

# THRESHOLD



## Towson Unitarian Universalist Church

A Welcoming Congregation

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Lutherville, Maryland

February 2009

### FEBRUARY SERVICES

This month's worship theme is dedicated to what it means to discern and live our giftedness knowing that "our combination of gifts is unique. Not one of us has ever been replicated on this earth!" -- Rev. Clare

**February 1, 2009**

**9:30 and 11:15 AM**

**How Are You Blessing The World?**

**Rev. Clare Petersberger, the Gifts Based Ministry Team,  
Mimi Marks and Laurie Meister**

**Music: Ina Allen, piano (both services)**



When my colleague The Reverend Rob Hardies, minister of All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church, asked members of an adult religious education class, "How are you blessing the world?" he was met with silence. Some members were uncomfortable with the language of "blessing," finding it presumptuous. Others felt guilty that they were NOT blessing the world. And still others had never thought of their lives as "a blessing." This morning we probe this question (and our own answers) further as we celebrate the launch of the TUUC Gifts Based Ministry initiative and recognize the gifts of many who bless our shared ministry!

**February 8, 2009**

**9:30 and 11:15 AM**

**Darwin's Garden**

**Rev. Clare Petersberger**

**Music: TUUC Choir and Joseph Gascho, piano (both services)**



This year marks the 200th birthday of Charles Darwin and the 150th anniversary of the publication of *The Origins of The Species*. Many remember Darwin for his discoveries while traveling to the Galapagos on The Beagle. But Darwin made many discoveries about the evolution of life in his garden. February is a good month in Baltimore to be reminded of what this Unitarian found in his own back yard and what we might find, metaphorically, closer to home.

**February 15, 2009**

**9:30 and 11:15 AM**

## **Lincoln's Faith and Our Own**

**Rev. Clare Petersberger**

**Music: Joseph Gascho, piano, and  
friends (both services)**



Though not a Unitarian, Abraham Lincoln kept the sermons of a Unitarian preacher at his bedside. Though not a Universalist, Lincoln liked to tell the story of how an orthodox minister in Springfield, Illinois, responded to the arrival of the Universalists with these words, "My brethren, there is a dangerous doctrine creeping in among us. There are those who are teaching that all men will be saved; but, my dear brethren, we hope for better things." In honor of the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Lincoln's birth, today we explore his way in religion and what we can learn from it about our own.

**February 22, 2009**

**9:30 and 11:15 AM**

## **Balanced at the Brink of Wisdom**

**Rev. David Carl Olson**

**Music: TUUC Choir and Joseph Gascho, piano (both services)**

Each human story leads from nothingness to nothingness, some may say. The plans we make along the way are subject to so much happenstance . . . How is it that we may live our lives boldly, truthfully, wisely, so that justice, equity and compassion may be the hallmarks of our brief time on earth?

Rev. David Carl Olson serves the Unitarian Universalist Church of Flint, Michigan, where he founded a congregation-based community organization, Flint Area Congregations Together (FACT), which addresses issues of community safety and blight, public education, and jobs creation. He participates regularly in interfaith activities around community concerns, and especially the continuing impact of HIV/AIDS on a majority African American, economically challenged, community. He was delighted to give the invocation at Sen. Hilary Rodham's Clinton campaign rally for now-President Barack Obama. Before coming to Michigan, Rev. Olson served the Community Church of Boston. Before coming to ministry, he produced political theater, was an artist-in-residence in underserved communities in New England and was a liturgical musician in Jewish, Christian and Unitarian Universalist settings.

## TUUC Mid-Winter Congregational Meeting

Sunday, February 8, 12:45 PM

### Agenda Items:

Committee on Ministry Update

Green Sanctuary Application

Gifts-Based Ministry Introduction

Financial Review

Light fare will be provided.

Childcare is available.

Please plan to attend.

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## CLARE'S COLLOQUOY: YES WE CAN

By Rev. Clare Petersberger

On January 18 I drove with **Alan Foote** and **Janet Amirault** to the Inaugural Ball at All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church in Washington, DC. Upon entering, volunteers greeted us warmly, helping us get our coats checked. Next, a friendly woman confirmed our tickets and we were directed to a long hall. Midway down the hall, we were greeted by more volunteers who traded our ticket for a blue rubber bracelet with Obama 1-20-2009 imprinted on it. At the back of the Fellowship Hall were tables filled with platters of colorful fruits and hors d'oeuvres. Towards the center, tables were filled with cakes. Along the sides, round tables were set with commemorative champagne flutes with an image of the church. In the front was a stage set up with microphones. Above us, netting sparkled with rows of tiny blue lights.



The festivities “officially” began when my colleague the Reverend Rob Hardies introduced our current UUA President, The Reverend Bill Sinkford. Rob remembered how he’d met Bill on September 11, 2001. Rob had begun his ministry with All Souls two days earlier. Bill, in the first year of his Presidency, had come to DC to meet with members of Congress. That night, both Bill and Rob led a worship service together in response to the trauma of that day.

We were reminded how much has changed in the past eight years. All Souls has grown from 250 members and a deficit budget. Today, it was announced, over 1,200 people attended the two worship services at All Souls. And as the attention to detail suggests, many, many people were involved in hosting tonight's ball. There was not only a band in the Fellowship Hall, but also a DJ playing more contemporary music in the sport's hall beneath the Fellowship Hall. And a group of retirees even provided a "quiet" space in the church library for those who wanted to sit in peace and savor a cup of coffee!

Over the past eight years, the Unitarian Universalist Association has become more visible thanks to Bill's vision. Funds from Association Sunday have been used to publicize our free faith tradition; to support the intentional growth of diverse leadership in our association; and to promote spiritual and intellectual growth.

Bill has been committed to a prophetic ministry. Standing on the side of love, he saw marriage for gays and lesbians become a reality in Massachusetts and California (at least for a while in the latter.) Most recently, Bill's social witness took him Africa. Bill, himself, reminded us that we had great reason to celebrate a new administration that would be friendly to our statements of social conscience. But he cautioned that over the past eight years, we've honed our skills at discerning and criticizing. Now our energies need to be directed to doing the practical work that will bring the words of our social conscience statements off the page. Mingling with hundreds and hundreds of Unitarian Universalists gathered at a revitalized All Souls to celebrate, one felt "Yes, we can!"

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## BOARD NOTES: SUPPORTING OUR MINISTRY

By Linda Talley, president

The board of trustees works on behalf of the congregation to ensure that TUUC will make the best use of its resources to accomplish its vision, mission and covenant and to further the Church's ministry.

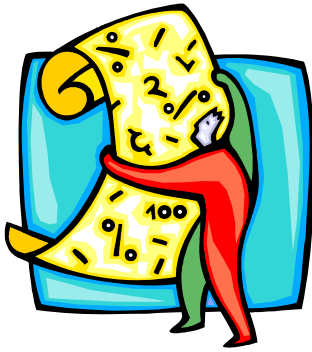
Here are a few highlights from the January 13<sup>th</sup> board meeting:

**Tom Farrell** and **Karin Symonds** from the Committee on Ministry (CoM) reviewed the CoM's draft statement of purpose with the trustees. This re-visioning of the role of the CoM in our congregational life will be discussed at the mid-winter congregational meeting on February 8<sup>th</sup> and ultimately will be presented as a formal change to the TUUC by-laws.



The board's consideration of a request from the Kol HaLev congregation to rent space at TUUC continued with a need for additional information identified.

**9:30 and 11:15 AM**



Treasurer **Paul Konka** reviewed Income and expense information for the first six months of the budget year (50% of the budget year). Year to date income was \$211,389 (53% of budgeted); expenses were \$177,907 (44% of budgeted). Paul shared his concern about a potential shortfall in income, given that is more typical for income at the end of December to be in the 65%-70% range as many members accelerate their pledge payments to fit within the tax year. The board will continue to monitor TUUC's financial picture and work with the O-Team and staff to control expenditures and address any anticipated deficits for this budget year which ends June 30, 2009.

A mailing to clarify the status of several inactive members was sent in December in preparation for submitting our certified membership number to the Unitarian Universalist Association. **Mona Scott**, church administrator, reported that TUUC's current membership is 293 members from 220 member households. We also have many friends of TUUC who are active in the life of the church without holding formal membership.

Plans for the mid-winter congregational meeting on Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup> were reviewed. The next meeting of the board will be Tuesday, February 10, 7:30 PM.

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## COMMITMENT SUNDAY - MARCH 1, 2009

**All.  
Together.  
Now.**

**All** – All of us, each and every one of us are responsible for TUUCs health and well-being, giving our time, talent and financial support to provide for our congregation.

**Together** – for worship, learning, music, sharing, play and service to others – is what makes such a diverse group of people a church.

**Now** – is the time to make your pledge of financial support for the 2009-2010 church year to sustain and strengthen our common life.

Don't miss this important and celebratory Sunday. Services will be held at the usual times of 9:30 and 11:15 AM with a delightful "muffin morning" reception after each.

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## OPERATIONS UPDATE: STAYING WARM

By Catherine Morris, president-elect

Brrr. As I reflect on January's accomplishments, it's 17 degrees and falling. Hope you have found ways to stay warm physically and spiritually.

**Gift-based Ministries**— Anita Cox continued her speaking tour as the chair of GBM. She explained how the GBM committee plans to reach out to each of us through individual conversations to find out how we experience Towson UU and what we need from and can contribute to the church.



**Finances** – The O Team is beginning to develop a budget for FY09-10 which will reflect our vision for where we hope to grow and expand our programs and the realities of the economic challenges ahead. We will build next year's budget from the bottom-up – asking for input from all the committees and council heads and open to your thoughts and ideas.

**Improvements to accommodate Disabilities** – We are creating a special ad hoc committee to review how we can improve accessibility to our church building for those with disabilities. Anyone who can help us navigate the disability access regulations or is interested in making our church a place that is accessible to everyone, please contact House and Grounds Chair, **John Venables**.

**Rental Income** – With the Aphasia group rental ending in February, we discussed ways to increase visibility of our space for long-term rentals. If you know of groups that are looking for a place to meet during the week, please contact the Church office.

O-Team meetings are open to everyone the first Tues. every month at 7:30 PM. You are invited to our next meeting on February 3 in Room 5.

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## OUR MUSIC: JOIN IN!

By Joseph Gascho, music director

Elena and I would like to say a huge thanks to the music committee, choir, and others for the awesome Target gift card - I think its safe to say our new daughter Maggie will never run out of diapers! We really appreciate your thoughtfulness! We're tired and a bit worn-out, but very happy. I snuck away for a few hours this weekend when the Bald Mountain Bluegrass Band had its debut gig outside of TUUC at a local Obama party. It was a lot of fun and we're looking forward to more.





I just found out that February happens to be the national Join-the-Choir Month, and also the international Singing-in-Church-Rocks Month. In celebration of this, we're welcoming singers to join the choir, and if that's not possible for you, at least pitch in and try to raise the decibel level a few notches on Sunday mornings!

Looking ahead, we're also looking for some more drummers in preparation for our special music service on April 5. I'm also happy to announce

two more Community Sing Events: immediately following the services on March 22 and April 26. In March, we'll be doing a drum circle - we'll supply instruments but bring your own if you wish. In April, folk music and spirituals will be the theme of the singing. Also on April 26, the jazz ensemble from the UU Congregation of Columbia will be joining us for both services in the morning, so it promises to be an enjoyable day.



I look forward to seeing you all in the upcoming weeks.

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## YOUTH RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

Joyce Duncan, DRE

We will be making 50 or more tins of lasagna for the Essex Homeless Shelter on February 8. This project can't be done without the support of our whole community! Please help your children to learn the joy of helping others by making sure they attend that day and sending them in with a jar of tomato sauce and a financial contribution. Help out by shopping, helping us downstairs that day, and/or taking home casseroles to bake and freeze. Thank you!

The YRE Committee is anticipating a problem that many churches would love to have: more teens registered in youth group than will fit in their current space. We are inviting all to join the YRE committee in an initial meeting to discuss possible solutions to this challenge. We will hold meetings at two times to get input from the largest number of families. We will hold a **third** meeting (TBD), to decide on next steps to take. Emails, which you may have already received, will provide further details and ask for an RSVP. Meeting dates will be Friday, January 30, 7 - 8:30 PM and Sunday, February 22, 6 - 7:30 PM.

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## ADULT RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

Karen O'Rourke, chair

### SEEKING SABBATH: FINDING REST IN OUR BUSY LIVES

One Day Retreat  
Saturday, February 7  
8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

In today's world with its emphasis on success and productivity, we have lost the necessary rhythm of life, the balance between work and rest. Constantly striving we often feel exhausted and deprived in the midst of great abundance. The tradition of Sabbath creates an oasis of sacred time within a life of unceasing labor. Learn how to set aside some special time of renewal, delight, and rest. Sabbath can have many forms but it is designed to refresh our bodies and minds, restore our creativity and regain our birthright of inner happiness. Retreat includes group time, private time indoors and outdoors, creative time, and a closing ritual. Fees include continental breakfast, refreshments and endless hot drinks, lunch, program materials and speaker fees. The program will be held at Aisling Retreat Center which offers spacious meeting and meditation areas along with many hiking trails for outdoor reflections and meandering.

### FRIDAY NIGHT HEALTH FORUM

Topic: Gardasil and HPV Vaccination: Understanding the Risks  
February 13  
7:30 – 9:00 PM

Facilitators: Emily Tarsell, TUUC Member; Barbara LoeFisher, Director of the National Vaccine Information Center

Learn more about Gardasil and the proposed mandatory vaccination of young women against HPV; what are the facts and what are the risks. The panelists include a mother, a national leader on vaccination risk management and a public health practitioner. Some 20 states are moving to make Gardasil a mandatory vaccine for all young women. Come and learn more about this new intervention and what questions you need to ask for your daughters. Sign up in the lobby.

## COUPLE ENRICHMENT PROGRAM ON VALENTINE'S DAY

Karen Connor, LCSW-C will facilitate a loving opportunity to take a vital inventory of the ups and downs of partnership on February 14. Cost is Ten Dollars per person. Make checks out to Pastoral Counseling Services of Maryland [PCSM] and leave in the Church Office.

## THE WORLD WHERE WE LIVE SUNDAY FORUM

Topic: End of Life Planning  
Sunday, February 22  
Potluck begins at 5 PM, Speaker at 6 PM  
Speaker: Duncan Kier, Esq.

Bring your favorite dish to share and stay for an exciting update on end of life planning, power of attorney for health care issues, and more. Duncan Kier is an experience Towson attorney from our local community who will share his expertise and recommendations to us.

Upcoming ... The World Where We Live Sunday Forums

March 22: Our Theological Diversity - Looking at the UUA By Laws Recommended Changes  
April 26: Celebrating Earth Day: A Panel Presentation on Earth, Energy and Ecology

## PHILOSOPHY BITES

Topic: Humanism  
February 25  
7:30 – 9:00 PM

Join in a small group as we listen to the BBC podcast on this stimulating topic into today's cultural context and discuss its relevance in our life's journey. First of a four-part series. Future topics are atheism, altruism and cultural relativism. Facilitated by Peter Talley.

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## HOUSE AND GROUNDS COUNCIL

*John Venables, chair*

TUUC is forming an ad hoc committee to study how access to the church for the physically disabled can be improved. If this is an area of interest to you and you wish to serve on the committee, please contact John Venables or Mimi Marks at contact information in directory. Individuals having architectural experience would be especially welcome to serve on the committee or provide input to it.

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## INNER LIFE COUNCIL

Mimi Marks, chair

### DINNERS AT HOME A SUCCESS

Twenty-three people enjoyed our winter Dinners At Home on January 10. Dinners At Home is an evening when there are several dinners for groups of five to twelve people in different members' homes. It's a splendid opportunity to spend an evening getting to know other TUUCers while enjoying dinner in the relaxed setting of someone's home. We will have our spring Dinners At Home in March or early April. Join us if you want to become better acquainted with some of your fellow TUUCers.

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## OUTREACH COUNCIL

Bill & Salli Ward, co-chairs

### BANNER READING CLUB UPDATE

At least 14 boys and girls have come back to Reading Club as we began meeting January 12 after the holiday break. The program at 2900 E. Fayette Street is geared for ages 6-12, and meets on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3 to 5 PM. Students have a snack, read or do homework, write in their journals, and play board games. Points are awarded for attendance and good behavior and converted to "dollars" to use for "Santa's Workshop" or other rewarding activities. Periodically there are special trips, such as Larriland Farms before Halloween. We can still use more volunteers. Also, we may be working on a garden at different times from the Reading Club. If you can help with either Reading Club or gardening, contact Betty Lou Anderson at [socialaction@towsonuuc.org](mailto:socialaction@towsonuuc.org).

### CHESAPEAKE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY PROJECT

We will be joining other area churches again this year to sponsor the renovation of a house on Ward St. in Baltimore beginning mid-April. We will start recruiting volunteers in March. Questions? Contact Catherine Morris.

### ACTC FOOD PANTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Please consider the hungry men, women and children as you shop. If you can contribute cereals, peanut butter and jelly are always needed and appreciated. Donations can be placed in the ACTC basket in the TUUC foyer at any time. Thanks for helping to make a difference.

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## GREEN SANCTUARY COMMITTEE

By Carel Hedlund and Derek Perner, Co-Chairs

### GREEN COFFEE

Next Green Coffee Sale/Green Hospitality: Sunday, February 8, 2009

### GREEN SANCTUARY ACCREDITATION

After two-plus years, TUUC's accreditation as a Green Sanctuary is getting close! At the Congregation Meeting on February 8, the members of TUUC will vote to authorize TUUC to submit its application for accreditation as a Green Sanctuary. Come to the Congregational Meeting to review what we - the entire congregation - has accomplished since our candidacy was accepted by the UU Ministry for the Earth in September of 2006. You will be impressed!

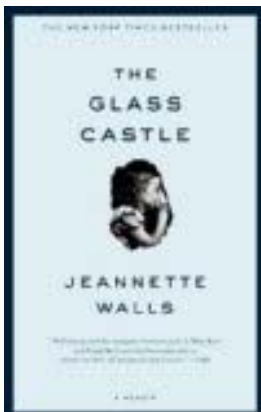
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### PARTNER CHURCH SUMMER PILGRIMAGE TO TRANSYLVANIA, ROMANIA

The UUA Partner Church Council is offering a special pilgrimage to Transylvania for Greater Washington Area UUs in July. The itinerary for this 14-day pilgrimage will begin in lovely Budapest, include travel to many historic Unitarian sites in Romania, and provide three days in a Unitarian church village. The goal is to inform UUs more fully about the breadth and depth of our faith by fostering a new understanding of our historical roots and building deeper relationships with our co-religionists in Transylvania.

John Dale, coordinator of Transylvania pilgrimages, will speak here at TUUC about this pilgrimage and the partner church program on Tuesday, February 24. All are cordially invited to attend. For the complete itinerary and details about this pilgrimage, go to [www.uupcc.org](http://www.uupcc.org), and under "Travel," click on "public/private trips."

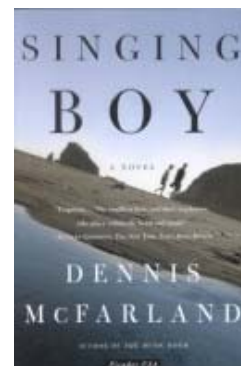


### EVENING BOOK GROUP

The Evening Book Group will meet on Tuesday February 3 at 7:30 PM to discuss *The Glass Castle: A Memoir* by Jeannette Walls. **Note change of date to first Tuesday this month.** This is a tender, moving recounting of growing up in a family with profound flaws, told with grace and unconditional love. All are welcome! Please call Mike Robinson at number in directory if you have any questions.

## ANITA GREGORY BOOK GROUP

This month's selection is *Singing Boy* by Dennis McFarland. "One night when returning home from an awards dinner, Malcolm Vaughn is shot and killed in front of his wife and son. The rest of the novel progresses with beautifully written depth of emotion, as the survivors move through their grief. This was the first novel I'd read by Dennis McFarland, and it won't be the last. His understanding of the human heart and mind is a gift akin to Joyce Carol Oates. Not an upbeat read by any stretch of the imagination, but by the end of the novel it does leave you feeling satisfied, and not depressed." - Brett Benner, Amazon.com reviewer



Join us at 2 PM. Everyone is welcome!

## FRIDAY NIGHT CONCERT



February 27 – Woody Lissauer writes, composes and produces his own songs from his Baltimore home and performs them locally and internationally. He brings decades of passionate musical and literary exploration and a lifelong obsession with language(s) and aesthetic beauty to his song-craft. Woody's love of people and off-beat sense of humor quickly grab the crowd. He wins accolades as much for his vocals and wonderfully evocative lyrics as for his dazzling guitar and instrumental work. Woody will be joined by his full band so be prepared to dance and have a delightful evening!  
<http://www.woodylissauer.com/>

Potluck dinner at 7 PM, concert at 7:30 PM, \$15 donation suggested. Bring a dish to share and TUUC will provide sodas and coffee.

Please make a reservation by contacting **Tish Michel** at [fridayconcerts@towsonuuc.org](mailto:fridayconcerts@towsonuuc.org) or call the Church office at 410.825.6045.

## WIDER CONNECTIONS

### UUSJ UPDATE

Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice (UUSJ) is a Unitarian Universalist partnership of congregations, organizations and individuals deeply committed to our religious principles of human dignity, justice and compassion for all people. We work in the Baltimore Washington and Northern Virginia area to help Unitarian Universalist activists carryout their social and economic justice agendas. In that spirit, UUSJ wants your suggestions for its April 4 meeting. What kinds of workshop or speakers might be most useful to our church as we plan social justice projects? Contact Lois Hybl through [socialaction@towsonuuc.org](mailto:socialaction@towsonuuc.org) or UUSJ directly at [info@uusj.org](mailto:info@uusj.org).

One service of UUSJ is the monthly e-news which announces various social action events related to UU priorities. For example, an announcement of TUUC's Ethical Eating: Food and Environmental Justice Study Course was in the most recent e-news. To be on the listserve or to submit an article, contact the UUSJ office at 301-588-1951 or [info@uusj.org](mailto:info@uusj.org) with your name and email address and your request or event information. Issues come out about the 15<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of each month. Please submit your information a few days before. To support the work of UUSJ, go to [Network for Good](#) or send your check to 8605 Cameron St. Suite 200 Silver Spring, MD 20910. UUSJ membership flyers will also be available in the lounge between services during February.

UUSJ is urging UU's to reserve Saturday, May 9, 9 AM to 5 PM at All Souls Unitarian in Washington, DC for "Money, Values and Impact: A Conference on Ethical Investing for UU Congregations." UUSJ Executive Director and TUUC member, Terry Ellen, urges us to take advantage of the political and economic moment and our shared desire to grow our faith. Join nationally prominent experts in an exploration of investment vehicles, exemplary practices and policies, and strategy options in lively skill-building sessions. Hear inspiring case studies of individual congregations that have made a major positive impact in their community and learn about opportunities to help build a more green and just economy. Workshops will be geared to meet the needs of participants who want to know the basics as well as to those who want more intermediate-to-advanced discussion and information.

## TENNESSEE UU CHURCH FEATURED IN RECENT NEWSWEEK ARTICLE

My Turn: 'Everyone Welcome'—Even Now

After a senseless act of violence in our church, we did not give in to anger. We sought a better way.

By Chris Buice | NEWSWEEK

Published Jan 10, 2009

From the magazine issue dated Jan 19, 2009

Click on the link to read the article.

<http://www.newsweek.com/id/178853>

## UUA RESPONSE TO THE CURRENT VIOLENCE IN GAZA

January 8, 2009: Over the past 10 days people of faith around the world have been shocked and saddened by the recent violence in Israel and Gaza. The Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) joins with its partner organizations including Churches for Middle East Peace (Letter to President Bush on 12/29/08 and Letter to Congress on 1/5/09) and Religions for Peace International (Statement on 1/5/09) in calling for the United States President and Congress to effect robust diplomatic efforts to bring about an immediate cease fire and secure the access of humanitarian relief efforts in the region.

Click on the link to read the entire response. <http://uua.org/news/newssubmissions/126693.shtml>

## FEBRUARY 2009

CALENDAR [HTTP://MY.CALENDARS.NET/TOWSONUUC](http://my.calendars.net/towsonuuc)

February 1	Sunday	Social Action Committee 10:30 AM
		Public Speaking Class 12:30 PM
		Laughter Yoga 2 PM
February 2	Monday	Meditation Group 7:15 PM
		Chalice Circle 3 PM
February 3	Tuesday	Anita Gregory Book Group 2 PM
		Operations Team Meeting 7:30 PM
		Evening Book Group 7:30 PM
		Chalice Circle 7:30 PM
February 4	Wednesday	Improv Group 7 PM
		Ethical Eating Course 7:30 PM
February 5	Thursday	Chalice Circle 7:30 PM
		Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM
February 6	Friday	Men's Breakfast Group 8:30 AM
		Caring Committee 10 AM
February 8	Sunday	CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 12:45 PM
		Laughter Yoga 2 PM
February 9	Monday	Meditation Group 7:15 PM
February 10	Tuesday	Board Meeting 7:30 PM
February 11	Wednesday	Chalice Circle 7:30 PM
February 12	Thursday	Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM
		YRE Committee Meeting 7:30 PM
February 13	Friday	ARE Friday Forum 7:30 PM
February 15	Sunday	Social Action Committee 10:30 AM
		Laughter Yoga 2 PM
		Nominating Committee Potluck/Program 5:30 PM
February 16	Monday	Chalice Circle 3 PM
		Meditation Group 7:15 PM
February 17	Tuesday	Chalice Circle 7:30 PM
February 18	Wednesday	Improv Group 7 PM
		Worship Program Assoc. Mtg. 7 PM
February 19	Thursday	Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM
		Chalice Circle 7:30 PM
February 20	Friday	Men's Breakfast Group 8:30 AM
February 22	Sunday	Laughter Yoga 2 PM
		ARE Potluck/Program 5 PM
February 23	Monday	Meditation Group 7:15 PM
February 24	Tuesday	Partner Church Program Evening (TBA)
February 25	Wednesday	Women's Breakfast Group 8:30 AM
February 26	Thursday	Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM



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