



The Threshold

Towson Unitarian
Universalist Church

A Welcoming Congregation

THIS SUNDAY

SUNDAY SERVICE

September 30 9:30 AM and 11:15 AM

Hand-in-Hand and our Good Luck

Rev. Clare Petersberger, Joyce Duncan, and Lora Powell-Haney

According to the story, a man lost everything. He lost his job. His wife died. He could not pay debtors for her care. (No. This is not the story of Job.) The man boarded a ship in England called “The Hand-

in Hand” bound for America. It became stranded on the shores of a community called “Good Luck.” The man was invited to preach a sermon in a NJ farmer’s field on September 30, 1770. Without that sermon, we would not be gathering as Unitarian Universalists on this September 30th. Today we celebrate the birth of Universalism in America and how its theological vision has shaped our own.

THE AUCTION IS COMING!

TUUC PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE AUCTION – SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17



Are you ready to help *Stir It Up* to ensure we have a super successful Auction on Saturday, November 17? Here’s how to help:

- Mark your calendar for Saturday, November 17, 5 PM to join in the fellowship and fun.
- Stop by the Auction table in the foyer after Sunday services for ideas or to make your donation,
- or Simply click on this [link](#) to fill out your donation form right now.

Thanks for your support of the 2018 Auction. -- Your 2018 Auction Team

YOUTH RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

All the younger groups will start upstairs with the congregation and be sung to

PreK/K Chalice Children

A Tour Outside

This group will learn about the outside grounds of their faith home this Sunday if the weather permits. Please dress your child accordingly. They will also learn some fun circle games and enjoy the picturebooks *Me on the Map* and *All the Places to Love*.

1st/2nd Wonderful Welcome

Gift of Forgiveness

This session introduces forgiveness as an intangible gift. Children will explore situations where forgiveness is appropriate and identify ways to express forgiveness. Forgiveness helps us live our Unitarian Universalist Principles, especially the first Principle (inherent worth and dignity of every person) and the second Principle (justice, equity and compassion in human relations).

classes. Below are short descriptions of activities planned for each group.

3rd-5th Cultural Tour of World Religions Earth-centered Religions

Children will add their own photos to their passports. They will hear the story of the Mysterious Fox Woman and learn through hands-on activity how indigenous people made their homes.

6th-8th Harry and UU

This class will learn and practice double charms, such as *accio*, the summoning charge, and then discuss what each might like to summon into their life. After discussing the unlocking charm, they will make winged keys, which are symbols of unlocking. They continue to plan their efforts to fight the Illiteracy Horcrux.

8th-12th YRUU

This group continues with activities and discussions from the curriculum *Virtue Ethics* and long-range planning for the year ahead.

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

First, I would like to say how excited I am to be serving as the board president at TUUC! We have a great leadership team and I am indebted to each of the other board members, but especially the officers (Angela Castillo-Epps, Sue Royer, and Monica Sweidel). The board had its first meeting of the year in September, and voted to fund a new roof with funds borrowed from the endowment. The board also officially welcomed our new ministerial intern, Lora Powell-Haney.

TUUC is exploring a new governance structure. The new A team and program council are working on goals for the year, as is the board. The governance task force will continue its work in helping guide the development process as we pass through this trial year. I am optimistic that the new structure in its final form, with everyone's help, will help TUUC better realize its mission and vision.

Neil Porter
Board President, TUUC

TOWN HALL MEETINGS



Join Us at Our Town Hall Meeting

Would you like to know more about the prospective governance model? The Governance Task Force in association with the Board of Trustees will be holding 90-minute Town Halls to present and answer questions regarding the Governance Assessment and the prospective governance model.

The Town Halls will be held on the following dates:

October 7 (Sunday) 1-3 pm

October 21 (Sunday) 1-3 pm

November 12 (Monday) 7-9 pm

The same presentation will be given at each Town Hall; thus, one need only attend one session. All congregants are encouraged to attend regardless of membership status.

SOCIAL ACTION

ADORE (A Dialogue On Race & Ethnicity)

There will **not** be a first Tuesday night gathering in October.

Saturday, October 13th

Conference at the Reginald Lewis Museum
9:30 AM -1 PM followed by a 1:30 lunch
at Ida B's

*Lynching in Maryland: The Journey from
Truth to Reconciliation*



REGINALD F. LEWIS MUSEUM
of Maryland African American
History & Culture

The MD Lynching Memorial Project works to advance the cause of reconciliation in our state by documenting

the history of racial terror lynchings in Maryland, advocating for public acknowledgement of these murders and working to honor and dignify the lives of the victims. To help achieve those goals, we will have a half-day conference "Lynching in Maryland: The Path from Truth to Reconciliation," The conference

will include presentations, films, and discussions examining Maryland's legacy of lynchings, the damage it continues to inflict, and how we can begin to heal those injuries. Register for the **wait list** as the organizers are working towards securing a larger space at the museum.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lynching-in-maryland-the-journey-from-truth-to-reconciliation-tickets-48678996188>

Contact Sheila sheila3m83@gmail.com to join our tentative 1:30 lunch reservation at Ida B's

FEEDING THE HUNGRY



September is a month with a 5th Saturday, for the TUUC Community has pledged to provide AT LEAST 60 casseroles for Our Daily Bread. Our Daily Bread serves a hot lunch every day, 365 days a year, to people in need! Will YOU help? There are 3 ways to participate.

You can make a casserole and bring it to church before 8:30 am on Saturday, 9/29/18.

There is room in the freezer in the Choir Closet to store your casserole.

You can buy a Stouffer's party size Mac & Cheese and bring it to church by the deadline, or you can donate \$10 and a casserole will be purchased and delivered in your name.

PLEASE HELP, THE HUNGRY PEOPLE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

EMPLOYEE OWNERSHIP COALITION

All TUUC members and friends are invited to join the Social Action Committee (SAC) partner, ESI, for our monthly meeting (right here at TUUC)! Our goal is to achieve economic justice through employee ownership of businesses and to focus on education.

We are presently planning our initiative here in Maryland, working in coalition with similar initiatives in other States, and highlighting the latest updates and volunteer opportunities.

each month, starting October 9, 2018 from 7-9 PM in Room 6 at TUUC. All are welcome!

Contact Nina Della Vecchia (nina@esint.org) to RSVP and/or for more information.

HELP THE WORLD SEE BETTER BY DONATING YOUR USED GLASSES



Two billion people worldwide do not have access to much-needed eyewear due to income, distance or disaster. Through Eye Make a Difference, a VSP Global

Eyes of Hope program, your gently used glasses can give someone in need a new outlook on life.

In 2017, nearly 12,000 gently used glasses donated by doctors, clients, and members were provided to VSP network doctors and optometric organizations for global mission trips. In addition, Marchon Eyewear donated 391,000 optical frames and sunglasses to charitable organizations in the U.S. and globally. Bring your unneeded prescription glasses, sunglasses or readers and drop them in the blue-labeled box in the lobby, and help someone in need. If you have questions, contact Monica Sweidel.

CHALICE CIRCLES

Chalice Circles are TUUC's form of small group ministry. Once groups are formed, they (generally) meet twice a month to share their thoughts on a given topic. The goal of the groups is to meet and learn about your fellow congregants, as well as to provide you the space to think deeply about many different topics.

Past topics include memory, your favorite childhood book, forgiveness, and how vacation benefits you. Each group is

encouraged to choose and participate in a service project.

Signups will happen after September services, in the lobby.

Chalice Circle sessions start in October and run through January (only one session in December). Questions can be directed to Robin Sinn (RNSLIB@yahoo.com) or MaryBeth Brizzolara (marybethbrizz@gmail.com).

MEMBERSHIP

NEWCOMER POTLUCK AND FELLOWSHIP

Saturday, October 20, 2018

The Membership Committee is hosting a newcomer potluck at the home of Joan and George Harrison on Saturday, October 20 starting at 7 PM. All are welcome.

If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to Karyn Marsh via email at membership@towsonuuc.org to get the Perfect Potluck link. There will also be a signup sheet in the lobby at the beginning of October.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST?

New and Prospective Member Orientation

Four days from 7:15-8:45 PM Thursdays, **October 25**, November 1, 8 and 15, 2018.

If you have been visiting the Towson Unitarian Universalist Church and would like to learn more about Unitarian Universalism and the vision, mission and practices of our congregation, then these four sessions are for you. Or perhaps you have been a member for a while but would like to investigate those same topics more deeply in a small group. Then these four sessions are for you.

Attendees will have the opportunity to meet and converse with our Minister, Director of Religious Education, leaders of our congregation, and Board members.

Please register by October 18

at adultre@towsonuuc.org. Topics we will explore in this workshop include:

October 25

1. Theology and Worship

November 1

2. Where Do We Come From?

Unitarian Universalist Roots

November 8

3. How We Grow in Faith – Philosophy of Religious Education

Social Justice Philosophy and Practice

November 15

4. How Are Decisions Made? Governance and Polity Membership

Questions? Registration? Please email adultre@towsonuuc.org or call the office at 410-825-6045. Please feel free to contact the coordinator for the session, Jane Selewach. Her phone number and email may also be obtained from the church office.

(We are looking for at least four participants in this workshop, so please register early. If there are not four participants by October 18 then the sessions will be postponed for a later time.)

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION SESSIONS

Are you interested in deepening your relationship with Towson Unitarian Universalist Church? On the second Sunday of every odd month (see schedule below), the Membership Committee offers a one-hour session on membership at TUUC, which includes a brief discussion of UU theology and history and a light lunch. The sessions start at 12:45 PM. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to membership@towsonuuc.org.

November 11, 2018

January 13, 2019

March 10, 2019

May 19, 2019 (Third Sunday)

MUSIC

TUUC CHOIR



Choir rehearsals have begun for the year, and now is a great time to start! Also currently, we are forming small ensembles to learn

some more challenging music. The ensembles will meet on Thursdays at 6:45 PM, and the full choir rehearses at 7:30 PM. If you are interested in singing in either and have questions, feel free to email Tracy Hall, Music Director, at music@towsonuuc.org. The choir will have a mini-retreat on Saturday, Sept. 29, from 1 to 4 PM at TUUC. In addition, the choir is invited to participate in a workshop with Dr. Glen Thomas Rideout on Saturday, October 27, in Rockville, from 10 AM to 1 PM.

TUUC DRUM CIRCLE

The next TUUC Drum Circle will be on the evening of Saturday, October 13, at 6:30 PM. Bring a hand drum if you have one; if not, bring yourself! It's a casual but fun and sacred time together.

TUUC CHILDREN'S CHOIR AND TEEN ENSEMBLE

This year, the Children's Choir will continue to meet on Sunday mornings between services, but not every single week. More information will be available soon!

INSTRUMENTALISTS

If you play an instrument and would be interested either in playing a solo or with a small ensemble this year, please contact Tracy music@towsonuuc.org!

HOUSE AND GROUNDS

UPCOMING WORK PARTIES



Please save at least one of the following dates to help clean, maintain and improve our spiritual home.

Please note that, while the 3RD SATURDAY is standard for the work parties, there have been some changes due to conflicts with other events.

- October 20, 9:00 AM -12:00 PM
- November 10, 9:00 AM -12:00 PM
- 7th Annual Black Friday Work Party
November 23, 9:00 AM -???
- December 15th, 9:00 AM -12:00 PM

All workdays are rain or shine with indoor and outdoor activities for all fitness, knowledge and skill levels. Childcare available with 1-week notice. Please RSVP and send questions or comments to houseandgrounds@towsonuuc.org.



NOTICES

AGING TOGETHER

Tuesday October 9 1 - 2.15 ish PM

BYOT: Bring your own topic, preferably one that relates to age in some way. Each of us can decide what we want to share with the group, be that a problem or a pleasure, a question or an answer to a personal concern. Is 'age' involved? Let's be mindful of time limits so that each of us has enough time to share and to receive feedback.

We welcome visitors.

Chair: Carol Mason

LOOK UP FOR JOY!

Help support our young families to grow our church by joining the Nursery Committee. When you put on your name badge, look UP for JOY! The information forms and big envelope are below the poster and to the right, on the counter below the bulletin board. You can also contact Margee Bailey and Joyce Duncan. Embrace and spread the JOY!



AVAILABLE LIGHT

It's fun! It's free! It's the First Friday Film Series!

The Available Light film series is on! And so is Spike Lee's *Do the Right Thing!* Yes, *Do the Right Thing* went missing for September, but *Fires in the Mirror* was waiting in the wings and admirably stood in. But *Do the Right Thing* is on tap for **October 5**, and everyone

is invited to come to view this important film.

Critic Roger Ebert wrote of *Do the Right Thing*: "I have been given only a few film-going experiences in my life to equal the first time I saw *Do the Right Thing*. Most movies remain up there on the screen. Only a few penetrate your soul. In May of 1989, I walked out of the screening at the Cannes Film Festival with tears in my eyes. Spike Lee had done an almost impossible thing. He'd made a movie about race in America that empathized with all the participants."

Do the Right Thing is a big movie, panoramic in scope, often extremely funny. Discussion will follow the movie. Do the right thing! Bring a snack to share and join us in the meeting room for an evening of memorable cinema. This event is co-sponsored by the ADORE group.

GALLERY UNICORN



Gallery Unicorn is pleased to announce the 3rd Annual Juried Art Exhibition, "Vision".

Twenty-nine artists are represented with work in a variety of mediums. The juror for the show was Laura Amussen, former Director of Art Exhibitions at Goucher College, prize winning artist and adjunct professor of art at Towson University. The exhibition opened on Sunday, September 16 and will run through October 21, 2018. Prize Winners are Desh Mittal, David Horst, Cheryl Milligan and Bruce Lily. Honorable Mentions are Anne-Steuart Vaughan, Dorothy Hosmer and Elizabeth Elder.

We extend our thanks to Lisa Lubomski and George Harrison for help with hanging the show and the reception, Dianne and Dorothy Hosmer, and Kai Aiyetoro for help with advertising, and Len Proctor and Michael Magrogan for help with set up.

Gallery Unicorn is located within the Towson Unitarian Universalist Church: 1710 Dulaney Valley Road, Lutherville, MD 21093. For more information, call 410-825-6045.

Gallery hours are weekdays from 10 AM to 3 PM and weekends by appointment.

Contributing artists are Shelley Amsel, Cynthia Bearer, Elizabeth Cadwalader, Erika Clark, Donna DiSciullo, Mike Edgar, Elizabeth Elder, Felisa Flecker, Gemma Frost, David Horst, Dianne Hosmer, Dorothy Hosmer, Claire Jefferson, Pamela Kostmayer, Helmut Licht, Bruce Lily, Joyce Lister, Ann Lonagan, Mary Maginnis, Catherine Mahan, Cheryl Milligan, Desh Mittal, Linda Popp, Rhoda Seiden, Peter Stern, Nan Thompson, Anne-Steuart Vaughan and Lois Wolford.

MEDICAL ETHICS SEMINARS



I will be doing a 4 part series of talks on the subject of Medical Ethics at TUUC.

The seminars are scheduled to take place on Wednesday evenings (in room 7) **starting**

on September 26 and going for 4 weeks.

Everyone is welcomed to attend, so please join us! John LaFerla

PROTEST BUTTONS DISPLAY AND TALK

On **Thursday, October 18**, at 7:30 PM



Professors Fred Pincus and Natalie Sokoloff will present a talk entitled "Social

Movements through Political Buttons 1960 -1990". Pincus, who has been collecting buttons since the 1960s, will display a portion of his 1500 button collection from 7:30 – 8 PM in the lower level of TUUC, followed by an 8 PM talk in Room 6. Professors Pincus and Sokoloff are sociologists who have been active in a variety of social movements over the years. For additional information, contact Art Starr, contact info in the directory.

ONGOING & UPCOMING

SINGLES FELLOWSHIP GROUP POTLUCK

Saturday, September 29, @ 6 pm



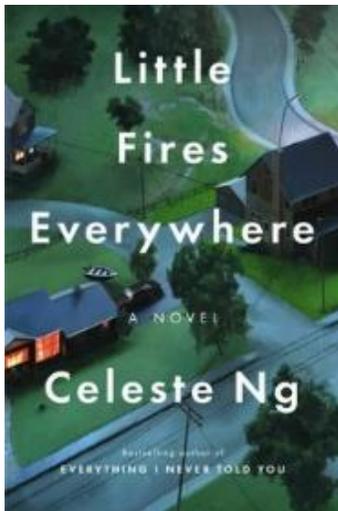
Join the Singles Fellowship Group for a potluck with good food and conversation at one of our homes.

We offer an atmosphere for fellowship and friendship among TUUC single adults. We range in age from the 60's to 80's, but gladly welcome anyone to join us.

Please call Ronald Rowley (church directory) to RSVP and for more info.

EVENING BOOK GROUP

October 3, 2018, @ 7:30 PM



We'll meet downstairs to discuss *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng (2017; 348 pages, fiction). From the Boston Globe: "Delectable and engrossing...A complex and compulsively

readable suburban saga that is deeply invested in mothers and daughters... What Ng has written, in this thoroughly entertaining novel, is a pointed and persuasive social critique, teasing out the myriad forms of privilege and predation that stand between so many people and their achievement of the American dream. But there is a heartening optimism, too.

This is a book that believes in the transformative powers of art and genuine kindness — and in the promise of new growth, even after devastation, even after everything has turned to ash."

(The book for November 7 is *Red Notice: A True Story of High Finance, Murder, and One Man's Fight for Justice* by Bill Browder (2015, 417 pages, non-fiction)).

SUNDAY SERVICE

October 7 9:30 and 11:15 AM

A Tale of Two Journeys

Rev. Clare Petersberger, Lora Powell-Haney

Our spiritual question this month is "What does it mean to be a people of sanctuary?" Often, we think of sanctuary in terms of a safe place. Today we explore different journeys of people who left home and what they were seeking. For what would we leave our home? What would we hope to find?

TUUC MEN'S GROUP

Next meeting October 11 @ 7:30 PM

TUUC Men's Group meets the second and fourth Thursdays from 7:30 – 9 PM. If you would like to attend one of our meetings, contact Art Starr, Harold Zeckel, or Michael Magrogan (contact information in the directory) so that one of them can meet with you prior to the meeting.

USHER ATTENDANCE REPORT

USHER ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR SUNDAY, September 23, 2018

Date	Time	Adults	Children	Choir	Lounge	Total	Visitors Total
9/23/2018	9:30 am	42	2	-	2	46	↓
9/23/2018	11:15 am	90	12	-	2	104	10

YRE ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Nursery	PreK - K	1 st / 2 nd	3 rd - 5 th	6 th - 8 th	YRUU	TOTAL
0	4	4	6	6/2	4/2	38

RECYCLING DO'S AND DON'TS

Did you know that if we are not precise with our recycling that the entire batch is considered trash? Please help! According to Baltimore County Government, the following items are the only items that should be put into the recycle bin:

Acceptable Paper and Cardboard

- Newspapers and magazines (including all inserts)
- Phone books, catalogs and other mail
- Envelopes (plastic windows are okay)
- Books (including paperbacks, textbooks and hardbacks)
- Writing, computer, fax and letterhead paper
- Copy paper (including NCR—No Carbon Required—copy paper)
- Card stock
- Paperboard (such as cereal, frozen food and shoe boxes)
- Cardboard (flattened)
- Milk and juice cartons and boxes
- Ice cream containers
- Paper bags



Note: Shredded paper may be placed in a cardboard box or paper bag (no plastic bags) for recycling.

Acceptable Metal and Glass

- Aluminum and steel food and beverage cans
- Empty aerosol cans (**except** pesticide and spray paint cans)
- Aluminum foil
- Aluminum pie pans



- Glass bottles and jars (all colors)

Acceptable Plastics

- All plastic bottles and jugs
- Wide-mouth plastic containers (such as butter, cottage cheese, peanut butter, yogurt, mayonnaise, sour cream and whipped topping containers)
- Rigid plastics (such as buckets, drinking cups, coolers, drums, five-gallon water bottles, flower pots, lawn furniture, pallets, plastic window well covers and clothes hangers; pieces **must not** exceed 3 by 5 feet in size)



Note: Laundry baskets, garbage containers and recycling containers will be collected for recycling IF a note requesting this is prominently attached.

THESE ITEMS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE:

Non-Acceptable Paper and Cardboard

- Paper or cardboard covered by wax, plastic or food (the portion of a pizza box **not** covered with grease or food is accepted for recycling)
- Facial tissues, napkins and paper towels
- Gift wrap
- Photo paper



Note: Milk and juice cartons are **not** covered with wax or plastic; different manufacturers have different techniques for achieving the polished look on the exterior.

Non-Acceptable Metal and Glass

- Propane cylinders
- Pots and pans
- Scrap metal
- Dishes and cookware
- Ceramics
- Drinking glasses
- Window glass
- Light bulbs
- Mirrors
- Crystal



Non-Acceptable Plastics

- Plastic bags
- Styrofoam™ (including bowls, cups, plates, to-go containers and foam packing material of any kind)
- "Clam shells" (such as salad bar, berry and bakery containers, as well as clear packaging for toys and batteries)
- CD jewel cases
- Motor oil and antifreeze containers
- VHS tapes
- Plastic electronics
- Candy bar and food wrappers
- Plastic cutlery (forks, knives and spoons)
- Beverage can plastic ring holders
- Bubble wrap



For more information about Baltimore County Recycling check [here](#).

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT TUUC THROUGH OCTOBER 11 AS OF 9/26/2018

28-Sep	Friday	Youth Ministry Potluck & Bonfire	Lower Level & Grove	6:30 PM
29-Sep	Saturday	Choir Mini-Retreat	Meeting Rm & Room 6	1:00 PM
30-Sep	Sunday	Sunday Services	Meeting Room	9:30 AM & 11:15 AM
30-Sep	Sunday	Love Maryland PAC Meeting	Rooms 1, 2 & 3	4:00 PM
1-Oct	Monday	Handel Choir Rehearsal	Meeting Room & Lobby	6:00 PM
1-Oct	Monday	Mindful Meditation	Room 6	7:00 PM
2-Oct	Tuesday	Voice Lesson	Meeting Room	11:00 AM
3-Oct	Wednesday	Wednesday Writers	Room 6	10:30 AM
3-Oct	Wednesday	IMPROV	Meeting Room	7:00 PM
3-Oct	Wednesday	Medical Ethics	Room 7	7:00 PM
3-Oct	Wednesday	Al-Anon Meeting	Room 6	7:00 PM
3-Oct	Wednesday	Evening Book Group	Lower Level Lounge	7:30 PM
4-Oct	Thursday	Choir Set-up	Meeting Room	5:30 PM
4-Oct	Thursday	Vocal Ensemble	Meeting Room	6:45 PM
4-Oct	Thursday	Choir Rehearsal	Meeting Room	7:30 PM
5-Oct	Friday	Men's Breakfast Meeting	Edenwald	8:30 AM
5-Oct	Friday	Available Light	Meeting Room	6:30 PM
7-Oct	Sunday	Sunday Services	Meeting Room	9:30 AM & 11:15 AM
7-Oct	Sunday	Town Hall Meeting	Meeting Room	1 PM
7-Oct	Sunday	Tau Delta Omega	Rooms 1 & 2	6 PM
8-Oct	Monday	Handel Choir Rehearsal	Meeting Room & Lobby	6 PM
8-Oct	Monday	Mindful Meditation	Room 6	7 PM
8-Oct	Monday	Chalice Circle	Room 7	7:30 PM
9-Oct	Tuesday	Voice Lesson	Meeting Room	11 AM
9-Oct	Tuesday	Aging Together	Lobby	1 PM
9-Oct	Tuesday	Employee Ownership	Room 6	6:45 PM
9-Oct	Tuesday	Chalice Circle	Room 7	7:30 PM
10-Oct	Wednesday	Wednesday Writers	Room 6	10:30 AM
10-Oct	Wednesday	A-Team Meeting	Business Office	6:30 PM
10-Oct	Wednesday	IMPROV	Meeting Room	7 PM
10-Oct	Wednesday	Medical Ethics	Room 7	7 PM
10-Oct	Wednesday	Al-Anon Meeting	Room 6	7 PM
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