



OCTOBER 2, 2022 - 10:30 AM

REV. CLARE L. PETERSBERGER—THE COURAGE TO LIVE

We are in the midst of the Days of Awe in Judaism. We are beginning our exploration of the theme of what it means to walk the path of courage. We are welcoming Kara Tyler as our new Director of Religious Education. Judaism offers practices for a communal path to renew the courage to live. This morning we reflect on a common spiritual challenge that often comes up at the end of human life that Judaism teaches how to address before we die.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2 ONLINE SERVICE INFORMATION

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

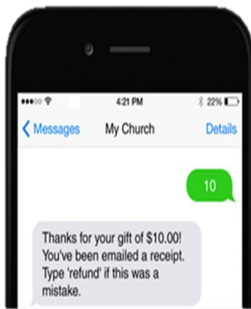
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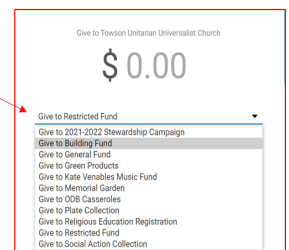
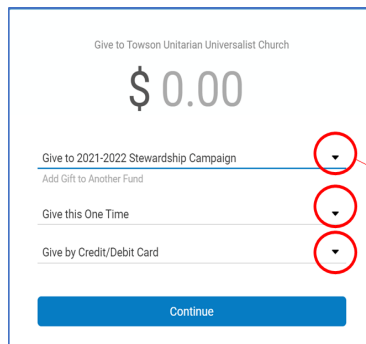
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PASSING THE PLATE

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

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.



A MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW DRE

Friends,

I'm delighted to be starting the new church year with you as the Director of Religious Education for TUUC. I look forward to getting to know all of you: children, parents, grandparents, and those without kids as well. It's a new church year, and the RE Committee and I have some fun plans coming for the children as well as the whole congregation.

I have always loved church, from my childhood in the protestant faith until I converted to UUism in my teens. The ritual, the community, and the time set aside from everyday life has offered me solace, friendship, and respite. Growing up, I loved the stories during service and singing in the choir and the friendships I made that existed outside of the stress and social pressures of school. When the church of my childhood became confining in its control and rules, I found my home in Unitarian Universalism, a community based on respect and kindness.

This coming year, I will ask two things of the youth in our congregation: Be Brave and Be Kind.

When we are brave, we can speak our truth, stand up for what is right, and ask for help (one of the scariest things to do), and when we are kind, we can spread that kindness to all those around us no matter what may seem to separate us from each other.

I look forward to meeting each and every one of you. The most profound influence we can have on the children of our congregation is to model our beliefs and live our faith where they can witness it and even join in. Together, we have so much to teach and learn over the course of our lives. I look forward to learning with you.

I'm happy to chat about any ideas or concerns you have and get to know the congregation personally. Please feel free to say hello after service, stop by the DRE office, or email me at tuucdre@towsonuuc.org.

Up, up, and away!

Kara

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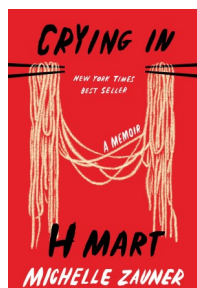
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TUUC BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

7:30 PM

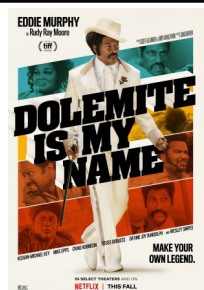


CABIN FEVER

DOLEMITE IS MY NAME (2019)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

4:30 PM



NEWS ABOUT US

IN MEMORY OF KATHY RAMIREZ

The family of Kathy Ramirez is planning a celebration of her life on October 9th at the Dogwood Pavilion in the Hammerman Area of Gunpowder Falls State Park at 1:00 PM. All are welcome. Please feel encouraged to bring along a dish or snack as well as favorite photos, mementos, and memories.

IN MEMORY OF JEANIE JUNG

We regret to inform you of the death of long time TUUC member Jeanie Jung on September 18. Jeanie met Al Bolz at TUUC and they married. She was a life-long learner who enjoyed good books; interesting talks; and travel for educational purposes. Jeanie was a participant in our adult religious education class, "Building The World We Dream About." She was open to trying new things and was part of TUUC team that explored the UUA Partner Church program and a possible partnership with a UU congregation in Hong Kong. Jeanie was a gracious hostess who enjoyed sharing a good meal—and especially during Baltimore Restaurant week! She loved beauty and was a supporter of Gallery Unicorn. Jeanie also supported Planned Parenthood of Maryland. And over a decade ago, Jeanie generously sponsored a youth in our community to go on the Civil Rights tour organized by the UU College For Social Justice. Jeanie was thoughtful, caring, and committed to justice. A celebration of her life will be held at TUUC at 11 AM on November 5.

IN MEMORY OF EVE MCGOVERN

We regret to inform you of the unexpected death of TUUC member Eve McGovern on September 22nd. Eve loved to hear the Choir sing and was a faithful participant in the TUUC People-to-People auction. Many years ago, her daughter, Maura, worked in the TUUC nursery. Eve was a bibliophile, a devoted sister, wife, mother, and grandmother, an amazing cook, and a good friend. The family will be receiving visitors at Evans Funeral Chapel, 16924 York Road, Monkton, MD 21111, on October 4 from 4 - 7 p.m. There will be a service celebrating Eve's life at a later date. Messages of condolence may be sent to Eve's husband, Jim. Their contact information is in Breeze. More information about Eve is here: <https://www.evansfuneralchapel.com/obituary/Eve-McGovern>

IN MEMORY OF IRV GREIF

We regret to inform you of the death of TUUC member Irv Greif on September 23. Irv made his way to Unitarian Universalism from Judaism. He and his wife Nanette gave funds in the 1980's for TUUC to add a classroom specifically for the TUUC Youth Group. Irv visited the Youth Group on several occasions and he gifted members of the Youth Group with a copy of Kahlil Gibran's "The Prophet." More recently, Irv participated in a TUUC worship service on "interdependence" which was at the heart of his own theology. Irv's obituary is here:

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/baltimoresun/name/irvin-greif-obituary?id=36601359>

Messages of condolence may be sent to Irv's wife, Nanette. Her contact information is in Breeze. Irv's family asks that donations in his memory be made to the Towson Unitarian Universalist Church. A celebration of Irv's life will be scheduled at a later date.

TUUC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE—TUUC AUCTION ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Save the date for the 2022 version of TUUC's People-to-People Auction which will be held on Saturday November 19 in the early evening hours. Our gathering will be both virtual via Zoom and in-person at TUUC and is guaranteed to be an evening of fun and fellowship, all to support our beloved TUUC. Watch this space for updates on how to donate, some peeks at what's been donated, and how you can help us make the Auction a success!

-- The 2022 Auction Team



DANCING WITH DEPRESSION COURSE AT TUUC

In the 18th and 19th century, depression, also known as melancholia, was thought to be a character trait that was inherited and could not be changed. Today, we understand it as a disease that can be treated. Nevertheless, there is much about depression that is still not understood, and stigma attached to depression remains a problem. For those suffering from depression and for those close to people suffering from depression, depression can seem like a dance between periods of wellness and illness.

In this 4-week course, led by Rev. Karyn Marsh, who is a chaplain at Johns Hopkins Hospital, participants will learn to recognize the signs and symptoms of depression, about treatments for depression, and how to support those who are experiencing depression. While this course is designed for those who are supporting people with depression, it will also offer resources for participants to tend to their own mental health. The first three classes will be held via Zoom on **October 5**, and **October 12** from 7 PM until 8 PM. The final class session will be in-person at TUUC on **October 22** from 1 PM until 3 PM. Participants are encouraged to attend all four sessions. To register please click on this link: <https://tuucdatabase.breezechms.com/form/552761>

OUR JOURNEY TOGETHER

New to TUUC or wanting to deepen your involvement? Join us for a small group experience this fall on Zoom! The idea of “the UU path” is central to Our Journey Together. Inspired by the classic UU slogan, “deeds not creeds,” we present Unitarian Universalism as a particular way of journeying through the world rather than as a set of beliefs. You might not be so much looking for an organization to join as you are searching for companions to walk with. The question may not be “Do these people think and believe like I do?” but “Will this place provide me with tools and partners for my journey?” We hope that TUUC can be that community for you. Join us for a four-part program during which we will explore the experiences of

- Becoming, by listening to our deepest self
- Belonging, by loving our neighbors,
- Engaging, by serving needs greater than our own, and
- Being, by opening up to life's gifts.

Our four sessions will be held on Zoom on November, 6, 13, and 27 at 7:15 - 8:45 PM and on December 11 at 1 - 2:30 PM. Sign up by sending an email to membership@towsonuuc.org.

NEWCOMERS' WELCOME—SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23 FOLLOWING SERVICE

New to TUUC? Have questions about our congregation and its programs? Please stop by Room 6 after the service on October 23rd. The Membership Committee would be pleased to get to know you a bit better and to help you connect with any groups or activities you might like to explore.

NAME TAG REMINDER

Please remember to wear your name tag when you attend service on Sundays. It helps new folks learn names. If you no longer know where your name tag is, email Kai at churchoffice@towsonuuc.org to have a new one made. Let's make sure that we are intentionally being welcoming!

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.

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.

TUUC CHOIR LOOKING FOR SINGERS

We need you in the TUUC Choir! We have some great core singers, but all of our sections could use some help--especially the basses! I've spoken with a few people who've expressed interest, and we would love to see you right away. Even though we only sing some of the Sundays, we rehearse every week, so we can prepare ahead. Rehearsals are on Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 PM (though we often finish earlier). Currently we have a couple of special things coming up: Saturday, October 8th, we'll have a mini-retreat at church from 1:00 to 5:00 PM (greeting each other, meditating, and rehearsing). Then on Sunday, Oct. 23rd, we'll be presenting a Special Music Sunday for the morning service. Hope you can join us!

---Tracy Hall, TUUC Music Director

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 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.

BRIDGE MARYLAND—YOU HEARD ABOUT IT LAST SUNDAY, NOW JOIN THE ACTION:

- October 1 and October 8: Two Baltimore County canvassing campaigns.
- October 3: There is a rally downtown for a new improved Inclusive Housing Bill (council bill 22-0195). [More information on the next page.](#)
- October 10: The Baltimore County Justice Table is focusing on education, a meeting is scheduled 10/11 at 5:30, before the first School Board Meeting.
- October 22: Get Out the Vote Phone Banking

For details, please contact Ann Beezley.

OUR DAILY BREAD

October is a month in which TUUC has committed to providing 60 casseroles (in our case monetary equivalence) to Our Daily Bread (ODB). We are still not providing actual casseroles. Since the price of food has increased our donation should be \$15-20 per casserole. However you do monetary donations, please specify in the memo line ODB.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS FOR ACTC

It's not too soon to think about Thanksgiving Baskets for ACTC. Help us reach our goal of 50 Baskets. The list of items for the basket and a sign-up sheet is on the poster in the lobby. Baskets do need to be brought to the church either Sunday November 6th or Sunday the 13th.

As in years past, you can purchase pre-packaged Thanksgiving baskets (\$25-\$35).

The participating stores are:

- Giant Timonium (across from the Fairgrounds) 2145 York Road Timonium 21093. 410-308-3668, Lenny Schlossenberg, Manager
- Giant (across from the Drumcastle Center) 6340 York Road, Baltimore 21212. 410-377-2673, Sarah Bianco, Customer Service Manager and Ricky McCloud Regional Manager/ Acting Manager
- Shoprite 37 Aylesbury Road, Timonium 21093. 410-308-8700, Dave Loayza, Manager

Prepackaged bags will be available as of 11/1/22. Please deliver them to the TUUC lobby 11/6/22 or 11/13/22. If you order many baskets, you can pre-order for pickup November 16, 17 or 18 and deliver directly to Trinity Episcopal 120 Allegheny Ave, Towson (the host for ACTC's Thanksgiving event).

You can also donate gift cards or monetary donations to ACTC. For monetary donations, please specify ACTC in the memo line to ensure the funds go to this community partner.

**RALLY FOR
A BETTER
BALTIMORE**

**STOP THE STALL ON INCLUSIONARY HOUSING,
DEMAND EQUITABLE AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPTIONS FOR ALL**

**Monday
October 3, 2022
@ 3:30 pm**

**Join us at the park next to the Baltimore
Inner Harbor Visitor Center
401 Light Street, Baltimore, MD 21202**

**#BmoreEquitable
Support Baltimore City
Council Bill 22-0195**

Learn more about Inclusionary
Housing and take action here:

[or click here!](#)

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#AffordableHousing4Bmore #StopTheStallPassTheLaw

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.

2 Oct	Sunday	Sunday Service	10:30 AM
2 Oct	Sunday	Green Sanctuary Meeting	12:30 PM
2 Oct	Sunday	SACReD	1:00 PM
2 Oct	Sunday	Cabin Fever—Dolemite is My Name	4:30 PM
4 Oct	Monday	Men's Reflection Group	7:30 PM
6 Oct	Thursday	TUUC Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM
7 Oct	Friday	Writing as a Spiritual Practice	1:00 PM
8 Oct	Saturday	TUUC Choir Retreat	1:00 PM
9 Oct	Sunday	Sunday Service	10:30 AM
11 Oct	Tuesday	Aging Together	1:00 PM
11 Oct	Tuesday	Soul Matters Sharing Circles	7:30 PM
13 Oct	Thursday	TUUC Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM
15 Oct	Saturday	Third Saturday Work Party	9:00 AM
16 Oct	Sunday	Sunday Service	10:30 AM
16 Oct	Sunday	Social Action Committee Meeting	12:30 PM
16 Oct	Sunday	Cabin Fever—The Age of Innocence	4:30 PM
17 Oct	Monday	Socrates Café	7:30 PM
18 Oct	Tuesday	Men's Reflection Group	7:30 PM

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
09/25/2022	10:30 AM	51 / Unknown