



**SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024 AT 10:30 AM—SACRED BEINGS DIVERSE IN CULTURE, EXPERIENCE, AND THEOLOGY— REV. CLARE L. PETERSBERGER, KARA TYLER, DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, HENRY GIESZL, THE TUUC PUPPET THING, LOU GIESZL, TRACY HALL, MUSIC DIRECTOR, TUUC CHOIR, AND ADDITIONAL MUSICIANS**

Today we honor our graduating High School Senior, Henry Gieszl. When Henry heard that the gift of pluralism is our theme for May, he thought for a minute before responding, “Pluralism has to do with different identities.” Indeed, it does. Today the TUUC Puppet Thing will introduce a new (and therefore different) puppet. We will reflect on what the gift of pluralism asks of us when we encounter different cultures, stories, experiences, and theologies.

## SUNDAY, MAY 5 ONLINE SERVICE INFORMATION

**Topic:** Sunday Service

**Time:** May 5, 2024 10:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

**Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://zoom.us/j/99393154269?pwd=K3JaNjR6cFd0bDJrSDh5S0pReDBjdz09>

**Meeting ID:** 993 9315 4269 **Passcode:** 209308

## YOUTH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

On May 5th, students will participate in the community art project Birds of Gaza. Through the power of collective art, we're highlighting the atrocities that have led to over 30,000 people being killed.

Students will be making birds in commemoration of the children who have died during this conflict on both sides. Prompts and instructions will be available, as will materials for creating birds of their own design. The birds will hang in the YRE cove in the lobby in Memorium. More information is available at <https://www.birdsofgaza.com/>

If you need support speaking to your children about this topic, [here are some suggestions.](#)

## CABIN FEVER

**Charade**

Sunday, May 5

4:30 PM



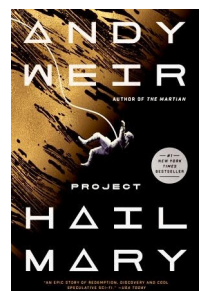
## BOOK CLUB

**Project Hail Mary**

by Andy Weir

Wednesday, May 22

7:30 PM



## TUUC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

### **DOUBLING THE IMPACT—JOIN OUR MATCHING CAMPAIGN TODAY!**

Exciting news! We're thrilled to announce a special Matching Campaign, where every pledge we make or increase will be matched dollar for dollar, doubling its impact on our beloved community.



Thanks to the incredible generosity of a fellow community member, we have the opportunity to double the impact of our pledges and propel us closer to our fundraising goal. **Whether you're making a new pledge or increasing your existing one, your contribution will count twice towards our target funds.**

Head over to the [pledging page](#) to make your pledge today.

### **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

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

For those with young children (or grandchildren), you know that birthday parties result in a lot of gifts, many of which are forgotten shortly afterward. Consider a "no gifts" party, with lots of games and fun activities instead. The memories of the fun experiences will last much longer than the gifts. And talk to your child about why this is important. You'll be planting the seeds of anti-consumerism at an early age!

### **AUTHENTIC SELVES—THE TRANS COMMUNITY AND THE 8TH PRINCIPLE—MAY 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.

### **GREEN SANCTUARY MEETING—SUNDAY, MAY 5 AT NOON**

The Green Sanctuary Committee will hold its monthly meeting Sunday May 5th at noon in Room 6 downstairs, or by zoom (link on the [TUUC web calendar](#)). All are welcome to join us as we work to further "green" TUUC and our wider community.

# SOCIAL ACTION

## OUT FOR JUSTICE BACK IN OPERATION

Good news! Our community partner Out For Justice is back in operation after a brief hiatus. They are still very much in the process of reorganizing their operation and setting a direction for their areas of focus going forward. At their first meeting since they resumed operation, on Wednesday, April 24, 2024, they introduced OFJ's returning Executive Director, OFJ founder Trina Selden.

According to Trina, OFJ will be shifting its focus back to their original emphasis on engaging, educating, and empowering people to work toward the organization's mission, rather than providing direct services.

They will also remain active in their legislative advocacy role. A link to their recap of how their legislative priorities fared in the 2024 session, and their plans for the 2025 session, can be found at <https://davehaupt.files.wordpress.com/2024/05/ofj-4-26-email.pdf>.

## 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.

### 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

Give by Credit/Debit Card

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

Give to Towson Unitarian Universalist Church

\$ 0.00

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 Caseroles
- Give to Plate Collection
- Give to Religious Education Registration
- Give to Restricted Fund
- Give to Social Action Collection

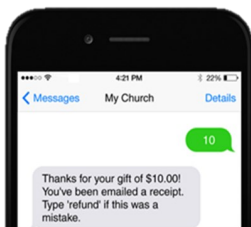
# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT TUUC

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

5 May	Sunday	Coming of Age	10:00 AM
5 May	Sunday	Sunday Service	10:30 AM
5 May	Sunday	YRE—Making Faith	10:45 AM
5 May	Sunday	Our Journeys	12:00 PM
5 May	Sunday	Green Sanctuary Committee Meeting	12:00 PM
5 May	Sunday	Cabin Fever—Charade	4:30 PM
6 May	Monday	Mindful Way Meditation	7:00 PM
7 May	Tuesday	Women’s Group Meeting	7:30 PM
9 May	Thursday	TUUC Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM
10 May	Friday	Writing As a Spiritual Practice	1:00 PM
11 May	Saturday	TUUC Choir Rehearsal	10:00 AM
11 May	Saturday	Merlin’s Magic House—YRE	12:40 PM
12 May	Sunday	Coming of Age	10:00 AM
12 May	Sunday	Sunday Service	10:30 AM
12 May	Sunday	YRE – Making Faith	10:45 AM
12 May	Sunday	Social Action Committee Meeting	12:15 PM
13 May	Monday	Cabin Fever—How to Please a Woman	7:30 PM
14 May	Tuesday	Aging Together	1:00 PM

## PASSING THE PLATE

DONATE TO TUUC VIA PAYPAL, 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
04/28/2023	10:30 AM	94 / 21