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SARAHRUTH DAVIS—IN VALUE OF CHANGE

Change is a time of liminality, of emptying what was before and waiting for what will be. What is the value of change? How do we understand and welcome it? Join us as we sit with this difficult concept and what it means for us today.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27 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/93450748840?pwd=dDVoelBZSWhGdVpmNTlzT3p1ekJrdz09

Meeting ID: 934 5074 8840 Passcode: 517345

YOUTH RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

Last week, the Elementary students discussed the First Thanksgiving and read a new book by indigenous authors and artists. Keepunumuk: Weeâchumun's Thanksgiving is a beautiful and honest look at the first thanksgiving. Its magic is in its ability to maintain the truth of the history of colonization while still being a fun, playful story for children to enjoy.

They also played some games the native children of that time would have played and learned hunting symbols used by the Wampanoag people.

If you're traveling this Thanksgiving, or even if you aren't celebrating at all, please take a moment to remember the native peoples who were displaced and massacred in the name of White Sovereignty. A great way to do this is to recognize the land we are on as we do on Sunday mornings. Towson is located on what was once Nentego and Piscataway land.

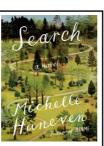
Native Land is a free app developed by both native and non-native staff that will use your GPS to tell you which nation lived on the land you are standing on anywhere in the Americas. I've used this on trips in the past and ended up finding festivals and public events celebrating the indigenous tribe of the area that we could attend and support.

Check it out: https://native-land.ca/resources/mobile-app/

TUUC BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

7:30 PM



CABIN FEVER

GOOD NIGHT OPPY (2022) SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27 4:30 PM



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.



TUUC AUCTION—WE DID IT! THANK YOU!

Thanks to all who donated, bid and attended for making this year's Rising Together auction a resounding success and a great deal of fun. We had a large and lively crowd of over 80 attending in-person and more joining us on Zoom. Together we raised over \$22,400 for the Towson Unitarian Universalist Church exceeding the budgeted income we were hoping for. Not bad for our very first hybrid in-person and live-streamed auction.



And we're not quite done yet. We had a lot of interested buyers at our post-auction table during coffee hour last Sunday. We'll be setting up again and for the last time next Sunday. Be sure to stop by after the service to see if any of the remaining treasures calls to you. There are places left in some of the fine events and services offered at the Auction. You can purchase those next Sunday, or by sending an email to <u>auction@towsonuuc.org</u> or to Marilyn Maze. <u>Click here for a list of all unsold items.</u> More complete descriptions can still be viewed in Bid Beacon although you will no longer be able to make a purchase using that software.

PEN PALS NEEDED FOR GIVING TUESDAY

Last summer, one of our worship services was dedicated to the Church of the Later Fellowship's "Worthy Now Prison Ministry." A couple of our members are now participating in this ministry. This year, the Church of the Larger Fellowship's Giving Tuesday, scheduled for November 29, will be a bit different. Instead of asking for a donation, we will be asking for more free-world pen pals to work with our Worthy Now Prison Ministry. Our goal will be to find 80 new free-world pen pals. This is a wonderful opportunity to live into your UU values, by writing one letter each month to a CLF member currently experiencing incarceration.

To be part of our Giving Tuesday goal, please click on this CLF Giving Tuesday link and let us know you are interested: <u>https://clfuu.churchcenter.com/people/forms/468948</u> For more information about the Worthy Now Ministry, click on this link: <u>https://worthynow.org/</u>

MEN'S LUNCH—THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1 AT 11:30 AM

The men's lunch group (formerly men's breakfast) will meet Thursday December 1, and the first Thursday of each month thereafter, in the Cafe at Edenwald at 11:30 AM. Please contact Herb Shankroff for more information.

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 <u>this link</u> 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.

DECEMBER ETHNIC LUNCH—WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7 AT 12:30 PM

December's ethnic lunch will be on WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7 at 12:30. This is two weeks earlier than usual before hectic holiday preparations kick in. We will be returning to Daniela's, the Sardinian restaurant in Hampden, 824 W. 36th Street, <u>https://www.danielaristorante.com</u>

Daniela's will do a similar meal to the one we had last time. This is a shared meal. We will not be ordering off the menu. There will be appetizer plates, pastas and a dessert platter of mini treats. Janet is working with the owner on the menu and we will post information on cost as soon as it is finalized. Drinks will be extra. If there are special diet considerations (like gluten free) they can accommodate but need notice before December 7. RSVP to <u>ethniclunch@towsonuuc.org</u> by Sunday, December 4.

WANT TO JOIN THE TUUC CHOIR?

December is a great time to do a lot of singing in the choir! With several special services this month and the holiday sing-along to help lead, we'd love to have you join. See you at the next rehearsal? Thursday, Dec. 1st at 7:30 PM!

HOLIDAY SING-ALONG ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17 AT 2:00 PM

Once again, we'll have a sing-along this year, with many TUUC Choir members helping, a few instruments, and lots of fun! Christmas favorites, plus some Hanukkah and Winter Solstice songs, too! We'll be live, but also streaming on Zoom.

COMMUNITY CHOIR ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

The next "Community Choir" Sunday will be on Sunday, Dec. 11th. All ages and skill levels are invited! You will need to arrive at 9 AM to rehearse all the music for that morning's service. We take a break at 9:45, and then have a sound check before the service starts. Music is relatively simple and fun. Hope to see you then! Please RSVP to Tracy at <u>music@towsonuuc.org</u>, but if you forget, come anyway!

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.

TUUC SOCIAL ACTION HOLIDAY GIVING

You are invited to experience the joy of giving this holiday season by gifting to men healing from homelessness. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Earl's Place is a recovery-based housing program providing long-term (up to two years) housing and supportive services to men experiencing homelessness; 17 men at a time.

Adopt-a-Resident: Holiday Wish List for Tierre Wallace

Tierre is 46 years old has been an Earl's Place resident for around 6 months. He is working toward certification as a Peer Recovery Specialist. Tierre enjoys playing video games.

Wish List:

- Queen Size Blanket or Comforter Colors preferred are black, blue, or gray
- Shredded Memory Foam Pillow; Tablet (used is fine)
- Amazon Gift Cards
- Thermal tops (XXL—colors preferred are black, blue or gray)
- Thermal pants (XL colors preferred are black, blue, or gray)
- Sleeveless undershirts (XL)
- Hat, Scart, and Gloves (colors preferred are black, blue, or gray)

Prospect Place is in Rosedale and serves 12 chronically homeless men.

Gift Card Donation (\$25 Gift Cards for 12 to 30 Men): Amazon and Walmart are convenient for the men. Our TUUC goal is to gift a total of 29 \$25.00 gift cards. Starting with 12 for the men of Prosect Place and hopefully another 17 for the men of Earl's Place.

When: by Sunday. December 11

Where and How:

Drop off wrapped gifts in the church lobby near the countertop Xmas Tree or in and near the Earl's Place bucket on the floor of our coat closet.

Place Gift Cards in the small holiday box next to the countertop Xmas Tree.

You are welcome to order online and ship directly to Earl's Place, or email, or snail mail gifts and gift cards for Earl's Place & Prospect Place by sending to:

Sheila Helgerson Cornerstone Community Housing Executive Director Email: <u>sheila@cchbaltimore.org</u> Mail: Earl's Place 1400 E. Lombard Street Baltimore, MD 21231

Please contact Sheila Malenski (TUUC/Earl's Place coordinator) with questions and to help keep track of items purchased. Her contact information is listed in Breeze.

AMAZON SMILE QUARTERLY DONATION: \$70.84

Thank you for choosing Towson UUC as your preferred charity with <u>Amazon Smile</u>! 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.





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 <u>TUUC WEBSITE</u>

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		
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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT TUUC

Calendar is subject to change. Check the website calendar <u>here</u> for most current schedule. Click <u>here</u> for the schedule of ongoing regular TUUC virtual meetings.

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
4 Dec	Sunday	Sunday Service—Wonder	10:30 AM
6 Dec	Tuesday	Men's Reflection Group	7:30 PM
6 Dec	Tuesday	Women's Group Meeting	7:30 PM
7 Dec	Wednesday	Ethnic Lunch	12:30 PM
8 Dec	Thursday	TUUC Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM
9 Dec	Friday	Writing as a Spiritual Practice	1:00 PM
10 Dec	Saturday	A Reading of "A Christmas Carol"	7:00 PM
11 Dec	Sunday	Sunday Service	10:30 AM
11 Dec	Sunday	Social Action Committee Meeting	12:00 PM

Don't Work Sick Don't <mark>School</mark> Sick Don't Church Sick

SUNDAY SERVICE

ATTENDANCE REPORT

(Does not reflect actual number of people watching)

Date	Time	In-Person / Online	
11/20/2022	10:30 AM	70 / 35	