



**FEBRUARY 11—10:30 AM—HOW TO KNOW A PERSON—REV. CLARE L. PETERSBERGER, KARA TYLER, DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, THE TUUC CHOIR, THE WERNER AND FLEXNER FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

Today, we have the honor of dedicating Zora Wexner to the care and nurture of our religious community. This will be our congregation's first child dedication since the pandemic. What wisdom do we hope to share with Zora? What questions do we hope to answer for Zora as she grows? What questions might we ask one another during hospitality to model what we hope Zora will learn in our midst?

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11 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/93479356686?pwd=UDUxY1NXOGUyMHgyUIFKM0FOODJmUT09>

Meeting ID: 934 7935 6686 Passcode: 631574

**YOUTH RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION**

This week, our class of 7th-9th graders will be beginning the Coming of Age program! Our volunteers have committed to facilitating a 12-session program plus a lock-in and worship service for the five young adults who are undertaking this journey of faith development. We have a dynamic, engaging, and condensed new Coming of Age curriculum that the kids will enjoy.

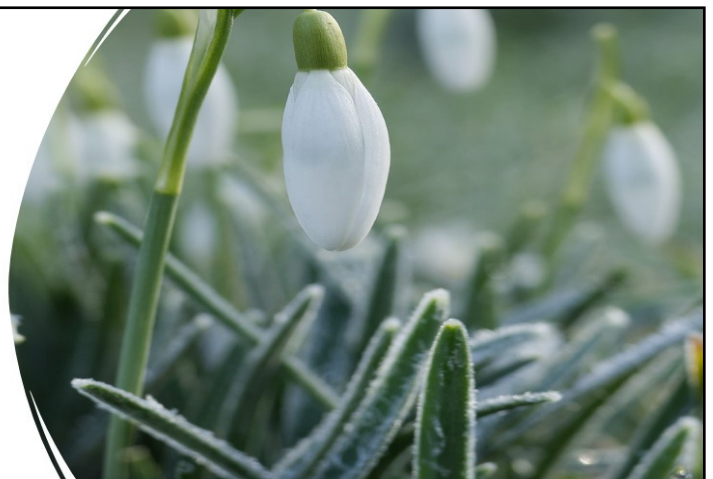
Please thank Patrick Mahoney, Bunny Murray, Ann Beezley, Luke Williams, and our dedicated substitute Fred Sypher for their dedication to the education and growth of our young adults.

In the future, we may be asking some of you to visit the classroom to talk about your own faith journey. I hope to see you there!

## Third Saturday Work Party

**February 17, 2024  
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

**Contact Todd Robertson  
(see Breeze for contact information)  
to let him know you will  
be attending.**



## CLARE'S COLLOQUY

“How radical can we be given the threat of authoritarianism?” This was the question asked at the Religious Leaders Caucus of BRIDGE Maryland in January. “How radical can we be given the threat of authoritarianism?” What is your answer?

Unitarian Universalist colleagues have been sharing the organizations to which they are giving money as we approach the November elections in the United States. This is one way to address the threat of authoritarianism---support organizations that are working to defend democracy.

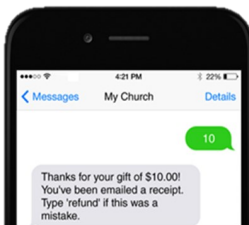
Regardless of the results of the November election, authoritarianism is on the rise around the globe. Authoritarianism promises certainty in the face of fear. Economic inequality; wars pushing the Doomsday clock for nuclear war moving to 90 seconds before midnight; and climate change all contribute to feelings of fear. Democracy requires that people live with uncertainty. But in the face of fear, it is hard to remain open to uncertainty.

How radical can we be given the threat of authoritarianism? The answer may sound simple: build relationships across identities and communities. This is how we discover shared interests. Finding shared interests is how people organize power. If you have any doubts about this, follow the organizing that was done over the last half century to generate enough people, money, and power to overturn Roe V. Wade.

The final revision of the proposed Article II of the Unitarian Universalist Association defines justice as working “to be diverse multicultural Beloved Communities where all thrive” and the practice as “dismantling racism and all forms of systemic oppression” and supporting “the use of inclusive democratic processes to make decisions within our congregations, our Association, and society at large.” The gift of justice is intimately linked to the practice of democracy which has a certain process even if the outcome is uncertain. (By way of contrast, in authoritarianism promises certainty but the process is an unaccountable centralized power.)

When it comes to building relationships across identities and communities, the proposed Article II of the Unitarian Universalist Association defines equity as “every person has the right to flourish with inherent dignity and worthiness” and the practice as “using our time, wisdom, attention, and money to build and sustain fully accessible and inclusive communities.

So perhaps the answer to “how radical can we be given the threat of authoritarianism?” is to live our values as Unitarian Universalists: to not react to fear with more fear; to not be pulled into the certainty of a rigid worldview; to intentionally build relationships across identities and communities with the goal of building power; and to advocate for the use of inclusive democratic processes. How radical can we be given the threat of authoritarianism? Together, may we live into the answer(s).



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**(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

### GREEN SANCTUARY TIP OF THE WEEK

Many home medicine cabinets contain unused and/or expired medications. Now is a good time to deal with them, but what is a safe way to dispose of them? They should not be flushed down the drain as this can lead to contamination of the water supply. Many police stations, pharmacies, and hospitals have lockboxes for this purpose. Getting rid of these substances safely can protect the members of our households and keep the substances out of the environment.



To find nearby options, go to: <https://211md.org/resources/substance-use/drug-disposal>

### UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST LEGISLATIVE MINISTRY OF MARYLAND

Please help the Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry of Maryland (UU-LM-MD) get important legislative bills passed. Go to their website: [www.uulmmd.org](http://www.uulmmd.org) and join an advocacy team, get their latest updates, and, of course, donate funds.

### SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING—SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11 AT 12:15 PM

The next Social Action Committee meeting will take place on Sunday, February 11 at 12:15 in person in room 4 and online (please check the calendar for the zoom link).

### FAIR TRADE CHOCOLATE (AND COFFEE) SALE FOR VALENTINE'S DAY, SUNDAY FEBRUARY 11

Treat yourself and your Valentines to fair trade, organic chocolate in a variety of flavors, grown sustainably and purchased for a fair price from small-scale farmer co-ops. We will also be offering fair trade coffee (regular and decaf), a variety of teas, cashews, and almonds. Brought to you by the Green Sanctuary Committee, with proceeds funding fair trade coffee for Sunday hospitality.

### UPCOMING OUR MESSY LIVES ZOOM DISCUSSION TO FOCUS ON RESISTANCE—THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15 AT 3:00 PM

Our Messy Lives will take up the word RESISTANCE at our next 3:00-4:00 PM session on Thursday afternoon, February 15th, on Zoom. To join, look up Nancy Caswell's email address in the TUUC Directory, Breeze, and send her an email. She'll add you to the contact list and email the Zoom Invite Link for the 15th the day before. We welcome new participants!

**RESISTANCE:** seen used in our personal lives and in the world at large...the act of resisting, opposing, or withstanding...a refusal to accept or to be changed by something. What in our own lives are we resisting? Personally? What are we resisting as we look at the world at large?

American self-help author, Oliver Napoleon Hill, once said: "Out of resistance comes strength."

Bring your own unique, personal thoughts, opinions, experiences, ruminations, hopes, and fears to our lively discussion on the 15th! Hope to see you then!

## **ETHNIC LUNCH—WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21 AT 12:30 PM**

On Wednesday, February 21, we are returning to Silk Road, an Uzbek restaurant, located in Pikesville, <https://silkroadbistro.com>

Uzbekistan is a little like Afghan, a little like Turkish, a little like Georgian, all good! Join us at 12:30 PM at 1004 Reisterstown Road.

RSVP by Monday February 19 to [ethnidlunch@towsonuuc.org](mailto:ethnidlunch@towsonuuc.org).

## **COMMUNITY CHOIR ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25**

Our next Community Choir Sunday is on Feb. 25th. Participants will need to arrive at 9:00 AM to learn the music for that morning's service. Everyone is invited! If you plan to participate, please RSVP to Tracy Hall at [music@towsonuuc.org](mailto:music@towsonuuc.org). Children and teens can sing at the beginning of the service, and still leave for YRE at the appropriate time. Hope to see you then!

## **SOUL MATTERS RESUMING IN FEBRUARY**

Our Soul Matters Sharing Circles will next meet on Zoom on February 27 to explore the monthly theme. Prior to gathering, you will receive a packet of possible spiritual practices; questions on the theme; and readings. Participants are invited to choose one spiritual practice to engage and one question to reflect upon. In a circle of six to ten people, we share our experience with the practice and our thoughts on the question. We learn more about ourselves and connect with others on a deeper level.

This year's themes are based on the values articulated in the proposed Article II revision which delegates to the UUA General Assembly will vote upon next June.

This year's overarching frame is *The Gifts of Our Faith*. We focus on UU values and explore their potential to shape us and in turn shape the world.

How do these values offer us both challenge and comfort? What might it mean to place them at the center of our living and loving? What promise do they hold for us individually as well as collectively?

Here is the list of our 2024 themes:

The Gift of...

February: *Justice & Equity*

March: *Transformation*

April: *Interdependence*

May: *Pluralism*

June: *Renewal*

We are scheduled to meet on Feb. 27, March 26, April 23, May 28, and June 11th.

If you would like to participate, please e-mail Rev. Clare at [revclare@towsonuuc.org](mailto:revclare@towsonuuc.org) so she may send you the February packet.

## NEXT TUUC BLOOD DRIVE—FRIDAY, MARCH 8 FROM 11 AM TO 5 PM

Working with the American Red Cross, we've scheduled Friday, March 8th, 2024 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 March 8th, if you are healthy and have no concerns about donating.

To sign up for an appointment time between 11am-5pm please use [this link](#) or email Clare Flynn-Avallone with your preferred times. Give the Gift of Life - Give Blood!

## SOCIAL ACTION

### ACTC NEEDS NONPERISHABLE FOODS

ACTC needs nonperishable foods, especially hearty soups.

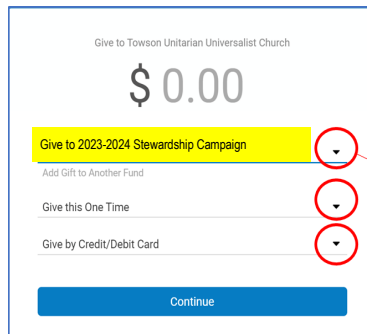
### NONPERISHABLE FOOD

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.)

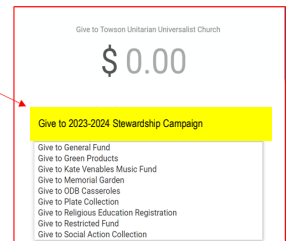
### ONLINE CONTRIBUTIONS

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.



### 23-24 Stewardship Campaign

July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024



### JOB OPENING—NURSERY CARE PROVIDER

This position aims to provide childcare for children attending Sunday Services with their parents. Childcare is provided for children ages two months to five years in the nursery. On some occasions, children up to age eight will be cared for. Additional hours will occasionally be available as requested.

Contact Kara Tyler if interested at [TUUCDRE@TowsonUUC.org](mailto:TUUCDRE@TowsonUUC.org).

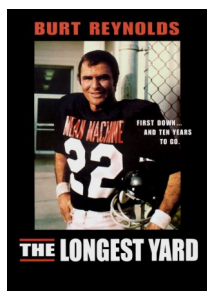


### CABIN FEVER

THE LONGEST YARD (1974)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

4:30 PM DISCUSSION

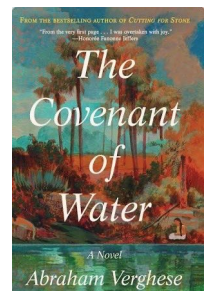


### BOOK CLUB

THE COVENANT OF WATER

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

7:30 PM



# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT TUUC

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

11 Feb	Sunday	Coming of Age	10:00 AM
11 Feb	Sunday	Fair Trade Sale	10:00 AM
11 Feb	Sunday	Sunday Service	10:30 AM
11 Feb	Sunday	YRE—Making Faith	10:45 AM
11 Feb	Sunday	Social Action Committee Meeting	12:15 PM
11 Feb	Sunday	Cabin Fever—The Longest Yard	4:30 PM
13 Feb	Tuesday	Makers' Meetup	7:00 PM
15 Feb	Thursday	Our Messy Lives	3:00 PM
15 Feb	Thursday	TUUC Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM
17 Feb	Saturday	Third Saturday Work Party	9:00 AM
17 Feb	Saturday	Celebration of Life—Arnie Marsh and Joan Barry-Marsh	1:30 PM
18 Feb	Sunday	Coming of Age	10:00 AM
18 Feb	Sunday	Sunday Service	10:30 AM
18 Feb	Sunday	YRE—Making Faith	10:45 AM
19 Feb	Monday	Mindful Way Meditation	7:00 PM
19 Feb	Monday	Socrates Café	7:30 PM
20 Feb	Tuesday	Women's Group Meeting	7:30 PM
21 Feb	Wednesday	TUUC Board Meeting	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
02/04/2023	10:30 AM	80 / 31