



**MARCH 17—10:30 AM—AI: TRANSFORMING WHAT IT MEANS TO BE HUMAN—
REV. CLARE L. PETERSBERGER, KARA TYLER, DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION,
ELLIE HUGHES, PRESIDENT-ELECT AND THE TUUC CHOIR**

When I asked Chat GPT for a Unitarian Universalist sermon on AI, it began, “Beloved community, today we embark on a journey to explore the intersection of faith and technology, as we contemplate the emergence of artificial intelligence.” Other than the opening two words which reminded me of Prince’s “Purple Rain,” Chat GPT offered a reflection weaving in our UU Principles and Purposes and fundamental ethical questions that AI raises. So, will AI transform what it means to be human? If so, in what ways?

SUNDAY, MARCH 17 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/98423142916?pwd=OXBjeEtOMXRxb3BzbnN6Nk14Qzg2QT09>

Meeting ID: 984 2314 2916

Passcode: 130557

YOUTH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Are you excited for Spring? So are we! We are bouncy, wiggly, and full of joy. Come share your energy and love with the students of YRE.

You can sign up by putting your name on the schedule in the lobby or emailing Kara at TUUCDRE@TowsonUUC.org. If you've volunteered before, that's it. You're all set!

If you're new to our program, that's no problem. We will send you an email about doing a background check and getting you up to speed with the TUUC YRE policies and safety rules.

Join us for terrarium making, mock trials, Lego lessons, meditations, and more!

YOUR HELP NEEDED TO MOVE FURNITURE AFTER SERVICE MARCH 17!

The rugs in Room 6, 7 and Community Space will be cleaned on March 18. Your assistance is needed to move furniture out of the way. Please help us with this task after service March 17.

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.



TUUC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

NEWS ABOUT US

We congratulate Henry and Charlotte Basta on the birth of their daughter, Hazel Sophia, on March 3 weighing 8 lbs 9 ounces! Henry and Charlotte are over the moon in love with her! We so look forward to meeting Hazel (though it may be awhile before she joins her father on the AV deck!)

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>

GREEN SANCTUARY TIP OF THE WEEK

Air travel has a significant carbon footprint. You can offset that impact by purchasing a carbon offset from a company such as TerraPass (www.terrapass.com). The money goes to help fund projects that either reduce greenhouse gas emissions or capture greenhouse gases. It is very easy to calculate your carbon footprint due to the flight and purchase the offsets.

DEEPEN YOUR CONNECTION TO TUUC AND UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM

Are you interested in exploring how you might expand your participation at Towson Unitarian Universalist Church in a way that is meaningful and supports your spiritual growth? If you have felt nurtured and supported by being part of TUUC, then volunteering your time is a great way to give back.

Let's get that conversation started! Join the TUUC Nominating Committee for an engaging and interactive conversation about elected and appointed lay leadership positions at church. Learn more about serving on the Board of Trustees. Ask any question! Our Board President, Andrew Hager, recently told me, "Getting into leadership at the church has brought me closer to so many people".

Please speak with any member of the Nominating Committee: Sue Royer, Chair; Nancy Caswell Magrogan, Lou Gieszl, and Art Starr.

Join us on Sunday, March 17 from 12 pm to 1 pm. This meeting will be multi-platform: In-person in the Meeting Room and on Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/94020180068?pwd=VFRHdlRiUU5seXFZdThqWVRQNHpQZz09>

Meeting ID: 940 2018 0068

Passcode: 230132

ETHNIC LUNCH—WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20 AT MERA KITCHEN COLLECTIVE

In March, Ethnic Lunch will be at Mera Kitchen Collective, www.Mera.Kitchen, a Baltimore-based collective of individuals from around the world with a passion for sharing cuisine to foster empowerment and celebrate culture. The food is delicious and gives people a chance to try foods from a wide range of cultures.

Mera does not take reservations and it is a popular spot for lunch in the Mt. Vernon neighborhood. We will meet for lunch at NOON in the hope of getting the communal table. The restaurant is located at 1301 N. Calvert Street at the corner of Preston Street, about a block south of Mt. Royal Avenue. Parking is on the street, but mid-week it is easy to find a parking space.

Join us on Wednesday, March 20 at NOON. RSVP ethniclunch@towsonuuc.org by Monday, March 18 at 5:00 PM so we have some idea how many people are coming.

SINGLES FELLOWSHIP GROUP POTLUCK—SATURDAY, MARCH 23 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.

COMBINED CHOIR FESTIVAL AND CONCERT ON SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH

TUUC will be participating in a group event at All Souls Unitarian in DC on Saturday, April 27th. You may remember the Podd Brothers, particularly Adam Podd, from the Brooklyn UU Church, who produced a number of the videos we saw in our Zoom services during the pandemic. The Podd Brothers plus singer Kiena Williams will be in the DMV to facilitate this event for MUUSICA, the organization of UU musicians in this area. A concert will happen that day at 4 PM, which will include the three musicians plus several of Adam's arrangements presented by combined UU choirs/singers. "The Times, They Are a-Changin'" is the name of the concert, the event, and one of the arrangements we'll be singing. You may participate whether you sing in the TUUC Choir or not. And everyone is invited to the concert! For more information, contact Tracy Hall at music@towsonuuc.org.

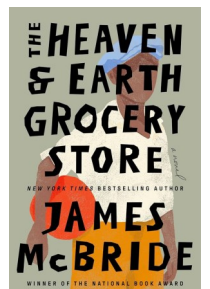
CABIN FEVER

JACKIE BROWN (1997)
SUNDAY, MARCH 10
4:30 PM DISCUSSION



BOOK CLUB

THE HEAVEN AND EARTH
GROCERY STORE
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27
7:30 PM



THE MARCH 18TH ZOOM SOCRATES CAFE TO TAKE UP DEMAGOGUERY

Yes, the question to be probed at this **Socrates Cafe** will be: **"What makes a person a demagogue?"** Suggested by our regular participant, Pete Talley, it's an important question, worth exploring.

Pete recently sent me an email directing us to "**Gemini and "interesting stuff!"** For those unfamiliar with **Gemini**, Googling it is suggested. Its former name was Bard...**it's a way to link with "learning" and "Google AI."** Should be provocative, all right! It's all about our "steep learning curve!" **It's Google's newest and most capable AI! There's a 6:23 YouTube video to view which reveals the capabilities of "Gemini: multimodal AI!"** Thanks, Pete!

So there are a few days remaining before **7:30-9:00 p.m. this coming Monday evening, March 18th on Zoom** to surf the Internet for some tidbits to bring to the discussion about how a **demagogue** comes to be. One definition of a **demagogue** is **"someone who becomes a leader largely because of skills as a speaker who appeals to emotions and prejudices,"** (rather than **rational thought/reason**). Other definitions are sought, as well!

To join us on Zoom, email socratescafe@towsonuuc.org and receive the Zoom Link the day before. The Zoom will begin a few minutes before on the 18th! See you then!

JOIN US ON ZOOM ON MARCH 21ST FOR OUR MESSY LIVES AND "NEGOTIATION"

Yes, **Our Messy Lives** will be meeting once again on **the third Thursday afternoon in March, the 21st, from 3:00-4:00 p.m.** to dissect the word **"NEGOTIATION."** What comes to mind when the word **"negotiation"** is said, heard, or read? Last month, our word was **"Resistance."** So **"Negotiation"** grew out of that discussion, suggested by a participant.

How important a word is **NEGOTIATION**? Do we use **negotiation** frequently? How? Why? How can it be used? **Bring your suggestions on the 21st!** To join, look up Nancy Caswell's email address on the TUUC Member Directory, **BREEZE**, and send her an email...she'll gladly include your email when she emails the Zoom Invite Link the day before. Namaste!

Third Saturday Work Party March 16, 2024 @ 9:00 AM Contact Todd Robertson for more information.

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

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

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- Give to General Fund
- Give to Green Products
- Give to Kate Venables Music Fund
- Give to Memorial Garden
- Give to ODB Casseroles
- Give to Plate Collection
- Give to Religious Education Registration
- Give to Restricted Fund
- Give to Social Action Collection

SOCIAL ACTION

Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry Scores a Win!

One of UULM's priorities this session has passed both houses and will soon be on its way to the Governor for his signature. The bill will allow undocumented Marylanders to purchase insurance on the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange. Note that certain "news" organizations have implied that the bill offers subsidies or even free health insurance to undocumented individuals or families. It does not. The bill simply allows people to buy insurance at full price. For more information about UULM's legislative priorities or to support this important work, visit <https://www.uulmmd.org>

The War on Drugs has Failed - Urge Our Lawmakers to Study Alternatives

Nixon launched the "war on drugs" almost 52 years ago and it has not been an inexpensive undertaking. To date, the United States has spent more than \$1 trillion on drug interdiction and enforcement. And what did we get for all that money? Since 1980, the number of people incarcerated for drug related offenses in the United States increased 1,161%, to 353,000 in 2023. However, during that same period, drug use increased 23% and overdose deaths increased 1,141%. Right now, the legislature is considering a bill (HB1057) that would create a task force to study alternatives to incarceration. Unfortunately, the bill is stuck in committee. If it doesn't move by Monday, the bill is dead. Please contact the committee Chair [Del. Luke Clippinger](#), Vice Chair [Del. J. Sandy Bartlett](#), and your delegates (click [here](#) to find your delegate) and urge them to support this important bill.

EARL'S PLACE COLLECTION FROM MARCH 3, 2024

After a moving presentation about the work being done at Earl's Place, we collected **\$1264** for this community partner. Thanks to everyone who donated.

EARL'S PLACE DONATIONS NEEDED

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

Twin or Double Bed Sheets	Toothpaste/Toothbrushes	Paper Towels
Twin or Double Bed Blankets	Lotions	Nonperishable food items
Twin or Double Bed Comforter/ Bedspreads	Laundry Detergent	Sugar
Bed Pillows	13 Gallon Trash Bags	Coffee
Bath Towels and Wash Cloths	Light Bulbs (60 watt)	Gift cards to Home Depot, Staples or local grocery stores
Bar Soap	Aluminum Foil	
Deodorant	Plastic Wrap	
Razors	All Purpose Cleaners	
Shampoo	Dish Liquid/Dishwasher Powder	
	Toilet Paper	



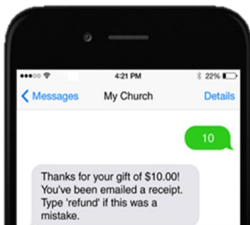
WHAT'S HAPPENING AT TUUC

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

15 Mar	Friday	Writing as a Spiritual Practice	1:00 PM
15 Mar	Friday	Coming of Age Movie Night	6:30 PM
16 Mar	Saturday	Third Saturday Work Party	9:00 AM
17 Mar	Sunday	Coming of Age	10:00 AM
17 Mar	Sunday	Sunday Service	10:30 AM
17 Mar	Sunday	YRE—Making Faith	10:45 AM
17 Mar	Sunday	Deepening Your Connection	12:00 PM
17 Mar	Sunday	Cabin Fever—Jackie Brown	4:30 PM
18 Mar	Monday	Mindful Way Meditation	7:00 PM
18 Mar	Monday	Socrates Café	7:30 PM
19 Mar	Tuesday	Women's Group Meeting	7:30 PM
20 Mar	Wednesday	TUUC Board Meeting	7:00 PM
21 Mar	Thursday	Our Messy Lives	3:00 PM
21 Mar	Thursday	TUUC Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM
23 Mar	Saturday	Singles Fellowship Group	6:00 PM
24 Mar	Sunday	Sunday Service	10:30 AM
24 Mar	Sunday	YRE - Making Faith	10:45 AM
24 Mar	Sunday	Cabin Fever - BAD LIEUTENANT: PORT OF CALL: NEW ORLEANS	4:30 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
03/10/2023	10:30 AM	86 adults- 12 children /25 online