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JANUARY 28—10:30 AM—*JOYS, SORROWS, HOPES, AND CONNECTIONS*—WORSHIP AS A SPIRITUAL PRACTICE, SARAHRUTH DAVIS, INTERN MINISTER, TRACY HALL, MUSIC DIRECTOR

Join us for a special ritual, holding in beloved community our shared Joys, Sorrows, Hopes, and Connections, crafted and presented by the Worship as a Spiritual Practice team. Join us after the service for a sharing circle and interpersonal conversation, via zoom and in person, with a focus on deepening our interrelatedness with one another through our shared human experience.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28 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/92788654004?pwd=RytBNkhsMjd1U2xhck1ObFNTVIFMdz09

Meeting ID: 927 8865 4004

Passcode: 121760

YOUTH RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

The OWL program for 4th-6th graders is complete! 11 students graduated armed with medically accurate, respect focused information about their bodies and their relationships.

If you'd like to continue to support OWL in the future, please consider donating a book from the lists of books and supplies from the list below. Building a comprehensive library of OWL books available for everyone to use is a part of supporting this ongoing initiative between classes.

- OWL K-1, 4-6 Supplies and Books
- OWL 7-9, 10-12 Supplies and Books
- OWL Parents and Caregivers
- OWL Young Adults, Adults, and Older Adults

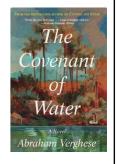
CABIN FEVER

UNFORGIVEN (1992) MONDAY, JANUARY 29 7:30 PM DISCUSSION



BOOK CLUB

THE COVENANT OF WATER
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28
7:30 PM



TUUC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

ADULT RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

A national organization called SACReD, the Spiritual Alliance of Communities for Reproductive Dignity has created a curriculum to empower congregations to become loving, justice-seeking faith communities that fully support the fulfillment of reproductive moral agency and flourishing for all. This curriculum, entitled SACReD, explores the connection between faith, racism, and reproductive ethics.

The final session helps participants to identify strategies and actions for liberation within religious communities and the larger world. Rev. Clare and SarahRuth Davis offered this curriculum last year. We will be offering these seven 2-hour sessions on Zoom, weekly, from 1:00-3:00 PM beginning Sunday February 11. Participants are required to attend the first session.

Please register by Feb. 6 on our website under Adult Programming if you would like to participate at https://www.towsonuuc.org/sacred. Your participation will help TUUC to become an official part of this interfaith Spiritual Alliance of Communities for Reproductive Dignity. ---Rev. Clare

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

Recent research has shown that it is healthier for us and for the environment to use electric stoves rather than gas ones. If you are thinking of replacing a stove or cooktop, please take into consideration that magnetic induction stovetops are much faster, safer, and more efficient than traditional electric or gas ones. Heat is not produced by the "burner," but is produced in the pan itself, so pans containing iron need to be used. Test the pans with a magnet. If the magnet sticks to them, they will be suitable. If you have a range that you are not ready to replace, consider



purchasing a magnetic induction hotplate. A basic model can be inexpensive to buy and use, relatively compact, and so quick to heat your food that you will surely find yourself using it often.

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 icis.org or click here.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S COMBINED LUNCH—THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1 AT 11:30 AM

The men's and women's combined lunch will meet at the café at Edenwald on Thursday, February 1 at 11:30 AM. All are welcome. Please contact Sue or Herb Shankroff for more information.

TUUC DRUM CIRCLE—SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4 AT 3:00 PM

Join the rhythm at the next TUUC Drum Circle session on Sunday, Feb. 4th in the Meeting Room at 3:00 PM! We'll have a free-form jam. If you have a hand drum (djembe, or any other traditional drum), please bring it. We'll have some extra percussion available, too. All ages and skill levels. We'll have a meditation time with the drums as well. Hope to see you then!

JOIN US IN EXTENDING A WARM WELCOME TO ALL

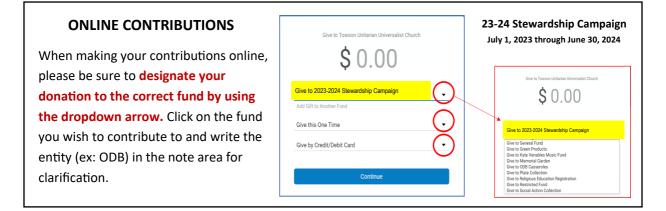
As we usher in the new year at TUUC, we have an exciting opportunity that calls for community-wide participation. We are delighted to extend an invitation to every member of our cherished community to embrace the role of welcoming visitors to our congregation.

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.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT TUUC

Calendar is subject to change. Check the website calendar **here** for most current schedule.

27 Jan	Saturday	TUUC Leadership Retreat & Board Meeting	11:00 AM
28 Jan	Sunday	Sunday Service	10:30 AM
28 Jan	Sunday	YRE—Making Faith	10:45 AM
29 Jan	Monday	Cabin Fever—Unforgiven	7:30 PM
30 Jan	Tuesday	Soul Matters Sharing Circle	7:30 PM
31 Jan	Wednesday	Sacred Listening	7:00 PM
1 Feb	Thursday	Men's and Women's Combined Lunch	11:30 AM
1 Feb	Thursday	Sacred Listening	6:00 PM
1 Feb	Thursday	TUUC Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM
2 Feb	Friday	Writing As a Spiritual Practice	1:00 PM
4 Feb	Sunday	Sunday Service	10:30 AM
4 Feb	Sunday	YRE—Making Faith	10:45 AM
4 Feb	Sunday	Parent Orientation for Coming of Age	12:00 PM
4 Feb	Sunday	Drum Circle	3:00 PM
4 Feb	Sunday	Cabin Fever—Birdy	4:30 PM
5 Feb	Monday	Mindful Way Meditation	7:00 PM
6 Feb	Tuesday	Women's Group Meeting	7:30 PM
8 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
01/21/2023	10:30 AM	67 / 40