# The Threshold



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MARCH 3—10:30 AM—*CALLED TO A NEW SELF*—REV. CLARE L. PETERSBERGER, KARA TYLER, DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, SHEILA HELGERSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CORNERSTONE COMMUNITY HOUSING; SHANNON, DAVID, AND ANTHONY; SHEILA MALENSKI, AND TRACY HALL, MUSIC DIRECTOR, AND THE TUUC CHOIR

Transformation is a value lifted up in the proposed revision of Article II in the UUA Bylaws which reads: "openness to change is fundamental to our Unitarian Universalist heritages, never complete and never perfect." How open are you to change? Representatives of our community partner, Earl's Place, will join us to speak of their experience of moving from "the old 'me' to the new 'me.'" When have you felt called to change? When has it felt like a choice? When has it felt like a necessity? How has an openness to change transformed you?

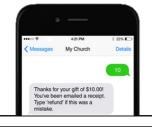
#### **SUNDAY, MARCH 3 ONLINE SERVICE INFORMATION**

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

Zoom Link: <a href="https://zoom.us/j/94426147108?pwd=eW5VRUNFQysyY3paeDVpay90ZFJ2Zz09">https://zoom.us/j/94426147108?pwd=eW5VRUNFQysyY3paeDVpay90ZFJ2Zz09</a>

Meeting ID: 944 2614 7108

Passcode: 086152



# PASSING THE PLATE

DONATE BY TEXT
Send an amount to
(410)834-0700

DONATE TO TUUC VIA PAYPAL, TEXT, OR BREEZE MORE INFORMATION ON THE <u>TUUC WEBSITE</u>

## 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.



# **CLARE'S COLLOQUY**

On the last weekend of February, walking with my father, we stopped to admire yellow crocuses; purple crocuses; and snowdrops--blossoms where, when we had walked four weeks earlier, there had been none. Nature, herself, had transformed the landscape from barren to blossoming.



The proposed revision to Article II of the Bylaws of the Unitarian Universalist Association lifts up "transformation" as one of our core values: "We adapt to a changing world." It is easier to adapt to the arrival of spring than it is to many of the headlines from around the globe. We need one another to remind us of life's goodness.

The walk with my father took us to a house whose owners decorate two pink yard flamingos to mark the changing seasons. At the end of February, one was still dressed for Valentine's Day with a heart headpiece as well as red Mardi Gras beads. The other was dressed for Mardi Gras with a mask headpiece and green and purple beads. These neighbors intentionally offer the gift of whimsy to passersby.



Intentionally seeking individual and collective transformation is part of our purpose as a faith community. The proposed revision to Article II of the Bylaws of the Unitarian Universalist Association reads "We covenant to collectively transform and grow spiritually and ethically. Openness to change is fundamental to our Unitarian and Universalist heritages, never complete and never perfect."

In this season of Ramadan, Holi, Spring Equinox, and Easter, what transformation are you seeking? What transformations are you celebrating? And what transformations are you offering to a world in need of beauty, whimsy, love, hope, and peace?

# **TUUC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS**

## **TOWSON UUC FISCAL CHECK UP**

Have you taken a peek at our Fiscal Fitness Check-Up video? Discover the latest on TUUC's financial well-being in just six minutes. With insights from Andrew Hager and the opportunity to share your prescription for the future, it's an essential part of ensuring our community's fiscal vitality. Click the link below and be part of the conversation:

https://youtu.be/WM3z1zCmdFM

#### **NEWS ABOUT US**

We regret to inform you of the death of long time TUUC member Margaret Ingram, peacefully and in her sleep, on February 17th at the age of 92. Margaret and her husband Thomas had been long time members of First UU of Baltimore. When she joined TUUC, Margaret sang in the Choir; participated in worship; organized music for our summer services, was involved with Adult Religious Education; and supported our Welcoming Congregation team. Margaret was a force of nature! When she and her husband moved to Oak Crest, Margaret worked with Frank Chen and Allan Thorn on establishing a Unitarian Universalist presence at Oak Crest. Margaret lived an active and impactful life. She outlived her husband and many of her closest friends. Margaret is survived by her daughter Susan Ingram and her son, Bruce Ingram. She is fondly remembered by TUUC. A family service will be scheduled at a later date. ---Rev. Clare

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

One way to positively impact the planet is to live more simply. The minimalist movement is about letting go of the things and activities that aren't really essential to our lives, even though our consumer culture tells us they're essential. Uncomplicate your life by choosing a few areas to practice "letting go." Clean out the garage, basement, closet, or attic. Go on a simple vacation. Eat more simply. Intentionally limit your choices. Do you need six different kinds of breakfast cereal, hundreds of TV channels, or four tennis rackets? Make a catalog of all the gadgets you have in your home, from the dishwasher to the lawnmower. Which could you get rid of and not really miss?

## GREEN SANCTUARY MEETING—SUNDAY, MARCH 3 AT NOON

The Green Sanctuary Committee will meet this Sunday, March 3rd, at noon in Room 6 downstairs, or you may join by zoom (link is on the <u>TUUC web calendar</u>). All are welcome to join us as we work to further "green" our church and community. Contact Carel Hedlund or Marilyn Carlisle (info in Breeze) if any questions.

# TUUC DRUM CIRCLE ON SUNDAY, MARCH 3RD AT 3:00 PM

Join the rhythm! The TUUC Drum Circle will meet Sunday, March 3rd at 3:00 PM in the Meeting Room. If you have a djembe or other hand drum, please bring it! Other instruments will be available. We'll spend most of the time free-form jamming, but we always include a little meditative drumming, too. All ages welcome.

### COMBINED WOMEN'S AND MEN'S LUNCH—THURSDAY, MARCH 7 AT 11:30 AM

The combined women's and men's lunch will meet in the Edenwald Café on Thursday, March 7th at 11:30 AM. Please contact Sue or Herb Shankroff for more information.

### 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 <u>this link</u> or email Clare Flynn-Avallone with your preferred times. Give the Gift of Life - Give Blood!



# INTEGRATED VOTER ENGAGEMENT (IVE) TRAINING

Are you looking to use the power of the vote to make change? BRIDGE Maryland, Inc. and Gamaliel are partnering to train community leaders on integrated voter engagement—a strategy for building grassroots power with voters. Register now for this free training and canvass.

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2024 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM Allen AME Church 22461 Hillsboro Road, Denton, MD 21641

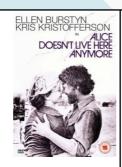
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For more information, please contact

Hannah Freeman, bridgemdbc@gmail.com or Rev. Angelique Mason, angelique.mason@bridgemd.org

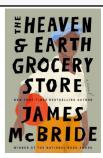
# CABIN FEVER

ALICE DOESN'T LIVE HERE ANYMORE (1974) SUNDAY, MARCH 3 4:30 PM DISCUSSION



# **BOOK CLUB**

THE HEAVEN AND EARTH
GROCERY STORE
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27



# **SOCIAL ACTION**

#### **ACTC NEEDS CHILI AND BEEF STEW**

ACTC is in urgent need of chili and beef stew.

# INCLUSIONARY HOUSING SUCCESS IN BALTIMORE CITY

BRIDGE worked with the Inclusionary Housing Task Force for two years to support the two bills that make up the Inclusionary Housing package in Baltimore City. Mayor Scott signed the bills on January 22. The first outlines the requirements for large developments above 20 units to make 10% of their units affordable to 50% and 60% of Area Median Income residents. The



second is a tax credit that helps to pay for the lost rent for those units. 60% of Area Median Income (ALMI) is \$53,600 for a family of two, and \$67,000 for a family of four; and 50% of AMI is \$48,700 for a family of two, and \$60,850 for a family of four.

#### UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST LEGISLATIVE MINISTRY—WEEKLY UPDATE

During the legislative session, the TUUC Social Action Committee will provide updates on the status of our legislative priorities and tips for how you can get involved.

For more information, please visit this page. (Updated 2/25)

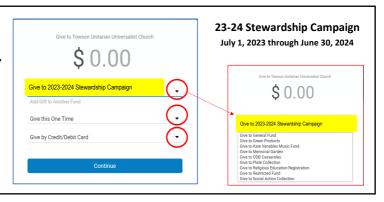
#### NONPERISHABLE FOOD

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.



#### EARL'S PLACE DONATIONS NEEDED

Please see the wish list below for items requested by Earl's Place.

# **WISH LIST**



Twin or Double Bed Sheets

Twin or Double Bed Blankets

Twin or Double Bed Comforter/Bedspreads

Bed Pillows

Bath Towels and Wash Cloths

Laundry Detergent

13 Gallon trash bags

Light Bulbs (60 Watt)

Aluminum Foil

Plastic Wrap

All Purpose Cleaners

Dish Liquid/Dishwasher Powder

Toilet Paper

Paper Towels

Nonperishable food items

Sugar

Coffee

Bar Soap

Deodorant

Razors

Shampoo

Toothpaste/Toothbrushes

Lotion

Gift cards to Home Depot, Staples or local grocery stores

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT TUUC

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

1 Mar	Friday	Writing as a Spiritual Practice	
3 Mar	Sunday	Coming of Age	10:00 AM
3 Mar	Sunday	Sunday Service	10:30 AM
3 Mar	Sunday	YRE—Making Faith	10:45 AM
3 Mar	Sunday	Green Sanctuary Meeting	12:00 PM
3 Mar	Sunday	Drum Circle	3:00 PM
3 Mar	Sunday	Cabin Fever—Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore	4:30 PM
4 Mar	Monday	Mindful Way Meditation	7:00 PM
5 Mar	Tuesday	Women's Group Meeting	7:30 PM
7 Mar	Thursday	Combined Women's and Men's Lunch 11	
7 Mar	Thursday	TUUC Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM
8 Mar	Friday	TUUC Blood Drive	11:00 AM
10 Mar	Sunday	Coming of Age	10:00 AM
10 Mar	Sunday	Sunday Service	10:30 AM
10 Mar	Sunday	YRE—Making Faith	10:45 AM
10 Mar	Sunday	Social Action Committee Meeting	12:15 PM
10 Mar	Sunday	Cabin Fever—Spaceman	4:30 PM
12 Mar	Tuesday	Aging Together	1:00 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
02/25/2023	10:30 AM	55 / 36