



APRIL 16 - 10:30 AM - JOY IS A REVOLUTIONARY FORCE - REV. CLARE L. PETERSBERGER, THE ASSISTANCE CENTER OF TOWSON CHURCHES, AND THE TUUC CHOIR

In talking about the spiritual theme of resistance, several colleagues shared that the word “resistance” saps them of energy. For them it points to taking on all of the wrongs of the world and being responsible for righting them. But Evette Dionne has another approach to justice making. Dionne writes, “Joy is a revolutionary force. We need it as much as we need anger because it is joy that will help keep us in these bodies long enough to enact justice.” I have seen such joy at a breakfast for the Assistance Center of Towson Churches. In celebrating how our network of religious communities helps people who are hungry, one of the recipients of food from ACTC came up, put a guitar around her shoulder, and lead us in a rousing hymn of thanks. Today we explore how joy is a revolutionary force. We will take a special collection for our community partner, the Assistance Center of Towson Churches.

SUNDAY, APRIL 16 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/98971449566?pwd=ZG5wOEo3YVRtUIRUOVBYbldwWDR4Zz09>

Meeting ID: 989 7144 9566

Passcode: 524645

TUUC YOUTH RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

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This Sunday RE Students will be Water Protectors! Based on the curriculum developed by the Women of the Lakota Tribe we will be discussing the importance of water in our ecosystem and our bodies. The relationship between humans and water is complicated and the modern world presents many threats to water. We will discuss what we can do to maintain clean water, how we can advocate for water rights for indigenous and impoverished people in our country, and how important even the tiniest drop of water can be.

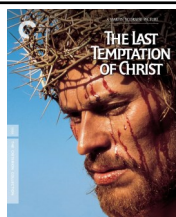
This is part of the One Room Schoolhouse program where all students, ages 5-18 are together to learn, play, and build community.

CABIN FEVER

THE LAST TEMPTATION OF CHRIST

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

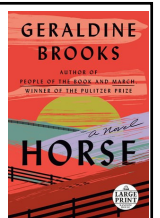
4:30 PM DISCUSSION



TUUC BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

7:30 PM



TUUC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

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 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 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!

THE FACES OF DEPRESSION: MAY 1, MAY 8, MAY 15, AND MAY 20

May is National Mental Health Awareness Month. One of the major mental health issues of our time is depression. Statistics show that 20 percent of adult Americans can expect to experience clinical depression at least once.



In the 18th and 19th century, depression, also known as melancholia, was thought to be a character trait that was inherited and could not be changed. Today, we understand it as a disease that can be treated. Nevertheless, there is much about depression that is still not understood, and stigma attached to depression remains a problem. For those suffering from depression and those close to them, depression can seem mysterious and impossible to cure.

In this 4-week course, led by Rev. Karyn Marsh, who is a chaplain at Johns Hopkins Hospital, participants will learn to recognize the signs and symptoms of depression, about treatments for depression, and how to support those who are experiencing depression. While this course is designed for those who are supporting people with depression, it will also offer resources for participants to tend to their own mental health.

The first three classes will be held via zoom on Mondays, May 1, May 8, and May 15, from 7 pm until 8 pm. The final class session will be in-person at TUUC on May 20 from 1 pm until 3 pm. Participants are encouraged to attend all four sessions. To register please click on this link: <https://tuucdatabase.breezechms.com/form/55276183>

TOWSON ROAD TO FREEDOM TRAIL INPUT MEETING—SATURDAY, APRIL 15 AT 9:00 AM

Towson University is hosting a conference called Archival Silent Noise, and the Road to Freedom Trail is being featured in a special session called "**Mapping the Road to Freedom**"

Through Nature, Art, and Stories". The session will take place on Saturday, April 15th from 9 AM to 10:45 AM at Towson University's Van Bokkelen Hall, Room 204. One of the key topics of discussion is the various forms of public art that will highlight each site along the trail and bridge. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, please visit <https://www.historiceasttowson.org/asnc>

NEXT TUUC SOCRATES CAFÉ TO PROBE "IMPLICIT BIAS" - MONDAY, APRIL 17 AT 7:30 PM

We will be discussing "implicit bias" at our next Zoom TUUC Socrates Cafe, Monday, April 17th, from 7:30-9:00 PM. To be added to our current email address list, please send an email to socratescafe@towsonuuc.org, and you will receive the Zoom Invite Link the day before. The topic, suggested by Peter Talley, will have as background URLs, two of those by Mahzarin Rustum Banaji, an American social psychologist of Indian origin at Harvard University. Her scholarly articles, which may be Googled in preparation for the session, have popularized the concept of "implicit bias" in regard to, among others, race, gender, and sexual orientation. By exploring our minds' blind spots, which we all have, Banaji contends we can outsmart them all! Those who would like to join us to mainly listen, are welcome, as well as those who come to contribute their interesting, insightful thoughts and perspectives on the concept.

APRIL ETHNIC LUNCH—WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19 AT 12:30 PM AT ORCHARD MARKET CAFÉ

In April, Ethnic Lunch is returning to an old favorite, Orchard Market and Café www.orchardmarketcafe.com, which specializes in Persian and Middle Eastern cuisine. The restaurant is located off Joppa Road at 8815 Orchard Tree Lane, Towson. We will be gathering on Wednesday, April 19 at 12:30 PM. To make a reservation send an email to ethniclunch@towsonuuc.org.

OUR MESSY LIVES TO EXAMINE VULNERABILITY—THURSDAY, APRIL 20 AT 3:00 PM

"Our Messy Lives" will be examining the word/concept "VULNERABILITY" at our next Zoom meeting on Thursday, April 20th, from 3:00-4:00 PM. Having examined "Vulnerability" last month, as our overall denominational theme, we will be able to come better armed to shed light on the word/concept, in the way of insights and interpretations/experiences. Please join us by reaching out to Nancy Caswell (contact information on Breeze).

SINGLES FELLOWSHIP GROUP POTLUCK—SATURDAY, APRIL 29 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.

NAMING THE NEW TRAIL

Have you walked the recently constructed trail that runs through the woods on our property? We are grateful to those who have helped establish this path. Their work has provided us a place for contemplation and observation.

At this moment, the trail is unnamed. At their most recent meeting in March, members of the Board proposed calling it the TUUC Ancestors Trail. The intention was to acknowledge, not only those members of our congregation who have come before us, but also the previous stewards of our land. The path travels from the Memorial Garden to the Thoreau Meadow across grounds that were once worked by enslaved Africans and, before that, controlled by the Piscataway- Conoy Nation. Under this proposal, we will work to create a marker explaining the history of the land and acknowledging the previous inhabitants. This marker will be dedicated upon its installation.

If you have questions, feedback or concerns about the current plan, please contact Andrew Hager (AndrewW.Hager@gmail.com) by Friday, May 12. The Board will vote to finalize the name at their May 17 meeting.

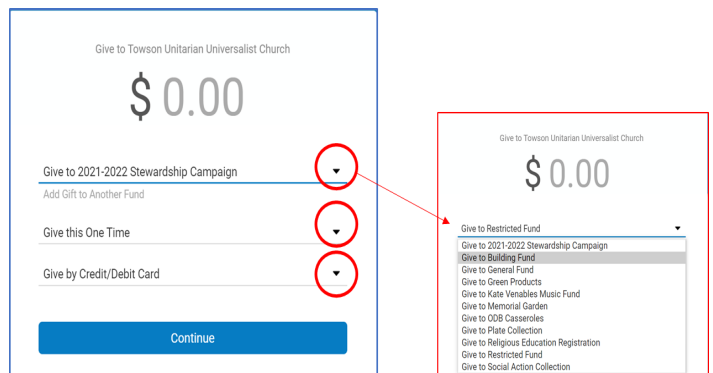
Third Saturday Work Party April 15, 2023 - 9:00 AM - Noon

Weeding of: Hillside, Cherry Grove, Thoreau Meadow & Meditation Area, Circle Garde, 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.



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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Continue

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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 Causes/roles
- Give to Plate Collection
- Give to Religious Education Registration
- Give to Restricted Fund
- Give to Social Action Collection

ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Thank you TUUC Members and Friends for your generosity and commitment to our beloved community. And, a very special message of appreciation to our matching gift donor. Your wonderful challenge moved many to give - including several members and friends who increased their pledge in response to the challenge. We met the challenge two days prior to the deadline! What a wonderful expression for us all to be part of.

We Are Making Progress

Our goals are **100% of members making a pledge** - we hope our friends support TUUC too!
and
\$352,000.00 in investment



80%

Percentage of Members Pledging



\$285,826.00

Total Pledges to Date



There is still time to make your pledge.
Please visit the TUUC website or click anywhere on this email to make your pledge TODAY.

Special Circumstances

If you are a member and unable to make a pledge this year, please reach out to our Treasurer to share a discrete request for a pledge waiver. As our bylaws outline, "members are expected to make an annual contribution, unless its been waived by the Treasurer or the Treasurer's designee." We would be happy to assist any members who would like to pursue this option for the next fiscal year. Please email stewardship@towsonuuc.org and we will forward your request on.

SOCIAL ACTION

BRIDGE UPDATE

The initial phase of Our Sacred Listening Campaign has ended, but we have learned so much, we are entering a new phase. We are going to be reaching out to more individuals for a while longer. So, you might be receiving a message asking you to participate in these conversations. If you don't want to wait to be asked, just let Rev. Clare or Ann Beezley know, we want to hear from as many people as possible.

The date for the Issues Convention has been set as Saturday, 6/10/2023, from 10 AM to 1 PM. Everyone from TUUC is invited.

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.

OUR DAILY BREAD

It's April and we are collecting casseroles for Our Daily Bread again. You and your family can make and freeze casseroles (the recipes and pans are in the lobby) or you can purchase Stouffers Party Sized Mac & Cheese or Lasagna, or you can donate \$15 for each casserole. All casseroles need to be frozen and delivered to our freezer(in the closet near the piano) by 4/30/23). If you chose to donate funds, just be sure to specify Our Daily Bread, ODB, in the memo line.

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.)

UULM UPDATE

When the General Assembly adjourned "sine die" 4/10/2023, 30 of UULM-MD's 67 priority bills had passed (45%). In terms of issues (rather than individual bills), the record is even better: 20 of 36 issues (56%). A final list of the bills that passed can be found here: <https://www.uulmmd.org/post/final-list-of-priority-bills-that-passed>



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](#)

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT TUUC

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

15 Apr	Saturday	Third Saturday Work Party	9:00 AM
16 Apr	Sunday	Sunday Service	10:30 AM
16 Apr	Sunday	Social Action Committee Meeting	12:30 PM
16 Apr	Sunday	Cabin Fever—The Last Temptation of Christ	4:30 PM
17 Apr	Monday	Socrates Café	7:30 PM
18 Apr	Tuesday	Men's Reflection Group	7:30 PM
18 Apr	Tuesday	Women's Group Meeting	7:30 PM
19 Apr	Wednesday	Ethnic Lunch	11:30 AM
20 Apr	Thursday	Our Messy Lives	3:00 PM
20 Apr	Thursday	TUUC Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM
21 Apr	Friday	Parkinson Support Group	12:30 PM
21 Apr	Friday	Writing as a Spiritual Practice	1:00 PM
22 Apr	Saturday	Choir Rehearsal	10:00 AM
23 Apr	Sunday	Sunday Service—Resistance	10:30 AM
23 Apr	Sunday	Cabin Fever—The Queen of Versailles	4:30 PM
25 Apr	Tuesday	Aging Together	1:00 PM
25 Apr	Tuesday	Soul Matters Sharing Circles	7:30 PM
26 Apr	Wednesday	Book Group—Horse	7:30 PM
27 Apr	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
04/09/2023	10:30 AM	89 / 32