



JANUARY 22, 2023 - 10:30 AM

REV. CLARE L. PETERSBERGER, PATTY BARRY, CHAIR OF MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE, ART STARR, SUSAN WOOLHISER, DOMINIQUE HALL—*CENTERING REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE*

Today marks the 50th anniversary of the passage of Roe V. Wade. This decision affirmed that the government should not intrude on private family decisions or on the decisions made between a woman and her doctor. But the Supreme Court struck down this ruling in June leaving it to states to legislate the reproductive rights of women and families. Where do we go from here to fulfill a vision of reproductive justice that affirms the right to have a child, the right to not have a child, and the right to raise children in safe and healthy environments?

Today we will recognize our newest TUUC members and Patty Barry, Chair of the Membership Committee, will share how serving on this team has helped her to find her center.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22 ONLINE SERVICE INFORMATION

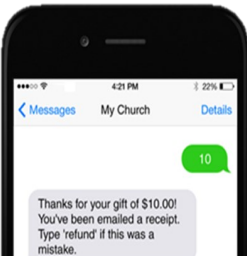
For those who plan to join us on Zoom this Sunday, please see below for the Zoom information.

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/96681347319?pwd=L2FxbnR3ZUpCSGhkNjZvWk9LOWNrZz09>

Meeting ID: 966 8134 7319 **Passcode:** 118730

YOUTH RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION—WHAT'S UP DOWN BELOW

Hard things are hard and even harder to talk about. This is one of the reasons why the Elementary Class is diving into the Growing An Anti-Racist curriculum. This series combines racial justice with principles of Unitarian Universalism to use with our children from preschool age through upper elementary levels. So far, we've had some interesting and insightful conversations about race and identity. Don't be surprised if you have kids underfoot asking questions about who you are sometime during hospitality soon!



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TUUC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY—JUNE 15-21, 2023 IN PITTSBURGH, PA

Did you know that General Assembly 2023 is in Pittsburgh, PA? That's in our region! Please join us!

General Assembly 2023 will be a multiplatform event, with registration options for in-person and/or virtual participation. In-person registration includes access to events scheduled to take place in Pittsburgh, as well as everything available to virtual registrants. Full virtual registration includes access to the GA app, as well as all on-demand programming, live webinars, and live-streamed events. In addition there is a business-only virtual option for those only wishing to participate in business matters.



[Registration is now open for everyone!](#)

OUR TUUC COVID POLICY AND MASKING

On Sunday, a visitor asked me if all of Baltimore County is requiring masking now. No. At TUUC we currently are because the hospitalization rate is over 10 per 100,000.

Today, a very responsible TUUC member alerted me that they had been at church on Sunday and tested positive for Covid two days later. We reviewed those with whom they may have been in close contact in order to notify them.

So, for now, until Baltimore County is out of the yellow zone on Covid Act Now, please be prepared to mask if you attend worship in the building and while we sing. If you are comfortable unmasking to eat and drink, you are welcome to do so in the foyer in order to partake of hospitality.

We will continue to offer multi-platform worship. And we are beginning to avail ourselves of our new technology to host multi-platform meetings downstairs!

We are all looking forward to Covid numbers going down along with the number of flu and RSV cases! We wish each other well (including speedy and smooth recoveries) as we move through this season of winter viruses.

---Rev. Clare on behalf of the A-Team

DO WE HAVE THE CORRECT NUMBER TO TEXT YOU?

Your A-Team has been reviewing our Inclement Weather Policy. In 2023, it is much easier to notify members and friends of any time sensitive closures by texting. Our congregation's software offers this option. But we do not have the cell phone number of every member and friend of TUUC. If we have the best number to text you, thank you. If we don't, please consider sharing it with our Church Administrator, Kai Aiyetoro, so that you can receive time-sensitive texts from TUUC. We will protect your privacy! Our request is so that we can communicate time-sensitive information with you. Thank you!

---Rev. Clare on behalf of the A-Team

SINGLES FELLOWSHIP GROUP POTLUCK—SATURDAY, JANUARY 21 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.

VIRTUAL PARTY GAMES WITH TUUC BOARD—SATURDAY, JANUARY 21 AT 7:00 PM

On Saturday, January 21 at 7 PM, you are invited to join the TUUC Board of Trustees for an evening of online party games! Brew tea, get into some comfy pajamas, and log onto Zoom for some fun! Each year, the Board offers this event as an auction item. We still have spots open for the low cost of \$20! Donate to the church and have a great time doing so! As a special bonus, all participants get a goodie bag delivered to their homes! Email Andrew Hager (contact information in Breeze) to claim your spot.

NEXT COMMUNITY CHOIR SUNDAY—SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5 AT 9:00 AM

Sunday, February 5th will be the next Community Choir. Anyone interested in singing is invited to arrive at 9:00 AM that morning to learn all the music for the service. All ages, all skill levels. Please RSVP to Tracy at music@towsonuuc.org, but if you forget, come and sing anyway!

WRITING AS A SPIRITUAL PRACTICE—DROP IN SESSIONS

Feb. 10 and 24, March 10 and 24, April 7 and 21, May 5 and 19, June 9 from 1-2 PM on Zoom
All are welcome to these stand alone sessions on Zoom. We check-in; light a chalice; listen to a brief reading; and then choose one of several prompts. After writing together for 15 minutes in silence, we are invited to share what we have written. Through this practice we become more present to our own lives and get to know the lives of others at a deeper level. We close with a benediction. The purpose of this group is not perfection it is presence. Join us on one or all of the Friday sessions above! ---Rev. Clare

SOUL MATTERS SHARING CIRCLES

Feb. 14, 28, March 14, 28, April 11, 25, May 9, 23, and June 13 from 7:30-9 PM on Zoom

Soul Matters Sharing Circles are small groups that meet to explore our spiritual theme of the month in greater depth by fostering circles of trust and deep listening. Each participant is provided with a packet which includes exercises to experience the theme of the month. In addition, each packet includes questions to walk with and not talk through. Participants bring their life story as a way to answer the question.

There are additional resources in the packet for contemplation and spiritual practice. These are NOT intended to be stand alone sessions. Instead, participants are asked to commit to attend as many of the eight sessions as possible. Soul Matters sharing circles will re-open on February 14. If you would like to participate in the sessions from Feb. through June, please e-mail Rev. Clare (revclare@towsonuuc.org) so that she may send you a packet.

GREEN SANCTUARY AND CABIN FEVER DISCUSSION "MY OCTOPUS TEACHER" - SUNDAY, JANUARY 22 AT 4:30 PM

Join Cabin Fever and the Green Sanctuary Committee this Sunday to discuss "My Octopus Teacher," the beautiful and acclaimed documentary about a man in crisis who rediscovers himself through connections made with an octopus. Be surprised and delighted to learn about this creature. When have you had encounters in nature that healed you? Watch it on Netflix before Sunday and join us on Zoom to discuss.

Zoom URL: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84017667472?pwd=OWVuTW9McUpsRC9CUkF5S1UvY0Vadz09>

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.

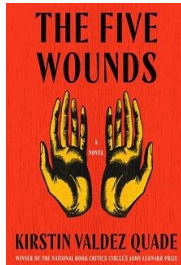
As of December 20, 2022, TUUC has received a total of \$2,109.88 from Amazon!



TUUC BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25

7:30 PM

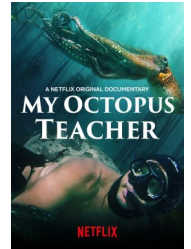


CABIN FEVER

MY OCTOPUS TEACHER (2020)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

4:30 PM



**January 21, 2023
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

- Ivy Removal from trees
- General clean up
- Snow removal as needed

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

**Third
Saturday
Work Party**



TUUC LISTENING SESSION—SUNDAY, JANUARY 22 AT 12:00 PM AND 7:30 PM

Sunday, January 22 at Noon in person at TUUC and 7:30 PM virtually by Zoom.

Our Guiding Question: *What is Your Vision of TUUC as Community?*

We are so grateful for each and every member and friend of the TUUC community. We often hear that there is a deep desire to be a part of this special community and contribute meaningfully. We know that you all care about strengthening our connections and enhancing the impact our ministries.



We hope that you join us in one of our upcoming conversations dedicating to exploring our shared vision of TUUC – now and into the future. Help us keep the conversation going about how we can all support one another and live into the vision of our church community.

We will be exploring:

- What does community mean to you?
- What draws you to the TUUC community?
- What is your big vision for the TUUC community?

The listening sessions are designed to be intimate, free flowing and engage all to play an active role as you desire. *"Intimate" doesn't mean everyone has to speak up. We'll be creating a safe space for everyone to participate in a way that works best for you - including being present by listening only.*

Don't worry if you cannot attend one of the sessions – we still want to hear from you. Please share your responses to the three questions with Tracey Myers-Preston at stewardship@towsonuuc.org or let us know you would like to schedule a time to speak with someone to provide your thoughts and ideas.

We look forward to seeing those of you attending in person on Sunday, January 22 at 12:00 PM in the meeting room.

For those joining us virtually on Sunday evening, please find the details below. *We would appreciate you sending a quick email to Tracey to let us know you plan to attend the evening session.*

Virtual Meeting Details:

Zoom URL: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81954000718?pwd=N1ZtTTR1Q2dVdDRBRHNOKONhMlM4dz09>

Meeting ID: 819 5400 0718

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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.)

OUR DAILY BREAD

The New Year has started and TUUC is restarting regular donations of frozen dinners to Our Daily Bread. Our Daily Bread has been serving hot meals all through the pandemic and our contributions will be appreciated. We have some new recipes to make and plenty of tins. Please see the poster in the lobby for details. If you prefer not to make a casserole, but still want to contribute to Our Daily Bread, please send a monetary donation to TUUC, specifying that the donation is to Our Daily Bread. We will purchase one casserole for \$15.

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.

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Give to Memorial Garden

Give to ODB Casseroles

Give to Plate Collection

Give to Religious Education Registration

Give to Restricted Fund

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.

20 Jan	Friday	Parkinson Support Group	12:30 PM
20 Jan	Friday	Writing as a Spiritual Practice	1:00 PM
21 Jan	Saturday	Third Saturday Work Party	9:00 AM
21 Jan	Saturday	Singles Fellowship Group	6:00 PM
21 Jan	Saturday	Board Games with the Board	7:00 PM
22 Jan	Sunday	Sunday Service	10:30 AM
22 Jan	Sunday	TUUC Listening Session - In Person	1:00 PM
22 Jan	Sunday	TUUC Listening Session - Virtual	7:30 PM
22 Jan	Sunday	Cabin Fever—My Octopus Teacher	4:30 PM
24 Jan	Tuesday	Aging Together	1:00 PM
24 Jan	Tuesday	Soul Matters Sharing Circles	7:30 PM
25 Jan	Wednesday	Improv	7:00 PM
25 Jan	Wednesday	Book Group—The Five Wounds	7:30 PM
26 Jan	Thursday	TUUC Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM
29 Jan	Sunday	Sunday Service—Finding Our Center	10:30 AM
29 Jan	Sunday	Cabin Fever—The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance	4:30 PM
1 Feb	Wednesday	Improv	7:00 PM
2 Feb	Thursday	Men's Brunch	11:00 AM
2 Feb	Thursday	TUUC Choir Rehearsal	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
01/15/2023	5:30 PM	66 / 31