



**DECEMBER 24—10:30 AM—LOVE AND JOY COME TO YOU – TRACY HALL AND THE TUUC CHOIR, REV. CLARE L. PETERSBERGER**

On this Christmas Eve morning we gather to remember holidays past; to lower our stress levels; and to lift our spirits through song. We do not come a wassailing from home to home in the neighborhood nor for tangible gifts. But our worship service will include favorite holiday carols and songs to share the blessing of love and joy through music.

**DECEMBER 24—5:30 PM—OH, STAR OF WONDER! – REV. CLARE L. PETERSBERGER, KARA TYLER, DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, TRACY HALL, MUSIC DIRECTOR**

A central “character” in Matthew’s nativity story is the star the wise folk follow to find the baby Jesus. The appearance of the star in the Biblical story is brief. But its light continues to shine in the imaginations of artists and musicians who wrote Christmas carols. Tonight we celebrate the story of the nativity from the star’s point of view. You are welcome to bring a beloved star ornament to hang on our tree during the service (and then take home with you.) Tonight, we celebrate the wonder of the star and the stars which inspire us to look up and marvel at the gift of our life.

**DECEMBER 24—7:30 PM—THE MYSTERY OF INCARNATION – REV. CLARE L. PETERSBERGER, TRACY HALL, MUSIC DIRECTOR, AND THE TUUC CHOIR**

The poet, Alison Hawthorne Deming, wrote about a friend who is both a writer and a scientist. This friend went to a monastery and heard “a monk’s teaching that crucifixion was not the hard part...incarnation was. How to squeeze all of that all-of-that into a body.” In tonight’s candle light service, we ponder the mystery of the incarnation and its implications for our own lives.

**CHRISTMAS EVE ONLINE SERVICE INFORMATION**

For those who plan to join us on Zoom for these services, please see below for the Zoom information.

**10:30 AM SERVICE:**

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/92997317821?pwd=ck8rQ2UvQ09qV2cwUnR2eFFIVIRKdz09>

Meeting ID: 929 9731 7821 Passcode: 053112

**5:30 PM SERVICE:**

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/95566129822?pwd=R1R0VThaZFg4Sy9ZV284ZkJKcFlzZz09>

Meeting ID: 955 6612 9822 Passcode: 913732

**7:30 PM SERVICE:**

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/96213553160?pwd=WEpmS0RObUN0cDVOaVZ3dERHanI1dz09>

Meeting ID: 962 1355 3160 Passcode: 228553

# TUUC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

## LET'S GET THE RECORDS STRAIGHT!

The end of the year is creeping upon us and we want to be able to supply you with correct financial records for your 2023 calendar year end contributions. **Members**, please check your profile in Breeze and look under Giving to determine if your contributions have been credited to the correct fund. **Friends**, since you do not have access to Breeze, please contact us at [churchoffice@towsonuuc.org](mailto:churchoffice@towsonuuc.org) or [bookkeeper@towsonuuc.org](mailto:bookkeeper@towsonuuc.org) for a copy of your current giving report before December 31st so we can make sure your contributions are coded correctly. Should there be any discrepancies, please let us know. The final year end statements will be sent out the second week of January 2024. Thank you in advance!

## GREEN SANCTUARY TIP OF THE WEEK

The excitement of gift-giving also includes the delight of presenting a beautifully wrapped present. It is all part of the experience. However, the wrapping paper and ribbons are immediately discarded, are generally not recyclable, and go into a landfill. Presents can be just as lovely when scarves and other fabrics, as well as reusable gift boxes and bags, are used for wrapping. After the gift-giving, they can be folded and tucked away in a small area to be used again.



For inspiration on wrapping gifts with scarves or other fabric, go to <https://www.bhg.com/christmas/gift-wrapping/wrap-gift-with-fabric/>

## NEWS ABOUT US

Congratulations to The Reverend Karyn Marsh! After being ordained by our congregation in May of 2022, Rev. Karyn became a Board Certified Chaplain in October and is serving as a part-time chaplain in several local hospitals. Rev. Karyn recently accepted a contract ministry part time position with the Unitarian Universalists of Fallston, MD. We will miss having Rev. Karyn serve as TUUC's Affiliate Community Minister. We are grateful that she will continue to be a member of TUUC (along with her husband, Barry.) We are excited for this new chapter for the Unitarian Universalists of Fallston and for Rev. Karyn! ---Rev. Clare

## 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 ensures 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 a paid position. Rate of pay is \$15.00 per hour. A W-9 must be completed and kept on file should you work over 40 hours within a year.

Duties include:

- Promptly open the facility at assigned time.
- Follow special instructions section contained in the monitor assignment 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 ready to accept guests.
- 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 thirty minute orientation session at a convenient time during TUUC business hours.

Contact Kai Aiyetoro at [churchoffice@towsonuuc.org](mailto:churchoffice@towsonuuc.org) for more information or to sign up. Thank you!

### **UULM-MARYLAND FAITH FORWARD— SATURDAY, JANUARY 20 FROM 9 AM TO 1 PM**

Please join us and UU's around the state, January 20th from 8:30 AM to 1 PM, as we get ready for the upcoming legislative session. Find out what our Issue Leads and their partners have been working on and what laws they think will be enacted this year. This year the kick off will be hybrid, with members having the option to participate via Zoom or in person at the **UU Church of Annapolis at 333 Dubois Rd in Annapolis**. Doors (and screens) will open at 8:30 AM. To register for this event, [please visit this website](#).



### **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](#)**

## **CABIN FEVER**

**MAY DECEMBER (2023)**  
**SUNDAY, JANUARY 7**  
**4:30 PM DISCUSSION**

## **BOOK CLUB**

**HELLO BEAUTIFUL**  
**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27**  
**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.)

## EARL'S PLACE

I wanted to share with you a bit about a very special evening several of us had the privilege of attending last week. Under the expert leadership of our own Sheila Malenski, we joined the Annual Christmas gathering downtown with the residents of Earl's Place. Sheila does an amazing job of organizing the program and food and everyone chips in to present a special Christmas feast for the men who have only had "their own cooking" to rely on for several months. After deliciously filling our bellies, Spice leads everyone in singing Christmas carols. Spice's special way of bringing out even the most shy person, creates an intimate atmosphere filled with Christmas joy and theatrics. We all came away with a deep sense of the true meaning of Christmas and a huge appreciation for the hard work and struggles these once homeless men have had. Many share openly their estrangement from their families following years of drug and alcohol abuse, but often very proudly announce their months free of these substances and hopes for the future. It has become a yearly commitment for me to join this gathering if for no other reason than to feed my soul and relish in the joy and appreciation these men of Earl's Place offer so freely. Join us next year if you can!

- Sue Proctor

## WHITE ANTIRACIST SPIRITUALITY IN U.S. HISTORY

In January, Ann Proctor will be hosting the second annual workshop series on [White Antiracist Spirituality in U.S. History](#), which will include powerful examples of UU spirituality in action. We'll explore ideas and practices around beloved community, cultivating hope through taking action, the groundedness that comes with being rooted in history, and much more.

### 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

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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.

23 Dec	Saturday	Commitment Ceremony—Bill Bonta and Nancy Mears	2:00 PM
24 Dec	Sunday	YRE—Making Faith	9:00 AM
24 Dec	Sunday	Sunday Service with Carols	10:30 AM
24 Dec	Sunday	Christmas Eve Family Service	5:30 PM
24 Dec	Sunday	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	7:30 PM
27 Dec	Wednesday	Book Group	7:30 PM
28 Dec	Thursday	TUUC Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM
31 Dec	Sunday	YRE—Making Faith	9:00 AM
31 Dec	Sunday	Sunday Service	10:30 AM
2 Jan	Tuesday	Women's Group Meeting	7:30 PM
4 Jan	Thursday	Men's Brunch	11:30 AM
4 Jan	Thursday	TUUC Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM
5 Jan	Friday	Writing As a Spiritual Practice	1:00 AM
7 Jan	Sunday	YRE—Making Faith	9:00 AM
7 Jan	Sunday	YRE—OWL	10:00 AM
7 Jan	Sunday	Sunday Service	10:30 AM
7 Jan	Sunday	Social Action Committee Meeting	12:15 PM
7 Jan	Sunday	Cabin Fever—May December	4:30 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
12/17/2023	10:30 AM	110 / 34