



JUNE 11 - 10:30 AM—SURPRISED BY DELIGHT

REV. CLARE L. PETERSBERGER, TUUC CHOIR

Ross Gay spent a year writing an essay, each day, about what he found delightful. While we may not be as disciplined to look for delights in each day, each of us has memories of being surprised by delight. When you think back to childhood summers, what memories do you associate with delight? Catching fireflies? Building a sandcastle? Going berry picking? Making tie dye shirts? Something else? Today, we lift up memories of being surprised by delight to make us more attentive to the delights that await us in the summer days ahead.

SUNDAY, JUNE 11 ONLINE SERVICE INFORMATION

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

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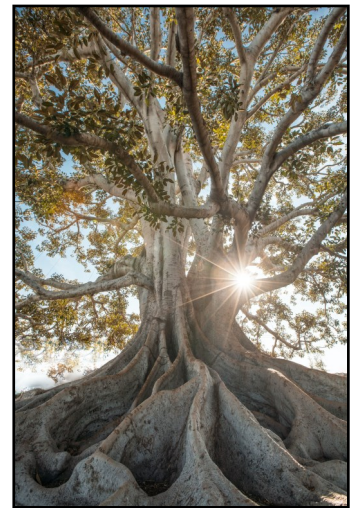
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TUUC YOUTH RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

On June 3rd, our intrepid teens completed the end of the Coming of Age program with a lovely service they designed themselves. Trish Lott and Fred Sypher both spoke about the process of the Coming of Age program and working with these lovely young people. Reverend Clare and I were also there to celebrate and hold up the teens' accomplishments. Tracy Hall provided lovely music, and we even got to see an insider slideshow of their year compiled by Mia Hager.

The culmination of the COA program is the writing and presenting of a faith statement or belief credo. Our four teens: Izabelle Riviera, Henry Gieszl, Edith Roundy, and Mia Hager, all put in a great deal of thought, deep contemplation, and vulnerability into their final statements. It was a joy to hear and grow closer to the amazing young people. They each had their own outlook, a different style, and a unique perspective to share, proving that we do not need to think alike to love alike.



CABIN FEVER

KEANU

SUNDAY, JUNE 11

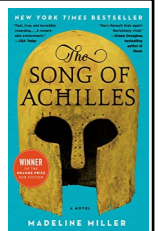
4:30 PM DISCUSSION



TUUC BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

7:30 PM



CLARE'S COLLOQUY

Delight is like the butterflies flying around and landing on the thing that is joy. ---Ross Gay

Ross Gay turned 42 and gave himself the challenge of writing about something that delighted him each day for a year. He thought it was going to mean paying greater attention to the world around him including watching a dandelion grow through a crack in the sidewalk. That's how his practice began. But over time he discovered that what unveiled delight for him was "so often personal interactions" so he became "aware that delight is sort of a manifestation of interdependence." As he headed into the news cycles in the fall of 2016, he realized his practice was being shaped by the need to find and be light. After writing for a year about delight, he discerned that his life's work would be to help people get in touch with what moves them---not just what they like---but what they love. His focus became the question, "How can we love each other better?"

It's no accident that our Soul Matters theme for June is walking the path of delight.

We will begin by celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Flower Ceremony created by Norbert Capek for the Unitarian congregation in Prague on June 4, 1923. Please bring a flower (or several) from your garden or from the roadside or even growing through a crack in the sidewalk. At the end of the ceremony, you will receive a flower brought by another.

We will continue to walk the path of delight with summer memories from childhood of interdependence. Was it making ice cream by hand with family members? Going berry picking? Catching fireflies with neighbors? Building sandcastles on the beach with family and other children you did not know? After worship on June 11 all members will participate in the delights of our Annual Meeting. I do not mean this ironically. We affirm our interdependence by choosing new leaders and voting on how we will fulfill our values through our annual budget.

On June 18th we will celebrate the delights and possibilities of love with the wedding of Lou Geiszl and Eleanor Hughes during the worship service. Lou and Ellie met at TUUC teaching Sunday School. June 18th is also Father's Day!

How we can love each other better will be a question for delegates to the Unitarian Universalist General Assembly as we vote on the proposed Article II draft which puts love at the center of our faith.

The world still needs us to find and be the light. June 19th the office will be closed to celebrate Juneteenth---which commemorates when General Gordon Granger issued an order to enforce the Emancipation Proclamation in Texas and all enslaved people in Texas knew they were freed. And yet, in the past week, Amanda Gorman's poem, "The Hill We Climb" was banned from an elementary school in Florida because one parent complained about it being "divisive." In reality, Gorman's poem is all about unifying our country. What is divisive is racism.

All of June is Pride month, a time to intentionally celebrate the freedom to be oneself in relation to others. This freedom is being challenged in too many states. Target made a corporate decision to remove Pride related products and relocate Pride displays to the back of certain stores in the South. But we Unitarian Universalists delight in the freedom to be oneself in relation to others. The Progress Pride flag is at the front of our church in the chalice of our congregation's sign which lights up at night serving as a beacon for inclusivity and delighting in each person's unique gifts.

This month, as we walk the path of delight together, may we discover ourselves to be "like the butterflies flying around and landing on the thing that is joy."

TUUC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

CALL TO THE ANNUAL MEETING—SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2023 AT NOON

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on June 11, 2023 at 12:00 PM, both in person at TUUC and on Zoom.

These items will require a congregational vote:

1. The Rules of Procedure for this meeting
2. The Election of Officers
3. Approval of the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2023–2024

Amendments will not be accepted from the floor during the meeting.

Members who are unable to attend may find another member to serve as their proxy. Please notify Board Secretary Patty Barry if you need a proxy or can serve as a proxy. See you at the meeting!

NEXT TUUC BLOOD DRIVE—THURSDAY, JUNE 15

Working with the American Red Cross, we've scheduled Thursday, June 15th, 2023 for the next TUUC Blood Drive. There is a critical need for blood right now, please check your calendar and consider donating blood at our drive. Please only join us on June 15th, if you are healthy and have no concerns about donating. To sign up for an appointment between 12-5PM, please use [this link](#) or email Clare Flynn-Avallone with your preferred times. Give the Gift of Life - Give Blood!

ETHNIC LUNCH—WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21 AT 12:30 PM

June 21 will be the last Ethnic Lunch before we take a summer break. We'll be gathering at Kung Fu 12 Szechuan House, (kungfu12szechuan.com) 1427 York Rd, Timonium, MD 21093. Kung Fu 12 is located in the spot where Szechuan House used to be located, but this is a new restaurant with a different menu. **Lunch will be at 12:30 PM on Wednesday, June 21.**

All are welcome, but we will need to make reservations. Please respond by Sunday, June 18 to ethniclunch@towsonuuc.org so we can contact the restaurant.

---Janet Kuperstein and Claudia Sumler

WANT TO HELP PROVIDE MUSIC AT TUUC THIS SUMMER?

During the summer, our Lay Worship Committee members plan, organize, and lead worship. We are looking for a few more people to help with either playing piano or guitar, vocally leading congregational songs, or presenting solos during the summer. You'll need to work with the lay worship leaders to plan relevant music. If you are willing to help provide music during the summer, please contact Tracy Hall at music@towsonuuc.org. Tracy will coordinate with Lay Worship to schedule you where most appropriate.

SERVICE PLANNING MEETING—MONDAY, JUNE 26 AT 7:30 PM

All committees and service groups within the church who would like to host a lay-led service during the 2023-2024 church year should plan to send a representative to the service planning meeting on Monday, June 26 at 7:30 PM. Zoom information is on the TUUC Calendar.

The Soul Matters themes for the coming year (and service dates) are:

9/24/23: *The Gift of Welcome,*

2/25/24: *The Gift of Justice & Equity,*

10/22/23: *The Gift of Heritage,*

3/24/24: *The Gift of Transformation,*

11/26/23: *The Gift of Generosity,*

4/21/24: *The Gift of Interdependence,*

12/31/23: *The Gift of Mystery,*

5/19/24: *The Gift of Pluralism,*

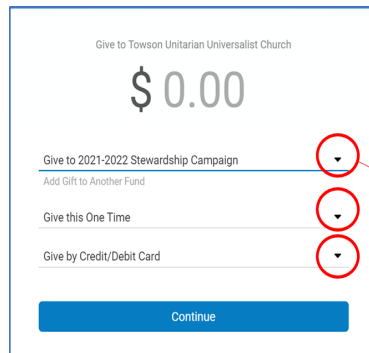
1/28/24: *The Gift of Liberating Love,*

6/16/24: *The Gift of Renewal.*

If you will be unable to attend the meeting but would still like your committee to lead one of these services, please e-mail Dominique Hall (contact information in Breeze) and you will be penciled in for consideration.

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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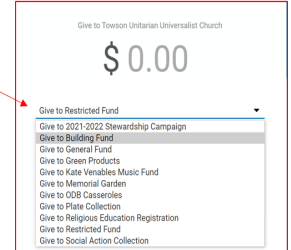
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- Give to Kate Venables Music Fund
- Give to Memorial Garden
- Give to ODB Casseroles
- Give to Plate Collection
- Give to Religious Education Registration
- Give to Restricted Fund
- Give to Social Action Collection

Third Saturday Work Party

June 17, 2023

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM



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.

Rain or shine (disposable rain gear provided)
Moderate weather permitting.



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

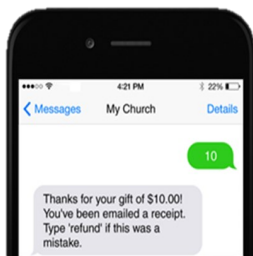
Nonperishable food can be dropped off at these locations:

- 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.)

ISSUES CONVENTION IN BALTIMORE—JUNE 10 FROM 10 AM TO 1 PM

The Issues Convention is 6/10/2023 from 10am-1pm with doors opening at 9am. The location is St. Vincent DePaul Roman Catholic Church at 120 North Front Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201. Please come at 9am and learn about all the issues. For more information, please visit

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfbCm1QGk-FM5KyJDbTTD5iBlboYDqTijpmlrGTmgVZdcnnWQ/viewform?usp=sf_link



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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.

11 June	Sunday	Sunday Service	10:30 AM
11 June	Sunday	Annual Congregational Meeting	12:00 PM
13 June	Tuesday	Aging Together	1:00 PM
13 June	Tuesday	Makers' Meetup	7:00 PM
13 June	Tuesday	Soul Matters Sharing Circles	7:30 PM
15 June	Thursday	Blood Drive	12:00 PM
15 June	Thursday	Our Messy Lives	3:00 PM
15 June	Thursday	TUUC Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM
16 June	Friday	Parkinson Support Group	10:00 AM
17 June	Saturday	Third Saturday Work Party	9:00 AM
18 June	Sunday	Sunday Service	10:30 AM
19 June	Monday	Mindful Way Meditation	7:00 PM
19 June	Monday	Socrates Café	7:30 PM
20 June	Tuesday	Men's Reflection Group	7:30 PM
20 June	Tuesday	Women's Group Meeting	7:30 PM
21 June	Wednesday	UUA General Assembly 2023	12:00 PM
25 June	Sunday	Sunday Service—Worthy Now Prison Ministry Streaming	10:30 AM
25 June	Sunday	Cabin Fever—Dog Day Afternoon	4:30 PM
15 June	Thursday	Our Messy Lives	3:00 PM

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SUNDAY SERVICE ATTENDANCE REPORT		
(Does not reflect actual number of people watching)		
Date	Time	In-Person / Online
06/04/2023	10:30 AM	63 / 26