARTH (1954)
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18: 4:30 PM



TUUC BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
7:30 PM



Replacement Refrigerator needed for Lower Level

(must be 32 in or less in width) to replace the broken one on the lower level. Please contact churchoffice@towsonuuc.org should you have one to donate. Thank you!

September ~~17~~, 2022
Date change **Sept 24**
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

SOCIAL ACTION

Summer is winding down, school's restarted, it's a time for new beginnings. Come, join others in feeding the hungry, housing the homeless, dismantling racial injustice and mentoring young Black men. For more information on working with our community partners please email Ann Beezley (contact information in Breeze).

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 most requested food items are: boxed breakfast cereal, canned meals (pork & beans, chili), canned vegetables, canned fruit, dry pasta, pasta sauce, Mac & cheese, canned tuna, peanut butter, jelly, canned soup, family and travel sized toiletries, and household supplies (toilet paper, laundry detergent).

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 the link above. Please contact Sheila Helgerson with any questions at 410-522-0225 or sheila@cchbaltimore.org.

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.

17 Sept	Saturday	Celebration of Life - Simeon G. 'Moan' Margolis	11:00 AM
18 Sept	Sunday	Sunday Service	10:30 AM
18 Sept	Sunday	Cabin Fever—Salt of the Earth	4:30 PM
19 Sept	Monday	Socrates Café	7:30 PM
20 Sept	Tuesday	Men's Reflection Group	7:30 PM
20 Sept	Tuesday	Women's Group Meeting	7:30 PM
23 Sept	Friday	Writing as a Spiritual Practice	1:00 PM
24 Sept	Saturday	Third Saturday Work Party	9:00 AM
24 Sept	Saturday	Singles Fellowship Group	6:00 PM
25 Sept	Sunday	Community Choir Rehearsal	9:00 AM
25 Sept	Sunday	Sunday Service	10:30 AM
27 Sept	Tuesday	Aging Together	1:00 PM
27 Sept	Tuesday	Soul Matters Sharing Circles	7:30 PM
28 Sept	Wednesday	Book Group	7:30 PM
29 Sept	Thursday	TUUC Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM
2 Oct	Sunday	Sunday Service	10:30 AM
2 Oct	Sunday	SACReD	1:00 PM
4 Oct	Monday	Men's Reflection Group	7:30 PM

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SUNDAY SERVICE		
ATTENDANCE REPORT		
(Does not reflect actual number of people watching)		
Date	Time	In-Person / Online
09/11/2022	10:30 AM	37 / 34