



**JANUARY 21—10:30 AM—*THAT YOUR HEART BE WIDE AS A RIVER*— REV. CLARE L. PETERSBERGER, KARA TYLER, THE TUUC YOUTH GROUP, THE TUUC COMMUNITY CHOIR**

A recent conversation turned to how sometimes it is easier to love our neighbors than to love ourselves. Today we explore what it means to, in the words of Thich Nhat Hanh, “build a house within oneself” that we might help our own hearts grow to be as wide as a river. The TUUC Youth Group will offer their wisdom.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 21 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/95330144872?pwd=ZlFOYlpOSUR3RWdxZzZLTkUwMjBEUT09>

Meeting ID: 953 3014 4872

Passcode: 698069

**YOUTH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Are you in awe of our amazing OWL teachers? Join them!

Facilitation Training for Elementary OWL (K-1 / 4-6) is being hosted at All Souls in DC February 9-11! Registration deadline is January 12th. Jennifer Nichols and Sandra Greenfield are the trainers.

Marilyn, Marianne, and I trained with Sandra, and she's amazing. Highly recommended if you're looking to join the OWL teaching team for this age group.

Contact Kara Tyler to register. TUUC covers tuition for a small number of trainers, so get in touch soon.

## Third Saturday Work Party

**January 20, 2024**

**9:00 AM**

Please contact Todd Robertson  
(see the Breeze directory online)  
to let him know you are coming!



# TUUC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

## **MASK GUIDANCE**

Given the rise in upper respiratory infections from Covid, RSV, and the flu, Johns Hopkins is requiring masking again at all Maryland medical facilities. As a beloved faith community, we encourage you to continue to assess your risk and to keep the safety of others in mind. We have masks available at TUUC (but not N95 masks.) If you feel sick, please join us on Zoom to worship.

## **GREEN SANCTUARY TIP OF THE WEEK**

Fabric napkins are attractive and can be tossed in the washer after use. Using them can avoid the one-time use of paper napkins, saving trees and money. Using sponges, wiping cloths or rags, and dish towels can cut down on the use of paper towels. Make a game of it to change old habits and find alternatives to using disposable paper. Trees are critical to our environment as they take in carbon dioxide while releasing oxygen into the air. They also provide shade and cooler temperatures in the summertime.

## **UULM LEGISLATIVE MINISTRY OF MARYLAND**

The 2024 Maryland General Assembly has begun and will be considering many issues UU's care about: climate change, criminal justice, gun violence prevention, health care and medical aid in dying. The UU Legislative Ministry of Maryland is our voice in Annapolis, and they want you to help them lobby for changes we want to see.

Please register on the website for UULM-MD, When your senator or representative needs to be contacted, you will receive an email with a letter that you can send to them with a "click". Simply go to <https://www.uulmmd.org/take-action>. At the bottom of the page is a box "Participate". Click on "Join an Advocacy Team" and fill out the form with your name, email and address (all other information is optional). Also be sure to indicate which issues you are interested in.

Thanks for giving UU's a strong voice in Annapolis!

## **SINGLES FELLOWSHIP GROUP POTLUCK—SATURDAY, JANUARY 20 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.

## **COMMUNITY CHOIR ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 21ST**

The next Community Choir Sunday will be January 21st. Anyone may participate by arriving at 9 AM to learn the music in a Sunday morning rehearsal, and then sing in the service! Please RSVP to Tracy at [music@towsonuuc.org](mailto:music@towsonuuc.org) if you plan to participate, but you can still come if you forget to RSVP.

## ICSJS TO SCREEN CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM DOCUMENTARY—WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31

What role did Christian nationalism play in the Capitol riot of January 6, 2021? Matthew D. Taylor, the Protestant scholar for the Institute for Islamic, Christian, and Jewish Studies (ICJS) has devoted three years to researching the answer to this question. The result is a new ICJS-produced documentary, **Spiritual Warriors: Decoding Christian Nationalism** at the Capitol riot, which will premiere at an event on Wednesday, January 31st at 7 PM at The Senator Theatre, 5904 York Rd. in north Baltimore, followed by a panel discussion. Tickets are \$8, and are free for students with ID. Purchase tickets at [icjs.org](https://icjs.org) or [click here](#).

## JOIN US IN EXTENDING A WARM WELCOME TO ALL

As we usher in the new year at TUUC, we have an exciting opportunity that calls for community-wide participation. We are delighted to extend an invitation to every member of our cherished community to embrace the role of welcoming visitors to our congregation.

Whether you can commit to this once a year or once a month, we encourage each of you to share your warm smiles and kind greetings with those who walk through our doors. Welcoming newcomers is a truly fulfilling experience, requiring just a short amount of your time and a welcoming spirit.

In the hustle and bustle of our busy lives, it's easy to assume that others will always fill this vital role. However, the responsibility truly lies with all of us. By coming together in this essential role, we can swiftly and effortlessly fill our greeter calendar.

Picture the far-reaching ripples of your kindness as we make everyone feel at home within our community. Our strength as a congregation lies in our collective spirit, and your participation can make a significant impact.

To sign up and choose your preferred Sunday(s), simply click on the following link: <https://doodle.com/meeting/participate/id/e5AygGRe>.

## 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.)

### OUR DAILY BREAD

Time to heat up your ovens again, this time to help feed the homeless. January is a month that we will donate casseroles to Our Daily Bread. The recipes and casserole tins are in the church lobby. If you would prefer to donate funds, thanks great too. To donate just put **Our Daily Bread** in the memo line of your choice of payment. \$15 will purchase one casserole.

# Welcome New Members

Barbara Bachur  
Don Ellenberger  
Bill Flexner  
Thomas Higdon  
Riah Werner

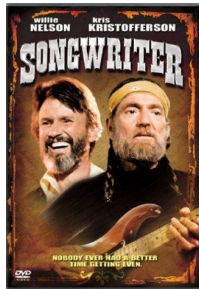
We are thrilled to have you with us and eagerly anticipate the opportunity to get to know you better.

Your presence enriches our spiritual home, and each new member brings unique gifts that enhance our community. Together, we look forward to witnessing how our congregation flourishes and grows stronger with your contributions.

**Welcome, and thank you for being part of our vibrant and welcoming community.**

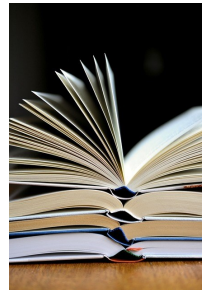
## CABIN FEVER

SONGWRITER (1984)  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 21  
4:30 PM DISCUSSION



## BOOK CLUB

BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24  
7:30 PM



## 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 2023-2024 Stewardship Campaign

Add Gift to Another Fund

Give this One Time

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## 23-24 Stewardship Campaign July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024

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Give to 2023-2024 Stewardship Campaign

Give to General Fund  
Give to Green Products  
Give to Kate Venables Music Fund  
Give to Memorial Garden  
Give to ODB Cassebooks  
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.

19 Jan	Friday	Writing As a Spiritual Practice	1:00 PM
20 Jan	Saturday	Third Saturday Work Party	9:00 AM
20 Jan	Saturday	Parent Orientation for Coming of Age	2:00 PM
20 Jan	Saturday	Singles Fellowship Group	6:00 PM
21 Jan	Sunday	YRE—Making Faith	9:00 AM
21 Jan	Sunday	YRE—OWL	10:00 AM
21 Jan	Sunday	Sunday Service	10:30 AM
21 Jan	Sunday	Cabin Fever—Songwriter	4:30 PM
24 Jan	Wednesday	Book Group—Books That We Read in 2023	7:30 PM
25 Jan	Thursday	TUUC Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM
27 Jan	Saturday	TUUC Leadership Retreat & Board Meeting	11:00 AM
28 Jan	Sunday	YRE—Making Faith	9:00 AM
28 Jan	Sunday	Sunday Service	10:30 AM
28 Jan	Sunday	Cabin Fever—Unforgiven	4:30 PM
30 Jan	Tuesday	Soul Matters Sharing Circle	7:30 PM
31 Jan	Wednesday	Sacred Listening	7:00 PM
1 Feb	Thursday	Men's Brunch	11:30 AM
1 Feb	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
01/14/2023	10:30 AM	79 / 25