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What brings you to TUUC?

What brings you to TUUC? Is it thought-provoking sermons? Perhaps beautiful music? An opportunity for your children to participate in religious exploration? Or an opportunity for you to participate in adult religious exploration? Maybe it is a way for you to demonstrate your commitment to social action projects. Or maybe it is the sense of the welcoming community that you feel when you enter through our doors. Whatever the one or many reasons that you have for coming to TUUC, they all have something in common—your time, your talents, and your treasure—and all three are critical to sustain TUUC. What is particularly needed now is for all members and friends to focus on the third element, that of treasure, also known as your annual pledge, to keep TUUC fulfilling its mission for our fiscal year from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012. As of March 17, 124 of us have completed their pledge for next year, for a total amount of \$185,434. That's the good news. The not-so-good news is that about 100 have not yet made any pledge at all. The time to do so is NOW. About 80% of TUUC's budget (approved by the congregation in early June) is based on pledges. Not enough pledges means not enough budget. The budget is assembled in April and voted on by the Board in May. So, many thanks to the majority of members and friends who have already submitted their pledges, and a plea to the minority who have not yet done so to do so promptly—either by bringing your pledge form to church (and place it in the offering plate or the Stewardship Pledge box) or by mailing it to the church office. Those who do not complete their pledge forms by March 27 can expect a stewardship call. Thank you all!

Upcoming Services

April 3, 2011

9:30 and 11:15 AM

Rev. Clare Petersberger and Dr. Joseph Gascho

The Soul In Paraphrase, The Heart In Pilgrimage

George Herbert was born on April 3, 1593. He became a priest. He also wrote poems to offer “a picture of the many spiritual conflicts that have passed between God and my soul.” Several of his poems became classic hymns such as “Let All The World In Every Corner Sing”, and others were set to music by composers ranging from Ralph Vaughan Williams to Randall Thompson. This morning, we shall savor the musicality of this metaphysical poet. For our hearts in pilgrimage, Ralph Waldo Emerson offered this review of Herbert's poems, “(They) are the breathings of a devout soul reading the riddle of the world with a poet's eye but with a saint's affections.”

April 10, 2011

9:30 and 11:15 AM

All Things Shining

Rev. Clare Petersberger

In their recent book by this title, Hubert Dreyfus and Sean Dorrance Kelly observe that “the world used to be in its various forms, a world of sacred, shining things.” But now “the shining things seem far away.” They seek, in Western classics, sources of meaning in a secular age. When overcome with “lostness and sadness and angst,” where do we Unitarian Universalists seek and find meaning in a secular age?

April 17, 2011

9:30 and 11:15 AM

(GREEN SANCTUARY COMMITTEE AND EARTH DAY)

On Earth Day the Green Sanctuary Committee will challenge us to conserve water and to change some habits in its use, at least for 40 days. The keynote speaker at the 11:15 service is Charlie Conklin, currently Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of the Baltimore County Soil Conservation District; President of the of the Gunpowder Valley Conservancy; a board member of the Chesapeake Covenant Communities; and a member of the board of the Alliance of the Chesapeake Bay, a regional non-profit organization that fosters and builds partnerships to restore the Bay. He will be talking about what's being done and what we can do to protect the Bay and its tributaries. At the 9:30 service our own Kim Peabody, currently working with Chesapeake Covenant Communities, will address the same topics.

April 24, 2011
ONE EASTER SERVICE
10:30 AM

A Musical Celebration of New Life

The Spring Special Music Service featuring Vivaldi and Pachelbel

In the spirit of Easter and springtime, the TUUC Choir and chamber orchestra present an Easter cantata by Johann Pachelbel and music director Joseph Gascho's choral arrangement of Vivaldi's "Spring" from the *Four Seasons*. The themes of death and new life that are the heart of the Easter message, as well as the season of spring, will be explored in music and poetry and a homily by Rev. Petersberger.

Clare's Colloquy
Rev. Clare Petersberger



First the earth shook with a magnitude of 9.0. Then the sea rose 76 feet. Cars and homes and businesses and trees were swept away as if they were pieces of a matchbox play set. As I write, 8,450 people are confirmed dead and 12,900 people are still missing in Japan. The back-up generators at the Fukushima nuclear power plant failed. Milk, spinach, canola, and chrysanthemum greens, from prefectures near Fukushima, now test positive for nuclear contamination. Even the water in Tokyo tests positive for radiated iodine and cesium.

Confronted with human mortality on an unimaginable scale, my thoughts turned to Robert J. Lifton's view of death and immortality. Lifton posited that we humans, confronted with the fact that we will die, need a sense of continuity—of something that remains from our lives after death. We find this symbolic connectedness in different ways.

Biologically, we inherit genes from our ancestors and pass them on to our children. Organ donors also know their lives will continue on in others.

When it comes to creativity—our poems and paintings, our songs and compositions may well outlive our bodies.

When it comes to love, our legacy is transmitted from generation to generation by the people who knew and remember us.

However, the form of symbolic immortality that made the deepest impression on me was from Japan. Lifton shared how after the atomic bomb explosions in Japan in 1945, the trees appeared dead. But in springtime, the cherry blossoms bloomed, again. They seemed to illustrate an ancient Japanese saying: "The state may collapse, but the mountains and rivers will remain forever." For the Japanese, we participate in eternity through our awareness of, and gratitude for, the cycles of nature.

Today, in the midst of so much death and destruction and despair, it is possible to believe in this promise.

Today, the first day of spring, the forsythia, daffodils, and crocuses bloom. A female cardinal flies by with a piece of dried grass in her mouth—on her way to rebuild a nearby nest in a rose bush.

Today, rescuers found an eighty-year-old woman and her sixteen-year-old grandson alive in their flattened home nine days after the earthquake.

Today, people from around the world are sending financial support and practical supplies to help the people of Japan to rebuild.

We remember. We hope. We love. And we participate in eternity.

May your spring be a happy one.

Adult Religious Exploration

Lectio Divina

Saturday, April 9, 10 AM to noon

This is an opportunity to explore spiritual direction through the ancient practice of *Lectio Divina* which means, “sacred reading.” Benedict described this practice as “listening with the ear of the heart.” The pattern of this practice is to read a Biblical text four times. The goal is not information. The goal is spiritual formation. So the first time we read the passage we ask, “What does this passage say?” The second time we hear the passage is for *Meditatio*: meditation. We listen for the “still, small voice” of a particular word or phrase that says, “I am for you today.” The third time we read through the passage, is for *Oratio*: prayer. We notice what feelings arise in us. Finally, the last time we read through the text is for *Contemplatio*: contemplation. Where is the spirit leading us?

Building The World We Dream About

Sunday, April 17, 12:30 PM - potluck luncheon

We are completing our year-long monthly exploration of becoming a more multi-cultural and anti-oppressive congregation. We are formulating recommendations for TUUC. Join us for this informative discussion!

President’s Message

Mike Robinson



With more gratitude, thank you to all of you who decided to take advantage of the efforts of the Stewardship Committee and come out on March 19 for a little “celebrating”. It was fun and reminded us of what 100 UU’s in a room can generate.

Meanwhile, a big thank you is due Mimi Marks who organized the event with the help of Paul Konka, Sue Shrankroff, yours truly, Melissa Reuland and Reverend Clare.

A big thank you to Len Proctor, Bess Hauf and Joe Gascho for organizing the “entertainment” with some “improv.”, games and music. Amy Koren and Paul Stapp joined to provide the music; Judi Clague, Maxine Saunders, Marilyn Carlisle, and Joe Whitehill provided the “improv” and Aynsley Hamel (of our Board) organized set-up with Jason Hauf, Maxine Saunders (again), Barry Marsh, Jason Braspennickx, and Samantha Saalfeld. Please see the the lead item on page 2 from the Stewardship Committee.

President-Elect's Message

Melissa Reuland



A great deal is happening at TUUC as I write this note. Amid promising stewardship campaign activities, several special fundraisers have also been very successful. For example, a concert in February planned jointly by Joyce Duncan and the Social Action Committee raised \$2,098 for Social Action's Habitat for Humanity project. Carol Mason's Readers Theatre Project event on February 26 and 27 raised approximately \$1,400 for the general fund. She and a colleague from Theatre Hopkins have plans to continue these wonderful staged readings next year.

Planning and repairs to make RE space downstairs ready for a renter are well underway. We have a very interested school, which teaches children who have a diagnosis on the autism spectrum, so Kevin Mayhew and an architect are busy getting plans together to forward to relevant county offices for permit reviews. This school – The Auburn School – hopes to begin tenancy as early as this June (for a summer program) and hopes to rent our space for the next several years. Once we have passed needed inspections, we will formalize rental plans with them.

With the coming of spring, so comes the work to maintain our lovely grounds. No small task this – and we are grateful to Jason Hauf for stepping up to lead the House and Grounds Council for the remainder of the year (and he agreed to be on the ballot in June too!). He is working closely with Louise Harmony to plan for what work needs to be done, and to gather interested participants for ongoing work parties. Please consider joining in the fun. Watch the *Weekly News* for updates on what is happening when. There really is nothing quite like seeing the fruits of your labor materialize before your very eyes after time spent outside with friends new and old.

Joyce Duncan and Al Peabody continue to explore a mission trip to Guatemala and are collaborating on the trip to Boston that many of our youth will embark upon over spring break. The trip to Boston will focus on exploring the roots of Unitarian Universalism in the United States. We hope it can be the beginning of ongoing excursions to enhance our already stellar religious exploration program. For more information on either trip – feel free to contact Joyce.

In other important news, Faith Miller has reconstituted the fund-raising committee and they are already planning small events each month for the remainder of the year. These opportunities will be fun and easy ways to support the wonderful programs at TUUC.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions about upcoming repairs or projects.

Enjoy the flowering bulbs and spotting that first robin!

Melissa

Youth Religious Exploration

Joyce Duncan, director



Trips

April is here and many of us are taking trips over Easter or spring break, including our trip to Boston. Before we have even recovered from that, we have started talking about a trip to Guatemala. Last year, attempts to find a mission trip to a closer locale come up short. While we are thrilled that we now have a congregation member who can supply leadership in a Central American service trip, that in no way prevents us from considering other appropriate options if presented. If you have any contacts and are willing to work on another idea, please be in touch with Joyce or either of the YRUU adult advisors.

YRE and YRUU parent meeting!

Our youth religious exploration ministry is a cooperative model, with TUUC members providing all the teachers for our youth age 4 through high school, for whom we offer nine classes at two sessions. It has become hard to find enough adults to provide a safe and high quality experience and avoid burn-out teachers.

The YRE Committee is addressing this issue by proposing a new semester model. New forms will ask **every family** to check off either fall (September to January) or winter (February to June) semester **every year** for one class; it can be a class your child attends or a different one. We will still encourage full-year sign-ups for adults to lead Coming of Age, Our Whole Lives, and YRUU especially, as these groups rely on continuity of leadership. ***Stay tuned for details on a parent meeting where we will go over this new model.***

Share your passion

YRUU welcomes any congregational member who would like to share their passion with teens on a Sunday morning. Recent visitors have included Spice, who shared protest songs and their role in the civil rights struggle, and Al Peabody and his work in Guatemala. Contact Jen Larson at jenlarson33@gmail.com.

YRE Committee

Youth Religious Exploration Committee meetings are on second Tuesdays at 7:30 PM until the end of June. We especially welcome parents of younger children; please join us! Please let Joyce or Sue Royer (contact info in directory) know if you plan to attend.

Notes



Joseph Gascho, music director



I'm looking forward to our spring special music service next month—as I'm rewriting my arrangement of Vivaldi's "Spring." It's pretty interesting to see how many things I need to fix or change. Maybe I did learn something in my years of finishing that doctorate?! I've also found a beautiful piece by Pachelbel for that service and am really looking forward to it.

As always, many TUUCers have pitched in to make our services full of good music, and I was especially happy that my sister could come to sing and play for the Saturday Night Concert Series. It was awesome to get to play music with her—something we've basically only done on Christmas vacations at our parent's home. Huge thanks to Chris Kiehne for filling in for her guitar player who was too sick to make the trip from Atlanta. Bald Mountain did a great job opening that concert, and it was great to see such a big audience. Jay Herzog's sound system was a big benefit to us in that concert.

I was also happy to have the debut of a new jazz ensemble—though we need to find a name for ourselves. Marianna Mujica was the lead singer and Donn Teubner-Rhodes soloed on clarinet, backed up by Donna Plamondon on bass, Asher Herzog on drums, and myself on piano. I've always been nervous to play jazz, and this was a great introduction for me. It was great to be playing some great New Orleans style jazz, covering tunes by the Flying Neutrinos.

Finally, I always welcome your feedback and musical participation, let me know if you're interested to sing or play.

Music schedule for April 2011

April 3 - TUUC Choir; Joseph Gascho, piano

April 10 - Alta Haywood, piano

April 17 - Joseph Gascho, piano and friends

April 24 – Spring Special Music Service - A Musical Celebration of New Life

Words, Words, Words

Mickie Grover, church administrator



*Though April showers may come your way,
They bring the flowers that bloom in May.*

Al Jolson

April has been National Poetry Month, founded by the Academy of American Poets (www.poets.org), since 1996. I don't know that they include song lyrics in their celebration but I do obviously. Of course, that familiar song was written by someone from a bit north of Baltimore. Already the crocus are almost past as the tulips and daffodils reach upwards. My young neighbors have been busy preparing the vegetable patch out back and I look forward to a gift of tomatoes in a few months.

April and we will be without Martha Clasby. The celebration held in her honor on Sunday March 13 was lovely. As some of you noticed, I was actually in attendance on that day. I enjoyed meeting many people I have e-mailed with and talked to on the phone but not seen – and it was certainly a lively day to have come to service.

April and our new bookkeeper, Mary Kay Baker, will be flying solo! Mary Kay comes to us with a background in church accounts, but with the Archdiocese of Baltimore. Unitarian Universalists will be a new experience. Be kind!

Several members have already expressed dismay that Ms. Baker went to Penn State. Who knew we had so many alumni from UMichigan et al? Since neither the college (Empire State) nor the university (The Graduate Center of City University of New York) where I obtained my degrees have any sports teams, I am greatly amused by this friendly (we hope, friendly) protest over the hiring of a graduate of a rival school.

Time to get out my *grumpy administrator hat* and intone the ever repeating refrain: many are those who use our wonderful building. Some are fellow TUUCers and some are not. When I hear my mother's voice in my head and especially when I hear it coming out of my mouth, or slipping out the tips of my fingers on to the keyboard, I call it "channeling Helene." Some days I find myself channeling Helene a lot: if you take it out, put it away; if you spill it, wipe it up; if it's dirty put it the dishwasher if it fits, or wash it if it doesn't; if it's trash put it in the proper receptacle.



Because we do have so many events and meetings here, we cannot ignore the mess. Do you really want to be paying your administrator or bookkeeper or office assistant to be doing your dishes? It sometimes appears so.



On a more cheerful note and with a different hat on: Happy April's Fool Day! As Mark Twain said, "The first of April is the day we remember what we are the other 364 days of the year."

Wise Gardening & Pest Management

Louise Harmony



Thank you to all the folks who came to help with March's 2011 Work Party: Jason Hauf, Amanda Killian, Kim Peabody, Tom Farrell, Dawn Murr, Jen Larson, and me, Louise Harmony.

- **A TREMENDOUS** amount of work was accomplished!
Front beds: pruned out storm damage on the weeping cherry tree, Liriope trimmed, front beds raked
- Nature trail: bramble brier was pruned back to stop encroachment on the path, dead wood that was removed last fall from the road bank was cut so it will rot on the forest floor, and dead trees and limbs in the woods were cut down and into burnable pieces
- Picnic area bed: five trees removed and delimbed, bramble brier removed making this area ready for the next step, which the Youth Work Party will do
- Parking lot near garbage cans: cleared of bramble brier and small trees, ready for Youth Work Party
- Playground: raked both inside and around the outside of the fence, branches picked up.
- All stumps of trees and bramble brier located around the parking lot or the picnic area were treated with Round Up to (hopefully) prevent sprouting.

The next two to three work parties we will be delimiting and cutting trees. This will get rid of the trash trees and help the older trees by eliminating competition for nutrients.

By the next *Threshold*, I hope to have all educational articles on the Web Page in some sort of logical order. This way educational information will be available to the whole community.

Pruning

Pruning and Training, A fully Illustrated Plant-by-Plant Manual. DK Publishing, Copyright 1996, ISBN 1-56458-331-7. Cost \$35.00. Order through a book store. American Horticultural Society.

BEFORE YOU CONSIDER DOING THE PRUNING JOB read the section entitled "Making Pruning Cuts Correctly" at

<http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/publications/landscape/pruning/pruning.html>

The mark of amateurish pruning is shearing, selecting the wrong tool, hedge trimmers (manual or powered or chain saw), rather than a pruning shear. These tools all do tremendous damage (lots of broken and crushed stem tips, torn bark, etc.) that leads to wound responses and bacterial and fungal invasions, and the cuts are all found at the surface of the shrub being sheared. Branches appear almost immediately near those cuts and the surface of the shrub becomes more densely branched. Within a week or so, the shrub will need pruning again, and repeated shearing will create a dense surface that shades out all of the leaves on the interior of the shrub and below the upper surface on sun-loving species. Shrubs with dense upper surfaces and twiggy, hollow interiors and bases are the sign of shearing rather than pruning. This requires MUCH MORE FREQUENT PRUNING.

Short Course in Pruning

1. **THE MOST IMPORTANT STEP.** Stand in front of the plant you want to prune for two minutes with nothing in your hands. NOTICE and APPRECIATE every part of this plant for the whole two minutes; breathe deeply.
2. Now pick up the shears and eliminate all crossing branches.
3. Stand back from the tree or shrub and repeat step 1.
4. Now begin to prune following the instruction in the article above.
5. After about each 6-10 cuts stand back from the tree or shrub and repeat step 1.

Green Sanctuary Committee

The Committee is working on a Chesapeake Covenant Community energy walk-through project being coordinated by TUUC's Kim Peabody, giving folks in Baltimore City ideas for reducing their energy costs and helping the environment. Please contact Janet Schollenberger (see TUUC Membership Directory) if you live in or have friends in the City who might be interested.



Fair trade coffee sales continue strong—it shows the congregation understands the difference between buying coffee just anywhere and buying from and thinking of the farmers and cooperatives assured a fair price. The same can be said for tea and chocolate, and many other products, surely.

Our committee has recruited several members to attend and support the legislation in Annapolis for **Offshore Wind Energy**. Results will be known by the end of the legislative session if not before.



Part of the \$5000 Cool Congregations prize money will be used for retrofitting our interior

fluorescent lighting fixtures, replacing ballasts and bulbs. The project calls for retrofitting all the long fluorescent fixtures inside the church, and certain other lighting (e.g., replacing exit signs that haven't yet been converted to LED signs and some of the spot lights).

The total cost of the described project is \$7,839.21. BG&E would pay \$6,124.77 (80% of the costs); TUUC's share would be \$1,714.44, which cost will be taken from our Cool Congregation prize money.



BG&E estimates our current annual lighting load (wattage) would be reduced by 8,406 watts; and our current annual lighting usage (KWH) would be reduced from 24,952 to 12,868 KWHs, a savings of 12,085 KWHs. Most importantly (for us!), they estimate our estimated annual lighting bill (KWH * \$0.125) would be reduced from \$3,119.06 to \$1,608.48, for an estimated annual savings of \$1,510.58.

Based on the job costs, the estimated payback period for our share of the cost is 1.13 years. All the estimates are based on the assumption that our lower space is rented during the week. Without a rental, our payback period will be somewhat longer. Nevertheless, this project will start saving us money immediately on our electric bills, and the GSC

believes this is a good expenditure of our prize money.

ROCK THE HOUSE CONCERT April 16!!!!!!

6:30 pm Pot Luck Meal BYOB 7:30-10pm Concert \$10 Adults, Kids \$7



Spice Kleinmann



Ella's Umbrella



Marianna Mujica



John Seay

The Concert will support TUUC's social action projects:

- Assistance Center of Towson Churches(ACTC)
- Eastside Resource Center for the Homeless
- Banner Neighborhood Reading Club
- Habitat for Humanity
- Earl's Place
- Our Daily Bread
- UU Service Committee
- UU's for Social Justice- Baltimore/DC regional group
- UU's for Legislative Ministry MD

Upcoming Events

Gallery Unicorn-Student Art Exhibition April 3- May 8

Gallery Unicorn is once again pleased to present the annual TUUC RE Student Art Exhibition. This time honored event will take place April 3 through May 8. There will be a light reception between the Sunday services on April 3, 10:30 -11:15 AM. All are welcome to celebrate the many talents of our students.

Evening Book Group, Wednesday, April 6, 7:30 PM

We'll meet to discuss *Island Beneath the Sea* by Isabel Allende. This sprawling multi-faceted epic, in a magical realism style, tells of the slave revolts that lead to the Haitian revolution. (The book for May 4 is *Sputnik Sweethart* by Haruki Murakami.) All are welcome. Please contact Carel Hedlund (info in directory) if any questions.

JPD District Assembly April 9-10 in Harrisburg, PA

The regional assembly is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about our faith and have fellowship with UU's from other congregations. This year there will be *two* keynote speakers: Rev. Dr. Fred Muir, Senior Minister of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Annapolis and Rev. Meg Riley, Senior Minister of the Church of the Larger Fellowship, the largest UUA congregation. There will be 26 workshops, worship services, a bookstore, and plenary sessions where the business of the District is conducted.

We will be **electing a new representative from the JPD to the UUA Board**. There are three candidates for the position of JPD District Trustee on the UUA Board. They are Natalie Everett (Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington), Elyse Reznick (Wilmington Unitarian Universalist Fellowship), and Ken Schilling (Goodloe Memorial Unitarian Universalist Congregation/Bowie). To offer the members of JPD congregations the opportunity to meet the candidates, the JPD District Board is providing four **Candidates Forums** in February, March, and April. The first was held at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of York on February 27. The remaining Forums will be at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, Virginia (March 26, 2-4 pm), the Unitarian Society of Germantown (March 26, 2-4 pm), and the Unitarian Universalist Church of Silver Spring (April 2, 11 am-1 pm). All are welcome to attend. To register go to www.jpduua.org.

Aging Together Group, Tuesday, April 19 at 1 PM

The Aging Together group will meet on Tuesday, April 19 at 1 PM at the church. Allan Thorn will lead a discussion on, "Adjusting to the New Normal". Since we are all aging, folks of all ages are welcome. For questions, call Joan Kolobielski listed in the church directory.

It's Back: The Congregational Conversation

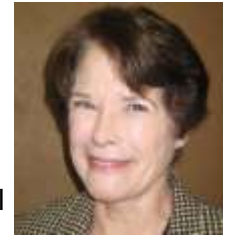
Congregational Conversations offer TUUC members a chance to meet with our lay leadership in an informal atmosphere. They are being revived in response to comments offered at the Congregational Meeting in January, regarding the need for more open communication between leadership and church members. The first one is scheduled for between the services on Sunday, April 17, and will start out with a brief presentation regarding TUUC's current strategic plan and how much progress has been made on it to date. After the brief presentation is over, everyone is invited to ask questions or offer feedback to the Board and Operations Team members present, whether about the strategic plan or other topics concerning the church.

If you are unable to attend the first Congregational Conversation, the next one is scheduled for May 15 after the second service, and will also start out with a brief presentation about the strategic plan.

All friends and members are invited to attend one or both conversations, and we are looking forward to a productive dialogue. If you have any questions or concerns about the Congregational Conversation, please contact Samantha Saalfield, Aynsley Hamel or any other member of the TUUC Healthy Congregations group. We look forward to seeing you there!

Outreach Council

Salli Ward, council head



Habitat for Humanity

On Saturday, March 12, 2011, two members of TUUC participated in building a house. Janet Kuperstein reports that they had a great day. "We both had a wonderful time, and hope to do it again. We learned how to install the interior doors and do caulking. Hildy even wants to become one of the red helmet people!."

We will be getting dates for May and June closer to the times. There are also week days, that are available. One needs just to register at the Habitat site and look at the calendar. Our join codes are UC09 and TUUC09 and you need both codes to sign up.

Feeding the hungry

April has a 5th Saturday, so TUUC is obligated to donate AT LEAST 60 casseroles to Our Daily Bread soup kitchen to feed the hungry and homeless. At this time there are less than 40 casseroles signed up to be given. Please, sign up and make, buy or donate \$10 for a casserole, YOUR help is needed. Casseroles can be brought in to TUUC and stored in the freezers in the closet next to the choir area at anytime. All frozen casseroles need to be at TUUC by 8:30am on Saturday, April 30.

Communications Council

Al Peabody



This edition of *Threshold* continues our efforts to re-format and improve the newsletter. We hope we're making it easier to read and find your way around these pages.

As always, your comments, suggestions, even gripes, are welcome. Send your best ideas to threshold@towsonuuc.org, and we'll try to improve.

We're working on the Website, too. You may see mysterious links from time to time (Hint: see the bottom of the Auction 2010 page). We hope this particular Mystery Link will soon allow us to click to hear Rev. Clare's latest sermon, or maybe even entire services, including readings, stories, meditations and all the beautiful music Joe Gascho, the TUUC Choir, Marianna Mujica's Jazz Band and others provide for us.

APRIL 2011 Calendar <http://my.calendars.net/towsonuuc>

Apr 1	Fri	Men's Breakfast Group	8:30 AM
		Caring Committee	10 AM
Apr 3	Sun	Social Action Committee	10:30 AM
		Gallery Unicorn Reception	10:30 AM
		New Members Orientation	12:30 PM
Apr 4	Mon	Mindful Way Meditation Group/12 Step Program	7 PM
		Chalice Circles	7:30 PM
Apr 5	Tue	Anita Gregory Book Group	2 PM
		AV Workshop	7 PM
		Chalice Circles	7:30 PM
Apr 6	Wed	Yoga	6:15 PM
		Improv Group	7 PM
		Choir Rehearsal	7 PM
		Evening Book Group	7:30 PM
Apr 7	Thu	Operations Team	7 PM
Apr 9	Sat	ARE <i>Lectio Divina</i>	10 AM
Apr 10	Sun	New Members Orientation	12:30 PM
		MIGH	3 PM
Apr 11	Mon	Mindful Way Meditation Group/12 Step Program	7 PM
Apr 12	Tue	Board Meeting	7:30 PM
		YRE Committee	7:30 PM
Apr 13	Wed	Yoga	6:15 PM
		Improv Group	7 PM
		Chalice Circle Facilitators	7:30 PM
Apr 14	Thu	Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM
Apr 15	Fri	Men's Breakfast Group	8:30 AM
Apr 16	Sat	Work Party	9 AM - Noon
		Social Action Committee Fundraiser	6:30 AM
Apr 17	Sun	Social Action Committee	10:30 AM
Apr 17	Sun	Building the World We Dream About	12:30 PM
Apr 18	Mon	Mindful Way Meditation Group/12 Step Program	7 PM
		Chalice Circles	7:30 PM
Apr 19	Tue	Aging Together	1 PM
		Chalice Circles	7:30 PM
Apr 20	Wed	Improv Group	7 PM
		Worship Program Associates	7 PM
		ARE <i>Philosophy Bites</i>	7:30 PM
Apr 21	Thu	Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM
Apr 23	Sat	Choir Rehearsal	9 AM – 12 Noon
Apr 24	Sun	Green Sanctuary Committee	10:30 AM
		4 th at 4 Storytelling	4 PM
Apr 25	Mon	Mindful Way Meditation Group/12 Step Program	7 PM
Apr 26	Tue	PFLAG	7 PM
Apr 27	Wed	Women's Breakfast Group	8:30 AM
		Yoga	6:15 PM
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