



APRIL 23 - 10:30 AM - EARTH DAY - THE GREEN SANCTUARY COMMITTEE

April is Climate Justice month. One way to build resistance to climate change is to work for climate justice, to advance legislation to curb the use of fossil fuels and to protect those of lesser means. What can we do as individuals to green the planet? What can we do together? Our speaker Senator Mary Washington will tell us how these issues were advanced in the recent session of the General Assembly.

SUNDAY, APRIL 23 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/97083222900?pwd=T0xuNW1pV24yZERVczRwN3V2aXARZz09>

Meeting ID: 970 8322 2900

Passcode: 999811

CABIN FEVER

THE QUEEN OF VERSAILLES

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

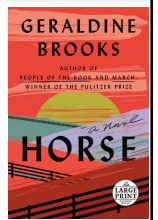
4:30 PM DISCUSSION



TUUC BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

7:30 PM



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.

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>

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.

BELTANE RITUAL—SUNDAY, APRIL 30 AT 7:00 PM

Beltane is one of the eight sabbats on the Pagan wheel of the year. For the ancient Celts, Beltane marks the beginning of summer when the cattle were sent into the summer pastures. Meaning “bright fire” Beltane was celebrated by lighting two fires and driving cattle between the fires, which were thought to protect the animals from harm and to boost their fertility. We may not keep cattle



today, but the ideas underlying this holy day are still compelling. For modern Pagans, we celebrate not only the waxing sun and fertility of Earth, but also our own internal flames of creativity in body, mind, and spirit. Join us on Sunday, April 30 at 7 pm in Thoreau Meadow as we light our Beltane fire and celebrate the coming of summer. Bring food to share and a donation for ACTC. Drums will be welcome as we dance around the fire.

For families, we will also dance around the maypole right after the church service on April 30 (approximately 11:45 am). Children of all ages are most welcome to join us in the dance and making wreaths of flowers.

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.

FROM THE TUUC NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Do you want to help lead TUUC into the future? Do you want to help build our Beloved Community? If so, the Nominating Committee is looking for a few good people! There are both elected and appointed positions. Please contact any member of the Nominating Committee: Sue Royer (Chair), Marilyn Carlisle, Nancy Caswell, or Lou Gieszl if you would like to be considered for a future leadership role or for leadership training opportunity. Our contact information is in Breeze. If you would like to be considered, or if you want to nominate a member with their consent, the deadline is May 1.

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.

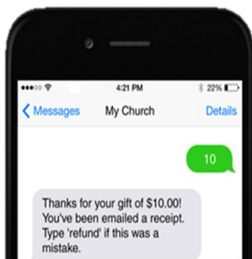
NONPERISHABLE FOOD

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.

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
29 Apr	Saturday	Celebration of Life—Mimi Marks	10:00 AM
30 Apr	Sunday	Sunday Service	10:30 AM
30 Apr	Sunday	SACReD	1:00 PM
30 Apr	Sunday	Cabin Fever—Alaska is a Drag	4:30 PM
1 May	Monday	The Faces of Depression	7:00 PM
2 May	Tuesday	Singles Fellowship Potluck	6:00 PM
2 May	Tuesday	Men's Reflection Group	7:30 PM
2 May	Tuesday	Women's Group Meeting	7:30 PM
4 May	Thursday	Men's Brunch	11:30 AM
4 May	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
04/16/2023	10:30 AM	82 / 34