



**AUGUST 27—10:30 AM—THE TRANSFORMATIVE DELIGHT OF DISCOVERY—DOMINIQUE HALL**

Leave your compass behind as we explore and celebrate the moments of discovery and connection that sometimes catch us unaware.

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 27 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/97728640371?pwd=Q2ZHMHFTSUVnUzdnOXBVNmVrbWwxZz09>

Meeting ID: 977 2864 0371 Passcode: 797097

**SEPTEMBER 3—10:30 AM—WATER CALLING YOUR HEART HOME—REV. CLARE L. PETERSBERGER, TRACY HALL AND THE TUUC CHOIR, KARA TYLER, DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

We all come from water. We are protected by water in the womb. During our lives, we seek water that nourishes our spirits. During our lives, we create tears of joy and sorrow as signs of our humanity. This morning, if you are worshiping in the building you are invited to bring a small container of water symbolic of water calling your heart home. If you know you will be worshiping on-line, you are invited to send a photo of water that calls your heart home to [revclare@towsonuuc.org](mailto:revclare@towsonuuc.org) by Wednesday, August 30. You will have the opportunity to pour your water during the service. (We will pour water in the building for those joining us on-line.) We will mingle our waters in four bowls representing joy and happiness, change and transition, grief and loss, and rest and renewal. What water is calling your heart home as we celebrate our annual water communion ceremony?

**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

## NEWS ABOUT US

Many of you will remember the delightful play readings performed at TUUC by long-time member Carol Mason and her husband **Jay Lyston**. Jay passed away peacefully on August 8th. A memorial service will be held at Oakcrest Nottingham Gardens, 8832 Walter Blvd., 3rd floor Meeting Room on Thursday September 7th at 1 PM. Messages of condolence may be sent to Carol Mason at the address in Breeze.

We regret to inform you of the death of dynamic TUUC member **Beryl Sass** on August 3rd. Beryl was a retired English teacher who had just celebrated her 95th birthday in July with her usual gusto and delight. Beryl continued to enjoy reading until two days before her death. There will be a celebration of Beryl's life, in person and on-line, at 1 PM on September 16th. Online condolences may be sent to the family through [www.peacefulalternatives.com](http://www.peacefulalternatives.com).

---Rev. Clare

## WORSHIP AS A SPIRITUAL PRACTICE AT TUUC

Announcing our new 4-part Series, Worship as a Spiritual Practice at TUUC! We will be meeting in the foyer after the service on September 17, October 1 and 29, and November 12. Bring your own lunch and if desired, food to share. We will enjoy good food, good company, and good spirit as we reach into ourselves to discover what we love most about worship. We welcome all ages, experiences, and spiritual orientations into this fun exploration of worship, creativity, ritual, and joy! Email Intern Minister SarahRuth Davis to save your seat in this 4-part Series at [sarahruth@towsonuuc.org](mailto:sarahruth@towsonuuc.org).

## TUUC CHOIR TO RESUME FOR THE NEW SEASON

Our TUUC Choir has had their well-deserved break this summer, and will resume rehearsals soon. If you've been considering singing with the choir, the beginning of the season is a great time to start! First rehearsal will be on Thursday, August 31st at 7:30 PM, and we'll sing a little bit on Sunday, September 3rd. Since we know that many of you are away over that first weekend, we'll have a small Welcome party prior to rehearsal on Thursday, Sept. 7th. Our TUUC Choir rehearses weekly on Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30, and sings two or three times per month in Sunday services. You'll receive a schedule for choir Sundays to help you plan. We sing a variety of styles--contemporary choral, folk, Classical, show tunes, traditional music from around the world, pop, etc. It's a great group of people, and in this post-pandemic time, about half of the choir is relatively new to it. Some experience with reading music is helpful, but not required--you'll learn a lot as you go. If you'd like to join or to just try it out a few times before deciding, please contact Tracy Hall (Music Director) at [music@towsonuuc.org](mailto:music@towsonuuc.org).

Alternatively (or in addition!), we have something called Community Choir approximately every six weeks. On those Sundays, anyone can "walk in" and learn the music on the morning of the Sunday service. Yes, you'll need to come pretty early (we need to do soundchecks for Zoom prior to the service, AFTER the rehearsal), but this is so much fun! All ages are invited, and the music is a little simpler. We have a great time on those Sundays. Whether you decide

to join us for TUUC Choir (with rehearsals on Thursday evenings), or for the Community Choir Sundays--or both!--we welcome you and look forward to making music with you!

**WRITING AS A SPIRITUAL PRACTICE—DROP IN SESSIONS ON SEPT 8 & 22, OCT 6 & 20, NOV 3 AND 17, DEC 1 AND 15, JAN 5 AND 19 FROM 1 TO 2 PM ON ZOOM**

Writing as a Spiritual Practice will resume on September 8 and all are welcome to these bi-weekly stand-alone sessions on Zoom. We check-in; light a chalice; listen to a brief reading; and then choose one of several prompts. After writing together for 15 minutes in silence, we are invited to share what we have written (although there is no obligation to share). Through this practice we become more present to our own lives and get to know the lives of others at a deeper level. We close with a benediction. The purpose of this group is not perfection it is presence. Please join us on one of the Friday sessions above. You will discover deep connections as well as wonderful writers!

**SOCIAL ACTION**


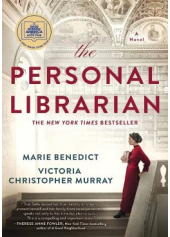
**DONATIONS AT TUUC**

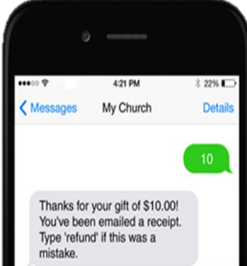
Assistance Center of Towson Churches (ACTC) still need donations. Please deposit them in the round bin (Marked ACTC) on the floor of the Church lobby. The most requested food items are: boxed breakfast cereal, canned meals (pork & beans, chili), canned vegetables, canned fruit, dry pasta, pasta sauce, 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.)

<p><b>CABIN FEVER</b></p> <p><b>THE HITCH-HIKER</b></p> <p><b>SUNDAY, AUGUST 27</b></p> <p><b>4:30 PM DISCUSSION</b></p> 	<p><b>BOOK CLUB</b></p> <p><b>WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27</b></p> <p><b>7:30 PM</b></p> 
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	<p><b>DONATE BY TEXT</b></p> <p>Send an amount to <b>(410)834-0700</b></p>	<p><b>PASSING THE PLATE</b></p> <p>DONATE TO TUUC VIA PAYPAL, TEXT, OR BREEZE MORE INFORMATION ON THE <a href="#">TUUC WEBSITE</a></p>
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## SOUL MATTERS SHARING CIRCLES REGISTRATION BY SEPTEMBER 12

Autumn is a time for the first day of the new school year; for the Jewish high holy days, remembering the beginning of the world and marking the start of a new year; and, perhaps, for committing to a new spiritual practice.

Our Soul Matters Sharing Circles will begin meeting on Zoom on September 26 to explore the monthly theme. Prior to gathering, you will receive a packet of possible spiritual practices; questions on the theme; and readings. Participants are invited to choose one spiritual practice to engage and one question to reflect upon. In a circle of six to ten people, we share our experience with the practice and our thoughts on the question. We learn more about ourselves and connect with others on a deeper level.

This year's themes are based on the values articulated in the proposed Article II revision which delegates to the UUA General Assembly will vote upon next June.

This year's overarching frame is *The Gifts of Our Faith*. We focus on ten beloved UU values and explore their potential to shape us and in turn shape the world.

How do these values offer us both challenge and comfort? What might it mean to place them at the center of our living and loving? What promise do they hold for us individually as well as collectively? These are some of questions that will guide and bless our journey in the year ahead.

Here is the list of our 2023-24 themes: *The Gift of...*

**September:** Welcome

**October:** Heritage

**November:** Generosity

**December:** Mystery

**January:** Liberating Love

**February:** Justice & Equity

**March:** Transformation

**April:** Interdependence

**May:** Pluralism

**June:** Renewal

This year, we will experiment with meeting once a month for 1.5-2 hours (instead of twice a month). Therefore, we are asking participants to commit to meeting once a month so that we can really get to know one another. We understand that something may come up that will require missing a meeting or two. But these are not stand alone sessions. We are scheduled to meet on Sept. 26, Oct. 24, Nov. 28, Dec. 12, Jan. 30, Feb. 27, March 26, April 23, May 28, and June 11<sup>th</sup>.

If you would like to participate, register at <https://tuucdatabase.breezechms.com/form/4e74593089> by September 12.

Looking forward to exploring the gifts of our faith with soul friends!

---Rev Clare

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT TUUC

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

25 Aug	Friday	Parkinson Support Group	12:30 PM
26 Aug	Saturday	Singles Fellowship Potluck	6:00 PM
27 Aug	Sunday	Cabin Fever—The Hitch-Hiker	4:30 PM
31 Aug	Thursday	TUUC Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM
3 Sept	Sunday	Sunday Service	10:30 AM
5 Sept	Tuesday	Women's Group Meeting	7:30 PM
7 Sept	Thursday	Men's Brunch	11:30 AM
7 Sept	Thursday	Celebration of Life for Jay Lyston @ Oak Crest	1:00 PM
7 Sept	Thursday	Choir Welcome Party	7:30 PM
7 Sept	Thursday	TUUC Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM
8 Sept	Friday	Writing as a Spiritual Practice	1:00 PM
10 Sept	Sunday	Sunday Service	10:30 AM
10 Sept	Sunday	Cabin Fever—Barbenheimer	4:30 PM
12 Sept	Tuesday	Makers' Meetup	7:00 PM
14 Sept	Thursday	TUUC Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM
16 Sept	Saturday	Third Saturday Work Party	9:00 AM
16 Sept	Saturday	Celebration of Life—Beryl Sass	1:00 PM
17 Sept	Sunday	Sunday Service	10:30 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
08/20/2023	10:30 AM	56 / 18