



FEBRUARY 12, 2023 - 10:30 AM

REV. CLARE L. PETERSBERGER, KARA TYLER, THE TUUC CHOIR, COMMISSIONING OUR BRIDGE, MD SACRED LISTENING CAMPAIGN LISTENERS—*LOVE IS THE LAST WORD*

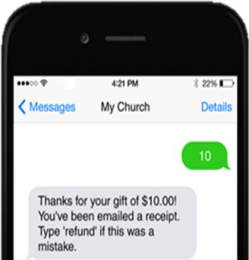
Our spiritual theme this month is walking the path of love. So what path is this? The English philosopher, Aldous Huxley wrote, “Of all the worn, smudged, dog-eared words in our vocabulary, “love” is surely the grubbiest, smelliest, slimiest. Bawled from a million pulpits, lasciviously crooned through hundreds of millions of loudspeakers, it has become an outrage to good taste and decent feeling, an obscenity which one hesitates to pronounce. And yet it has to be pronounced; for, after all, Love is the last word.” For good or for ill, what did you learn about love as a child? What does the word “love” conjure for you now? How is love part of the BRIDGE, MD Sacred Listening Campaign? In what ways is Aldous Huxley right that “after all, Love is the last word?”

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12 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/95971219557?pwd=WFMvQjkyd2RUazAvQ0MySE9NdFRuZz09>

Meeting ID: 959 7121 9557 Passcode: 305681



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TUUC BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

7:30 PM

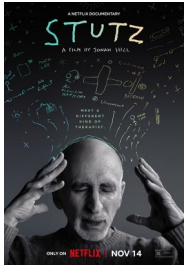


CABIN FEVER

STUTZ (2022)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

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.

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

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, located in Scotts Corner Shopping Center in Cockeysville. The date is Wednesday, February 15, 12:30 PM.

RSVP to ethniclunch@towsonuuc.org by Sunday evening, February 12 if you can join us.

OUR MESSY LIVES TO PONDER “DEFERENCE” ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16 AT 3:00 PM

On Thursday, February 16th, Our Messy Lives, the Zoom discussion group which ponders a word or a one-word idea or concept each month on the third Thursday from 3:00-4:00 PM., will take up "DEFERENCE." Your thoughts? If interested in joining us in another stimulating discussion on the 16th, please email Nancy Caswell to receive the Zoom Link the day before; you will find her email address on BREEZE, our TUUC Directory. "DEFERENCE"...not too common a word nowadays...but Johann Wolfgang von Goethe (1749-1832) said: "The most congenial social occasions are those ruled by cheerful deference of each for all." Could this be an apt description of our time together during our after-service TUUC Hospitality time? Seems so! Is this what the world needs more of now? "DEFERENCE," meaning civility? A courteous regard for people's feelings? A yielding, out of respect, to the opinion of another? Amenableness?...perhaps deferring and submitting has lost its luster! Bring your opinions and ideas on the 16th! Namaste!

SINGLES FELLOWSHIP GROUP POTLUCK—SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25 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.

TUUC BLOOD DRIVE—MARCH 8 FROM 12 TO 6 PM

Working with the American Red Cross, we've scheduled Wednesday, March 8th, 2023 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 March 8th, if you are healthy and have no concerns about donating.

To sign up for an appointment time between 12pm-6pm please use [this link](#) or email Clare Flynn-Avallone with your preferred times. Give the Gift of Life - Give Blood!

THANK YOU FOR THE CONDOLENCES

Thanks to the many members and friends who have sent emails and cards of condolence after the death of Albert. They were so appreciated. --- *Lois Hybl*

MAKER'S MEETUP!

Do you crochet, quilt, knit, sew, draw, color, felt, or otherwise create stuff? Want to work on your project in community with other makers? Join us for a Makers' Meetup! Monday, February 13, 7–9pm, in the community space (downstairs). Questions? Email Kara (tuucdre@towsonuuc.org) or Ellie (president-elect@towsonuuc.org).

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

General Assembly is the annual gathering of Unitarian Universalists, where we conduct business of the Association, explore the theological underpinnings of our faith, and lean fully into our mission and principles.

Join us June 21 - 25, 2023 online or in-person in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Most GA events will take place at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center, 1000 Fort Duquesne Blvd, Pittsburgh, PA. [Google map](#)

[More about traveling to Pittsburgh](#)

[Registration is open](#). Register early to secure the lowest rates.

[Volunteer opportunities](#) and [financial support](#) are available.



UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
PITTSBURGH • JUNE 21 - 25, 2023

END OF CALENDAR YEAR STATEMENTS

Please let us know if you **DID NOT** receive the statement or if you have any questions regarding your contributions for calendar year 2022.

Contact:

bookkeeper@towsonuuc.org or
churchoffice@towsonuuc.org



February 18, 2023
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Outdoor focus - Spring Prep,
Garden cleaning. Preparations to
start a nature trail.

Rain or shine (disposable rain gear provided)
Moderate weather permitting.
Bathrooms available.

Third Saturday Work Party



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)

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 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.

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
16 Feb	Thursday	TUUC Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM
17 Feb	Friday	Parkinson Support Group	12:30 PM
18 Feb	Saturday	Third Saturday Work Party	9:00 AM
18 Feb	Saturday	SURJ Conversation with Rev. Clare	1:00 PM
19 Feb	Sunday	Sunday Service—Vulnerability	10:30 AM
19 Feb	Sunday	Cabin Fever	4:30 PM
20 Feb	Monday	Yoga Class	5:45 PM
20 Feb	Monday	Socrates Café	7:30 PM
21 Feb	Tuesday	Men's Reflection Group	7:30 PM
21 Feb	Tuesday	Women's Group Meeting	7:30 PM
22 Feb	Wednesday	Improv	7:00 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
02/05/2023	10:30 AM	Unknown / 40