

TUUC WEEKLY NEWS

[SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2010]

SUNDAY SERVICE – FEBRUARY 7, 2010 @ 9:30 & 11:15 AM

Temperance

Rev. Clare Petersberger and Vinnie DeMarco

Music: Choir and Joseph Gascho, both services

What instigated, and who lead, The Temperance Movement of the 19th century? What is the rationale behind the proposal to increase the tax on alcohol in Maryland? And what spiritual meanings might the word "temperance" hold for Unitarian Universalists today?

CELEBRATING CLARE'S 10th

In February of 2000, this congregation installed the Reverend Clare Petersberger as our new minister. We will be celebrating the 10th anniversary of Clare joining us this Sunday. Please come and share your appreciation for all she does for and with us. There will be a recognition and small celebration at both services.

[YOUTH RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION]

Put Your Faith in Action: Opportunities for ALL TUUCers

Please contact Joyce if you are interested in helping with a party at Eastside Shelter on February 28 from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM. According to Marilyn Thorn, there are many families now at this shelter, and a few hours of games, activities, and fellowship is greatly appreciated during these long cold days! See if taking joy to families in need becomes a source of enduring warmth to you and your children.

I am also organizing a group to take lunch and then tour a Habitat for Humanity worksite in March. We will set as date as soon as we know when TUUC volunteers will be working. Contact me if you are interested in helping, learning more about Habitat, and supporting their mission--affordable housing!

PreK/K class at 9:30 AM Come find out what Pate and Janice have planned!

1st through 3rd at 9:30 AM; Kindergarten through 3rd grade at 11:15 AM will be learning more about Habitat for Humanity, reading "A House Is Home for Me," and starting to make key holders for homeowner gifts as part of their hands-on service activity for Habitat Helpers Club.

4th through 6th grade will be learning about Habitat for Humanity, both here and around the world, and starting benches for homeowner gifts that will be part of their hands-on service activity for Habitat Helpers Club.

Coming of Age (7th/8th grade) class will have regular classes this week.

Our Whole Lives (9th grade) will meet.

Youth Group will meet at 11 AM.

[NOTICES]

NEWLY FORMING TUUC YOUNG ADULT SINGLES GROUP

Are you a young adult between the ages of 21-35? Would you like to connect with other young adults at TUUC for fellowship and fun? Would a movie night, game night, or joint social project be of interest to you? If so please join us this Sunday, February 7, 2010 at 12:30 PM to brainstorm launching the TUUC Young Adult Singles Group. Any questions, please speak to Steven Silver any Sunday after the second service.

BLOOD DRIVE

Announcing the TUUC Blood Drive: March 20, 2010. Working with the American Red Cross Greater Chesapeake and Potomac Blood Services Region, we've selected Saturday, March 20, as the date for the next Blood Drive at TUUC. We'll need a lot of help - and donors, of course - to make this blood drive successful. Please contact Barry Marsh at circus_cyaneus@comcast.net or 443-416-3192 if you'd like to help organize our blood drive. We'll soon start recruiting donors at the church and in the local community, so save the date! Give Life - Give Blood.

BOOK NOOK

BOOK NOOK BIG NEWS! Once a month, starting on Valentine's Day, the Book Nook will devote its round table to the sale of donated and desirable Children's books, books for teachers and parents, and DVDs & CDs for young folk. Adult fiction and non-fiction will be for sale as usual, on the long table. **DONATION GUIDELINES:** 1. Quality control: Donate only what you would buy! 2. No more than 12 books at a time. 3. Donations can be brought in & left at the Nook any time TUUC is open.

We want this ongoing new resource to be another way that TUUC Upstairs and TUUC Downstairs can be a vibrant reinforcement for each other. However, while Nook can provide the venue, we need you to provide great donations and enthusiastic sales. Remember, all Nook proceeds are donated to TUUC, and we're \$23,000 short of what we need for our 2010/11 budget. So, on Valentine's Day, show the Love for TUUC, its remarkable young folk, and the amazing people who nurture them: select your best books for us to sell, bring a few bucks to spend, and come visit the Book Nook on Valentine's Day and every monthly Children's Sale Day thereafter for the best bargains in town!

Book Nook is open twice a month. Our February dates are the 14th & 28th. Donations can be brought in any time that TUUC is open. The inclusion of Children's Books etc. will be on the first Nook date of the month. Book Nook dates will be posted in the Weekly News.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED NOW: Help us, please. Work a 45-minute shift selling books with an experienced partner on the Sundays of your choice, go to the service that you prefer, mingle with chatty customers, and make \$\$\$s for TUUC. Newcomers - we really encourage you to give this a shot. Please contact Carol Mason, Chair of Book Nook, with questions.

CAN YOU BE A KEEPER OF THE FLAME?

Rev. Clare invites all families and individuals to consider helping with the chalice lighting during a service, also known as being a Keeper of the Flame. We encourage individuals, couples, and families to sign up. Aynsley Hamel will be coordinating this, so please check your calendar and email Aynsley (see directory for email) with dates and services that you can help with OR see the sign-up sheet that will be posted near the kitchen. If you sign up, you will be emailed the words for the chalice lighting by the Friday before that Sunday. **THANK YOU!**

DINNERS AT HOME

Join us for food and fellowship at one of the dinner parties in members' homes on Saturday, February 27. It is a great way to get to know church members better! If you want to host a dinner party or if you want to be a guest and provide a dinner dish, please email dinnersathome@towsonuuc.org or call Linda Prause at the number in the directory. The deadline for signing up is Sunday, February 21.

NEWCOMER ORIENTATION

People who are new to TUUC are invited to attend a series of two Newcomer Orientation sessions:

- Sunday, March 21, 1PM Brunch and presentation by Rev. Clare Petersberger on Unitarian Universalism
- Sunday, March 28, 1PM Brunch and orientation to TUUC provided by a variety of church leaders.

Please RSVP to Membership@towsonuuc.org if you are able to attend either or both sessions.

[SOCIAL ACTION]

THANK YOU

The staff and volunteers at the Assistance Center of Towson Churches (ACTC) want to thank the TUUC congregation for their generous donations of non-perishable food. ACTC clients are especially grateful for your generosity. This type of assistance is always needed. Keep up the good work. Thank you, Vera D. Williamson

[GREEN SANCTUARY]

RECYCLING AT TUUC!

Be on the look-out for the new blue recycling bins placed throughout TUUC, courtesy of the Green Sanctuary Committee. Now that Baltimore County has adopted single-stream recycling, it is all the more important that we recycle all cans, bottles, and paper used in our building. (NOT acceptable in these bins: plastic bags, Styrofoam, paper with food on it, or covered with wax or plastic.) Help TUUC continue to "go green"!

50th ANNIVERSARY

TUUC PHOTO DIRECTORY

In celebration of our 50th Anniversary, TUUC has asked Olan Mills to help us prepare a photo directory. It is our hope that everyone who is currently a member or friend of the church will be included in this directory. Participation is FREE, and those who participate receive a FREE directory and a FREE 8x10 photo. Is there a catch? You do have to sit through a sales pitch after the photo shoot, but TUUC has no interest in whether you purchase photos or not.

Photos will be taken March 11 – 13 and April 13 – 14 at the church. You can either schedule your photo shoot at church, or online. To schedule online, go to: www.signup.olanmills.com. Click on "Schedule New Appointment" and fill in the requested information. Then you will see a calendar. Find the date you want (in red) and click on it to get to the schedule.

Please help us make this directory complete by scheduling your photo shoot today!

[CALENDAR] For info on all the happenings at TUUC go to: <http://my.calendars.net/towsonuuc>

PHILOSOPHY BITES – WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10 @ 7:30 PM

Discussion Two - Moral Man and Immoral Society. The second of three weekly programs investigating the theologian and philosopher Reinhold Niebuhr. Rev. Clare Petersberger will join us in these discussions.

MOVIE NIGHT – FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12 @ 7:15 PM

The movie is *Babel*, a movie of fate and circumstances in an interconnected world, starring Brad Pitt and Cate Blanchard. Come for a potluck at 6 PM, followed by the movie at 7:15 PM. Popcorn will be provided!

SUNDAY SERVICE – FEBRUARY 14, 2010 @ 9:30 & 11:15 AM

Love Love Love

50th Anniversary Celebration Continues ...

Nick Page

Music: Joseph Gascho, piano, both services

Why is this Sunday different from all other Sundays? Not only is it Valentine's Day, but Nick Page, a Boston based composer/author, whose sings at UU General Assemblies have brought the house down on several occasions, will be in our pulpit! His Valentine's Day theme, LOVE LOVE LOVE will weave Nick's original songs as well as beloved songs by the Beatles to celebrate love, particularly as it pertains to the seven principles of Unitarian Universalism. This will be a family service that all ages will love love love!

Nick is a fantastic song leader! He conducted the 600 member Chicago Children's Choir for three years. He believes that there should be no separation between the talented and the untalented! He works with children who have an inborn love of singing. And he works with adults who lost their love

of singing a long time ago. And he works with talented singers! He has studied Black Gospel, Jewish liturgical music, South African Mbube choral style, jazz, and pop. He leads simple sing-alongs in Hebrew, Arabic, Italian, Spanish, German, Zulu, and Italian. Today, he will be delivering a sermon "in song" with our help! Rev. Clare participated in Nick's workshops at the UUA General Assembly. She stopped lip-synching and actually sang unselfconsciously. You will too! Bring your whole family and invite your neighborhood!

AGING TOGETHER – TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16 @ NOON

The Aging Together Group will next meet on this date at TUUC. Please bring a bag lunch and drinks will be provided. Allan Thorn will lead a discussion on "The Gift of Aging: Contributions and Participation, " and Joan Kolobielski will present some resources. Call or email Joan with questions. As always, all interested are encouraged to come.

ETHNIC LUNCHEON – WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17 @ 11:45 AM

We'll revisit one of our favorites, the Orchard Market & Café, "Baltimore's Premier Persian Restaurant", located at 8815 Orchard Tree Lane in Towson. Take Joppa Road to Orchard Tree Lane which runs on the west side of Gardiner's Furniture; west of Loch Raven Boulevard and on the north side of Joppa Road. Look for a bright yellow canopy over the door. BYOB if desired. In order for pleasant seating to be arranged, an accurate head count is needed. Please RSVP to Bette at ethniclunch@towsonuuc.org or by reply email no later than Sunday, February 14. Thank you!

PFLAG – TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23 @ 7 PM

David Hall, SLDN (Service Members Legal Defense Network) Development Director and a former U.S. Air Force Staff Sergeant discharged under "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," will be our speaker. PFLAG is for everyone: parents of LGBT (Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals, and Transgender) children, grandparents, friends and straight allies, and LGBT no matter your age. Please join us. For further information or questions please send email to PFLAGbaltimorecounty@gmail.com . All are welcome.

ANITA GREGORY BOOK GROUP – TUESDAY, MARCH 2 @ 2 PM

Our next selection is *Catcher in the Rye* by J.D. Salinger. It's time to reread this best seller from way back. You're all invited to come. Meet in the lounge.

EVENING BOOK GROUP – WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3 @ 7:30 PM

The Evening Book Group will meet to discuss Pulitzer Prize winner *Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Strout. This novel of 13 short stories, connected through the character of Olive, covers 30 years of ordinary people in one coastal Maine town, "living lives of quiet grief intermingled with flashes of human connection" that provide a "nourishing dose of hope." All are welcome! Please call Carel Hedlund at her number in the directory if you have any questions.

PFLAG FILM – SATURDAY, MARCH 6 @ 11 AM

PFLAG Baltimore County in Cooperation with Towson Unitarian Universalist Church will present a showing of the film *In Good Conscience* from 11 AM – 2 PM, with a discussion with Sister Jeannine Gramick to follow the film.

Communications Information

Weekly News*- Send submissions to news@towsonuuc.org or give to office staff by 3 PM each Wednesday. Only one paragraph per event.

The Threshold* - Send submissions by midnight on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Send to news@towsonuuc.org.

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