



Women's History Month

THE THRESHOLD

MARCH 19 - 10:30 AM - THE POWER OF VULNERABILITY - REV. CLARE L. PETERSBERGER, ANDREW HAGER, THE TUUC CHOIR

One of the ways BRIDGE, MD trains people in community organizing is to take a Biblical story of injustice and ask people to role play the various characters. The point of such exercises is to have an experiential understanding of contemporary power dynamics. The Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry of Maryland does not role play Biblical stories. But it does seek to understand contemporary power dynamics. UULM-MD is one of our community partners. Its mission is to engage Unitarian Universalists to lobby our legislators on bills to liberate juveniles from unjust interrogation; to allow those who, at the end of their lives, seek aid in dying to do so; to protect the general population from gun violence; to encourage all citizens to become stewards of the environment. Today we consider the power of vulnerability when it comes to bending the moral arc of the universe towards justice. Our offering will be dedicated to the Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry of Maryland.

SUNDAY, MARCH 19 ONLINE SERVICE INFORMATION

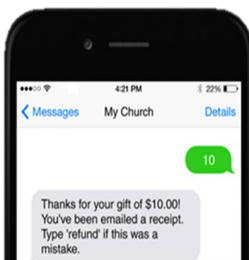
For those who plan to join us on Zoom this Sunday, please see below for the Zoom information.

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/96112710365?pwd=ekRMeWc0MHBuOWdlWll4c1AzV1cwdz09>
Meeting ID: 961 1271 0365 Passcode: 594208

TUUC RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

This coming Sunday, YRE will be enjoying another One Room Schoolhouse! If you aren't familiar, this is when I and some volunteers take all the students together for one class, giving them a chance to know one another better and me the opportunity to play with all our glitter and stickers.

This Sunday, we will be focusing on our UU Faith and History. Intern Minister SarahRuth Davis will be joining us to share her knowledge and expertise. I'm super excited to introduce the kids to the 8 Principles Song and see what they know about being Unitarian Universalist. I expect they and SarahRuth will have a lot to teach me!



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(410)834-0700

PASSING THE PLATE

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

TUUC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

TUUC STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN HARVEST POTLUCK—SUNDAY, MARCH 19 AT NOON

Immediately after church, this coming Sunday, March 19th, we are celebrating our Stewardship Campaign with a delicious "Harvest Potluck!" Yes, "WE ARE EACH OTHER'S HARVEST," as part of our Stewardship Campaign theme proclaims, and the bounty of our Harvest Potluck will symbolize that we are so. Please bring a dish to share, a casserole, a salad, a dessert, whatever you choose, accompanied by a list of ingredients. We will provide beverages, disposable dishware, and regular utensils. However, if you so choose, keeping our green sanctuary in mind, please feel free to bring your own dishware to use and wash up afterwards. We will celebrate who we are, a beloved community, and look forward to sharing our Harvest Potluck together with all who are available to join us! Bon appetit!



OSTARA RITUAL—SUNDAY, MARCH 19 AT 7 PM

Ostara is the fourth major holy day on the Pagan Wheel of the Year. Named after Eostre, the Anglo-Saxon goddess of the dawn, Ostara celebrates the vernal equinox, the first day of spring. It may still be cold outside, but we are beginning to see buds on the trees. Daffodils, crocuses, and tulips are blooming and the day is now equal to the night. This is a good time to celebrate fertility in all its forms. The Roots and Wings Chapter of CUUPs welcomes everyone to an evening celebration of Ostara on **Sunday, March 19 at 7 PM** in the lobby of TUUC. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome. Please bring a sprig of a tree or bush or a flower for the altar.



SOCRATES CAFÉ TO PROBE "WHITENESS" - MONDAY, MARCH 20 AT 7:30 PM

Our 31st edition of our TUUC Socrates Cafe will be a return of the Robert P. Jones' book, [White Too Long: The Legacy of White Supremacy in American Christianity](#). We're having a rerun of this important, insightful book, suggested in October by Happy Brooks, with another question to probe. For those who missed discussing November's question, "What is the legacy of White Supremacy?" on November 21st, you can review the book, Google synopses of it, or Google YouTubes of Jones discussing it, and come by Zoom on Monday evening, March 20th from 7:30-9:00 PM, to probe: **"Have we been White Too Long? And what does Jones mean by this?"** Our discussion is bound to generate some interesting ideas, thoughts, insights, and illuminations! To join us and receive the Zoom Link by email the day before, send an email to socratescafe@towsonuuc.org. Hope to see you then! Namaste!

WEST AFRICAN (GUINEA) STYLE DRUM WORKSHOP AT TUUC—SATURDAY, MARCH 25

You are invited to participate in a drum workshop on Saturday, March 25th from 3:00 to 5:00 PM, followed by a more free-form drum circle from 5:00 to 5:30 PM. Sharon Pataky will lead the workshop. Sharon is a UU from Long Island. She is a hand drummer, drum circle facilitator, and a proponent of healing through the drum. She has studied with many excellent teachers, and spent time in West Africa, immersing herself in drum and dance culture. She will teach us a traditional rhythm, focusing on dununs and djembe. Please let me know when you RSVP if you need to borrow a drum, or if you have a drum someone could borrow for the workshop. Also, consider bringing some type of earplugs to protect your hearing. In our space, if we have a large crowd, the drumming could be quite loud.



We are inviting other area congregations, UUMAC participants, and anyone interested in the workshop! Please RSVP by emailing Tracy at music@towsonuuc.org. Teens may participate in the workshop; children under 12 are invited to participate in the drum circle near the end. Childcare will be provided if needed, but please register children by contacting Kara at tuucdre@towsonuuc.org, no later than March 20th. Please let us know your unique situation, so that we can accommodate everyone in the best way possible. Currently we have one person on standby, but we are looking for an additional helper for childcare (must have a background check), assuming it is needed.

The workshop and the drum circle are going to be so much fun! We hope you will join in!

SINGLES FELLOWSHIP GROUP POTLUCK—SATURDAY, MARCH 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.

COMMUNITY CHOIR—SUNDAY, MARCH 26 AT TUUC

Sunday, March 26th will be the next TUUC morning service that features the Community Choir. On those Sundays, everyone (any age, any skill level) is invited to come at 9:00 AM to rehearse on that Sunday morning, and then sing in the service that morning. All ages are invited: children who are not yet reading may struggle a little--there will be lyrics or simple sheet music to follow--but most people should be able to pick it up by listening. Children who sing in the Community Choir can still leave for YRE at the appropriate time. Please RSVP to Tracy at music@towsonuuc.org if you plan to sing that day, but if you forget, come and sing anyway!

ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN



Thank you to Nancy Caswell for her beautiful and inspiring reflections on "we are each other's magnitude and bond". Our financial stewardship is one way we can live into our shared vision and achieve the magnitude of what can be through our dependence on each other. TUUC is certainly poised at this moment in time to be strengthened by our shared commitment to this community.

The first phase of our campaign will be drawing to a close shortly. We hope you have given careful consideration to how you can support TUUC and completed your pledge form.

Still considering your pledge? Visit the TUUC Stewardship page to find resources that may help. You will find wonderful impact statements from our members, friends and community partners, the UUA Fair Share Contribution Guide, information on TUUC's income and expenses and more. If you would like to speak to someone, email stewardship@towsonuuc.org.

THANK YOU TUUC COMMUNITY

Your investment in the important work of this beloved community is very clear. **Thank you to all who have given.** Below is an update of where we are as of March 14.

If you are a member or friend who has not yet shared your pledge, please click anywhere on this email and you will be taken to the pledge form. **Make sure we do not miss hitting our goals!**



45%

Percentage of Members Pledging



\$147,498.00

Total Pledges to Date

Mosaic Update

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the project so far! We hope you enjoy seeing the mosaic take shape. Please continue to create your responses to all three parts to the Gwendolyn Brooks quotation. This week we invite you to respond to "We are each other's magnitude and bond." What image, word, or phrase comes to mind when you consider how TUUC helps you to know and experience that we are held by each other and by a larger love that will not let us go? We'll be completing the mosaic together this Sunday, March 19th. Please bring your tiles or send a photograph, words, or a drawing via email to stewardship@towsonuuc.org.

SOCIAL ACTION

BRIDGE UPDATE

Recently Reverend Clare said, The Sacred Listening Campaign has begun. We have started reaching out to a small group of people. However, if you haven't been contacted yet and are eager to get your voice heard, please contact Rev. Clare or Ann Beezley. Please save the date of Sunday, 4/23/23, from 3-6 PM for the Issues Convention of the Sacred Listening Campaign. The location is to be announced. Everyone from all the congregations in the campaign is invited to participate in this convention to determine the 2-3 priority issues for Baltimore County Bridge.

DONATIONS AT TUUC

Assistance Center of Towson Churches (ACTC) still need donations. 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.

ACTC VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

ACTC needs more volunteers. They are helping more people than ever. To volunteer please reach out to actc316@gmail.com.

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)

OUT FOR JUSTICE

Now that Ms. Nicole Hanson-Mundell has told us a bit about what Out For Justice is all about, it's time to help them out. Please check out their website to volunteer/donate at <https://out4justice.org>.

OUT FOR JUSTICE—SAVE THE DATE: MARCH 22, 2023 IS UNITED FOR JUSTICE ADVOCACY DAY

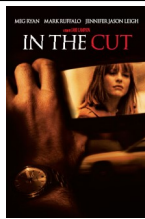
This year, Out For Justice, Life After Release, Maryland Justice Project, Common Cause Maryland, No Struggle No Success, FreeState Justice, and partners will host our United For Justice Advocacy Day on Wednesday, March 22, 2023, from 8:30 AM to 3 PM. We will march to and rally in front of the State Capitol to urge support for policies that seek to eliminate educational and employment barriers, increase access to the courts, and ensure equity for all JUSTICE-involved Marylanders. Attendees can expect to learn more about and meet with legislators around key focus areas (Equity, Re-Entry, Behind the Walls). Additionally, attendees will be encouraged to participate in live phone banking and attend afternoon #JusticeDialogues meetings with legislators.

TUUC STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN HARVEST POTLUCK SUNDAY, MARCH 19 AT NOON



CABIN FEVER

IN THE CUT
SUNDAY, MARCH 19
4:30 PM DISCUSSION



TUUC BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22
7:30 PM

LESSONS
in
CHEMISTRY



Bonnie Garmus

Towson Unitarian
Universalist Church

A Welcoming Congregation

Weeding of:

- Hillside, Cherry Grove, Thoreau Meadow & Meditation Area, Circle Garden, Pine Garden, Bayscape Garden, Memorial Garden, Rain Garden, Playground
- Parking lot clean up
- Weed whacking around the building
- Weed whacking tree maintenance trails
- Reforestation evaluation and maintenance
- Continuance of nature trail

Third Saturday Work Party

March 18, 2023
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT TUUC

Calendar is subject to change. Check the website calendar [here](#) for most current schedule.

17 Mar	Friday	Parkinson's Support Group	12:30 PM
18 Mar	Saturday	Third Saturday Work Party	9:00 AM
19 Mar	Sunday	Sunday Service	10:30 AM
19 Mar	Sunday	Cabin Fever - IN THE CUT	4:30 PM
20 Mar	Monday	Socrates Café	7:30 PM
21 Mar	Tuesday	Men's Reflection Group	7:30 PM
21 Mar	Tuesday	Women's Group Meeting	7:30 PM
22 Mar	Wednesday	Book Group	7:30 PM
23 Mar	Thursday	TUUC Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM
24 Mar	Friday	Writing as a Spiritual Practice	1:00 PM
25 Mar	Saturday	Drum Workshop	3:00 PM
25 Mar	Saturday	Drum Circle	5:00 PM
25 Mar	Saturday	Singles Fellowship Group	6:00 PM
26 Mar	Sunday	Sunday Service	10:30 AM
26 Mar	Sunday	Cabin Fever—Fire of Love	4:30 PM
28 Mar	Tuesday	Aging Together	1:00 PM
28 Mar	Tuesday	Soul Matters Sharing Circles	7:30 PM
30 Mar	Thursday	TUUC Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM
31 Mar	Friday	Green Sanctuary Presents Nature's Best Hope	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
03/12/2023	10:30 AM	66 / 32