



**AUGUST 6 - 10:30 AM—THE PUPPET THING CONTEMPLATES THE COSMOS! (A SING-ALONG SERVICE)—ANDREW HAGER**

TUUC’s favorite fluffy friends are back, and they’re trying to answer the big questions! Where did we come from? How immense is our galaxy? And why do aliens keep abducting Purple Monster Dude? This fun, family friendly service is filled with music, laughter, and science!

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 6 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/94784063764?pwd=NFIMMHQ2OCTpTzZNNnlwZzdVb3NkUT09>

Meeting ID: 947 8406 3764

Passcode: 522475

**POETS AND READERS NEEDED!**

It’s almost time for the annual poetry service! Do you have a poem you’d like to share during the August 20 service? It can be original or beloved. The theme of this service is Delight. You can choose to read the poem in person or pre-record the reading. Please contact Andrew Hager ([AndrewW.Hager@gmail.com](mailto:AndrewW.Hager@gmail.com)) by August 13 if interested.

**WOMEN’S LUNCH BRUNCH—MONDAY, AUGUST 7 AT 12 PM**

The Women’s Lunch Bunch will meet Monday, August 7 at noon in the Cafe at Edenwald. For information or reservations, please contact Sue Shankroff.

**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.

## CLARE'S COLLOQUY

Many years ago, in Missoula, Montana, when a Jewish family put a menorah in their window for Hanukkah, a rock was thrown through the window. The editor of the town paper not only ran a story about this vandalism, he also published a full-page picture of a menorah. He asked all the people in the town---regardless of their religious identity---to post the menorah in their own windows. The majority of townspeople did to say, "Whatever you do to my neighbor, you do to me."

I was reminded of this story at the end of July. In the early hours of July 23, the Unitarian Universalist Community Church of Plano, Texas had its front doors intentionally set on fire by arsonists. The congregation held Sunday morning worship as planned several hours later. It is not known who the arsonists are. It IS known that four individuals appeared during Sunday worship on June 25th to video themselves mocking our Unitarian Universalist welcome of LGBTQ folk and to heckle the preacher during worship. They posted a video of this "visit" on YouTube on July 12. The police have not yet been able to establish a connection between this video (which garnered over 200,000 views) and the arson. But the Anti-Defamation League and GLAAD have tracked more than 350 incidents of harassment, vandalism and assault motivated by anti-LGBTQ rhetoric in an 11-month span beginning last June. Texas had the third highest number of anti-LGBTQ incidents in the country.

So, what does this have to do with the Hanukkah story in Missoula, Montana? Well, the Dallas Morning News not only covered this story on June 23 and June 24, "Anti-LGBTQ YouTubers trolled a progressive Plano church. It was firebombed weeks later," they also published a letter to the editor entitled, "Stand Against Hate" by the Reverend Matt Gaston, lead pastor of First United Methodist Church of Plano. He noted that his church shares a community garden with Community Unitarian Universalist Church. He went on to write that United Methodists share the UU's "gracious inclusive stance of LGBTQ persons." Then he observed:

*"The attack...comes two months after the Allen Outlets shooting and after consecutive Easters when a self-confessed hate group placed antisemitic fliers under the windshield wipers of cars in our parking lot.*

*Plano police investigated but say it is difficult to track down the culprits with a chargeable hate crime.*

*Therefore it is upon us as residents and persons of faith to remain diligent, prayerful and in solidarity with one another in our stance of love against hate in all its forms.*

*This does not come without a price. Jesus' life is ample witness to that.*

*We have placed on our outdoor sign, "Hate has no home here, nor with our Unitarian Universalist neighbors."*

I invite all residents and persons of faith to join us in that stance.

I have not heard how many people, in the last week, have put up a sign that says, "Hate has no home here, nor with our Unitarian Universalist neighbors."

I am grateful for Rev. Gaston's leadership. It reminds me of the stand the neighbors in Missoula, Montana took when they put menorahs in their windows.

"Whatever you do to my neighbor, you do to me."

Such courageous affirmations illuminate the world in every season.

# 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.

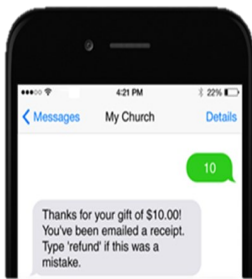
## NONPERISHABLE FOOD

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.)

## SOCIAL ACTION PLANNING MEETING—SUNDAY, AUGUST 13 AT 12:15 PM

The Social Action Committee will meet for a planning meeting Sunday, 8/13/23 at 12:15 PM downstairs or on Zoom. Anyone who is interested is more than welcome to attend. The Zoom link will be on the website calendar. Those who come in-person can eat lunch together and plan for 2023-24. Come and hear about all our current activities and what is coming for the next year....no obligation, no commitment...but you may catch the excitement. Please contact Ann Beezley (contact info on Breeze) for questions and details.



### DONATE BY TEXT

Send an amount to  
**(410)834-0700**

## PASSING THE PLATE

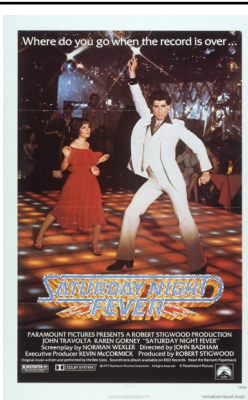
DONATE TO TUUC VIA PAYPAL, TEXT, OR BREEZE  
MORE INFORMATION ON THE [TUUC WEBSITE](#)

## CABIN FEVER

SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

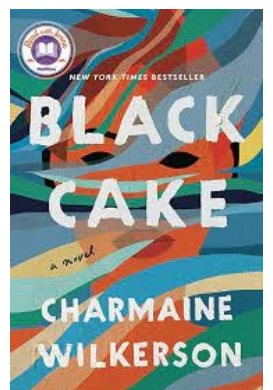
4:30 PM DISCUSSION



## BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

7:30 PM



# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT TUUC

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

6 Aug	Sunday	Sunday Service	10:30 AM
6 Aug	Sunday	Cabin Fever—Saturday Night Fever	4:30 PM
7 Aug	Monday	Women's Lunch Brunch	12:00 PM
7 Aug	Monday	Mindful Way Meditation	7:00 PM
8 Aug	Tuesday	Aging Together	1:00 PM
8 Aug	Tuesday	Makers' Meetup	7:00 PM
13 Aug	Sunday	Sunday Service	10:30 AM
13 Aug	Sunday	Social Action Committee Planning Meeting	12:15 PM
13 Aug	Sunday	Cabin Fever—Hoffa	4:30 PM
17 Aug	Thursday	Our Messy Lives	3:00 PM
19 Aug	Saturday	Third Saturday Work Party	9:00 AM
20 Aug	Sunday	Sunday Service - Poetry	10:30 AM
20 Aug	Sunday	Cabin Fever—The Boy Who Harnessed The Wind	4:30 PM
21 Aug	Monday	Mindful Way Meditation	7:00 PM
21 Aug	Monday	Socrates Café	7:30 PM
22 Aug	Tuesday	Aging Together	1:00 PM
23 Aug	Wednesday	Book Group—Black Cake	7:30 PM
25 Aug	Friday	Parkinson Support Group	12:30 PM
27 Aug	Sunday	Cabin Fever—The Hitch-Hiker	4:30 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
07/30/2023	10:30 AM	47 / 29