



**OCTOBER 22—10:30 AM—WE ARE THE BREATH OF OUR ANCESTORS – REV. KARYN MARSH, MEMBERS OF TUUC’S ROOTS AND WINGS CUUPS, AND MUSICIANS**

In her song “We Are”, composer and co-founder of the a cappella group Sweet Honey in the Rock, Dr. Ysaye Barnwell suggests that we are the continuation of our ancestors and that they live on in us. We, in turn, will live on in our descendants, whether of body or spirit. In this service, Rev. Karyn Marsh will explore how we all simultaneously embody the past, present, and future. During the service, Rev. Marsh and members of TUUC’s Roots and Wings CUUPS will also hold a candle memorial to honor our ancestors of body and spirit. Please bring a memento or photo to place on our Samhain altar.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22 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/91968709577?pwd=YUdlldUhZWCs0ZzJCRTRSL1RRdIF4QT09>

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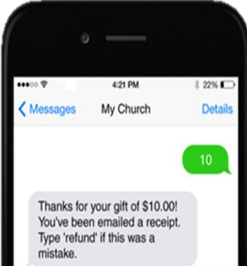
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**YOUTH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

YRE is looking back fondly on our personal and religious ancestors. If you have any items you'd be willing to part with that the students could use in an art project that reminds you of your heritage, please bring them in this Sunday. We will be making ancestral altars on 10/29 to celebrate the season and would like to include you.

Some ideas are money from your family's homeland, magazine images, samples of writing in another language, copies of pictures of places or people, or something from another UU church you attended. Please remember that you will not get these items back, so hold onto your precious things.

Thank you for being a part of our greater family and Beloved Community.



## PASSING THE PLATE

**DONATE BY TEXT**

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

**DONATE TO TUUC VIA PAYPAL, TEXT, OR BREEZE**

**MORE INFORMATION ON THE [TUUC WEBSITE](#)**

# TUUC AUCTION 2023—DONATE NOW!

It's time for **Creating Connections!**

**Step #1** for a successful 2023 Auction – More donations, please!

We'll accept donations right up until Auction day but it would be so helpful to get your donations now. Donating now means we'll have a good assortment of items and adventures when we open the BidBeacon site for browsing on October 27 and silent bidding on November 4. And donating now means less stress for your volunteer committee. You can stop by the Auction table after church on Sunday to fill out a paper form or donate on-line using the links below.

**Donation Ideas:** Click here for the [link](#).

**Instructions:** Click here for the [link](#).

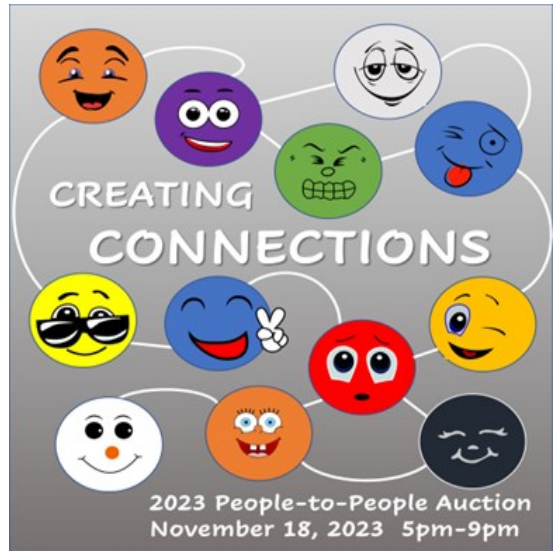
**Donation Form:** Click here for the [link](#).

If you want to repeat an event or re-list an item that didn't sell we can simply copy over donations from last year. Just email us at [auktion@towsonuuc.org](mailto:auktion@towsonuuc.org).

The Auction Committee is working hard to make this year's Auction a big success and lots of fun. Please do your part! Donate now and **Create Connections!** in support of TUUC.

Gratefully,

Your 2023 Auction Committee



## CABIN FEVER

HOUSE (1985)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

4:30 PM DISCUSSION

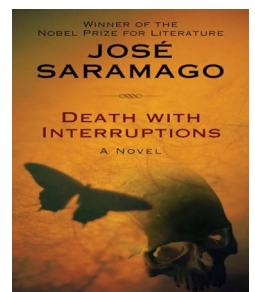


## BOOK CLUB

DEATH WITH  
INTERRUPTIONS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

7:30 PM



# TUUC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

## GREEN SANCTUARY COMMITTEE

If you could not attend the October 8th service in person, you can still voice your support for the "Let All That Has Breath" campaign, to strengthen Maryland's EmPower program so it helps more low-income households become energy efficient. [Click here](#) to print out the form and return it to TUUC.

You can also urge our U.S. Senators to include important climate change provisions in the massive Farm Bill when it is reauthorized. Click [here \(Senator Cardin\)](#) and [here Senator Van Hollen](#) to print out letters to sign and send directly to Senators Cardin and Van Hollen.

## TUUC DRUM CIRCLE—SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22 AT 3 PM

The first meeting of the TUUC Drum Circle for the season will be Sunday, October 22nd at 3 PM in the Meeting Room. Hope you'll join in the rhythm! We'll spend most of the time free form jamming, but we'll have a time for meditational drumming towards the end. Please bring a hand drum if you have one, and we'll have some small percussion available as well. We are short on djembes right now, so if anyone has an extra you can bring (or even donate to the cause), please do so! For more information, contact Tracy Hall at [music@towsonuuc.org](mailto:music@towsonuuc.org).

## ICJS TO HOST INTERRELIGIOUS EVENTS ON HOWARD THURMAN—MON, OCT 23 AT 7 PM

The Institute for Islamic, Christian, and Jewish Studies (ICJS) is presenting a series of events this fall centering on the life and legacy of Howard Thurman. Dr. Walter Fluker, one of the preeminent experts on Thurman, will deliver the ICJS Manekin-Clark Lecture at 7 PM on Monday, October 23 at Northside Baptist Church, 1101 E. Northern Parkway. The lecture is free, but registration is required as space is limited. It will also be live streamed. Other events include: Howard Thurman: Moral anchor to the Civil Rights movement, a three-week minicourse available in person at ICJS or via zoom; a book study group for religious leaders, and a reading group for the general public. For more information and to register, please visit [icjs.org](http://icjs.org).

## SAMHAIN RITUAL AND POTLUCK—SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

In Irish, Samhain is the name for the month of November as well as a Gaelic festival on October 31/November 1. The Celts celebrated on this day the end of the harvest season and beginning of winter or "darker half" of the year. For pagans, this day marks the new year and is a time to commemorate ancestors while making intentions for the new year. The Roots and Wings Chapter of CUUPs will be celebrating Samhain on Saturday, November 4 in the evening. The ritual will begin at 6:30 pm and will be followed by a potluck. Doors will open at 6:00 pm. If the weather is clear, our rite will be held outdoors. Please dress accordingly and bring a dish for sharing, canned food for the ACTC basket, and a memento of a beloved ancestor for the altar. All are welcome!



## BOOK DISCUSSION BY TUUC MEMBER SCOTT SHANE, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4 AT 4 PM

On Saturday November 4 at 4pm, Scott Shane, longtime member of TUUC, will talk about his new book, *FLEE NORTH: A Forgotten Hero and the Fight for Freedom in Slavery's Borderland*. A book sale and signing will follow the talk. All proceeds will benefit TUUC.

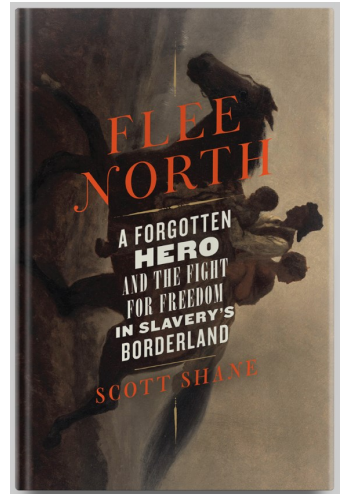
This will be a hybrid event; for details on how to attend, donate, and receive a signed copy of Scott's book, go to <https://www.towsonuuc.org/scott-shane-fundraiser>

*FLEE NORTH: A Forgotten Hero and the Fight for Freedom in Slavery's Borderland* is a nonfiction book that weaves together the true stories of three men: Thomas Smallwood, a Washington D.C. shoemaker who bought his own freedom, helped hundreds of others escape slavery, and wrote about the escapes in sometimes hilarious, sometimes scathing satirical dispatches to an Albany newspaper; Charles Torrey, his younger white partner, a graduate of both Yale and the battles within New England abolitionism; and Hope Slatter, who from his private "slave jail" on Pratt Street, near Baltimore's Inner Harbor, operated the region's largest slave trading business.

"*Flee North*, a gripping story told at a brisk pace in the no-fuss prose of a practiced reporter, is a model of the advantages that journalists can bring to the writing of history. . . . *Flee North* is the kind of story we sorely need at a time when there is no shortage of opportunities for inspiring acts of heroism." -- *Washington Post*

"This astonishing and propulsive narrative rights a historical wrong by returning Smallwood to prominence. It's an absolute must-read." -- *Publisher's Weekly*

Scott Shane was a journalist for 40 years, including 21 years at The Baltimore Sun and 15 years at The New York Times. *FLEE NORTH* is his third book.



## GREEN SANCTUARY GARDENING AT AMAZING GRACE—SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4



Join Green Sanctuary for Gardening at Amazing Grace on Saturday November 4th, from 10 AM to 12 PM. Twice a year we bring a group of TUUC'ers to our partner Amazing Grace/Amazing Port Street Commons in East Baltimore for a morning of working in their garden/labyrinth/rain gardens. Please let Carel Hedlund (info in Breeze) know if you plan to come. We can arrange carpooling from TUUC. Suitable for 14 years and older.

## TUUC BLOOD DRIVE—SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11 FROM 9 AM TO 2 PM

Working with the American Red Cross, we've scheduled Saturday, November 11, 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 November 11th, if you are healthy and have no concerns about donating. To sign up for an appointment time between 9 AM to 2 PM, please use [this link](#) or email Clare Flynn-Avallone with your preferred times.

### October Work Party - October 21, 2023 at 9:00 AM

#### - Invasive Species Removal: Multiflora Rose

Multiflora Rose is an eastern Asian plant brought to the US as rootstock for other roses and for erosion control. Now considered invasive in the Eastern US it forms dense, thorny thickets. Manual removal is the way to go. We will be removing it from a portion of the property.

#### - Trail Management: Tree Removal

The Ancestors trail has some juvenile trees along it's route that need to be removed as they are clustered too tightly with other trees. We will be taking those down or digging them up.

#### - Waterflow Management: Micro-BioRetention Area

The MBRA helps prevent rainwater from flowing over our parking lot. This reduces the ice formed in the circle in the winter, increasing safety. We will be pruning the plants that are part of the MBRA system.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2023 AT 7PM



UU CONGREGATION OF COLUMBIA  
OWEN BROWN INTERFAITH CENTER

7246 Cradlerock Way  
Columbia, MD 21045

## SONGS TO INSPIRE

Benefit Concert for the  
Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry of Maryland



Join us for an evening of... Songs that tell our stories,  
Songs that move faith into action for a livable Earth and justice for all

<https://tinyurl.com/UULMMDbenefit>



# SOCIAL ACTION

## ASSISTANCE CENTER OF TOWSON CHURCHES

The Assistance Center of the Towson Churches, ACTC, is again responding to the community needs. They are open on Wednesday evenings from 4-7pm, to help those unable to come during the day. They are also restarting their financial assistance program. Please note that ACTC really needs hearty canned soups and beans.

## 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.)

## CASSEROLE DONATION MONTH

Heat your ovens. October is a casserole donation month. We have a variety of easy recipes to choose from. The baking tins and the recipes are in the lobby. If you don't feel like cooking, you can donate money for us to purchase a casserole for you. Just send your donation to TUUC your preferred way and be sure to put ODB (Our Daily Bread) in the memo line. \$15 buys one party size casserole. Thanks so much for helping feed those in need.

## UU SERVICE COMMITTEE

Listening to Lorraine Sorbello tell us about the UU-Service Committee, I realized that there has never been a more appropriate time to donate to the UU-Service Committee. For those of you who got the little boxes on Sunday to remind us to support a "Guest at Your Table" please remember to return the full boxes to TUUC by 12/03/23. You can always donate at [uusc.org/givetoguest](https://uusc.org/givetoguest). --- Ann Beezley, TUUC Social Action Committee

## OUT FOR JUSTICE ALL NIGHT COMMUNITY RESOURCE CLINIC—FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Out for Justice's All Night Community Resource Clinic (ANCR) will be held on Friday, November 10 from 4 PM to 4 AM on Monument Street. To register to help, [visit this page](#).

## 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.

Give to Towson Unitarian Universalist Church

\$ 0.00

Give to 2021-2022 Stewardship Campaign

Add Gift to Another Fund

Give this One Time

Give by Credit/Debit Card

Continue

Give to Towson Unitarian Universalist Church

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Give to Restricted Fund

Give to 2021-2022 Stewardship Campaign

Give to Building Fund

Give to General Fund

Give to Green Products

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

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT TUUC

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

20 Oct	Friday	Writing as a Spiritual Practice	1:00 PM
21 Oct	Saturday	Third Saturday Work Party	9:00 AM
22 Oct	Sunday	YRE—Making Faith	9:00 AM
22 Oct	Sunday	YRE—OWL	10:00 AM
22 Oct	Sunday	Sunday Service	10:30 AM
22 Oct	Sunday	Our Journeys	12:00 PM
22 Oct	Sunday	TUUC Drum Circle	3:00 PM
22 Oct	Sunday	Cabin Fever—House	4:30 PM
24 Oct	Tuesday	Soul Matters Sharing Circle	7:30 PM
25 Oct	Wednesday	Book Group	7:30 PM
26 Oct	Thursday	TUUC Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM
29 Oct	Sunday	YRE—Making Faith	9:30 AM
29 Oct	Sunday	YRE—OWL	10:00 AM
29 Oct	Sunday	Sunday Service	10:30 AM
29 Oct	Sunday	Worship as a Spiritual Practice	11:30 AM
29 Oct	Sunday	Cabin Fever—The Burial	4:30 PM
2 Nov	Thursday	Men's Brunch	11:30 AM
2 Nov	Thursday	TUUC Choir Rehearsal	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
10/15/2023	10:30 AM	83 / 22