



SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024 AT 10:30 AM—GOING NATIVE— CAREL HEDLUND, BOBBIE MIYASAKI, AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE GREEN SANCTUARY COMMITTEE, PATTY MOCHEL, KARA TYLER, AND THE TUUC CHOIR

April's theme is interdependence. Join the Green Sanctuary Committee to celebrate Earth Day and explore the interdependent world of native plants, and insects. Our guest speaker will be Patty Mochel from Green Towson Alliance, who will provide encouragement and incentives for our native gardening.

SUNDAY, APRIL 21 ONLINE SERVICE INFORMATION

Topic: Sunday Service

Time: April 21, 2024 10:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/96965267456?pwd=QXRGNUsMXVIKzlObFNhM1Z0aHV0Zz09>

Meeting ID: 969 6526 7456 **Passcode:** 917111

YOUTH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Earth Day has always been a very personal celebration for me since it's also my child Fynn's birthday! This year in YRE we have been celebrating already by making terrariums using recycled water jugs, succulents, and decorative rocks. This lesson focused on our stewardship of the land, water conservation, and sharing resources. A special thank you to Bobbie Miyasaki for leading the children in this awesome project.



This coming Sunday we will be tending to our own plot of land in the playground area by cleaning up and celebrating with games and play. Please send your kidlings in clothes that can get dirty!

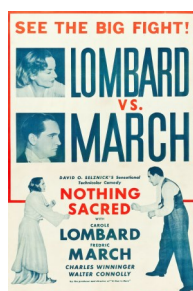
We are currently scheduling topics and volunteers for May and June! Let me know if you have an idea for a class or are able to come and help. Signups are in the lobby or you can email TUUCDRE@TowsonUUC.org.

CABIN FEVER

Nothing Sacred

Sunday, April 21

4:30 PM



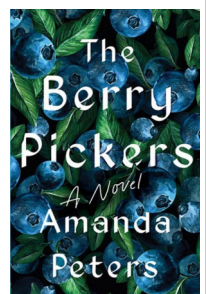
BOOK CLUB

The Berry Pickers

by Amanda Peters

Wednesday, April 24

7:30 PM



MEMBERS AND FRIENDS—WE ARE COUNTING ON YOU!

We're on the brink of something very special! Today marks the final call for pledges for the upcoming fiscal year. It's not just about making a commitment; it's about embracing our Rooted and Reaching spirit!

Your pledge isn't just a contribution; it's a cornerstone of our foundation, supporting 70% of our church's operating budget.

Together, we're nurturing our roots while reaching for new heights.

Don't let this moment pass you by. Head over to [our website](#) now and find the **"Make Your Pledge"** button right at the top of the page. Your pledge, no matter the size, is a testament to our collective vision and strength.

Let's embrace our Rooted and Reaching journey with open hearts and unwavering commitment. Together, we're shaping a future filled with possibility and purpose!

Make Your Pledge by Today, April 19!



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.

This is a screenshot of the online contribution form for Towson Unitarian Universalist Church. At the top, it says 'Give to Towson Unitarian Universalist Church' and '\$ 0.00'. Below this is a dropdown menu with 'Give to 2023-2024 Stewardship Campaign' selected. Other options include 'Add Gift to Another Fund', 'Give this One Time', and 'Give by Credit/Debit Card'. A blue 'Continue' button is at the bottom. Three red circles highlight the dropdown arrows, with a red arrow pointing from the first one to the second screenshot.

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

This is a second screenshot of the online contribution form, showing the dropdown menu expanded. It lists several fund options: 'Give to General Fund', 'Give to Green Products', 'Give to Kate Venables Music Fund', 'Give to Memorial Garden', 'Give to ODB Caseroles', 'Give to Plate Collection', 'Give to Religious Education Registration', 'Give to Restricted Fund', and 'Give to Social Action Collection'. The 'Give to 2023-2024 Stewardship Campaign' option is highlighted in yellow. A red arrow points from the dropdown arrow in the first screenshot to this one.

TUUC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

CONGRATULATIONS TO REV. KARYN MARSH!

Congratulations to The Reverend Karyn Bergmann Marsh, who has been chosen as the Developmental Minister of First Unitarian Church of Baltimore! Rev. Karyn will begin this position on July 1, 2024. She will be the first solo female Minister in the 207-year history of the congregation from which Towson UU Church was born. Congratulations to First Unitarian Church of Baltimore for making such an excellent choice! Blessings on their ministry together!

--- Rev. Clare

CARE WORK: DREAMING DISABILITY JUSTICE— BOOK STUDY PRESENTATION APRIL 30

Join us on Tuesday, April 30th at 1:00 PM for a two-part Book Study Presentation on Care Work: Dreaming Disability Justice by Leah Lakshmi Piepzna-Samarasinha, presented by SarahRuth Wekoye Davis and EqUUal Access. This offering is for Unitarian Universalist religious professionals and lay leaders, as we examine disability intersectionality within our places of worship. Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/CareWorkPresentation>



Panelists include Rev. Julián Jamaica Soto, Aryanna Graff-Jones, Lay Minister Justine Nyakwara Magara, Rose and Sean Irvin, Mx. Anunnaki Ray Marquez, and Rev. Naomi King. Panelists will present on topics from the book, personal and professional experience with disability intersectionality, and will offer recommendations for congregations and religious professionals. The workshop will include question and answer sessions and small group discussion. Participants are encouraged to read the book and bring their thoughts and questions! Guided reading and discussion questions will be sent out to registered participants prior to each 90-minute session. We hope to see you there as we work together in love, toward a more just world.

GREEN SANCTUARY TIP OF THE WEEK

Earth Day is April 22, but we should care for the earth every day. All our ecosystems depend on plants. They take in carbon dioxide and give off oxygen. They also serve as the basis for food for other living things. Animals eat plants and/or eat other animals which have eaten plants. This Earth Day, take time to appreciate the plants around you, observe the local wildlife, and take a walk in the woods. We all need to express gratitude for everything that Mother Nature provides for us. We can express our appreciation and gratitude by gently caring for our local ecosystems, large and small.



SINGLES FELLOWSHIP GROUP POTLUCK—SATURDAY, APRIL 27 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.

GREEN SANCTUARY—WORK PARTY AT AMAZING GRACE ON SAT, APRIL 27, 10:30-12:30

Join members of the Green Sanctuary Committee as we work with our neighborhood partner Amazing Grace Lutheran Church on projects to enhance the garden, labyrinth and community space that are so important in this East Baltimore neighborhood. Please contact Carel Hedlund (info in Breeze) if you would like to attend. We can arrange carpooling from TUUC.

AUTHENTIC SELVES—THE TRANS COMMUNITY AND THE 8TH PRINCIPLE—5/8 AT 7 PM

This meeting will be held on May 8, 2024 from 7:00 to 9:30 PM Eastern Time. Register in advance for this meeting at <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEIc-uhRDirGtATOC36kZrixFXdztfRkWC0>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

EMBARK ON A JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY WITH “OUR JOURNEYS” AT TUUC

TUUC is thrilled to introduce **Our Journeys: Exploring TUUC Together**, a captivating series designed for friends and newcomers eager to delve deeper into Unitarian Universalism.

In the heart of TUUC's vibrant faith tradition lies a unique philosophy—a belief in religion as a journey through the world rather than a destination with fixed beliefs. It's a path filled with exploration, growth, and a profound sense of connection.

Our Journeys: Exploring TUUC Together is your invitation to discover the heart of TUUC, deepen your understanding of Unitarian Universalism, and find your unique place within our vibrant community. It's not just an opportunity; it's the first step in joining us as a member—a valued part of our growing community.

Key Details:

Dates: Sunday, May 5, May 19, and June 2

Time: 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

Location: TUUC

This program is a pivotal step in your path towards becoming a TUUC member. Here's a glimpse of what you'll experience:

- **Your Personal Journey:** In this session, you'll have the opportunity to share your own spiritual path with fellow travelers. It's a chance to connect on a deeper level with your fellow community members.
- **Unitarian Universalism's Journey:** Take a captivating journey through the rich history of Unitarian Universalism. Discover how our faith has evolved over time and the principles that guide us today.
- **Our Congregation's Journey:** Explore the fascinating history of TUUC, our beloved congregation. Learn about the milestones and stories that have shaped our community.

SOCIAL ACTION

UULM-MD 2024 LEGISLATIVE WRAP UP

UULM-MD had another successful year advocating for UU values in Annapolis, with victories on gun control, climate change, and access to the Maryland Health Exchange for undocumented Marylanders. Out of sixteen legislative proposals, nine passed and are on their way to the Governor for his signature. The [attached table](#) summarizes all UULM-MD's accomplishments this year. Do you have questions about UULM-MD, or would you like to get involved? Contact Thomas Higdon (contact information in Breeze).

OUR DAILY BREAD

April is our month to make and freeze casseroles for Our Daily Bread. The details, recipes and baking tins are all out in the lobby. Don't feel like cooking? You can also donate funds to purchase casseroles. \$17 pays for one Party Sized casserole. Please help feed the needy.

VOTER MOBILIZATION ORGANIZING SCHOOL - SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 10:00 AM TO 3:00 PM AT ALL SOULS CHURCH

Whether your congregation has a long history of voter mobilization or you're just starting to think about it, we hope you'll join with other UUs from DC, MD, and VA for our first-ever organizing school! We are all more effective when we gather together in our power. We strongly encourage congregations to send teams of at least 3 people to help build momentum. Also, we are excited to welcome youth and offer programming to several other age groups in conjunction with the organizing school!

For more information: [Organizing School Public Page - Google Docs](#)

Registration is on a sliding scale from \$0 to \$50, with \$25 being the standard fee. This allows us to provide a light breakfast, full lunch, and snacks. [Click here to register for Organizing School.](#)

ACTC

The Assistance Center of the Towson Churches (ACTC) is in serious need of more donations. They have seen a 25% increase in the individuals and families in need of food and termination of their grants from the Maryland Food Bank. They need \$35,000 just to be able to meet their needs in April. ACTC may have to give out food less frequently if they don't get more funds. You can donate to ACTC in several ways.

You can donate non-perishable foods or donate funds. (They have a Spring Matching Gifts Challenge right now.) To donate directly: <https://www.actcserves.org/donate-to-actc/> You can also donate to TUUC and write ACTC in the memo line.

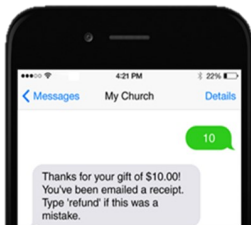
WHAT'S HAPPENING AT TUUC

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

20 Apr	Saturday	Third Saturday Work Party	9:00 AM
21 Apr	Sunday	Coming of Age	10:00 AM
21 Apr	Sunday	Sunday Service	10:30 AM
21 Apr	Sunday	YRE—Making Faith	10:45 AM
21 Apr	Sunday	Cabin Fever—Nothing Sacred	4:30 PM
23 Apr	Tuesday	Soul Matters Sharing Circle	7:30 PM
24 Apr	Wednesday	Book Group	7:30 PM
25 Apr	Thursday	TUUC Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM
26 Apr	Friday	Writing As a Spiritual Practice	1:00 PM
27 Apr	Saturday	Singles Fellowship Group Potluck	6:00 PM
28 Apr	Sunday	Coming of Age	10:00 AM
28 Apr	Sunday	Sunday Service	10:30 AM
28 Apr	Sunday	YRE—Making Faith	10:45 AM
28 Apr	Sunday	Townhall Meeting	12:00 PM
28 Apr	Sunday	Cabin Fever—OKJA	4:30 PM
30 Apr	Tuesday	Care Work: Dreaming Disability Justice—Book Study	1:00 PM
2 May	Thursday	Men's Brunch	11:30 AM
2 May	Thursday	TUUC Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM

PASSING THE PLATE

DONATE TO TUUC VIA PAPPAL, TEXT, OR BREEZE
 MORE INFORMATION ON THE [TUUC WEBSITE](#)



DONATE BY TEXT

Send an amount to
(410)834-0700

SUNDAY SERVICE

ATTENDANCE REPORT

(Does not reflect actual number of people watching)

Date	Time	In-Person / Online
04/14/2023	10:30 AM	90 / 20