



## Women's History Month

THE  
THRESHOLD

### **MARCH 26 - 10:30 AM - BE FEARLESSLY AUTHENTIC - SARAH RUTH DAVIS AND THE TUUC COMMUNITY CHOIR**

To be vulnerable is courage and to love is our greatest act of vulnerability. What is vulnerability, and how do we live into it? Do we even want to? We take a look to the work of Brene Brown, the Bible, and the Tao Te Ching as sources speaking to vulnerability. It is in the small daily chosen acts of vulnerability that we choose wholehearted authenticity.

### **SUNDAY, MARCH 26 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/91842486846?pwd=RmtpL1JoNFJ2SkRnemxwTlNpeERmQT09>

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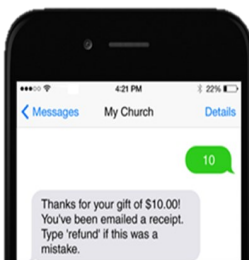
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### **TUUC YOUTH RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION—RAMADAN MUBARAK!**

This Sunday, we will be learning about Ramadan. This period of fasting celebrates the transmission of the Quoran from Allah to Mohammed. Children, Pregnant/Nursing Women, the elderly, and those who are ill are not required to fast.

The first night (March 21st) begins approximately a month of fasting during the day, and community celebrations and feasts at night, culminating in Eid al-Fitr (festival of sweets), occurs on the last night of Ramadan, celebrating the breaking of the fast and to honor the heart work celebrants have done over the month. Ramadan is a time of deep reflection and prayer, and through these celebrations, Muslims show their gratitude to Allah.

K-8th Grade will be learning about this tradition and trying some traditional foods like dates. Ask them about the new words they learned during class or about the tradition of Ramadan!



### **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](#)**

## TUUC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

### 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, followed by a more free-form drum circle from 5:00 to 5:30. 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 indicate 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.



We are inviting other area congregations, UUMAC participants, and anyone interested in the workshop! Please RSVP by emailing Tracy at [music@towsonuuc.org](mailto:music@towsonuuc.org). We will not be offering child care during the workshop. Teens may participate in the workshop; children under 12 are invited to participate in the drum circle beginning at 5:00.

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

This Sunday, March 26th will be a Community Choir Sunday! Everyone (any age, any skill level) is invited to come Sunday morning to rehearse, and then sing in the service that morning. This time, the rehearsal starting time will be 9:15 AM. All ages are invited, though it will be more accessible for children who are already reading--there will be lyrics or simple sheet music to follow. Most people should be able to pick up the tunes 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](mailto:music@towsonuuc.org) if you plan to sing on Sunday, but if you forget, come and sing anyway!

### NATURE'S BEST HOPE—FRIDAY, MARCH 31 AT 7:00 PM

Come to an inspiring talk by Prof. Doug Tallamy, U. of Delaware, on the small steps we can do that will have a big impact on saving nature. See flyer below for more information.

Beautiful insect and butterfly photos. Snacks provided. You can also attend by Zoom.



Getting ready to select plants for your Garden?  
Worried about the loss of Pollinators and Insects?  
Like beautiful photos of Butterflies and Insects?

Come to TUUC on

Friday March 31 at 7 pm for

## Nature's Best Hope

A Film Talk by Professor Doug Tallamy,

University of Delaware

Snacks provided

Presented by The Green Sanctuary Committee


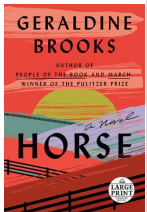
## SINGERS AND HAND CLAPPERS NEEDED FOR PROJECT FOR SPECIAL MUSIC SUNDAY IN MAY

We are working on some amazing choir projects for the Special Music Sunday on May 21st of this year. Two of the pieces are very unusual and require larger forces and lots of rhythmic energy. This music is incredibly fun, yet substantial. One is an arrangement of a Tune-Yards song, and the other one will give you goosebumps!

Tracy Hall will be holding extra rehearsals on Saturdays for anyone who can help, but who can't be at Thursday evening rehearsals. We'd especially like to have some young adults or teens involved, but anyone 12 or older (all the way up!) who can help is very welcome. The rehearsals will be from 10 AM to 12 PM, on the following dates: April 1st, April 22nd, May 6th, 13th, and 20th. One or more of these rehearsals may be cancelled if everyone is on track learning the music, or if a majority of the special singer group cannot attend. Please contact Tracy at [music@towsonuuc.org](mailto:music@towsonuuc.org) if you'd like more info, or you'd like to participate. We need singers, but we also need people to learn fairly complex handclapping parts or percussion parts. If you like rhythmic, embodied music, you will really want to be part of this!

## NEWS ABOUT US

Our loving thoughts and prayers are with Mimi Marks and her family as Mimi enters hospice care at Broadmead. Mimi served as Board President of TUUC from 1998-1999. She served in a variety of leadership roles after that: Secretary of the Board; Council Head for Inner Life; Chair of Membership; a member of our Gifts Based Ministry team that organized volunteer recognition; a member of our 50th Anniversary Committee; and a member of our A Dialogue On Race And Ethnicity. Mimi was the linchpin of our Sunday morning hospitality before the pandemic. And she brought her heart and listening skills to the role of Lay Pastoral Associate. Messages of care may be e-mailed or mailed to Mimi (her addresses are in Breeze.) Mimi's daughter will share your messages with her. Please call the church office if you have difficulty accessing Breeze. ---Rev. Clare


<p><b>CABIN FEVER</b></p> <p><b>FIRE OF LOVE</b></p> <p><b>SUNDAY, MARCH 26</b></p> <p><b>4:30 PM DISCUSSION</b></p> 	<p><b>TUUC BOOK CLUB</b></p> <p><b>WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26</b></p> <p><b>7:30 PM</b></p> 
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**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 

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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 Casseroles
- Give to Plate Collection
- Give to Religious Education Registration
- Give to Restricted Fund
- Give to Social Action Collection



## ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

What a wonderful celebration we experienced on Sunday, March 19. Thank you to Nancy Caswell for her leadership in bringing our wonderful harvest to fruition.



Under the direction of Ellie Hughes, our Mosaic continues to come together and be a beautiful expression of all our visions for TUUC. We hope everyone will continue to ponder how we are "each other's harvest, business, magnitude and bond".



## We Are Making Progress



65%

Percentage of Members Pledging



\$204,255.00

Total Pledges to Date as of March 21

## Still Haven't Made Your Pledge?

As Andrew Hager shared on Sunday, there are lots of ways to make your pledge. If you are reading this you should be among those investing in TUUC. Every commitment makes a difference. Please take a few moments to pledge today.



You can pledge on the website, grab a form after the service, click on the chat link if attending virtually, and we will even send a pledge form by carrier pigeon if that's best for you. Just let us know.

# 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](mailto: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.)

## HELP SUPPORT OUR VALUES THROUGH THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST LEGISLATIVE MINISTRY (UULM)

One of TUUC's Partners is the Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry of Maryland (UULM-MD) is a statewide action network of Unitarian Universalists who work to support UU values. They educate, engage, and mobilize UUs to advocate for specific issues before the Maryland General Assembly. Working in coalition with local, state and national organizations, we as UUs promote UU values through legislation which affirms:

- the inherent worth and dignity of all,
- reverence for the interdependent web of all existence, and
- justice, health and equity in society.
- It approaches each issue through an anti-racism/anti-oppression lens to deepen an understanding of the impact of policies on historically marginalized communities and people of color.

This organization is, of course, very active before and during the MD legislative Session, which is going on right now, from the middle of January 11 until April 10. You can become a member of UU Legislative Ministries by donating as little as \$25 on their website, which is [uulmmd.org](http://uulmmd.org).

If you are particularly interested in one issue, you can become involved in legislation for issues such as: Medical Aid in Dying [MAID], Immigration, Climate Change, Criminal Justice Reform, Healthcare, and Gun Violence. You can monitor proposed legislation or get involved, at the website—[uulmmd.org](http://uulmmd.org).

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT TUUC

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

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
1 Apr	Saturday	Choir Rehearsal	10:00 AM
2 Apr	Sunday Service	Sunday Service	10:30 AM
2 Apr	Sunday	SACReD	1:00 PM
2 Apr	Sunday	Cabin Fever—Harold and Maude	4:30 PM
4 Apr	Tuesday	Men's Reflection Group	7:30 PM
4 Apr	Tuesday	Women's Group Meeting	7:30 PM
6 Apr	Thursday	Men's Brunch	11:30 AM
6 Apr	Thursday	TUUC Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM
7 Apr	Friday	Parkinson's Support Group	12:30 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
03/19/2023	10:30 AM	93 / 26