



NOVEMBER 26—10:30 AM—NOURISHING GROWTH AND CONNECTION THROUGH GENEROSITY AT TUUC – TRACY MYERS PRESTON AND FRIENDS

Ever wondered how generosity, in its purest form, could profoundly shape our community? Let’s journey together to unlock the transformative power of two innate gifts—curiosity and reflection.

This won’t just be an exploration; it will be a call to action.

Elizabeth Kübler-Ross once said, "The greatest gift you can give another is the gift of yourself." In this service, we will delve into how sharing the gift of our curiosity can light the way for growth, and how the act of reflection can deepen our community bonds.

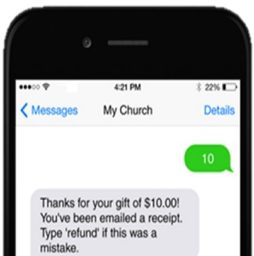
Join us as we wield our collective power of curiosity to shape the future of TUUC, and use reflection to forge meaningful connections within our community.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26 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/92085874309?pwd=clFmOTJqUUdLQXZ6L0M5T1lpdjUzUT09>

Meeting ID: 920 8587 4309 Passcode: 217641



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- 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

TUUC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

BISHOP CARLTON D. PEARSON

Bishop Carlton D. Pearson, an Affiliate Minister of All Souls Unitarian Church of Tulsa died on November 19. His amazing spiritual odyssey included graduating from Oral Roberts University and building a congregation of 6,000 as a Pentecostal preacher to renouncing hell and preaching "a gospel of inclusion" that rejected the ideal of hell. For doing so, he was labeled a "heretic" and chose to resign as a regent from the Board of Oral Roberts University. In 2008, Bishop Pearson joined All Souls Unitarian Church of Tulsa and became an Affiliate Minister. The 2018 film "Come Sunday" documented his religious odyssey. "He helped people of all cultures and faiths know that God loves us beyond belief. In an era of division, he stood out as a voice of unity and reason," said Rev. Dr. Marlin Lavanhar, Senior Minister of All Souls Unitarian Church in Tulsa. TUUC's Affiliate Community Minister, The Reverend Karyn B. Marsh had the opportunity to work with, and learn from, Bishop Pearson during her internship at All Souls. We celebrate Rev. Pearson's "gospel of inclusion" and all the lives he touched with his universalist faith, hope, and love.

---Rev. Clare

GREEN SANCTUARY TIP OF THE WEEK

The Native American stewards of this land for thousands of years prior to the arrival of Europeans always expressed gratitude to the earth and its living creatures. They felt they should use only what was needed and protect the rest. As we enter the holiday season and its consumerist tendencies, may we follow their noble example by taking a minimalist approach to our living. Practice gratitude for simple gifts, seek out experiences over material objects, and look for delight in nature's beauty.

NEWS ABOUT US

You're invited to an all ages 60's themed costume party celebrating the life & times of "B" Khem (Jim Spath's sister) on Sunday November 26th from 3-7 at the church. Bring your best stories from back in the day & a bite to share. Thai food & tunes will be served. Show your colors!

---Jim Spath and Heather Harts'horn

A NOTE FROM THE TUUC BOARD PRESIDENT

TUUC has recently received a generous bequest from the estate of longtime member Alfred Raymond Bolz. The instructions for its use state that "It is the Settlor's desire that this distribution be used primarily for facilities or projects to expand Unitarian Universalism immediately rather than to establish or be added to an endowment for future use." With the aim of becoming a more inclusive community, the Board of Trustees of TUUC intends to use these funds toward improving the accessibility of our building.

A listening session in December 2021 confirmed the urgency felt by members of the congregation to make changes so that we can be more accessible to those living with disabilities or special needs. The Bolz bequest enables us to begin this process. We convened a

team in March 2023 to work on the initial phase of an accessibility project. The team crafted a Request for Proposals seeking an architect to assess our physical spaces and recommend possible solutions, and has conducted interviews with firms that submitted bids. The highest priority need is for easier access to a bathroom for those with physical mobility challenges. However, we anticipate that the architect selected will recommend a number of changes, and that we may need to augment the Bolz bequest with funding from other sources.

Although we have now been working on this project for several months, we are very much in the early stages. As this process moves forward, we will keep you updated on the status of the project, and we will seek input from the congregation via focus groups and listening sessions. In addition, please feel free to contact me at president@towsonuuc.org with questions, suggestions, or concerns you might have.

Accessibility project team: Ellie Hughes (convener), Andrew Hager, Sue Royer, Rev. Clare Petersberger, Clare Flynn-Avallone, Sean Mackey, Todd Robertson, SarahRuth Davis

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.

TUUC DRUM CIRCLE WILL MEET SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3 AT 3 PM

Hello, lovers of rhythm! Please join us for the TUUC Drum Circle on Dec. 3rd in the Meeting Room at 3 PM. We'll mostly drum free-form, and we'll have a meditative drumming time near the end of the event. Please bring a djembe or other hand drum if you have one. We'll make available a few drums and lots of small percussion.

DECEMBER ETHNIC LUNCH—FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8 AT 12:30 PM

Daniela's in December has become an Ethnic Lunch tradition. The meal, which will be served family style, will be appetizer plates, pastas and a mini dessert platter for \$40 per person. Anyone who has been to lunch at Daniela's knows what a delicious feast this is. Drinks will be extra. If there are special diet considerations (like gluten free) they can accommodate but let us know when you RSVP. This is the meal that will be provided. We will not be ordering off the menu.

December's ethnic lunch will be on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8 at 12:30 in an effort to avoid everyone's hectic schedules around holiday time. Daniela's is in Hampden, 824 W. 36th Street, danielaristorante.com. RSVP to ethniclunch@towsonuuc.org by TUESDAY AFTERNOON, DECEMBER 5.

--- Claudia and Janet

CREATING CONNECTIONS

Thank You!



Thanks to all who donated, bid, volunteered and participated to make this year's auction a great success and a great deal of fun. Our theme this year of *Creating Connections* is particularly appropriate: What sets the TUUC annual auction apart from other auctions is the very large number of "activity with donor" events which bring together our community in an amazing array of offerings such as games, shows, classes, meals, tours, picnics, bike rides, hikes and more. 189 places in 37 different events were sold this year to members of our community who wanted to do something together that's fun and enlightening, and in the process get to know each other better. How's that for creating connections?

That's not to say there weren't many enticing tangible items that led to the type of spirited bidding wars that bring joy to the winner and to those of us who plan and run the Auction. Together we've raised over \$19,000 for TUUC. And we're not done yet. There are some great tangible items as well as places remaining for some of the excellent activities offered at the Auction by our wonderful donors. [Click here](#) for the list of all that's still available and instructions on how to make a purchase. You can also view the items and make a purchase at the Post-Auction table next Sunday during hospitality.

The Towson Unitarian Universalist Church Auction Committee

CABIN FEVER

THE DEER HUNTER (1979)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

4:30 PM DISCUSSION

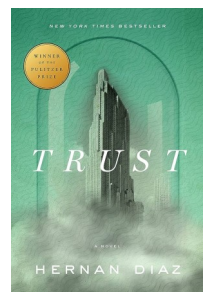


BOOK CLUB

TRUST

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

7:30 PM



SOCIAL ACTION

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.)

GUESTS AT OUR TABLE—DONATION BOXES NEEDED

This is a reminder for folks to bring in our donation boxes for Guests at Our Table to the UU Service Committee by Sunday, December 3.

TUUC SOCIAL ACTION HOLIDAY GIVING

You are invited to experience the joy of giving this holiday season by gifting to men healing from homelessness. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! Earl's Place is a recovery-based housing program providing long-term (up to two years) housing and supportive services to men experiencing homelessness; 17 men at a time.

Adopt-a-Resident: Holiday Wish List for Anthony Falcon

Anthony is 57 years old. He likes Tai Chi, Bowling, Nature Walks, and Animal Documentaries.

- Black towel, wash cloth set
- Black Bathrobe L or XL
- Black Pajama Set L or XL
- Slip-on House Slippers Black 8 1/2 - 9 1/2 M width
- Allen Iverson Answer III Reebok Sneakers High-top Red & White Size 8 1/2
- Amazon Gift Card
- Walmart Gift Card
- Hat, Scarf, and Gloves - Colors preferred are black, navy blue, or green

Prospect Place is in Rosedale and serves 12 chronically homeless men. Amazon and Walmart are convenient for the men. Our TUUC goal is to gift a total of 29—\$25.00 gift cards. Starting with 12 for the men of Prospect Place and hopefully another 17 for the men of Earl's Place.

When: by Sunday December 10th

Where and How: Drop off wrapped gifts in the church lobby near the countertop Poinsettia or in and near the Earl's Place bucket on the floor of our coat closet. Place Gift Cards in the small holiday box next to the countertop Poinsettia. You are also welcome to order online and ship directly to Earl's Place, or email, or snail mail gifts and gift cards for Earl's Place & Prospect Place by sending to Sheila Helgerson, Cornerstone Community Housing Executive Director at: sheila@cchbaltimore.org | Earl's Place 1400 E. Lombard Street Baltimore, MD 21231

Please update Sheila Malenski at sheila@cchbaltimore.org to help keep track of items purchased.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT TUUC

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

25 Nov	Saturday	Singles Fellowship Potluck	6:00 PM
26 Nov	Sunday	YRE—Making Faith	9:00 AM
26 Nov	Sunday	Sunday Service	10:30 AM
26 Nov	Sunday	Celebration of Life—Barbara Spath Khem	3:00 PM
28 Nov	Tuesday	Soul Matters Sharing Circle	7:30 PM
29 Nov	Wednesday	Book Group	7:30 PM
30 Nov	Thursday	TUUC Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM
1 Dec	Friday	Writing as a Spiritual Practice	1:00 PM
2 Dec	Sunday	YRE—Making Faith	9:00 AM
2 Dec	Sunday	YRE—OWL	10:00 AM
2 Dec	Sunday	Sunday Service	10:30 AM
2 Dec	Sunday	Social Action Committee Meeting	12:15 PM
2 Dec	Sunday	Drum Circle	3:00 PM
2 Dec	Sunday	Cabin Fever—The Deer Hunter	4:30 PM
4 Dec	Monday	Mindful Way Meditation	7:00 PM
5 Dec	Tuesday	Women's Group Meeting	7:30 PM
7 Dec	Thursday	Men's Brunch	11:30 AM
7 Dec	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
11/19/2023	10:30 AM	88 / 30