

LORD, what do You want to do through me to accomplish Your will in our church?

# February High Spire

## *Good Morning, Towson!*

Please note, the *adjusted*  
Sunday morning schedule begins  
February 22

See page 3 for details.

*Let's keep the energy going...*  
come join the fun  
and have lunch  
in Fellowship Hall following the  
last service, about 11:30.

Sponsored by our  
Sunday Morning Schedule Team.

Towson United Methodist Church  
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*Evelyn Ransom wants to thank the church for the poinsettia plant delivered during Christmas:  
"It came at a time when I was confined with shingles and it uplifted me and thank you very much for the beautiful poinsettia. I appreciated it."*

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*I very much appreciated the lovely poinsettia plant I received at Christmas. — Dorothy Gretz*

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*Towson United Methodist Church,  
Thank you and Happy Holiday to all. — Joy Custer*

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*Dear Church Members,  
Thank you for the lovely poinsettia given to me at Christmas. I know the love of our Lord came with it also.  
Sincerely, Suey McLean*

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*Dear Church Friends,  
Thank you for the beautiful poinsettia, which was delivered to me several days before Christmas. It is wonderful to receive a beautiful plant from my friends at Towson United Methodist Church. Thanks to all.  
Gratefully, Ruth Sandy*

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*Dear Towson United Methodist Congregation,  
Thank you for the beautiful red poinsettia delivered to my husband Charles at Edenwald Care Center (Stroh Hall) by Al Keller. It brought much joy and happiness to Charles in being remembered this way. Your thoughtfulness and kindness is greatly appreciated.  
God's peace, Marilyn Schmenner*

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*Dear Towson United Methodist Church,  
The beautiful poinsettia we received is the center of my Christmas decorations here at Oak Crest. Looking at is gorgeous red leaves brings back wonderful memories of TUMC and the many years we spent worshipping there as well as the friendships we enjoyed. Thank you.  
— Gene Foster*

*Dear Church Friends,  
What a nice surprise! A lovely Christmas Poinsettia that brightens up my living room! Thank you!  
Blessings and GOOD HEALTH TO ALL!  
— Jeanne Disney*

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*Dear Friends,  
Thank you for the lovely poinsettia that was delivered to us at Edenwald during the holiday season. It brightened our home and our hearts as we thought of our caring church community.  
Happy New Year to all. — Jim & Barbara Hamilton*

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*Vernon Sevier and Bill Peters delivered Soldier supplies to Walter Reed National Military Medical Center on Tuesday 20 January 2015... "Underwear, toilet articles, shoes, and gift cards." Kathleen Kelly of the American Red Cross, stationed at WRNMMC to support the wounded soldiers, responded, "wonderful donation!"*

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### *The Growing Forward Campaign UPDATE by the Bridge Committee*

The Bridge Committee would like to give you some numbers regarding our 3-year Growing Forward campaign. The amount collected so far is roughly \$455,000 from 129 households. We are slightly ahead of what we expected! We have 195 households who have committed to give over \$1.3 million! Which is really good news!

Another good fact we thought you might like to hear is that on First Fruits Sunday held October 19 — remember the "squirrel," people dressed as fruit, and the altar overflowing with fruit?—well, just in that one Sunday, we collected \$55,000 for Growing Forward. Maybe we should have another appearance of the squirrel & fruit ladies?

The Bridge Committee will continue to "fill you in" on the Growing Forward Campaign in the coming months. Thank you!





**It's a NEW DAY ... CHANGE is in the air!  
THE SURVEY RESULTS ARE IN - and-  
OUR CHURCH COUNCIL HAS APPROVED IT**

We have been working through an important process for the ministry of our church related to our Sunday morning schedule. The discussion began in October following Commitment Sunday and continued at our church planning meeting in November, where we looked at the possibility of one service or adjusting our current Sunday morning schedule. A Sunday Morning Schedule Team was formed to review the feedback from the meeting. The team developed a survey, which was available online and in the January *High Spire*, seeking a consensus from the congregation regarding the current schedule, an adjusted schedule, and what would make the Sunday morning experience more meaningful.

Margot Gerding, chair of the team, reported the results of the survey following the two services on Sunday, January 25. There were 245 survey submissions: 40% attend the 9:00 service regularly, 32% attend the 11:00 regularly, 24% are occasional or attend both, and 4% have not been attending (which includes some shut-ins who submitted a survey). **Over 68%** were in favor of the proposed adjusted

schedule that you see below. 25% were not in favor and 7% did not have a preference.

There were over 100 written responses to each of the questions. After Margot reported results, Pastor Rod Miller addressed the worship concerns; Jeannine Neuen addressed Christian Education, specifically for the children (details are on p. 7 of this newsletter); Rev. Doug Hollida addressed the Music program, he shared new ideas, and let us know we will get to hear all 8 vocal and bell choirs during the 10:15 worship services; and Rev. Margery Schammel addressed concerns about hospitality, the Welcome Station, and fellowship Sunday mornings.

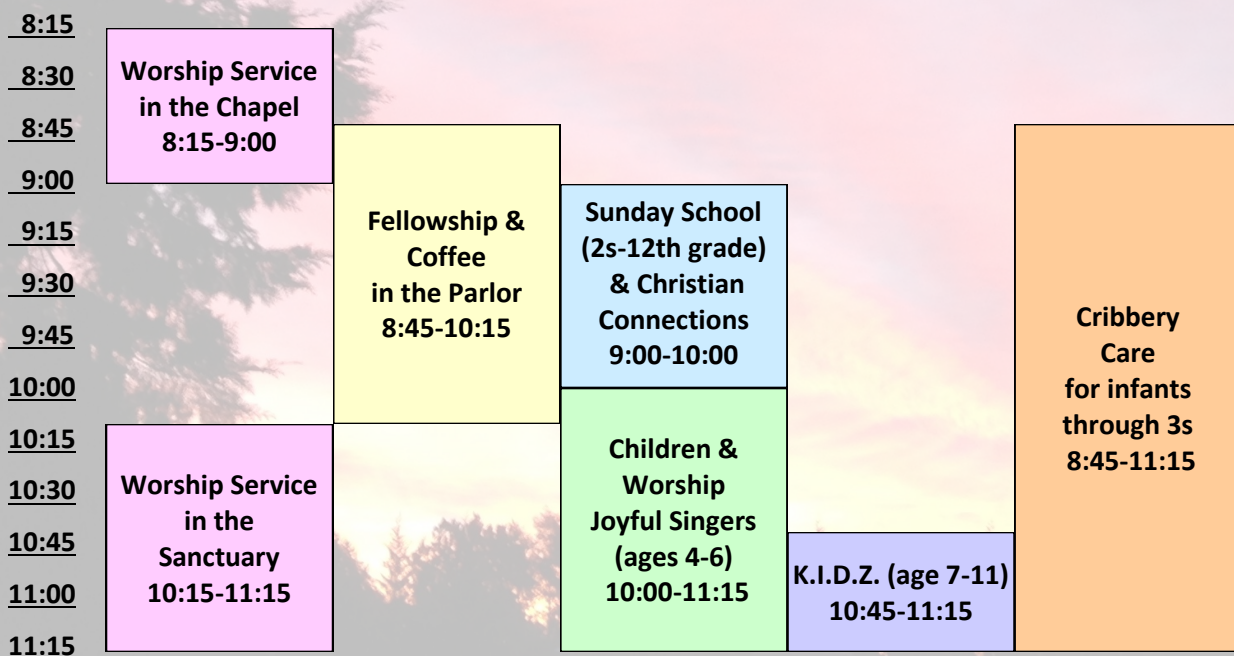
The Sunday Morning Schedule Team thanks everyone for your patience and participation in this very important process.

Following the Jan. 25th report, the proposal was sent to Church Council, which voted via email, approving the adjusted schedule to begin Feb. 22.

Pastor Rod commented, "I realize that we are all not of one mind about these questions [presented in the survey] and we need to continue to listen to one another. I support the new schedule to energize and strengthen the church, and become attractive to new people."

**THE ADJUSTED**

**Towson United Methodist Church Sunday Morning Schedule  
BEGINS Sunday, February 22, 2015**





"There is nothing better for mortals than to eat and drink, and find enjoyment in their toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God."  
Ecclesiastes 2:24

Come enjoy a  
**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Feast on  
Tuesday, Feb. 17  
5:30-7:00pm  
in the Towson UMC Fellowship Hall.**

The supper is a drop-in event hosted by the youth of the church and is paid for with free-will donations.

The dinner includes  
pancakes, sausage, fruit cup, and a beverage.

**Extra Toppings Table  
to add to your stack of pancakes  
available for extra cash.**  
Any profit goes to the youth mission fund.

Bring last year's palms for this year's ashes.

**Come enjoy pancakes & sausage  
cooked by our  
fantastic youth chefs!**



# LENT

## Living into Wholeness

A whole person discerns one's living relationship with God — loves God with whole heart, soul, and mind.

### BEGIN with Ash Wednesday, February 18

A whole person lives in awareness of one's shadow side and accepts and loves oneself totally and completely.

Isaiah 38: 12-14; Matt. 7: 4-5; Rom. 7: 15, 18; Luke 15: 21

Services with Imposing of Ashes will be:

12 noon in the Chapel

(a simple service you can attend during your lunch hour from work)

7:00 PM in the Sanctuary

(traditional service with music by the Chancel Choir)

### 1st Sunday of Lent, February 22

A whole person lives in complete surrender to God out of a knowledge that God is all in all and we are powerless when we are ego driven rather than God driven — John 12: 24-26; Matthew 16: 24-26

Services Sunday Morning:

8:15 in the Chapel

10:15 in the Sanctuary

### 2nd Sunday of Lent, March 1

A whole person lives in committed intimacy with oneself, God and the person God has given as one's partner in life — Phil: 2:13; 1 Cor. 13: 1-13

Services Sunday Morning:

8:15 in the Chapel

10:15 in the Sanctuary

## Living into Wholeness

A whole person discerns one's connections with others — loves others as themselves.

### 3rd Sunday of Lent, March 8

A whole person lives in a sense of mission and purpose to be and share the light of Christ — Luke 9: 1-6

Services Sunday Morning:

8:15 in the Chapel

10:15 in the Sanctuary



# PATHWAYS

Happy New Year to one and all! It is hard to believe that we are turning the corner on the 9<sup>th</sup> year of helping students and their families achieve a higher level of academic success. We are not all business though!

December 20 was the unveiling of our new fundraiser, the Gingerbread House Workshop. Committee members, Sally Savidge, Susan Killian, Annie Biser, Martha Welsh, Maria Springer, Pat Day, and myself, planned every detail resulting in a hugely successful event. Maria was our leader in this adventure and her generous spirit guided us all.

Three days before the event many volunteers were building houses, making icing, counting candies, and decorating the hall. This was a learning experience for all, and we developed some new prep and assembling skills!

I would like recognize and thank:

Maria Springer, Pat Day, Shirley Dirksen, Anne and Liz Dahne, Martha Welsh, Sally and Jacob Savidge, Susan Killian, Marta Harrison, Trish Turlington, Nancy Klueh, Susan Gralley, Emily Cummings, Maryam Sharangi, and Joyce Keedy. The candy donations were a big help too!



All the effort paid off in families planning, building, sharing, singing, and eating candy together as they built their own unique creations. My heart was warmed by all the people, young and old, spending several hours having fun together and getting to know others who were doing the same.

We raised about \$1,500.00 toward the PATHWAYS budget, which will help cover, among other things, transportation costs, academic resources, field trips, computer maintenance, snacks, recognition medals, and our end of year family dinner event.

On December 22 the students and tutors from PATHWAYS celebrated Christmas by enjoying a party with lots of crafts, music, food, gifts, and games. If you were there you would have seen adults and students enjoying each other's company, laughing and sharing in a very good time. I would like to thank everyone who helped make this a special time for the PATHWAYS students by providing cookies, nutritious snacks, and set up and clean up of the evening's festivities.

Finally, I would like to thank the Towson Rotary Club and The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International for bestowing the Paul Harris Fellowship award to me. The recognition is ... "In appreciation of tangible and significant assistance given for the furtherance of better understanding and friendly relations among peoples of the world." This was a surprise and honor that is much appreciated!

*Stephanie Kimmons*

Note about the Paul Harris Fellowship Award from Vernon Sevier: *The Rotary Club of Towson presented Stephanie Kimmons with a Paul Harris Award on 11 December 2014 for her outstanding work with the PATHWAYS Program. Towson Rotary has been a supportive group for PATHWAYS since its inception. A Paul Harris Fellowship is given to persons who are involved with important community activities and is named after the founder of Rotary.*

Congratulations Stephanie and the PATHWAYS Tutoring ministry here at Towson UM Church!

# TOWSON YOUTH

The fun activity for February:

## Ice Skating

**Saturday, February 21st**

**3:00-5:00 pm**

We will meet at Mt. Pleasant Ice Arena for a fun time on the ice! Cost is \$4.00, \$2.00 to rent skates. You may bring more money if you want to buy anything from the concession stand.

### Upcoming events:

The fun activity for March—Red Zone Laser Tag

The fun activity for April—Sleepover at

Mr. Craig Little's parsonage,

then attend his church on Sunday morning.

### Sunday morning classes include:

Middle School - Room 216

Confirmation - Fellowship Hall

High School - Room 317

Feb. 1, 8, 15, classes begin at 10:00 Sunday morning.

Feb. 22, classes begin at 9:00 Sunday morning.

**Youth Fellowship** Sunday evenings 6:00-8:00 in Fellowship Hall; begins with a supper.

11 Youth and 4 Adults from Towson United Methodist Church will be heading down to Ocean City, MD for our annual ROCK Youth Conference

**February 6-8, 2015.**



ROCK is an exciting Christian weekend retreat in which youth in grades 7-12 from the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church will gather at the Ocean City Convention Center. This is an amazing event of thousands of youth having fun and growing in faith.

## Music Notes



**Carol Choir  
Spring Musical**

**"Bible Time"**

**Sunday, March 15 — 4:30 PM  
in the Sanctuary**

Join the choir as we travel through time and re-enact important events in the history of our faith with words, skits, and cool songs.

Mark the date and bring everyone — this promises to be a fun, exciting show!

## Vacation Bible Camp

It is that time of year to begin signing up for summer camps.

Be sure and add VBC to your child's summer camp experience.

**WHEN: July 27—July 31**

**TIME: 9:00a—12noon each day**

**AGES: 3 (by 1/1/15) through 5th graders (2014-15)**

### Why Do VBC? By Betsy Parham

Why should churches provide vacation Bible camp? Churches should be eager to provide vacation Bible camp, since it offers a unique approach to Christian education during the summer months. While at VBC, children are presented stories from the Bible, have time to meet new children, get a chance to spend a good time with friends, and experience new and fun activities. At VBC, children learn Bible verses, sing upbeat music, observe skits, create crafts, participate in recreation, take part in a mission project, and have a snack or a meal.

Why else should churches offer VBC? VBC offers the church a fun and creative method of teaching Christ-like values and ways to interact with others. VBC also provides a strong biblical foundation for faith development for the children. VBC is an excellent outreach tool into the community—a way to invite those who do not normally attend church to come into the church, get involved, and build a relationship with others and with Jesus Christ. The entire congregation can get involved in this outreach program, using their God-given talents to share the love of Jesus with their congregation and community. Adults can decorate, teach, shepherd children, prepare food, send invitations, send follow-up cards to visitors, work with publicity, and pray.

**HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE INVOLVED  
IN THIS YEAR'S VACATION BIBLE CAMP?**



**Children's Ministry** is a very important part of our church family. Our commitment is to teach children the importance of having Christ in their life, how to apply what they read in the Bible to their everyday living, and to support them as they walk their path of spiritual growth. Our hope is that every child will know that they are loved and valued by God, their church, their family, and their peers.

### **Sundays February 1, 8, & 15**

#### ***Children's Sunday Morning Schedule***

- 8:45—12:15 (or at conclusion of the worship service)  
CRIBBERY CHILDCARE, Room 122  
for children infants—3s
- 9:00-10:00 CHILDREN & WORSHIP  
for children 4-6 years old  
includes 20 minutes as Joyful Singers
- 9:00-9:30 children 7-11 years old and their families  
are in the worship service
- 9:30-10:00 K.I.D.Z for children 7-11 years old  
go to this class after being excused from the  
worship service
- 10:00-10:45 K.I.D.Z. GRADED SUNDAY SCHOOL  
2s, 3s, 4s (age 2 is an approximate age)  
5 & 6 year olds  
7 & 8 year olds  
9-11 year olds

### **Beginning Sunday, February 22**

#### ***Children's NEW Sunday Morning Schedule***

- 8:45—11:15 (or at conclusion of the worship service)  
CRIBBERY CHILDCARE, Room 122  
for children infants—3s
- 9:00-10:00 K.I.D.Z. GRADED SUNDAY SCHOOL  
2s, 3s, 4s (age 2 is an approximate age)  
5 & 6 year olds  
7 & 8 year olds  
9-11 year olds
- 10:00 CHILDREN & WORSHIP  
for children 4-6 years old  
includes 20 minutes as Joyful Singers;  
remain in this class until the completion of the  
worship service
- 10:15-10:45 children 7-11 years old and their families  
are in the worship service
- 10:45 K.I.D.Z for children 7-11 years old  
go to this class after being excused from the  
worship service; remain in this class until the  
worship service is over

### **Beginning Sunday, February 22**

#### ***How do the children change classrooms in the NEW Sunday Morning Schedule?***

At 10:00, the conclusion of the Graded Sunday School classes:

- Teachers will take children age 2 & 3 to the Cribbery (which is across the hall)
- Teachers will take children age 4-6 to Room 314 for Children & Worship and Joyful Singers
- Children age 7-11 will be dismissed to go to the Sanctuary for the worship service  
as parents and guardians have requested



# Missions & Outreach

## **FEBRUARY COMMUNION / MISSION OFFERING**

**ACTC — Assistance Center of Towson Churches**

**120 W. Pennsylvania Ave., Towson, MD**

**410-296-4855 / actconline.info**

ACTC offers an ecumenical program that provides help to poor and needy families in our community. It opened in 1985 by the Towson Area Ministerial Association and 14 churches joined together to form ACTC. A consortium of 47 churches now participates in the outreach effort.



ACTC gives *emergency assistance*, including food, eviction and utility cutoff prevention, payment for prescriptions and lunches for the homeless. Today a GBMC nurse practitioner helps with medical matters. Its service area incorporates 21 zip codes in central Baltimore County extending up to the Pennsylvania line Monday through Friday 10a to 2:45p.

Your mission donations during the month of February will go toward the wonderful efforts of ACTC. All contributions ACTC receives in February & March will be applied toward a Feinstein Foundation grant. So your dollars, though a small percentage, will be matched!

Make your checks payable to "Towson UMC" and note on the check that it is for ACTC. Thank you!

## **OUR EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY**

Our EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY is open ONCE a month assisting the Baltimore County community the last Saturday of the month from 9:00 - 10:30 AM in Fellowship Hall.

**Next time we will be open is FEBRUARY 28.**

Here is the **list of packaged & canned food** needed. Bring your Food Pantry contributions to the church lobby and place in one of the marked Sharing Bins.

Chunky Soups  
Beef Stew  
Peanut Butter (creamy, please)  
Spaghetti Sauce (canned, no glass, please)  
Spaghetti Noodles  
Canned Fruit (any)  
Canned Chili  
10oz Soups  
Boxed Crackers  
Canned Ravioli  
Cereal (Corn Flakes, Cheerios, etc.)  
Instant Oatmeal pks.  
 pudding 4 pk.

If you would like to volunteer Saturday mornings when the Food Pantry is open, please contact Dwight Kines by email [drkines4@gmail.com](mailto:drkines4@gmail.com) or call 410-828-0792. You don't need to volunteer every month.



## **American Red Cross — OUR CHURCH'S BLOOD DRIVE**

**Our next Towson UMC Community Blood Drive is**

**Saturday, March 21, 2015**

**between 6:30am and 12:30pm**

**in Fellowship Hall**

Anyone older than 17 years of age is eligible to donate (16 year olds needs parental consent).

**Check the church website for lots of information.**

**<http://towsonumc.org/ministries/missions-outreach/tumc-community-blood-drive/>**

For medical or travel eligibility questions call the ARC at 1-866-236-3276.



**Blood cannot be manufactured; it can only come from volunteer donors**

For more information or to schedule your life-saving donation contact Margot via e-mail [TUMCBloodDrive@gmail.com](mailto:TUMCBloodDrive@gmail.com).

You can also schedule your appointment on our website.



**Every 2 seconds someone needs a blood transfusion**

**Now is a great time to make your appointment!**



**American Red Cross**





## Soup and Serenity for Women

Journaling is a rewarding opportunity to engage God in our thoughts and prayers. Participants are encouraged to dress casually and enjoy warm soup, bread and fellowship as we learn simple-to-use journaling methods. The sessions will provide time to practice journal starters and discover what works for you. Liz Neal, Towson United Methodist Church member, will lead the session. Journals will be provided!

**When:** Saturday, February 28, 2015

**Who:** Women: Ages high school youth through adult

**Time:** 12:00 noon – 3:00 p.m.

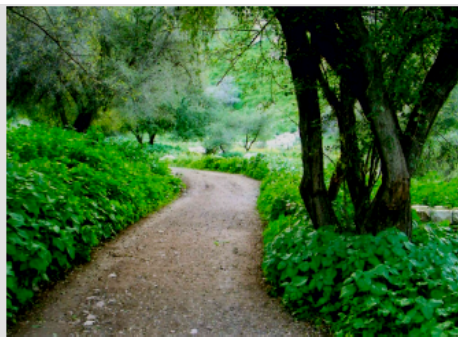
**Where:** Parlor

**Fee:** \$5.00 to cover cost of journal and materials

Please register by emailing Liz Neal at [lizneal52@comcast.net](mailto:lizneal52@comcast.net) or call 410-584-8292, after 7pm.

## Walk with Jesus... All my LIFE

**Women's Retreat  
April 24 - 26, 2015**



"Get away with me and you'll recover your life ...

Walk with me and work with me —  
watch how I do it.

Learn the unforced rhythms of grace ...

Keep company with me and  
you'll learn to live freely and lightly."

Matthew 11: 28-30

We hope you will join us for this year's Women's Retreat at the Pearlstone Retreat Center in Reisterstown, Maryland. (north side of town, up Route 30 in the country). **Registration deadline is February 8.** You can find a registration form on the church website at [www.towsonumc.org](http://www.towsonumc.org) or on the information table in the church lobby. **HURRY!**



## Cherry Blossoms & Odyssey Cruises

*Washington, D. C.*

**Thursday, April 9, 2015**

Bus departs from TUMC at 9:30a

Returns to TUMC at approx. 3:30p

Join us for a ride around the Tidal Basin, to view the beautiful cherry blossoms. Afterward, we will board Odyssey Cruises, a true luxury vessel, for a cruise on the Potomac River where we will experience monumental views.

The ship offers elegant atmosphere and attentive service. We will enjoy scrumptious cuisine for lunch—ordering off the menu—appetizers to dessert. You can even kick up your heels on the dance floor! This is really a very nice day trip you won't want to miss!

Dress is casual, but no shorts or jeans. Deadline for your reservation is March 9.

### Cost & Payment Information:

- \$95 per person, (limit 40 passengers) includes bus, tour, the cruise, lunch, entertainment, and all taxes and tips.
- Please make your check payable to: "Senior Adult Council" (include your phone number & email address)
- Mail to: Mrs. Bernice Peacher  
12300 Rosslare Ridge Rd., #402  
Timonium, MD 21093
- Questions? Call Bernice 410-252-3534





### **Rev. Dr. Philip Wogaman** (pictured left)

was a guest speaker at Towson UM Church Sunday, January 25, 2015.

Dr. Wogaman is retired now; he was Dean of Wesley Seminary, Professor of Christian Ethics at Wesley Seminary, and after leaving his teaching position, was the senior pastor at Foundry United Methodist Church in Washington. He now spends time speaking and teaching by invitation.

We invited Dr. Wogaman to our church to help us understand what it means to be a

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and how we can support the full inclusion of LGBT persons in the life and ministry of the Methodist Church.

Dr. Wogaman began by saying, "... none of us has the last word on anything and, theologically, God is much bigger than any of us; therefore, we need to be open to new leadings of the Spirit."

We asked Dr. Wogaman to share his thoughts on 4 particular questions:

1. What does the Bible say about sexual orientation and how do we use what the Bible says?
2. What are the deeper theological and ethical issues involved?
3. How are we to understand the position of the United Methodist Church as expressed in its Book of Discipline?
4. What has been the experience of the United Methodist Churches that have become Reconciling Congregations?

Dr. Wogaman spoke for an hour and followed by Q & A from the audience,

which was recorded by TUMC. If you would like a copy of the DVD, for a donation of \$2.00, please contact Cathy at [communications@towsonumc.org](mailto:communications@towsonumc.org).



**The Carol Choir singing in worship during Advent.**



**The Tower Chimes Handbell Choir in worship during Advent.**



**Joyful Singers in worship during Advent.**



**Genesis Bells ringing in worship during Advent.**



**The Chancel Choir leading in worship during Advent.**



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### HAMPTON LANE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

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A Ministry of Towson United Methodist Church  
Child Care with an approved preschool  
[www.hamptonlanecdc.org](http://www.hamptonlanecdc.org)

#### BEARERS OF CHRIST'S LIGHT

You are invited to come and participate in our gathering for contemplative prayer which we are calling **Attentional Prayer** every Tuesday night at 6:00 PM in the chapel.

#### Would You Like Individual Prayer Sunday Mornings?

Meet a member of the congregation in the back corner of the sanctuary after worship Sunday morning if you would like someone to be in prayer with you.

UPPER ROOM devotionals are available in regular and large print. You can find them on the credenza under the pictures of the church's stained glass windows in the main lobby.

#### Aurora's Prayer Rose Garden

Aurora's Prayer Rose Garden is located on the west side of the church, facing the afternoon sun. A perfect place to gather your thoughts, read, write something in your journal, or take pictures.

#### TOWSON PRAYS ONLINE

<http://towsonprays.blogspot.com>

Prayers and thoughts written by friends at church!  
Make this a "favorite" and join us in prayer.

**Would you like to write a prayer for our prayer blog once a month?**

Please consider this blessed opportunity!

Contact Rev. Margery Schammel at  
[mschammel@towsonumc.org](mailto:mschammel@towsonumc.org)

**You are invited to join our Wednesday morning Bible Study class.**

We meet in rooms 214-216  
from 10:30-11:30 each Wednesday.

Our format is simple. We use the Scripture selection(s) from the previous Sunday for our lesson, beginning and ending with prayer. We welcome anyone who would like to join with us, whether or not you are able to attend every week, less frequently, or just whenever you can be with us. We look forward to seeing you.



#### DUE DATE FOR ARTICLES IN THE NEXT HIGH SPIRE

**MARCH 2015 issue is due Tuesday, February 17, 2015**

All articles need to be on time and either in the marked folder outside Room 315  
— OR — you may e-mail to Cathy Anderson at [communications@towsonumc.org](mailto:communications@towsonumc.org). Thank you!