



**NOVEMBER 5—10:30 AM—THE SON OF A DEALER OF GAME AND POULTRY WITH A DREAM OF ABUNDANCE – REV. CLARE L. PETERSBERGER, THE TUUC CHOIR, BEVERLY GINSBURG, AND ROSLYN CANOSA**

This month, we are celebrating the gift of generosity. Who, in your own life, was an exemplar of generosity? What did they give you? What possibilities did their gift open for you? How has this inspired your own generosity? Today we reflect on an unusual story of generosity by the son of a dealer of game and poultry and the possibilities it opened for people who thought they did not have a future. We will hear from Beverly Ginsburg and Roslyn Canosa who volunteer for the Assistance Center of Towson Churches, one of our community partners, about the transformative power of feeding neighbors who are hungry. Our offering will be dedicated to the Assistance Center of Towson Churches.



**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5 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/92599241269?pwd=eHNmWDJ6Zjczb3pZUdpVFcwa1JaUT09>

Meeting ID: 925 9924 1269

Passcode: 434910

**COMMUNITY CHOIR ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19**

Our next Community Choir Sunday will be November 19th. Yes, it's the morning after the Creating Connections Auction! Hopefully some of you will still get enough sleep to come out to rehearse that morning at 9 AM, and sing in the service. You'll have a substantial break time during sound checks before the service. Hope to see you on November 19th! Please RSVP to Tracy at [music@towsonuuc.org](mailto:music@towsonuuc.org) if you plan to come. But if you forget...you can still just show up!

**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

In a recent conversation with John Barry, he reminded me of the story of a pie auction he attended several years ago. The auction was to raise funds for eighth grade students to take a trip. On the way into the auction, one of the students dropped his pie in the parking lot of the school. It appeared ruined. At the beginning of the bidding, the auctioneer announced that, unfortunately, there was one damaged pie. Without a moment's hesitation, one person raised his hand and said, "I'll pay \$15 for it."

This is the gift of generosity. It is not giving to receive something, tit for tat. You must live a life of kindness to be able to think so quickly, to act so immediately, to know precisely, in that moment, how to show solidarity and heal disappointment with a \$15 bid for a ruined pie.

The gift of generosity doesn't just connect us to others. It transforms us as a human being. John affirmed years ago (and still today), "I want to be the person who raises his hand, without hesitation, to offer \$15 for the ruined pie."

Even if you never dropped a pie in a school parking lot, or saw one dropped, who showed you the gift of a generosity? How would you describe the spirit of the person? How did their act of generosity change you? Who do you aspire to become because of it?

The gift of generosity cannot fix or heal all the world's problems. Our hearts are with the civilians in Israel and Palestine--especially the children--who are suffering terribly from the current war. I am reminded of Abraham Joshua Heschel who wrote, "Prayer cannot bring water to parched fields, or mend a broken bridge, or rebuild a ruined city; but prayer can water an arid soul, mend a broken heart, and rebuild a weakened will." We all know someone whose gift of generosity watered an arid soul, mended a broken heart, and rebuilt a weakened will.

This month we will explore the gift of generosity in the Hindu and Buddhist traditions. We will also consider how generosity flows from gratitude and curiosity. And we will have the opportunity to practice the gift of generosity in relation to one of our community partners, the Assistance Center of Towson Churches, as well as during our annual TUUC auction. And since the gift of generosity flows from gratitude, we will give thanks!

### CABIN FEVER

**MIDNIGHT RUN (1988)**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5**

**4:30 PM DISCUSSION**

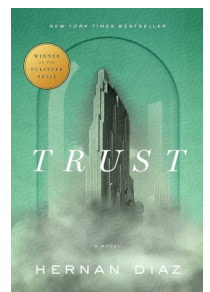


### BOOK CLUB

**TRUST**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29**

**7:30 PM**



## 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](mailto: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

ONLINE BIDDING OPENS 11/4!

AUCTION SATURDAY, NOV 18 @ 7 PM

Potluck supper @ 5 PM; Children's auction @ 6:30 PM

TUUC Auction night is now just **two weeks away!** We'll start the evening with our traditional potluck supper (always a treat!) before the Voice Auction starts at 7 pm. A special auction for children starts at 6:30. Bring a dish to share and some cash for the beer and wine bar which will stay open through the evening. You'll also have the chance to view all the donations on display and to place early evening bids for silent and buy-now offerings. Nursery and childcare will be provided. For those choosing to attend the Auction on Zoom watch for an email the week of the Auction with instructions and the link.



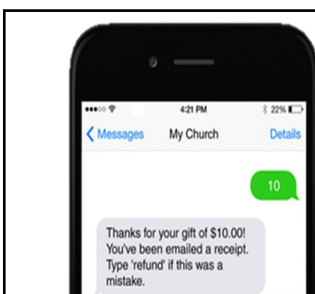
**Have you made a donation?** There's still time and it's easy; just click this link: [Donation Form and Instructions](#). Please bring donated items to TUUC between 10 am and noon on Nov. 18 so the Auction Committee can see that they are properly displayed before people start to arrive. If you can't bring your donated item(s) to the church the morning of Nov. 18, you can bring it to the Auction table in the foyer after Sunday Services this week and next.

**Have you set up your BidBeacon account?** If not, [click here to Get With The Program](#). **Bidding opens on Saturday, Nov. 4** so you can look at and start to bid on some of the wonderful donations we've received? All bidding except for the donations reserved for the Voice Auction is done through BidBeacon so be sure you're set up.

**Have you bought Raffle tickets?** The Raffle has always been a fun part of our annual Auction and this year is no different. Some wonderful gift cards and certificates have been donated for the Raffle and more are coming in all the time. You can buy your Raffle tickets on BidBeacon or in the foyer after Sunday services on Nov. 5 and Nov. 12. Raffle sales close early on Auction Night so it's a big help if you [buy your tickets now](#). And remember you don't have to be present to win. Many thanks to the donors who make our Auction Raffle possible. And if you're stumped for what to donate this year, why not give a gift card to a favorite store or restaurant; just click the above link to the donation form.

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, place some bids, buy raffle tickets. It's time for Creating Connections! to support TUUC.

*Gratefully, Your 2023 Auction Committee*



## 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](#)



## TUUC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

### 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.

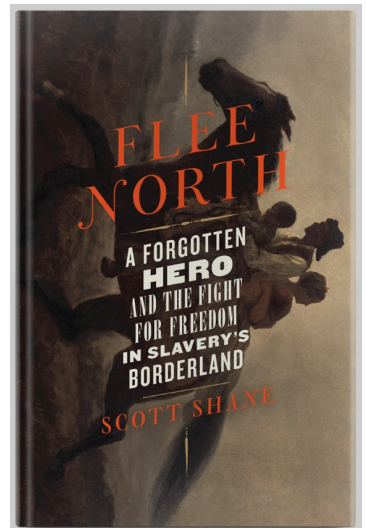
This will be a hybrid event; for details on how to attend, donate, and receive a signed copy of Scott's book, go to <https://www.towsonuuc.org/scott-shane-fundraiser>

*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.



## **GREEN SANCTUARY MEETING—SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5 AT 12:00 PM**

The Green Sanctuary Committee will meet on Sunday November 5th at Noon in Room 6 downstairs. If you wish to attend by zoom, the link is on the TUUC web calendar.

All are welcome to attend, in person or by zoom!

## **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.

## **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.

## **NOVEMBER ETHNIC LUNCH—WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15 AT 12:30 PM**

Helmand's isn't open for lunch but there is now a restaurant who offers Afghan food in the middle of the day. Our November Ethnic Lunch will be at Kandahar, a casual restaurant in Hampden, ([kandaharkitchen.com](http://kandaharkitchen.com)) 914 W. 36th Street, Baltimore.

We will meet on Wednesday, November 15 at 12:30. To RSVP email [ethniclunch@towsonuuc.org](mailto:ethniclunch@towsonuuc.org) by Sunday, November 12.

And mark your calendars now for a return to Daniela Restaurant for December Ethnic Lunch. We'll avoid the holiday crunch by moving lunch to Wednesday, December 13.

## **SINGLES FELLOWSHIP GROUP POTLUCK—SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25 AT 6:00 PM**

Join us for good food and conversation in the church upper level lobby. We offer an atmosphere for fellowship and friendship among TUUC single adults. We range in age from the 60's through the 80's, but gladly welcome anyone to join us. Please call Ronald Rowley to RSVP and to get more information. He is listed in the church directory.

## 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 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.



## GALLERY UNICORN SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

The volunteers of Gallery Unicorn hope you are enjoying the artwork in our meeting room. The on-going success of GU for our TUUC community (and the community at large) requires the dedication and person-power of volunteers. We need help with hanging the exhibitions (6 per year) and assisting during GU receptions. The gallery also has a Facebook page and help with social media would be greatly appreciated. If you are interested, please send an email to [galleryunicorn@towsonuuc.org](mailto:galleryunicorn@towsonuuc.org). Thanks. ~ Lisa Lubomski for Gallery Unicorn.

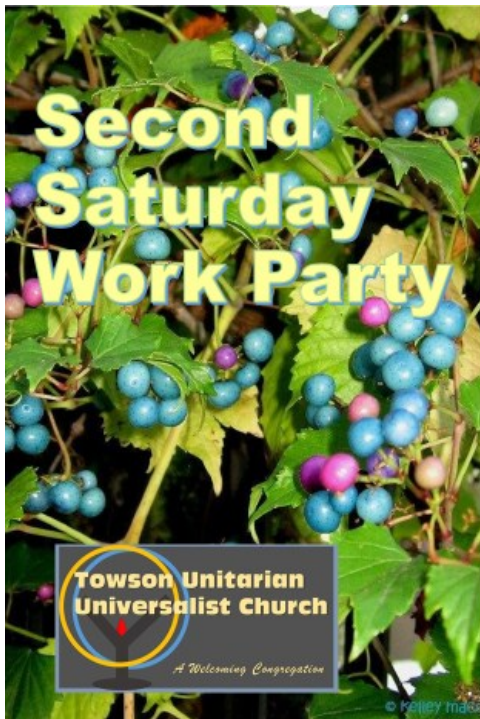
## GALLERY UNICORN—CALLING ALL ARTISTS!!

Are you hiding your artist light under a basket? Is your artwork already out there in the world? TUUC is the spiritual home to MANY creative people. We invite you to share your art or artisan work with our congregation in the annual Members and Friends of TUUC Exhibit. While there are many trained artists at our church, you don't have to be a trained artist to submit. Worried about whether your art is good enough? Do you make art? Do you want/need to get your artist light out from under the basket? Do you want to share your work with our broader community? Then this is the place for you. Any member or friend (or family member) of TUUC may submit up to 2 works for the exhibition.

The exhibition will run from Sunday, January 8, 2024 through March 4, 2024. Art to be delivered to the church between 9-10 on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 and picked up following services on March 4, 2024, or at the church on Monday, March 5, 2024 between 9-10am. If you have any questions or want to submit, please email to [galleryunicorn@towsonuuc.org](mailto:galleryunicorn@towsonuuc.org).



# November 5, 2023!!



**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

It's time to express our gratitude for all the bounty we have by donating Thanksgiving Baskets to the ACTC (Assistance Center of the Towson Churches). There are three ways to give:

- You can do a virtual donation
- You can buy a prepared basket at a participating store
- You can buy the required items and bring them to TUUC for delivery

All the details are at their website (<https://www.actconline.info>) or on the poster in our lobby. Please note the deadline for delivery for baskets dropped off at TUUC is Wednesday, November 15.

### 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.)

### 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.

## SACRED LISTENING CAMPAIGN

Our Sacred Listening Campaign Team will be reaching out to more people in the next few months. Would you like to deepen your relationships with others in our TUUC community, discover an area of social justice that excites you and possibly learn something about yourself in the process? To become a member of our team or to have a conversation with one of our group, please contact Rev. Clare or Ann Beezley.



**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.

3 Nov	Friday	Writing As a Spiritual Practice	1:00 PM
4 Nov	Saturday	Green Sanctuary—Gardening at Amazing Grace	10:00 AM
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	Apple Dumpling Workshop	12:00 PM
5 Nov	Sunday	Green Sanctuary Committee	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
8 Nov	Wednesday	Pre-Auction Committee Meeting	7:30 PM
9 Nov	Thursday	TUUC Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM
11 Nov	Saturday	Blood Drive	9:00 AM
11 Nov	Saturday	Second Saturday Work Party	9:00 AM
12 Nov	Sunday	YRE—Making Faith	9:00 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
10/29/2023	10:30 AM	82 / 24