



OCTOBER 30, 2022 - 10:30 AM

REV. CLARE L. PETERSBERGER AND THE TUUC PUPPET THING—*HOW SORROW AND LONGING MAKE US WHOLE*

This is traditionally the time of year when we remember ancestors who have gone before; when we confront our fears with courage; and when children are rewarded with sweet treats. Many beloved members of TUUC have died in the past year. Today we remember them. Drawing on Susan Cain's book "Bittersweet," we honor how our sorrow and longing make us whole.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30 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/94798895501?pwd=SGFtN1ZmL3JnVkFkVnZwWnFoQlFNZz09>

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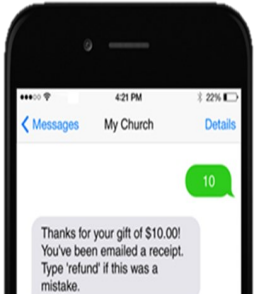
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YOUTH RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION—JOIN US OCTOBER 30 AFTER SERVICE FOR A SAMHAIN RITUAL AND CELEBRATION!

Last week, the Religious Education had our first One-Room Schoolhouse Class where all the students were together for a lesson and craft. It was great to see them working together and listening to each other. Community is something we build, not something that just happens, and my hope is that the children will do just that by spending more time together as a group.

During our Class, we talked about celebrating ancestors and those who have come before us and the importance of the cycle of life. All concepts central to Samhain.

This Sunday, we would like to share with you a Pagan Ritual for the Ancestors, A craft (you will get to play too!), and even offer tarot readings. If you'd like, please join us by dressing in blue or black or in a costume fitting for the season.



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](#)

TUUC AUCTION 2022—DONATE NOW! IT'S TIME FOR RISING TOGETHER!

Step #1 for a successful 2022 Auction – More donations, please!

We'll accept donations right up until Auction day but it would be so helpful to get your donations now. Donating now means more exposure time on BidBeacon and less stress for your volunteer committee. Here are easy links to give you some ideas and to make your donation(s):



[Donation ideas](#)

[Instructions](#)

[Donation form](#)

And we can simply copy over donations from last year if you want to repeat an event or re-list an item that didn't sell. Just email us at auktion@towsonuuc.org.

Step #2 for a successful 2022 Auction – Let the bidding begin!

Online bidding opened October 18. Simply visit [Get with the Program](#) if you need to activate your account on BidBeacon. Then you'll be all set to look over the wonderful donations already received -- *how about an English tea, a charades party, or a weekend getaway to Bethany Beach* -- bid on those of interest, and watch for new donations as they come in.

If you're new to BidBeacon or would just like a refresher on how it works, join in one of the upcoming Zoom coaching sessions hosted by Auction committee members. See box below.

The Auction Committee is working hard to make this year's Auction a big success and lots of fun. Please do your part! Make a donation, place a bid, let's be **Rising Together!** in support of TUUC.

Gratefully, Your 2022 Auction Committee

Bid Beacon Coaching Sessions; check church calendar for Zoom link, more info below:

Auction Training Sessions

If you are new to using the BidBeacon software or would just like a refresher course before this year's event, please join one of the upcoming training sessions, hosted on Zoom by Samantha Saalfield. Training dates and times are shown below. Check the church calendar for a Zoom link to the session.

Sunday, November 6, 12-1 PM
Thursday, November 17, 7-8 PM

TUUC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

TUUC CHOIR RECRUITING

Now that we've held our Special Music Sunday featuring the TUUC Choir, we are ready to receive new singers! We'll be singing a variety of musical styles and levels of difficulty, but anything challenging we work on well in advance! Hope to see some new singers joining in, as we gear up for the holiday season. We do not sing every week, but at least twice per month in services. Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings at 7:30 PM. For more information, contact Tracy at music@towsonuuc.org.

SAMHAIN RITUAL—SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30 AT 7 PM

Samhain (pronounced Sow-when) is an ancient Celtic harvest festival. Often cited as the basis for modern-day Halloween celebrations, Samhain is actually a solemn holiday meant to commemorate our ancestors and dearly departed. Adherents of Earth-centered traditions believe that this time of year is when the veil between the living and nonliving is thinnest. With this in mind, members of the Roots and Wings Chapter of CUUPS will hold a Samhain ritual in TUUC's Memorial Garden on Sunday, **October 30 at 7 PM**. All are welcome. You are encouraged to bring a memento of a beloved ancestor. (If inclement weather, we will move into the lobby of the church.)



CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR JEANIE JUNG—SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5 AT 11:00 AM

The celebration of life for Jeanie Jung will be held on November 5th at 11 AM with a reception in the building to follow.

NEXT COMMUNITY CHOIR—SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6 AT 9:00 AM

Our next "Community Choir Sunday" will be on November 6th. Anyone aged 5 through 105 is welcome to show up at 9:00 AM to rehearse, and then sing in the service that morning! We meet early, because sound checks need to be performed before the service after we rehearse. You'll have an extra hour of sleep the night before--don't forget the time change that happens that morning! We will not always do a full rhythm choir like we did on the first occasion this year, but there will always be a strong rhythmic component in what we do. And I will strive to make learning the music easier for you! Families are welcome to sit together in the community choir, and YRE students participating will still leave for class at the usual time. Hope to see you at 9:00 on Sunday the 6th!! If you need physical or visual accommodations, please let me know in advance. Everyone please RSVP at music@towsonuuc.org if you have a chance, so we can plan better!

--- Tracy Hall, TUUC Music Director

WOMEN'S BRUNCH—MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7 AT NOON

Good news! Women's Lunch Bunch will start up after our long isolation. We will meet on Monday, November 7 at noon in the cafe at Edenwald. If you plan to attend and have not been in touch with Sue Shankroff, please check with her for more information. We welcome newcomers.

TUUC DRUM CIRCLE—SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12 AT 5:00 PM IN THE MEETING ROOM

The TUUC Drum Circle will meet on Saturday, November 12th at 5:00 PM in the Meeting Room. Please bring a djembe if you have one. Some drums are available and lots of smaller percussion. Feel the rhythm! For more information, contact Tracy at music@towsonuuc.org.

SACRED ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

A 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.

If you would like to participate in the sessions in Nov., Jan., Feb., March, and April, you MUST have attended the orientation session in October. It was offered earlier this month and will be repeated this coming **Sunday, October 30 from 1-3 PM**. So it's not too late to register. More information is available here: <https://www.towsonuuc.org/sacred> ---Rev. Clare

2022-2023 VISION OF MINISTRY

Each year, the TUUC Board of Trustees develops a specific vision of ministry to share the work of the church in the coming year. The Board develops the Vision by considering the needs of the congregation, our hopes and dreams for the future, and the Eight Principles.

These are the top priority goals for the congregation this year. These will guide our actions and guide the Administrative Team, the staff, and the Program Council in setting priorities for the year.

Here is our Vision of Ministry for 2022-2023:

1. Grow and strengthen the present and future of the church by drawing in newcomers, cultivating new members, reconnecting with families, and creating connection and belonging through physical and virtual engagement.
2. Foster an intergenerational approach to faith formation, programming, and social, economic, racial, and environmental justice work.

As we continue to move through the coming year, you will see aspects of these ideas in the programming that is offered, in the way services are presented, and in the decisions made by the Board and the Administrative Team. We invite you to consider your own part in making this Vision a reality, and we welcome any feedback or suggestions.

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

- 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.

AMAZON SMILE QUARTERLY DONATION: \$70.84

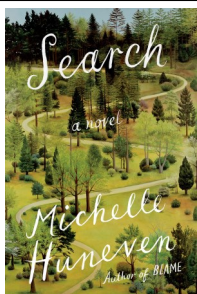
Thank you for choosing Towson UUC as your preferred charity with [Amazon Smile](#)! Every time you use the site with TUUC listed as your preferred charity, Amazon donates a small amount (0.5%) from your purchase to our church.



TUUC BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

7:30 PM



CABIN FEVER

THE ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW (1975)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

4:30 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.

Give to Towson Unitarian Universalist Church

\$ 0.00

Give to 2021-2022 Stewardship Campaign

Add Gift to Another Fund

Give this One Time

Give by Credit/Debit Card

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\$ 0.00

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
- Give to Restricted Fund
- Give to Social Action Collection

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.

30 Oct	Sunday	Sunday Service	10:30 AM
30 Oct	Sunday	SACReD	1:00 PM
30 Oct	Sunday	Cabin Fever—The Rocky Horror Picture Show	4:30 PM
30 Oct	Sunday	Samhain Ritual	7:00 PM
1 Nov	Tuesday	Men's Reflection Group	7:30 PM
1 Nov	Tuesday	Women's Group Meeting	7:30 PM
3 Nov	Thursday	TUUC Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM
4 Nov	Friday	Writing as a Spiritual Practice	1:00 PM
5 Nov	Saturday	Celebration of Life for Jeanie Jung	11:00 AM
6 Nov	Sunday	Sunday Service	10:30 AM
6 Nov	Sunday	BidBeacon Training Session	12:00 PM
6 Nov	Sunday	Our Journey Together	7:15 PM
7 Nov	Monday	Women's Brunch	12:00 PM
8 Nov	Tuesday	Aging Together	1:00 PM
8 Nov	Tuesday	Soul Matters Sharing Circles	7:30 PM
9 Nov	Wednesday	Social Action Committee Meeting	1:00 PM
10 Nov	Thursday	TUUC Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM
11 Nov	Friday	Hanging of Holiday Decorations	10:00 AM

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
10/23/2022	10:30 AM	96 / 36