



**NOVEMBER 6, 2022 - 10:30 AM**

**REV. CLARE L. PETERSBERGER, COMMUNITY CHOIR—SO MANY THINGS ARE POSSIBLE JUST AS LONG AS YOU DON'T KNOW THEY'RE IMPOSSIBLE**

This quote from *The Phantom Tollbooth* seems fitting on this Sunday which marks the end of Daylight Savings Time; two days before the midterm elections; when we begin our exploration of the spiritual theme of walking the path of change. We may not be bored, like Milo, but we can certainly resonate with his quest for rhyme and reason.

When have you experienced what is possible as long as you didn't know it was impossible? What will continue be possible on Wednesday regardless of the outcome of the midterms?

Today we will also recognize Lisa Lubomski for her decade of service as Chair of the TUUC Caring Committee.

### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6 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/95670425125?pwd=V1FOWFU1K2FyS1hlQjlvUUpDcUdVUT09>

Meeting ID: 956 7042 5125

Passcode: 189243

**November 19, 2022**  
**9:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

- Ivy Removal from trees
- General clean up
- Snow Prep
- Moving stones in the Memorial Garden

**Third Saturday Work Party**

Rain or shine  
May cancel for severe cold, snow, or thunderstorms, Please use your best judgement.  
NO sandals, flip flops or open toed shoes. Work Boots or sneakers recommended.  
Long Pants recommended.  
We will be operating in wild areas and may encounter poison ivy or stinging insects.  
Please direct any questions to Todd Robertson at [mrtodd37@gmail.com](mailto:mrtodd37@gmail.com)

IN MEMORY OF THOSE WHOM WE LOVE AND WHO LOVED US

## CLARE'S COLLOQUY

In the middle of the night, an 82-year-old man has his skull fractured and his hand and arm brutally hammered by an intruder seeking to do harm to his wife.

What would the public response to this headline have been a decade ago? Collective outrage? Collective condemnation of violence? Collective sympathy for the victim and his family?

Some politicians have expressed anger, condemned the brutal attack, and sent healing wishes to the Pelosi family.

But some individuals holding public office have also taken this as an opportunity to spin strange and sickening conspiracy theories to blame and mock Paul Pelosi for being a victim of violence.

American history reflects an effort to curtail violence in politics. A Joint Resolution Prohibiting Dueling was passed in March of 1838 after House member Jonathan Cilley of Maine was killed by House Member William Graves of Kentucky and General William White was wounded by Representative Sam Houston of Tennessee. Almost two hundred years ago, there was an intentional effort to limit violence by any person holding federal public office and to bar anyone who engaged in such violence from holding office.

As we've witnessed in the past several years, violence in rhetoric by those holding public office (which often provokes physical violence) has been on the ascendency.

I am reminded, again, of the peace activist, A. J. Muste. He was a key organizer in a broad antiwar movement in response to the Vietnam War. Once a reporter asked him, "Do you really think you are going to change the policies of this country by standing out here alone at night in front of the White House with a candle?" A.J. Muste replied softly: "Oh I don't do this to change the country. I do this so the country won't change me."

Our spiritual theme this month is the path of change. The 5th century Greek philosopher observed, "Change alone is unchanging."

The current headlines reflect changes in our culture that are out of our control.

A.J. Muste modeled changes that are within our control.

For A.J. Muste, freedom of conscience was a determining factor in the quality of life.

We choose to participate in a faith community that values freedom of conscience.

We choose to participate in a faith community that encourages each one of us to carry our light of truth, warmth of love, and commitment to justice into the world.

As we walk the path of change together this month, I will keep in mind A. J. Muste's affirmation "There is no way to peace, peace itself being the way."

# TUUC AUCTION 2022—SATURDAY, NOV 19 AT 7PM; POTLUCK SUPPER AT 6PM

TUUC Auction night is now just two weeks away!! And BIG NEWS: We'll start the evening with our traditional potluck supper (remember those) before the Voice Auction starts at 7 PM. Bring a dish to share and some cash for the beer and wine bar which will stay open through the evening. You'll also have the chance to view all the donations on display and to place early evening bids for silent and buy-now offerings. Nursery and childcare will be provided. For those choosing to attend the Auction on Zoom watch for an email the week of the Auction with instructions and the link.



So, are you ready? Have you made a donation? There's still time and it's easy; just click this link: [Donation Form](#) Please bring your donated objects to TUUC by noon on November 19th so the Auction Committee can see that they are properly displayed before people start to arrive.

Have you set up your BidBeacon account and started to look at, and maybe bid on, some of the wonderful donations we've received? If not, [click here to Get With The Program](#). All bidding, even for those at TUUC, will be done through BidBeacon so be sure you're set up. Coaching sessions are still available if you need a little help on how to bid. (see below)

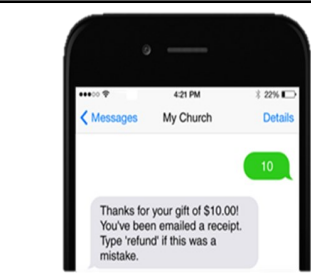
While you're on BidBeacon don't forget to get your Raffle tickets. The Raffle has always been a fun part of our annual Auction and this year is no different. We've had lots of wonderful gift cards and certificates donated for the Raffle (see box below) and more are coming in all the time. Raffle sales close early on Auction Night so it's a big help if you buy your tickets now. And remember you don't have to be present to win. Many thanks to the donors who make our Auction Raffle possible.

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 some bids, buy raffle tickets. It's time for ***Rising Together!*** to support TUUC.

Gratefully, Your 2022 Auction Committee

**Bid Beacon Coaching Sessions**  
(Check [TUUC Calendar](#) for Zoom Link)  
Sunday, November 6, 12-1 PM  
Thursday, November 17, 7-8 PM

**Here's some of this year's Raffle gift cards:**  
Giant Grocery \$50 (2)  
Gertrude's Restaurant \$50  
Towson Hot Bagels \$50  
Southwest Airlines \$200



**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 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](mailto:music@towsonuuc.org).

## **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](mailto:music@towsonuuc.org) if you have a chance, so we can plan better!

--- Tracy Hall, TUUC Music Director

## **GREEN SANCTUARY MEETING—SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6 AT 12:30 PM**

The Green Sanctuary Committee will meet by zoom on Sunday November 6th at 12:30 PM. All are welcome! Zoom Information can be found on the [TUUC Calendar](#).

## **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 Hall at [music@towsonuuc.org](mailto:music@towsonuuc.org).

## **TUUC BLOOD DRIVE—SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3**

Working with the American Red Cross, we've scheduled Saturday, December 3rd, 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 December 3rd, if you are healthy and have no concerns about donating.

To sign up for an appointment time between 9AM to 2 PM, please use [this link](#) or email Clare Flynn-Avallone (contact information in Breeze) with your preferred times. Give the Gift of Life—Give Blood!

## **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.

## **A NEW PHASE OF REOPENING**

As we were reminded in the TUUC Puppet Thing last Sunday, Covid-19 metrics appear to have stabilized in the green zone for Baltimore County. So as of Nov. 4, TUUC recommends, but does not require, masks for entering the building and participating in activities. This includes worship, hospitality, programs, and choir.

TUUC continues to strongly encourage everyone to be as vaccinated as possible. TUUC requests that if you have been exposed to Covid-19 or are exhibiting symptoms, please stay home until you test negative for the virus.

TUUC asks that decisions to wear a mask and/or remain physically distanced should be respected and accommodated. TUUC will continue to provide a mask for those more comfortable wearing one who forgot their mask. TUUC will continue to offer multi-platform worship and we are excited that we have new AV equipment installed that offers better sound on-line!

---Rev. Clare on behalf of the A-Team (Kai Aiyetoro, Dan Alper, and Clare Flynn-Avallone)



## NOVEMBER ETHNIC LUNCH AND MORE

In 2019 Ethnic Lunch began a new list of restaurants to visit. In October 2022 we finally finished it! Now it's time to start anew.

For the November Ethnic Lunch we are going to visit **Tbiliso**, a Georgian restaurant in Cockeysville. If you are thinking southern comfort food, think the other Georgia, located on the Black Sea near Turkey and Russia with food influences from both countries, plus many dishes that are all their own. Lunch will be **Wednesday, November 16 at 12:30 PM**. Tbiliso is located at 9926 York Road, Cockeysville. <https://www.tbiliso21.net/>

If you want to join us to try some khachapuri and other Georgian treats, RSVP to [ethniclunch@towsonuuc.org](mailto:ethniclunch@towsonuuc.org) by Sunday, November 13.

### COMING UP:

December 21: DANIELA

January 18: FUSION

### AMAZON SMILE QUARTERLY DONATION: \$70.84

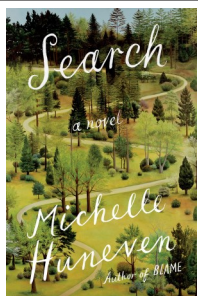
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### TUUC BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

7:30 PM



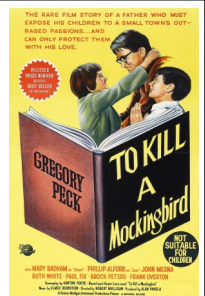
### CABIN FEVER

TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD \*\*/N

PERSON\*\* (1962)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

1:00 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.

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

Give to Towson Unitarian Universalist Church

\$ 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

## 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.

### 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.

# 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.

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	Green Sanctuary Meeting	12:30 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
12 Nov	Saturday	Celebration of Life for Ginny Billian	11:00 AM
12 Nov	Saturday	TUUC Drum Circle	5:00 PM
13 Nov	Sunday	Sunday Service	10:30 AM
13 Nov	Sunday	Social Action Committee Meeting	12:00 PM
13 Nov	Sunday	Cabin Fever—To Kill a Mockingbird	1:00 PM
13 Nov	Sunday	SACReD	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
10/30/2022	10:30 AM	61 / 31