



**OCTOBER 9, 2022 - 10:30 AM**

**REV. CLARE L. PETERSBERGER, THE TUUC CHOIR—*THE COURAGE TO CREATE A POLITICS WORTHY OF THE HUMAN SPIRIT***

Every day, I receive an e-mail or text to contribute money to save democracy (I imagine you do too.) Every other day, I read a post on Facebook or a news article saying that, like climate change, it is too late to save our democracy. More recently, I have heard reports from those engaged in Braver Angels to hold intentional conversations between citizens who identify as “red” and blue” in order to better understand rather than simply judge one another. And this has got me reflecting on what courage we all need to have to create a politics worthy of the human spirit in order to sustain the fragile experiment of American democracy.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9 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/98892740419?pwd=Z1FJZWpXSOU2MW1jNXVXYzRSbDJlOQ0T09>

**Meeting ID:** 988 9274 0419 **Passcode:** 349432

**SLIGHT CHANGE TO SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE**

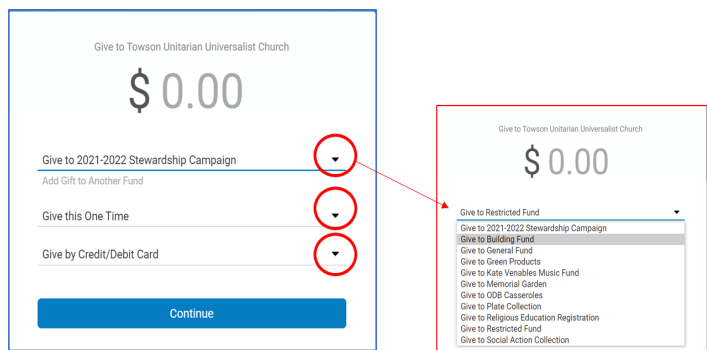
In a month when our spiritual theme is courage, we are going to experiment with changing our current gathering time on Sunday morning. Those worshiping on-line, are invited to log-in at 10:25 instead of at 10:15. We will still begin with gathering music. The order of service will be available on our website on the front page next to a description of the upcoming worship service:

Those coming to the building are strongly encouraged to arrive by 10:30 (or even a few minutes before 10:30 to hear the gathering music!)

We'll see how this experiment goes with syncing all TUUC worshipers. ---Rev. Clare

**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.



## CLARE'S COLLOQUY

Our Soul Matters theme for this month is “Walking The Path of Courage.” What images come to mind for you? A student auditioning for a school play or trying out for a team sport? An individual walking into their first 12 step meeting? A youth coming out to their parents? A couple standing at the altar to exchange promises to carry them into and through an unknown future together? A parent holding their child for the first time? A family walking through the doors of a spiritual community for the first time? A person getting ready for their first day at a new job? People gathering to witness for justice? Someone living with a chronic illness?

What is courage?

The Reverend Erika Hewitt writes: “The word *courage* comes from the Latin *cor*, which means heart. According to poet Mark Nepo, the original use of the word courage meant to stand by one’s core: a “striking concept that reinforces the belief found in almost all traditions that living from the Center is what enables us to face whatever life has to offer.”

When I first heard the phrase, “walking the path of courage,” I thought of the Cowardly Lion from the Wizard of Oz leaping across a chasm on the yellow brick road with a companion on his back. He didn’t think of himself of courageous in the moment. When individuals are lauded for their heroism after a crisis in which their actions saved the life of another, you often hear them respond, “I did what anyone would have done.” While that may or may not be true, I think it IS true that when we are living from our core values, we are able “to face whatever life has to offer.”

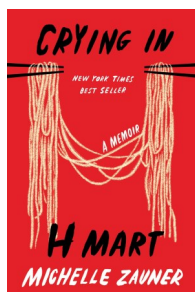
We don’t have to walk the path of courage alone. Again from Rev. Erika Hewitt, “To “encourage” means to hearten; to impart strength and confidence. This is our work, as a religious community: to encourage one another; to be bold in engaging the world around us, as well as what scares us internally; to give one another the confidence and heart to live as fully as possible.”

Wherever you are on the path of courage, know that you are not alone. We bring our open minds, loving hearts, and helping hands together, to encourage one another, to give heart to one another, and to face whatever the future holds.

### TUUC BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

7:30 PM

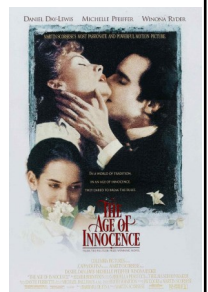


### CABIN FEVER

THE AGE OF INNOCENCE (1993)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

4:30 PM



## 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](mailto:tuucdre@towsonuuc.org).

Up, up, and away!  
Kara

### AMAZON SMILE QUARTERLY DONATION: \$70.84

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.



## 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 2022 AUCTION—SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

TUUC People-to-People Auction time is nearing and this year we are delighted that it will be a combined in-person and virtual event. We are counting on all of you to make it a successful one. With no time to waste, we are beginning the call for donations to the 2022 Auction. It's time for ***Rising Together!*** Online bidding will open on October 18<sup>th</sup>, just two weeks away. It would be great to have lots of donations entered by that date, so they have maximum exposure to interested buyers. Here are links to the instructions and the online donation form:

[Auction Instructions](#)

[Donation Form](#)

[Donation Ideas](#)

We are happy to have all kinds of donations: items large and small, services you can offer, outdoor activities you can host, gift boxes and baskets, online classes, and group events either socially distanced or post-pandemic. Those who think up interesting offerings are often surprised by the appreciative response of the congregation. Hosting an event like a dinner, a bike ride, hike, or picnic gets a great response and allows the donor and buyers to have a good time together.

We ask that donations of physical articles be limited to new or previously owned items in excellent condition. We are requesting that items have a value of at least \$25.

Donated gift cards and gift certificates are always welcome. You'll be able to buy raffle tickets online or at the church and gift cards/certificates make great raffle prizes!

If you're still stumped, a cash donation will help offset the expenses of putting on the Auction. You can enter your cash donation using the Auction 2022 Donation Form (link above)

The Auction Committee is working hard to make this year's event a big success and lots of fun. And it all starts with your donations ***Rising Together*** in support of TUUC.

Gratefully, Your 2022 Auction Committee



# TUUC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

## 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 two classes were already held via Zoom, but two more sessions remain: one via zoom on **Wednesday, October 12** from **7 PM** until **8 PM** and the final class session on **Saturday, October 22** from **1 PM** until **3 PM**. The last session will be in-person at TUUC. To register please click on this link: <https://tuucdatabase.breezechms.com/form/552761>

## 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

## OCTOBER COFFEE/SHARING AND PASTORAL CARE HOURS

Hi All! It is wonderful to be serving as your Intern Minister! To join Coffee & Sharing or Pastoral Care at the times below, please email [sarahruth@towsonuuc.org](mailto:sarahruth@towsonuuc.org) two or more business days before the scheduled time to receive the Zoom link!

Many Blessings,  
SarahRuth

### Coffee & Sharing

Thursday, October 13 from 10 to 11 AM

Monday, October 17 from 12 PM to 1 PM

### Individual/Family Pastoral Care

Thursday, October 13 from 11 AM to 12 PM

Monday, October 17 from 1 to 2 PM

## **"OUR MESSY LIVES" TO DISCUSS SERVICE - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13 AT 3 PM**

What is SERVICE? How has SERVICE been a part of our lives over the years? Suggested by Jenny Hare at our last session, "Our Messy Lives" will be exploring this word at our next monthly Zoom session, **Thursday, October 13th, from 3:00-4:00 PM**. To join in and receive the email Zoom link the day before, just email Nancy Caswell, Facilitator and Zoom Host, whose email information can be found on the TUUC Breeze Membership Database.

So, SERVICE: "the action of helping or doing work for someone...or...an act of helpful activity." How big a part of our life, our mission in life, is SERVICE? Who or what in our lives has given us the will to be of service, to be helpful, to benefit another? How did we learn about it? How were we encouraged to do so? As Muhammad Ali has said, "**Service** to others is the rent we pay for our room here on earth!" Come and bring your thoughts, opinions, realizations, and experiences to our discussion!

## **SINGLES FELLOWSHIP GROUP POTLUCK—SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15 AT 5:00 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.

## **OCTOBER ETHNIC LUNCH—WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19 AT 11:30 AM**

Way back in early 2020 Ethnic Lunch planned to do a special dim sum lunch at a Chinese restaurant in Rosedale. One of the reasons it was special was that they only offered dim sum on weekends. Unfortunately during the early days of the pandemic the restaurant closed. About a year later another restaurant, Asian Court in Ellicott City, was recommended as a good place for dim sum in the Baltimore area.

For people who may not have tried dim sum, it is similar to tapas in Spanish restaurants, or mezze in Middle Eastern restaurants. Think small helpings of food on plates that are shared by the group. Many of the offerings are dumplings of various kinds, some steamed, some pan fried. Usually there are egg rolls, barbecued ribs, noodle or rice dishes. The different dishes are put on carts and pushed around the restaurant. The waitstaff stop at tables and show what they have on the cart. People point at what looks good and it is put on their table. The waitstaff keeps a tally of what dishes are served at each table. At the end of the meal, they add up how many dishes have been eaten and a group bill is presented. This is a meal for spending time, talking and sharing food. Sort of like a crab feast, only tidier. If you are uncomfortable with sharing food at this time, it would be best to wait until we go to a different Asian restaurant.

Because dim sum is best when it is fresh out of the kitchen, Ethnic Lunch is going to meet earlier than usual. **We'll be meeting at 11:30 on Wednesday, October 19**. Asian Court is located in Ellicott City, <https://www.asiancourtmd.com>. 11105 Resort Road. It is located in a shopping center at the Marriottsville Rd exit off route 70. RSVP to [ethniclunch@towsonuuc.org](mailto:ethniclunch@towsonuuc.org) by October 16 so we can make a reservation.



## **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.

## **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](mailto:membership@towsonuuc.org).

## **UUA 2022 GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

Recordings of the General Sessions, worship, and of many of the workshops from General Assembly are now available for viewing online. <https://ga-recordings.uua.org/vod>

Topics include building Beloved Community, climate justice, owning our past, restorative circles, and organizing and change work.



**UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
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## 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 10: The Baltimore County Justice Table is focusing on education, a meeting is scheduled October 11 at 5:30, before the first School Board Meeting.
- October 11: The Baltimore County Justice Table is focusing on education. A meeting is scheduled from 5:30 to 6:30 PM. The first Baltimore County School Board Meeting follows from 6:30 to 8:30 PM.
- October 22: Ntosake Get Out the Vote Phone Banking at 9:30 AM and 1:00 PM.
- November 5: County Canvassing from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

For details, please contact Ann Beezley.

### OUR DAILY BREAD

October is a month we donate to Our Daily Bread. We are still doing monetary donations and not baking casseroles. Please donate \$10-15 for a 'casserole equivalent'. Be sure to specify ODB in the memo line to ensure our administrator knows you intend this for OBD.

### 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).

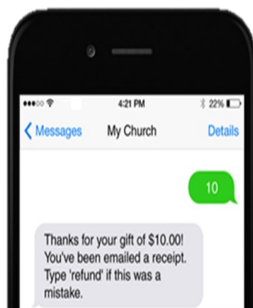
You can also donate gift cards or monetary donations to ACTC. For monetary donations, please specify ACTC in the memo line to ensure the funds go to this community partner.

Anyone who want to help organize or distribute baskets can visit [ACTC's website](#) after 10/1/22 to sign-up for a volunteer shift.



## 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](mailto:churchoffice@towsonuuc.org) should you have one to donate. Thank you!



## 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.

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
12 Oct	Wednesday	Dancing with Depression	7:00 PM
13 Oct	Thursday	TUUC Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM
15 Oct	Saturday	Third Saturday Work Party	9:00 AM
15 Oct	Saturday	Singles Fellowship Potluck	5:00 PM
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
18 Oct	Tuesday	Women's Group Meeting	7:30 PM
20 Oct	Thursday	TUUC Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM
21 Oct	Friday	Writing as a Spiritual Practice	1:00 PM
22 Oct	Saturday	Dancing with Depression	1:00 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
10/02/2022	10:30 AM	Unknown / 39