



**FEBRUARY 5, 2023 - 10:30 AM**

**REV. CLARE L. PETERSBERGER, ANDREW HAGER, SARARUTH DAVIS, KARA TYLER, TRACY HALL, AND THE TUUC COMMUNITY CHOIR—*EACH OTHER'S MAGNITUDE AND BOND***

The poet, Gwendolyn Brooks wrote that “we are each other’s harvest: we are each other’s business: we are each other’s magnitude and bond.” As you imagine such a community, how would it feel? Who would be there? What kinds of things would you do together? What would it sound like? What hopes would you bring to it? How would you feel as you said goodbye after a gathering? We will explore these questions as we celebrate the ways we are a faith community in which we aspire to be each other’s magnitude and bond. Please bring your responses to these questions as we create a shared vision of our future.

### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5 ONLINE SERVICE INFORMATION**

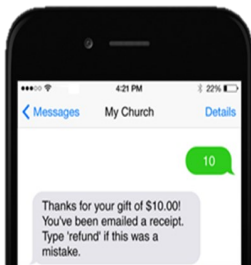
For those who plan to join us on Zoom this Sunday, please see below for the Zoom information.

**Zoom Link:** <https://zoom.us/j/93543652886?pwd=aTl1bDIOS2k1eHhNQ1N5Yi82MkhXUT09>

**Meeting ID:** 935 4365 2886 **Passcode:** 166472

### **YOUTH RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION**

Last week, our Teens took a trip downtown to The Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History & Culture. If you have a chance, ask them about their experience and what they learned. Maybe its an outing you and your family would be interested in checking out sometime!



### **DONATE BY TEXT**

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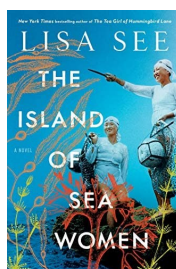
## **PASSING THE PLATE**

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

## **TUUC BOOK CLUB**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22**

**7:30 PM**



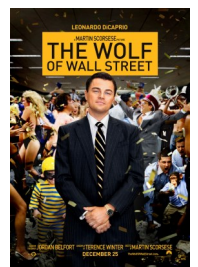
## **CABIN FEVER**

**THE WOLF OF WALL STREET**

**(2013)**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5**

**4:30 PM**



## CLARE'S COLLOQUY

Our spiritual theme this month is walking the path of love. For some, the word “love” evokes memories of a cherished family member from childhood. For others, the word holds Hallmark romance connotations. Some associate the word with friendship. Others think of care for children and great grandchildren. And some would rather not hear the word “love” because it is overused and under exemplified.

This month, at TUUC, we will be reflecting on what we mean when we say that we aspire to be a beloved community. What does beloved community look like, sound like, and feel like? Gwendolyn Brooks offers this vision of beloved community:

*We are each other's harvest;  
we are each other's business;  
we are each other's magnitude and bond.*

Over the next eight weeks, during our stewardship campaign we will be invited to explore what this looks, sounds, and feels like for our beloved community (and the future we hope to create together) through a collective art project. You may expect to receive invitations to write, draw, and take photographs over the next eight weeks. During this time, you will also be invited to make an annual pledge to invest in your vision for our beloved community beginning July 1, 2023.

At the same time, we will be launching our Sacred Listening Campaign for BRIDGE, MD. The purpose of this listening campaign is to get to know one another through 30 minute one on one visits in which the listener will be asking questions like:

*What has your faith journey been?  
What brought you to TUUC and keeps you here?  
What makes you mad (what issues violate your values) to the point of taking action?*

These Sacred Conversations are about getting to know each other at a deeper level than coffee hour allows. They are about learning each other's unique story. And they are about identifying public issues we are willing to act upon in concert with others.

These Sacred Conversations are not about therapy, nor to do a needs assessment for TUUC, nor to ask for money.

They are focused on building public relationships to understand the experiences that motivate us to act on issues of justice. We expect common themes to emerge with regard to where we see our core values being violated in the public arena. We will be sharing these common issues with BRIDGE, MD so that we can discern the justice issues around which our congregations of different social, racial, and religious identities can work together.

When you receive an invitation to have a Sacred Conversation, please say, “Yes.” So far, we have 9 trained “listeners.” If you would like to be connected to a sacred listener, please e-mail me at [revclare@towsonuuc.org](mailto:revclare@towsonuuc.org).

This is an exciting time in the life of our congregation!

We are walking the path of love by celebrating the beloved community that we are.  
We are imagining the beloved community that we can become and investing in this vision.  
And we are joining with other congregations who are doing the same that we might, indeed, be each other's harvest, be each other's business, and be each other's magnitude and bond.

## TUUC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

### IN CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF GREG KOREN—SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4 AT 2:00 PM

As many of you know, Greg Koren, father, teacher, author, magician, and the co-organizer of TUUC Halloween parties with his wife Amy for years, was diagnosed with ALS over a year ago and moved to be near family in Massachusetts. He has decided to enter hospice care there on Feb. 5. But, first, on Feb. 4, at 2 PM, there will be a celebration of his life in Massachusetts and he will be part of it!

We are working with Greg's family and the church in Concord to beam Greg, Amy, Mara, and Max and all who are part of this celebration in MA into our Meeting Room at TUUC. So you are invited to come to TUUC at 2 PM on Feb. 4th, to celebrate Greg's life with other TUUC members and friends. -----Rev. Clare

### 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](mailto:music@towsonuuc.org), but if you forget, come and sing anyway!

### WOMEN'S LUNCH BRUNCH—MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6 AT 12:00 PM

The Women's Lunch Bunch will meet on Monday, February 6 at noon in the cafe at Edenwald. If you have any questions or plan to attend, please contact Sue Shankroff.

### IMBOLC: WHAT WILL YOU CULTIVATE? SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4 AT 7 PM

The Roots and Wings Chapter of CUUPS is sponsoring an Imbolc ritual on **Saturday, February 4 at 7 PM**. The ritual will be in-person at TUUC in the lobby. Imbolc or Candlemas is one of the major sabbaths of the Pagan year. At Imbolc we prepare for the coming growing year. Traditionally, the Celtic people would spend Imbolc cleaning their homes and clearing up the fields. In our ritual, we will focus upon clearing out our mental and spiritual debris and envisioning what we will cultivate this year. Participants are encouraged to bring a symbol of something they want to grow this year. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served.



### GREEN SANCTUARY COMMITTEE HYBRID MEETING—FEBRUARY 5 AT 12:00 PM

The Green Sanctuary Committee will have a hybrid meeting this Sunday, Feb 5th at noon. You can attend live in Room 6 downstairs or by [Zoom](#).

### FEBRUARY ETHNIC LUNCH—WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15 AT 12:30 PM

February Ethnic Lunch finds us dreaming of sunny Italy. We will gather at Vito Ristorante, [www.vitoristorante.com](http://www.vitoristorante.com), located in Scotts Corner Shopping Center in Cockeysville. The date is Wednesday, February 15, 12:30 PM.

RSVP to [ethniclunch@towsonuuc.org](mailto:ethniclunch@towsonuuc.org) by Sunday evening, February 12 if you can join us.

# 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.)

## MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The General Assembly of Maryland is only 90 days, from January 11 to April 10, 2023— not much time to get our priority bills passed. The Unitarians Universalist Legislative Ministry UULM, has a website that lists our organization priority legislation for this session. This is their website: <https://www.uulmmd.org/>

The priority legislation for 2023:

- Climate Change - <https://www.uulmmd.org/cc-current-session>
- Criminal Justice - <https://www.uulmmd.org/cj-current-session>
- Gun Violence Prevention - <https://www.uulmmd.org/gv-current-session>
- Health Care/Reproductive Rights - <https://www.uulmmd.org/hc-current-session>
- Immigration - <https://www.uulmmd.org/im-current-session>
- Medical Aid in Dying - <https://www.uulmmd.org/maid-current-session>
- To get the current status of the Maryland legislation - <https://www.uulmmd.org/current-status-of-priority-legislat>
- Are you interested in Federal Legislation? Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice – UU Advocacy in the Nation's Capital ([uusj.net](https://uusj.net))

## 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

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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 Casebooks
- Give to Plate Collection
- Give to Religious Education Registration
- 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.

4 Feb	Saturday	Celebration of Life for Greg Koren	2:00 PM
5 Feb	Sunday	Sunday Service—Vulnerability	10:30 AM
5 Feb	Sunday	Green Sanctuary Committee Meeting – Hybrid	12:00 PM
5 Feb	Sunday	Social Action Committee Meeting	12:30 PM
5 Feb	Sunday	SACReD	1:00 PM
5 Feb	Sunday	Cabin Fever—The Wolf of Wall Street	4:30 PM
6 Feb	Monday	Women’s Lunch Brunch	12:00 PM
7 Feb	Tuesday	Men’s Reflection Group	7:30 PM
7 Feb	Tuesday	Women’s Group Meeting	7:30 PM
8 Feb	Wednesday	Improv	7:00 PM
9 Feb	Thursday	TUUC Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM
10 Feb	Friday	Writing as a Spiritual Practice	1:00 PM
12 Feb	Sunday	Sunday Service—Vulnerability	10:30 AM
12 Feb	Sunday	Cabin Fever—STUTZ	4:30 PM
14 Feb	Tuesday	Aging Together	1:00 PM
14 Feb	Tuesday	Soul Matters Sharing Circles	7:30 PM
15 Feb	Wednesday	Ethnic Lunch—Vito Ristorante	12:30 PM
15 Feb	Wednesday	Improv	7:00 PM
16 Feb	Thursday	Our Messy Lives	3:00 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
01/29/2023	10:30 AM	69 / 38