



**OCTOBER 29—10:30 AM—THE FALSE GOSPEL OF WHITE CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM –
REV. CLARE L. PETERSBERGER, KARA TYLER, TRACY HALL, AND THE TUUC CHOIR**

It seems that, at least once a week, there is a headline about a prison sentence recently handed down for participants in the January 6, 2021 attack on the United States Capitol. There is usually a photo of the individual who participated in the insurrection. But what we don't see or hear as much about, now, is that the first thing the mob did in the Senate chambers was to pray together in the name of Jesus Christ. In addition to carrying guns, they carried placards conflating religious slogans and symbols of Christianity with American politicians and patriotism. It is now 2023, but the false gospel of White Christian Nationalism is not going away. Fifty two percent of Americans believe that the United States was founded as a Christian nation. How does our own Christian religious heritage as Unitarian Universalists counter the false gospel of White Christian Nationalism?

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29 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/98249292449?pwd=eVlUbWZQZG1jRVNmVjJPZVA2MkZyUT09>

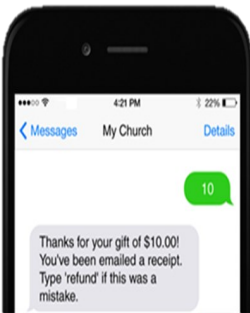
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YOUTH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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](#)

BE A MONITOR AT TUUC!

Towson Unitarian Universalist Church (TUUC) derives income from renting our facility to external groups when not in use by the congregation for church events. The monitor is to ensure that both the Church and the renter are satisfied with their use of church facilities.

The monitor role is to ensure that the church facility is appropriately used and in accordance with the TUUC Facility Use Policy to protect the Church building and resources from misuse and damage. As a representative of TUUC it is also the monitor's responsibility to ensure that the renter's use of the facilities is as smooth and trouble free as possible.

This is an on-call paid position. Rate of pay is \$15.00 per hour.

DUTIES:

- The monitor will promptly open the facility at assigned time.
- Follow the special instructions section contained in the monitor notification of any additional services such as Audio, Custodial, Rights to serve alcohol, etc.
- Regulate room temperatures as needed.
- Check and make sure that the space rented is clean and orderly.
- Develop working rapport with rental contact.
- Be available and attentive to the needs of the renters/rental contact.
- Close facility as directed in procedures.
- Be prepared for any emergencies.

Monitors must attend a one-hour orientation session at a convenient time during TUUC business hours.

Contact Kai Aiyetoro, Church Administrator at churchoffice@towsonuuc.org.



PAINT BRANCH CREEK

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>

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2023 AT 7PM

**UU CONGREGATION OF COLUMBIA
OWEN BROWN INTERFAITH CENTER**

7246 Cradlerock Way
Columbia, MD 21045



JOSHUA LONG

TUUC AUCTION 2023—DONATE NOW!

It's time for *Creating Connections!*

Step #1 Donate

Step #2 Buy Raffle tickets & browse

Step #3 Let the bidding begin

Step #4 Join the party and Live Auction

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. Here are easy links to give you some ideas and to make your donation(s):

[Donation Ideas](#)

[Instructions](#)

[Donation Form](#)

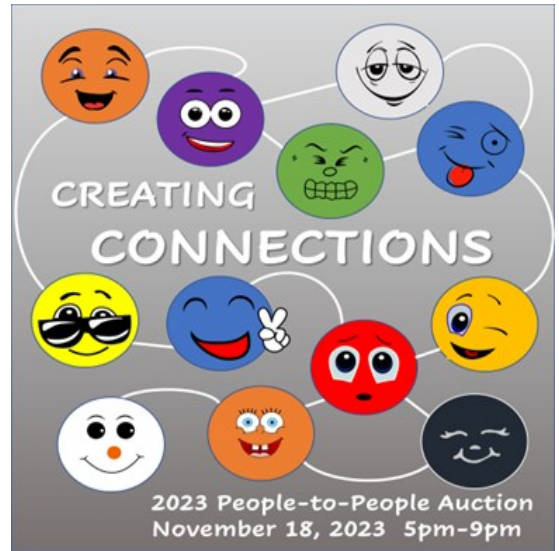
And if you simply want to repeat an event or re-list an item that didn't sell last year, just email us at auction@towsonuuc.org.

Step #2 for a successful 2023 Auction – Buy Raffle tickets and start browsing!

Online bidding will open on November 4 but you can buy Raffle tickets and start browsing donations now. Simply [click here to activate your account on BidBeacon](#). Raffle tickets are a great way to support TUUC and a good bet for the buyer as we always have an amazing assortment of gift cards donated for the Raffle. And while you're on the Auction site, take the time to browse the many, wonderful donations already received like an English tea, a Mediterranean dinner, or the opportunity to brew your own beer.

The Auction Committee is working hard to make this year's Auction a big success and lots of fun. Please do your part! Make a donation, buy Raffle tickets and browse [BidBeacon](#) and let's be *Creating Connections!* in support of TUUC.

Gratefully, Your 2023 Auction Committee



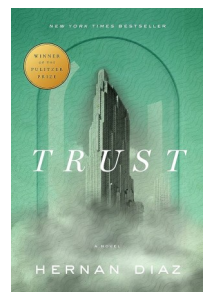
CABIN FEVER

THE BURIAL (2023)
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29
4:30 PM DISCUSSION



BOOK CLUB

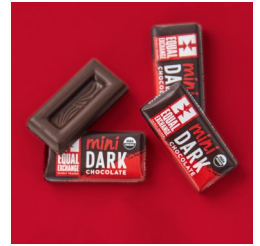
TRUST
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29
7:30 PM



TUUC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

FAIR TRADE HALLOWEEN/SAMHAIN SALES—SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

TUUC's Green Sanctuary Committee has fully stocked our fair trade supplies and will be selling coffee (including decaf, ground, and whole bean), various teas, almonds, cashews, and olive oil, in the lobby during Sunday's coffee hour. We will also have chocolate minis (bags of 25) and chocolate bars for Halloween and other upcoming holidays. When you buy fair trade and organic products from us, you support sustainable farming, small-scale farmer co-ops, and the fair trade coffee served during our Sunday coffee hours.



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!

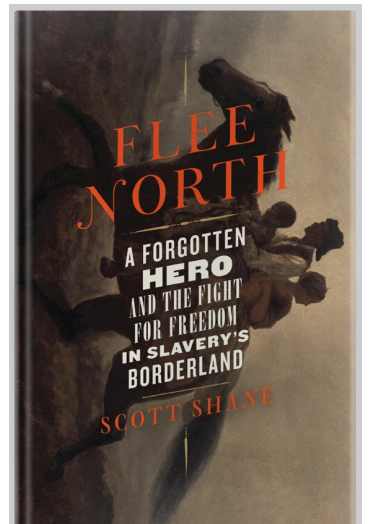


SCOTT SHANE AUTHOR TALK AND BOOK SIGNING—NOVEMBER 4 AT 4:00 PM

Don't miss Scott Shane, longtime member of TUUC, talking 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.



JOIN US SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5 TO MAKE APPLE DUMPLINGS WITH YRE

Help YRE make delicious apple dumplings to donate to the auction. All materials and ingredients will be supplied, as well as a pizza lunch! Come to Room 1 at noon to core apples, roll dough, and mix ingredients. All ages and abilities are welcome!

Questions? Check-in with Dan Alper or Kara Tyler.

NEWS ABOUT US

We mourn the death of Linda Mattingly on October 17th. Linda was born in Baltimore. Her first job was in fair housing. She pursued a master's in nutrition and worked for WIC in Baltimore. She and her husband John met giving direct assistance to people with low incomes. They were married for 54 years during which they moved nine times. They raised two children: Katy and David. It was a delight to celebrate David's marriage to Bilal at TUUC in 2018.

Linda began the TUUC Book Club. TUUC members also remember Linda as a wonderful cook with a vivacious personality and an optimistic spirit. John and his children invite you to stop by 6005 N. Charles Street, on Saturday, November 4, from 1 to 5:00 PM to share your memories of Linda. Messages of condolence may also be sent to John. His address is in Breeze.

---Rev. Clare

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.

TUUC CUUPS GROUP ROOTS AND WINGS LANTERNS

Rev. Karyn Marsh and members of TUUC's CUUPS group, Roots and Wings, would like to gratefully acknowledge the beautiful lanterns that graced our ancestor altar at this past Sunday's service. They were donated by Dean and Ann Stocksdale in memory of their son Will. In this season, may all who grieve find comfort in not only their memories, but also the community of love and life that surrounds all of us.



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

\$ 0.00

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 Verables 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



November 11, 2023
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

-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 around the parking lot and Cherry Grove.

-Invasive Species Management: English Ivy
English Ivy was brought to the US as a garden plant. It has quickly become established as an invasive. Currently impossible to eradicate, it must be managed in a forest setting to prevent damage to mature trees. We will be working on the trees in and around the parking lot.

-Invasive Species Management: Porcelain Berry
Native to SE Asia, the Ampelopsis Glandulosa was brought to the US and is still planted as an ornamental in gardens. It can overwhelm smaller trees. We will be working on the trees in and around the parking lot.

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.)

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. --- Ann Beezley, TUUC Social Action Committee

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

On Friday, November 10, 2023, Out For Justice, Inc. (OFJ), in partnership with their community partners Challenge to Change and InFusion Community Grants, will be hosting our 6th All-Night Community Resource Clinic on Monument Street during the hours of 4 PM to 4 AM. This all-night community event is one of the ways we address the lack of access to resources that we believe contributes to stress, which leads to violence. Studies show that these hours are the peak times when illicit activities occur, and we seek to disrupt that flow by offering supportive services to marginalized neighborhoods in our city. Additionally, getting access to these services reduces stress levels for many individuals, ultimately reducing violence and recidivism.

Volunteer attorneys, social workers, and health and human service practitioners are on-site ALL NIGHT LONG from 4 pm-4 am to assist community members. Historically, each event has resulted in 300+ expungement petitions filed and countless community members being connected with additional resources to help them move past their interaction with the criminal legal system toward economic mobility and stability.

We are actively recruiting volunteer attorneys, paralegals, and system navigators to provide free on-site legal services, choosing 3-4 hour shifts for both criminal and civil matters (criminal record expungement, warrant recalls, landlord/tenant issues, child support modification, etc.).

We also seek volunteer health & human service practitioners (social workers, etc.), employers, workforce developers, educators, service providers, artists and more to assist the community with resources specific to their needs. We would LOVE to have you there!

Please see the poster on the next page for information on how to sign up.



InFusion
Community Grants Program



**Join Out For Justice, Challenge 2 Change,
and InFusion Community Grants, at our
2023 All Night Community Resource Clinic**

November 10 2023, 4PM-4AM,
N Bradford and E Monument St

Join us for FREE community and legal resources:

- Legal Support
- Onsite Social Workers
- Acupuncture
- Live Entertainment
- Expungement
- Wellness Services
- Employment Assistance
- Dinner and Breakfast



**Volunteers, lawyers, and service providers interested in assisting our
event, please click [here](#)**

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT TUUC

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

28 Oct	Saturday	Celebration of Life	1:00 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
3 Nov	Friday	Writing As a Spiritual Practice	1:00 PM
4 Nov	Saturday	Scott Shane Book Talk and Signing	4:00 PM
4 Nov	Saturday	Samhain Ritual and Potluck	6:30 PM
5 Nov	Sunday	YRE—Making Faith	9:00 AM
5 Nov	Sunday	YRE—OWL	10:00 AM
5 Nov	Sunday	Sunday Service	10:30 AM
5 Nov	Sunday	Our Journeys	12:00 PM
5 Nov	Sunday	Cabin Fever—Midnight Run	4:30 PM
6 Nov	Monday	Mindful Way Meditation	7:00 PM
7 Nov	Tuesday	Women's Group Meeting	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
10/22/2023	10:30 AM	73 / 24