



**JUNE 18 - 10:30 AM—DELIGHTING IN LOVE AND ITS POSSIBILITIES—REV. CLARE L. PETERSBERGER, TUUC CHOIR**

Thirty-four years ago this evening, the congregation of Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church ordained me as a minister. This morning, I will briefly reflect on the role of rituals in our lives before officiating at a wedding. Half of this morning’s worship service will be the wedding of Lou Gieszl and Eleanor Hughes who met teaching in our Youth Religious Education ministry. You are joyfully invited to delight in love and its possibilities.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 18 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/92350513348?pwd=cjlxz3ZyelUyS25WeEFPcGVrNFVvQT09>

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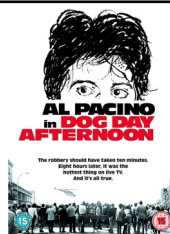
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**WANT TO HELP PROVIDE MUSIC AT TUUC THIS SUMMER?**

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](mailto:music@towsonuuc.org). Tracy will coordinate with Lay Worship to schedule you where most appropriate.

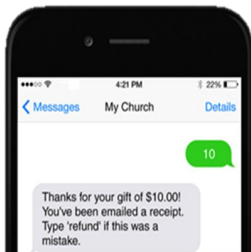
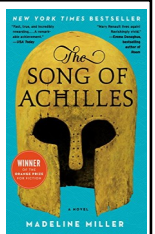
**CABIN FEVER**

**DOG DAY AFTERNOON  
SUNDAY, JUNE 25  
4:30 PM DISCUSSION**



**TUUC BOOK CLUB**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28  
7:30 PM**



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## 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

### SUMMER SOLSTICE (LITHA) CELEBRATION—SUNDAY, JUNE 18 AT 6:30 PM

The Roots and Wings Chapter of CUUPs will be celebrating Litha on **Sunday, June 18 from 6:30 to 8:00 PM**. Weather permitting, the festivities will be in Thoreau Meadow at TUUC, where we can have a bonfire. Litha is the Celtic word for summer solstice, which marks the longest day of the year and accordingly, honors the sun. Like many pagan holidays, fire is an important element in the celebration. We invite all to join us for music, song, and feasting around the Solstice fire. The feast will be potluck. So, bring something to eat and share. (In the event of rain, the festivities will move indoors.)



### JUNE 19TH SOCRATES CAFÉ TO DISCUSS ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI)

Ever pondered what the impact Artificial Intelligence (AI) is having on our lives, both positively and negatively? This will be our focus at our next Zoom TUUC Socrates Cafe this coming Monday evening, June 19th, from 7:30 -9:00 PM. The Zoom Link will be emailed to everyone on our email list the day before. If you would like to be added to the list, please email [socratescafe@towsonuuc.org](mailto:socratescafe@towsonuuc.org), and you will be included for Monday's session. The question to be probed, as Socrates would have us do, is: "What are the implications of Artificial Intelligence?" Suggestions for background exploration of the may interesting and illuminating available YouTubes/readings include those to be found on line by Googling the following: those by Yuval Noah Harari, John Oliver, Gary Marcus, Eric Schmidt, Rishi Sunak, and Geoffrey Hinton, all suggestions offered by Peter Talley, Jeff Savoye, Happy Brooks, and Helen Reichel. Thanks to you all! So...enjoy your discoveries, and come armed Monday night, bursting with your own opinions, thoughts, and ideas.

### 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](http://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](mailto:ethniclunch@towsonuuc.org) so we can contact the restaurant.

---Janet Kuperstein and Claudia Sumler

### OUR MESSY LIVES TO GRAPPLE WITH CRITICAL RACE THEORY—THURSDAY, JUNE 22

Ever wondered what "Critical Race Theory" is, exactly? We hear a lot about it, and Our Messy Lives participants would like to better understand it. Why does it scare so many Americans? So on Zoom, Thursday afternoon, June 22nd, from 3:00-4:00 PM, we'll be defining it, trying to get a handle on it, and discerning how it's become such a political football. Who's for it? Who's against it? Come, join the discussion, and become better informed about this important topic. To receive the Zoom Link by email the day before, look on BREEZE (the TUUC Directory online) to find Nancy Caswell's email address, send her an email, and she'll add you

to the list of participants for the session. You'll receive the Zoom Link the day before. Hope you'll join us!

## **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:

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

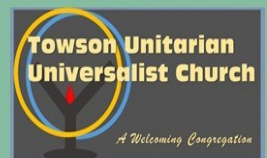
5/19/24: *The Gift of Pluralism,*

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

# 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

## 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.)

## BRIDGE UPDATE

Our Issues Convention was 6/10/23. It was an exciting and productive experience. The three issues that all of congregations in Bridge Maryland will promote for the next 2-3 years are:

- Positive Youth Opportunities
- The Failing Waste Management System in Trinity (on the Eastern Shore)
- Access to Affordable Housing

There is a Taskforce Training Session on July 15/2023 to plan our next steps. Please save the date and plan to attend. For more information, call or text Ann Beezley (contact information in Breeze.)

## 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

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT TUUC

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

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
18 June	Sunday	Wedding for Lou and Ellie	11:30 AM
18 June	Sunday	Litha/Solstice	7:00 PM
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
22 June	Thursday	Our Messy Lives	3:00 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
26 June	Monday	LWA 2023-24 Service Planning Meeting	7:30 PM
27 June	Tuesday	Aging Together	1:00 PM
28 June	Wednesday	Book Group	7:30 PM
2 July	Sunday	Sunday Service—General Assembly Streaming	10:30 AM
3 July	Monday	Mindful Way Meditation	7:00 PM
6 July	Thursday	Men's Brunch	11:30 AM

**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
06/11/2023	10:30 AM	63 / 23