



NOVEMBER 20, 2022 - 10:30 AM

REV. CLARE L. PETERSBERGER, SHEILA HELGERSON, GUESTS FROM CORNERSTONE COMMUNITY HOUSING, AND THE TUUC CHOIR—*THE PATH OF CHANGE*

When you think of the path of change in your own life, where did you begin? What event set you on the path of change? What choices did you make at different forks in the road? And where has this lead you? Today, we will hear from residents of Cornerstone Community Housing about their own experience with the path of change and also about how Cornerstone Community Housing, one of our community partners, is helping the wider community to change its attitudes towards homelessness.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13 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/94757562931?pwd=TFY2RW5jS3praUFaaVAzdWxuOUQxQT09>

Meeting ID: 947 5756 2931 Passcode: 043504

YOUTH RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION—LOOKING FORWARD TO A BRIGHT NEW YEAR!

Looking into the Spring, I'm excited for more color, more light, more dancing, and more voices. I'm excited to hear all the songs the choir shares with us ringing down the stairs and into my office on Sunday morning. And I'm looking forward to getting to know all of you a little better. Here in RE, we have been trying new approaches, using new techniques, and nurturing the valued parts of the past. In this vein, I invite you to come down and visit. Volunteer for just one Sunday, not to teach, but to share.

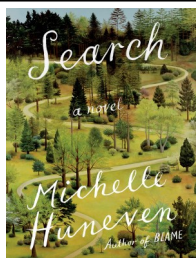
Do you meditate? Come share it with the children of our church family. Teach them how, explain to them why, and show them your personal practice. Do you do yoga? Or bird watch? Are you a singer, a painter, a candlestick maker? Share your passions, your hobbies, and, yes, your faith practices. The kids would love to learn more about it and would love to get to know each of you, no matter your age or child status or ability. I'm here to help, and you'd be surprised by how much they will give you back.

---Kara Tyler (TUUCDRE@towsonuuc.org)

TUUC BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

7:30 PM

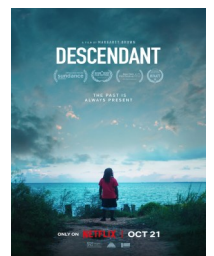


CABIN FEVER

DESCENDANT (2022)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

4:30 PM





TUUC 2022 Auction Raffle

So many fabulous prizes and a great investment in TUUC!

Tickets on sale now and early on Auction Evening 11/19

**Buy tickets on Bid Beacon–Winners drawn on Auction Evening
You don't have to be present to win!**

RAFFLE PRIZES*

Look at this fabulous list of gift cards/certificates, with more expected!

- \$50 Giant Food (3), \$50 MOM'S Organic Market (2)
- \$50 Towson Hot Bagels, \$25 Trader Joe's (2)
- \$50 The Wine Source (2), \$100 Namaste Restaurant (2)
- \$50 Wegmans, \$25 Panera Bread (4)
- \$50 Gertrude's Restaurant at the BMA
- \$150 Bluestone Restaurant, \$50 Heart in Hand Bread (2)
- \$50 Orchard Market Restaurant, \$50 Villagios Restaurant
- \$100 Amazon (2)

* Thanks to our generous raffle prize donors:

Ann Beezley, Jason Braspenickx & Aynsley Hamel, Dan Alper, Robert Canosa, Darla Tewell & Fred Sypher, Claudia Sumler, Karin Symonds, Oak Crest TUUCers, Marti Mackenzie, Nancy Mears, Neil Porter

The Children's Raffle will be held following the Potluck, at 6:30pm on Auction Evening. Children will need to be present to pick their prizes. Buy your Children's Raffle tickets when you arrive on Auction Evening.

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

Continue

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

TUUC AUCTION 2022—SATURDAY, NOV 19 AT 7PM

Potluck supper @ 5 PM

Children's auction @ 6:30 PM

Nursery and childcare 7-9 PM

TUUC Auction night is now just ONE DAY AWAY!
Please check your email for the Auction Invitation sent earlier this week which includes a list of the 16 fabulous donations that will be auctioned live, the schedule for the night's events, and the Zoom link for those remotely attending.



The evening starts at 5 p.m. with a potluck supper (hooray!) before the Live Auction at 7 p.m. 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 from 7 to 9 p.m. For those choosing to attend the Auction on Zoom, an email invitation was sent earlier this week with the link.

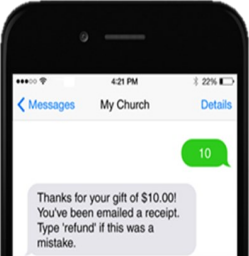
Silent auction donations should be brought to TUUC on Saturday Nov. 19 from 10 to noon.

All bidding, even for those at TUUC, will be done through *BidBeacon* so be sure you have an account set up on your mobile device. Be sure to bring your device with you, fully charged and with this year's Auction entered. You can [click here to Get With The Program!](#) If you know you cannot attend or access *BidBeacon* on Auction night to bid on Live Items, we can arrange a proxy bidder for you. Just send an email to auction@towsonuuc.org letting us know what item you would like to bid on and the maximum amount for your bid.

Most donations and the Raffle are currently open on the *BidBeacon* site so you can start bidding now on everything but the Live Auction items. Look at the Raffle poster in this issue to see the many wonderful gift cards and certificates donated as prizes. Raffle sales close early on Auction night so buy your tickets now. And remember, you don't have to be present to win a Raffle prize.

The Auction Committee is working hard to make this year's Auction a big success and lots of fun. Please do your part! Place some bids, buy raffle tickets, and plan to join in the potluck and Live Auction fun tomorrow. **We'll see you at the party! It's time for *Rising Together!* to support TUUC.**

Gratefully, Your 2022 TUUC Auction Committee



DONATE BY TEXT
Send an amount to
(410)834-0700

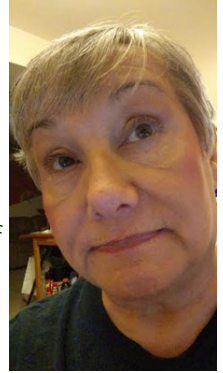
PASSING THE PLATE
DONATE TO TUUC VIA PAYPAL, TEXT, OR BREEZE
MORE INFORMATION ON THE [TUUC WEBSITE](#)

TUUC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

FROM THE TUUC BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees is pleased to announce the appointment of Lorraine Sorbello to the Endowment Committee to serve for a two-year term. Lorraine has been a member of TUUC for eight years. She's been active with the Social Action Committee, and served as Chair of the Social Action Committee for six years. Lorraine is retired from the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and lives in Towson.

Lorraine joins the other Endowment Committee members: Dan Alper (ex-officio), John Barry (chair), Kristel Donner, Larry Magder (ex-officio), and Claudia Sumler.



UU GENERAL ASSEMBLY: DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION, AND BELONGING

General Assembly continues to be a time for us to gather, in body and spirit, to honor our history, celebrate who we are, and forge our future together. The General Assembly and Conference Services Team leads the initiative to ensure that diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging (DEIB) are woven throughout, from planning to fruition.

Over the next several months leading to General Assembly 2023, we will highlight aspects of DEIB through a series of videos. Our hope is that you will embrace the theme and activities and continue discussions, both in and outside of the UU community. American developer John Seely Brown said, "conversation is a catalyst for innovation." Be an innovator and champion for diversity, equity, inclusion, belonging, and accessibility at General Assembly 2023 and beyond.

[Click here for a video message from Ann Verdine-Jones— Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging Consultant from the UU General Assembly and Conference Services](#)



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.

WHITE SUPREMACY TO BE PROBED AT UPCOMING SOCRATES CAFÉ—NOVEMBER 21

The next TUUC Socrates Cafe, next Monday, November 21st, from 7:30-9:00 PM will probe, as Socrates would have us do, the question: **"What is the legacy of white supremacy?"** Using [White Too Long: The Legacy of White Supremacy in American Christianity](#), Robert P. Jones' provocative examination of the unholy relationship between American Christianity and white supremacy, a Happy Brooks suggestion, our understanding of this phenomenon is enhanced. According to Jones, white Christianity has been "a decisive force in propping up white supremacy." So what are our thoughts? Hope you'll come on Monday, on Zoom, to offer and to gain further insights about this interesting topic. To receive the Zoom Link by email, the day before, and if you are not yet on our email list, email socratescafe@towsonuuc.org and let us know you'd like to join on the 15th. A second question to probe on Monday evening might be: **"What are the theological underpinnings of racism and race relations in America?"** Namaste!

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!

SINGLES FELLOWSHIP GROUP POTLUCK—SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3 AT 6:00 PM

Join us for good food and conversation in the church upper level lobby. 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.

THANK YOU, COMMUNITY CHOIR! NEXT ONE ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

Thanks to those who came out for the Community Choir this past Sunday. It was a great group, and you sounded wonderful together! Hope everyone will consider joining us for the next one, on December 11th!

SOCIAL ACTION

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). 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.

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.)

ACTC THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Thanks to all who donated Thanksgiving Baskets or monetary donations to ACTC. Your contributions will make Thanksgiving more joyful for many families.

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.



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

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.

18 Nov	Friday	Parkinson Support Group	10:00 AM
18 Nov	Friday	Writing as a Spiritual Practice	1:00 PM
19 Nov	Saturday	Third Saturday Work Party	9:00 AM
19 Nov	Saturday	ANNUAL AUCTION—Rising Together	7:00 PM
20 Nov	Sunday	Sunday Service—Earl's Place	10:30 AM
20 Nov	Sunday	Cabin Fever—Descendant	4:30 PM
21 Nov	Monday	Socrates Café	7:30 PM
22 Nov	Tuesday	Aging Together	1:00 PM
22 Nov	Tuesday	Soul Matters Sharing Circles	7:30 PM
27 Nov	Sunday	Sunday Service—Change	10:30 AM
27 Nov	Sunday	Cabin Fever—Good Night Oppy	4:30 PM
27 Nov	Sunday	Our Journey Together	7:15 PM
30 Nov	Wednesday	Book Club—A Memoir with Recipes	7:30 PM
1 Dec	Thursday	Men's Brunch	11:30 AM
1 Dec	Thursday	TUUC Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM
2 Dec	Friday	Parkinson Support Group	12:30 PM
3 Dec	Saturday	Blood Drive	9:00 AM
3 Dec	Saturday	Singles Fellowship Group	6:00 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
11/13/2022	10:30 AM	73 / 36