



DECEMBER 18, 2022 - 10:30 AM

KARA TYLER, DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, THE YOUTH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MINISTRY, AND THE TUUC CHOIR—*THE WONDER OF THE WINTER SOLSTICE*

We are almost to Winter Solstice, the longest night of the year. Today we celebrate the darkness and the coming of the light with a re-enactment of the myth of Prometheus and what Zeus discovered.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18 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/93400817013?pwd=d1NncDJ3allyRmxmYTFqNXVIMFFhZz09>
Meeting ID: 934 0081 7013 **Passcode:** 789089

THIS SUNDAY IN YOUTH RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

Join the RE students this Sunday for the Winter Solstice Worship Service. The kids will be running the show and bringing you what we've learned about how important light is to our planet, our hearts, and our souls. May you be filled with light and love this holiday season!

HOLIDAY WORSHIP SERVICES AT TUUC—DECEMBER 24 AT 5:30 PM AND 7:30 PM

On Christmas Eve, we are celebrating two Christmas Eve Services...

Our 5:30 PM family service will focus on how every night a child is born is a holy night. Please send photographs of yourselves as a baby or of their babies and a brief description of them as perfect illustrations of the theme.

We will be offering a hospitality hour at 6:30 PM after the 5:30 PM service and before the more traditional 7:30 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight service. All bakers of holiday treats please put TUUC on your gift list. Your cookies and delicacies are remembered years later and anticipated this year!

Our 7:30 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight service will focus on the star of wonder that guided the magi on their journey to visit the incarnation of the divine. What illuminates and guides your way? What is your destination this year?

Christmas Day we will not be gathering at TUUC to worship. Please enjoy the wonder of the day and the opportunity to be with family, friends, and the natural world.

January 1 we will put wonder into practice by creating a worship service together. We will open gifts with the different elements of the service in the order in which they appear. It will be a new and fun way to welcome the new year. Hospitality will be "potluck." Please bring a treat to share.

TUUC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

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.



HOLIDAY SING-ALONG

TUUC AUCTION—WE DID IT! THANK YOU!

Thanks to all who donated, bid, volunteered and participated for making this year's Rising Together auction a resounding success and a great deal of fun. We had a large and lively crowd attending in-person and more joining us on Zoom. Together we raised \$23,000 for the Towson Unitarian Universalist Church.



There are places left in some of the excellent activities offered at the Auction by our wonderful donors. They include dinners, bike rides, hikes, performances, professional services and more. [Click here](#) for the list of all available places and instructions on how to make a purchase. There is also a link on the auction webpage at towsonuuc.org/auction.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF CHARLIE LEE

We regret to inform you of the death of Charlie Lee on December 9, 2022 in Florida (where he was living with his son, Rob, and his family).

Charlie joined our congregation in April of 1960 (about three months after it was founded!) and ran the first pledge drive. Charlie became President of the TUUC Board at the age of 27. He supported his wife, Anne, when she became the first female TUUC Board President. Charlie and Anne raised their three sons in our congregation.

In the past twenty years, Charlie sang in the TUUC Choir; served on the Minister's Sabbatical Committee in 2005; wished Nola Stuart a happy 136 birthday (or some equally fanciful number) in worship; served on the TUUC Music Committee; and took the Minister to lunch to, in part, ensure that she was familiar with Fox news.

While Charlie relished the role of a curmudgeon, he cared deeply for others and for TUUC. He was a devoted husband, father, friend, golfer, and caretaker of Dachshunds.

A private graveside service is being planned for the spring.

Messages of condolence may be sent to:

Rob Lee
8200 Danbury Lane
Hudson, Florida 34667

Contributions in memory of Charlie may be made to The Towson Unitarian Universalist or a charity of your choosing. ---Rev. Clare

WINTER SOLSTICE RITUAL AND CELEBRATION—SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17 AT 4:00 PM

Join us in celebrating the returning of the light and our hopes for the new year in ritual and song! We'd like to take this time of transition to begin the new year with positive intentions. The ritual will begin at 4 PM. (Please arrive between 3:30-3:50 PM.) Snacks and drinks to follow the ritual.

The participation is free and open to all. However, cash donations are always welcome. We are asking participants to bring a non-perishable food item for the Assistance Center of Towson Churches basket.



Artist: Yuri Leitsch

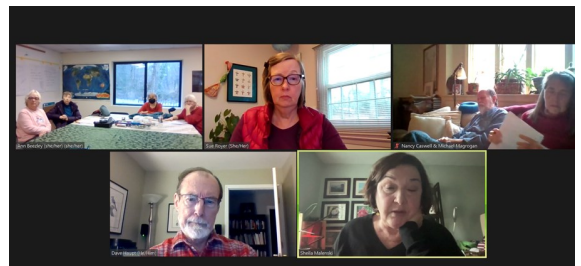
SOCRATES CAFÉ TO DISCUSS UUISM—MONDAY, DECEMBER 19 AT 7:30 PM

Our next TUUC Socrates Cafe, on Zoom, Monday evening, December 19th, from 7:30-9:00 PM, will be a probing of the question, "What is UUism? Is it still a 'church'?" Discussion of this question, agreed upon by several of our regular participants last month, will be preceded by a short introductory historical perspective of UUism, to be presented by longtime TUUC member, Sharon Rhodes. We welcome new attendees...let Nancy Caswell, Zoom Host and Facilitator, know of your interest, by emailing her at socratescafe@towsonuuc.org, and she will include you, along with our other participants, in an emailed Zoom Link the day before. As Socrates said, "The unexamined life is not worth living." Namaste!

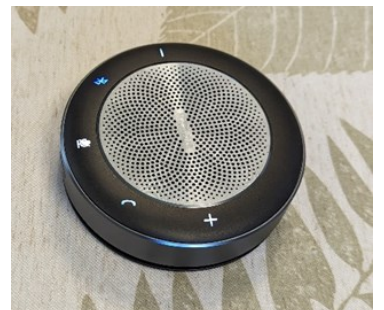
HYBRID MEETINGS AT TUUC

The Social Action Committee has held hybrid meetings in November and December, and your small group or committee can do this, too!

Our meeting chairperson, Ann Beezley, brought a laptop from home and set up a Zoom session for the meeting. She also reserved a room through the church office and reserved one of the MAHUB speakers. The MAXHUB speaker was connected to her computer. Zoom used the MAXHUB speaker instead of the computer speakers. In-person attendees could hear the remote participants quite well and vice versa!



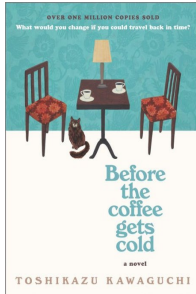
Please contact Kai Aiyetoro, our Church Administrator, for set-up instructions and to reserve a MAXHUB speaker for your next small group or committee meeting.



TUUC BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28

7:30 PM

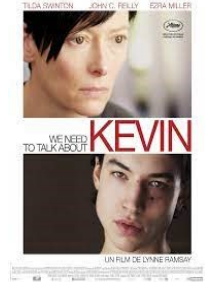


CABIN FEVER

WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT
KEVIN (2011)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

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.

December 17, 2022
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM



Third Saturday Work Party

Ivy Removal from trees.
General clean up.

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

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.)

TUUC SOCIAL ACTION HOLIDAY GIVING

Thanks to your generosity, we completed the Christmas wish list for Terre Wallace. Thanks to everyone who contributed..

Of course, you can still donate 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

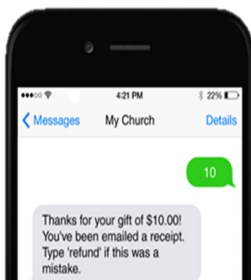
Email: sheila@cchbaltimore.org

Mail: Earl's Place 1400 E. Lombard Street Baltimore, MD 21231

Please contact Sheila Malenski (TUUC/Earl's Place coordinator) with any questions. Her contact information is listed in Breeze.

AMAZON SMILE QUARTERLY DONATION: \$80.89

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.



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.

16 Dec	Friday	Parkinson Support Group	12:30 PM
17 Dec	Saturday	Third Saturday Work Party	9:00 AM
17 Dec	Saturday	Holiday Sing Along	2:00 PM
17 Dec	Saturday	Winter Solstice Ritual and Celebration	4:00 PM
18 Dec	Sunday	Holiday Fair Trade Sales	10:00 AM
18 Dec	Sunday	Sunday Service	10:30 AM
18 Dec	Sunday	Cabin Fever—We Need to Talk About Kevin	4:30 PM
19 Dec	Monday	Socrates Café	7:30 PM
20 Dec	Tuesday	Men's Reflection Group	7:30 PM
20 Dec	Tuesday	Women's Group Meeting	7:30 PM
21 Dec	Wednesday	Improv	7:00 PM
22 Dec	Thursday	TUUC Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM
24 Dec	Saturday	Christmas Eve Family Service	5:30 PM
24 Dec	Saturday	Christmas Cookies	6:30 PM
24 Dec	Saturday	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	7:30 PM
25 Dec	Sunday	<i>NO SERVICE TODAY—HAPPY HOLIDAYS!</i>	
27 Dec	Tuesday	Aging Together	1:00 PM
28 Dec	Wednesday	Book Group	7:30 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
12/12/2022	10:30 AM	78 / 35