

## February 2023

During our Sunday service on February 5, we kicked off our annual Stewardship campaign. Our Director of Religious Education lead us in imagining the best Unitarian Universalist congregation: who would be there; what we would do together; what it would sound like; what it would feel like; and how it would feel to say goodbye after gathering. Edith Roundy drew these images sharing some of the responses:



Over the next six weeks, we will be reflecting on how TUUC currently embodies (and could embody in the future) the poet Gwendolyn Brooks' vision of community:

- We are each other's harvest;
- We are each other's business;
- We are each other's magnitude and bond.

We will hear testimonials from TUUC members. We will also be invited to contribute our own images and words reflecting our vision of what our community is and what we might yet become. We will be creating an ever-growing congregational mosaic reflecting what we value most about our beloved community and our hopes for the future of TUUC. We will have a Stewardship Drive potluck luncheon after worship on March 19, 2023.

We have much to celebrate from the past year:

- moving to multi-platform ministry;
- ordaining the Reverend Karyn Bergmann Marsh;
- welcoming SarahRuth Davis as our Ministerial Intern;
- wishing Joyce Duncan a happy retirement after 18 years serving as our Director of Religious Exploration and welcoming Kara Tyler as our Director of Religious Education;
- mourning the deaths and celebrating the lives of eleven cherished TUUC members and friends;
- and supporting our community partners, who feed people who are hungry; house men healing from addictions; mentor teens in downtown Baltimore;
- support criminal justice reform; and advocate for legislation that promotes Unitarian Universalist values.
- Our Green Sanctuary Committee re-envisioned our green partnership with Amazing Grace Lutheran Church.
- We also entered into a new partnership with Bridge, MD to join with different faiths to lobby for legislation on issues of common concern.

There is energy and excitement in the air at TUUC!

We invite you to make a financial pledge during our campaign running through March 26. Your commitment supports the church's budget for July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024. Your financial pledge is an investment in the unfolding and inspiring vision we are creating together.

As we acknowledged in worship, there was a time when TUUC did not exist. Everything we love about this community was created by people who knew it was their responsibility to create a loving community in a time of division and hate. As previous generations invested their time, talent, and treasure to build this community, we must all work together to move TUUC into the future. In 2060, our beloved community will light a chalice and think back to these days and the things they love about what we created together. We thank you, in advance, for your vision, your participation, and your investment in TUUC.

We can't wait to appreciate the mosaics that you create to reflect your experience of how we are (and might yet be)

Each other's harvest,

Each other's business,

Each other's magnitude and bond.

Clare L. Retersberger

With deep gratitude,

Rev. Clare L. Petersberger

Minister

Andrew Hager

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President