



**MAY 14-10:30 AM - EVERYTHING, EVERYWHERE, ALL AT ONCE**

**REV. CLARE L. PETERSBERGER, TRACY HALL, AND THE TUUC COMMUNITY CHOIR**

A mother who received an Oscar this year was the character Evelyn Wang in *Everything, Everywhere, All At Once*. Her relationship with her daughter is much more complicated than a Hallmark greeting card. Her journey through multiverses is not familiar. But what she is ultimately seeking is something we all need. Today we look at what we are called to create from encounters with “everything, everywhere, all at once.”

**SUNDAY, MAY 14 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/94329207878?pwd=NTU4OVhkUXAyYzJZeUswN1NleGpWQT09>

**Meeting ID:** 943 2920 7878

**Passcode:** 000617

**TUUC YOUTH RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION**

Parents, Volunteers, and Kids are all invited to join us on May 14th after service outside on the playground for ice cream, crafts, and conversation! Kids will go straight outside after class.

This Sunday is the last week of YRE classes, and we are excited to celebrate both the learning of the last year and talk about the cool new program coming this fall. Parents, come and get to know the volunteers better and hang out with the other kids who spend Sundays downstairs.

We look forward to seeing you all there!

**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 Social Action Collection

## CLARE'S COLLOQUY

In the April 30 worship service we explored antidotes to cynicism. Our reading was from a Stephen Colbert commencement address where he spoke about the importance of the verb “Yes and” in improvisation. One yes ands to whatever one’s partner says on the stage. “No” is not a possible response. I shared how the original Greek Cynics were non-conformists who lived in nature, did not dress or live or worship as society dictated; and considered themselves to be citizens of the world (from whence we get the word “cosmopolitan.”) The original Greek Cynics are very much like Unitarian Universalists in 2023! With this in mind, Marcia Brooks asked me to please share in The Threshold, the end of my homily. Here it is:

*To Governor Bill Lee, who signed a bill banning drag shows we can be the nonconformists and say, “Yes, AND we are going to intentionally support a drag show.”*

*To the Montana governor who just signed a bill prohibiting gender affirming medical care for children, (even though his own son is publicly gender binary) we can be nonconformists who say, “Yes, AND we will be sending money to support Montana State representative Zooey Zephyr who is trans and who advocated for trans children to receive gender affirming medical care.”*

*To the Virginia school Board which banned 21 books, we can be nonconformists and say, “Yes, AND...we will ensure that our church library has copies of each and every one of them—AND---that we have read each and every one of them ourselves.”*

*To each and every state that is enacting health care laws that endanger the lives of women we can be nonconformists and say, “Yes, AND...we are teaching comprehensive human sexuality in our congregation (Our Whole Lives) AND we will partner with all working to safeguard medical care for women and their families.”*

*To advance the clean energy agenda we can say----actually, your A-Team IS saying, “BGE, thank you for your flyer about how you can serve the fleet of vehicles for our business by installing charging stations. AND...we don’t own a fleet of vehicles but we are interested in learning more about installing one or two charging stations.”*

*We can acknowledge the many issues needing our collective voice and action without being pulled into our culture’s big, “No.” Our faith is one of the freedom of nonconformity, the freedom of “Yes and.”*

In this month when we will be walking the path of creativity together, I look forward to learning those things to which you are responding, “Yes, and...”

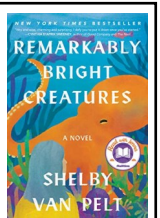
### CABIN FEVER

TILL  
SUNDAY, MAY 21  
4:30 PM DISCUSSION



### TUUC BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24  
7:30 PM



# TUUC YOUTH RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

This Fall, Sunday morning religious education is getting a major overhaul, as we venture on a grand experiment. Churches across the country, Unitarian Universalist and otherwise, are all facing anemic classes in their children's programs and low volunteer numbers.

After discussions with students, parents, and volunteers, I propose we try something completely new. We will be combining the One Room Schoolhouse model with a Creativity approach. The YRE classroom will include all ages and become a spiritual maker's space where students and volunteers can pursue their interests. We will teach each other and work together toward common goals. Collaboration and Relationship will be the primary goal while still infusing the program with educational opportunities so students can learn about Religion in general and UUism in specific.

This new approach offers a few particularly awesome things for you:

- Anyone can volunteer. You don't need to know about kids or teaching to participate.
- Anyone can lead. Bring your passion and share it. Woodworking, Papercrafting, Meditation, Knitting, Engineering, Coding (I will have one computer available), Theatre, Music, Anything! I'm happy to brainstorm ideas with anyone interested.
- Any schedule works. Want to volunteer every week, once a month, one time only? No problem.
- Anyone can help. Even with nothing to lead, your presence is needed.
- Anyone can donate materials, tools, crafting items, appliances to tinker with, etc.

And for the kids:

- We can wiggle and move whenever we need to.
- We can make sounds and talk with our friends.
- We can listen to a story in the "quiet" space.
- We can work alone or with a group.
- We will learn more things, have interesting conversations, AND get to make awesome projects.
- We get a say in what we learn.

Beginning in the fall, a typical Sunday will look much different: YRE will have a Chalice Lighting, a short lesson or discussion, and then open class with guided or individual projects. And instead of 8-10 volunteers on a Sunday morning, I will only need 3-4. All this, and we can still run the OWL program and Coming of Age for the students slated for those programs.

I will be spending this summer working on setting everything up, so if you want to know more or want to pitch in, let me know. Remember, this is an experiment, so I definitely want to hear what you think. The vision is constantly evolving as we move toward an engaging, active, mindful YRE program.

Welcome to **Making Faith**

Feel free to grab me to chat or email me at [tuucdre@towsonuuc.org](mailto:tuucdre@towsonuuc.org).

Kara Tyler

# TUUC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

## UPCOMING MUSIC IN TUUC WORSHIP

Over the next six weeks, we'll have a wide variety of music enhancing our worship. We thank our recent musicians--the TUUC Choir, Deborah "Spice" Kleinmann, and the Community Choir. This Sunday--Mother's Day--our service will feature Janet Kuperstein on violin. The following Sunday, May 21st, will bring the TUUC Choir in a very unusual Special Music Sunday, centered around the classical elements of earth, water, fire, and air. May 28th will feature music from Tony Bonta, and June 7th--the 100th anniversary of Flower Communion--will be our last Community Choir Sunday of the worship year. Then the TUUC Choir will sing twice more before the summer lay-led services begin.

## FAIR TRADE SALE—SUNDAY, MAY 14

The Green Sanctuary Committee will be offering fair trade coffee, tea and chocolate for sale this Sunday. Give a Mother's Day gift that reflects your UU values and supports small farmers and their families.

## THE FACES OF DEPRESSION: 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 third of three classes will be held via zoom on Monday, 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 upcoming sessions. To register please click on this link: <https://tuucdatabase.breezechms.com/form/55276183>

## FOLKLORE TO BE PROBED AT SOCRATES CAFÉ—MONDAY, MAY 15 AT 9:30 PM

At the upcoming 33rd edition of the Zoom TUUC Socrates Cafe on Monday evening, May 15th, from 7:30-9:00 PM, we will be examining **the relevance of folklore in modern society**, a topic suggested by Jeff Savoye, one of our "seekers of truth." Although, says Jeff, "it's less controversial than some of our recent topics," it will likely spark some interesting

conversation. Jeff has sent along a suggested URL including a video on the subject: <https://www.c-span.org/video/?72361-1/folklore-modern-world>.

Our question to probe that evening, as Socrates would have us do is: "Is there a place for folklore in modern society?" There are many definitions and examples of folklore to be Googled on the Internet, so have a good time researching and bringing your findings to Socrates Cafe on the 15th. The Zoom Link will be emailed the day before; to be newly included in our list of email addresses, please send an email to [socratescafe@towsonuuc.org](mailto:socratescafe@towsonuuc.org). Namaste!

### **MAY ETHNIC LUNCH—WEDNESDAY, MAY 17 AT NOON AT MERA KITCHEN**

In May Ethnic Lunch will be at [Mera Kitchen Collective](#), a Baltimore-based collective of individuals from around the world with a passion for sharing cuisine to foster empowerment and celebrate culture. The food is delicious and gives people a chance to try foods from a wide range of cultures. For more information see this review in Baltimore Magazine, [Review: Mera Kitchen Collective Finds a New Home on Calvert Street \(baltimoremagazine.com\)](#).

Mera does not take reservations and it is a popular spot for lunch in the Mt. Vernon neighborhood. We will meet for lunch at NOON in the hope of getting the communal table. It's located at 1301 N. Calvert Street at the corner of Preston Street, about a block south of Mt. Royal Avenue. Join us on Wednesday, May 17 at NOON. RSVP [ethniclunch@towsonuuc.org](mailto:ethniclunch@towsonuuc.org) by Monday, May 15 at 5:00 PM so we have some idea how many people are coming.

### **SINGLES FELLOWSHIP GROUP POTLUCK—SATURDAY, MAY 27 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.

## **Third Saturday Work Party**

Weeding of: Hillside, Cherry Grove, Thoreau Meadow & Meditation Area, Circle Garden, Pine Garden, Bay scape Garden, Memorial Garden, Rain Garden, Playground. Parking lot clean up. Weed whacking around the building. Weed whacking tree maintenance trails. Reforestation evaluation and maintenance.



**May 20, 2023**  
**9:00 AM – 12:00 PM**



## 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.

### NONPERISHABLE FOOD

Nonperishable food can be dropped off at these locations:

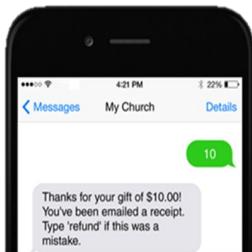
- Mondays, 12 to 2 PM: Ascension Lutheran Church parking lot (7601 York Rd.)
- Thursdays, 12 to 2 PM: Trinity Episcopal Church parking lot (120 Allegheny Ave.)
- Thursdays, 5 to 6 PM: Valley Baptist Church parking lot (1401 York Rd.)

### JUBILEE ANTI-RACISM TRAINING—FRIDAY THROUGH SUNDAY, JUNE 2-4, 2023

Do you wish to deepen your understanding of how race and ethnicity play out in our institutions and our daily lives? Are you ready to take a leading role to nurture a multicultural future in the face of opposing cultural currents? Come Join Us for this life changing weekend!

Friday, June 2 (6 to 9 PM EST); Saturday, June 3 (9 AM to 8:30 PM EST); Sunday, June 4 (12:00 to 6:30 PM EST)

Cost: \$170 per participant (includes cost for trainers and materials). \$85 for second or third person in same household. First person must register at \$170 for subsequent family members to receive the discount. Contributions in support of this work are welcome. To register, visit <https://www.paulacolejones.com/jubilee>



### 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.

13 May	Saturday	Choir Rehearsal	10:00 AM
14 May	Sunday	Fair Trade Sale	10:00 AM
14 May	Sunday	Sunday Service	10:30 AM
15 May	Monday	The Faces of Depression	7:00 PM
15 May	Monday	Socrates Café	7:30 PM
16 May	Tuesday	Men's Reflection Group	7:30 PM
16 May	Tuesday	Women's Group Meeting	7:30 PM
17 May	Wednesday	Ethnic Lunch—Mera Kitchen	12:00 PM
18 May	Thursday	TUUC Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM
19 May	Friday	Parkinson Support Group	12:30 PM
19 May	Friday	Writing as a Spiritual Practice	1:00 PM
20 May	Saturday	Third Saturday Work Party	9:00 AM
20 May	Saturday	Choir Rehearsal	10:00 AM
20 May	Saturday	The Faces of Depression	1:00 PM
21 May	Sunday	Special Music Sunday—It's Elemental	10:30 AM
21 May	Sunday	Social Action Committee Meeting	12:30 PM
21 May	Sunday	Cabin Fever—Till	4:30 PM
23 May	Tuesday	Aging Together	1:00 PM
23 May	Tuesday	Soul Matters Sharing Circles	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
05/07/2023	10:30 AM	78 / 33