

Towson United Methodist Church

◆ Monthly Newsletter ◆ February 2017 ◆ Volume 58, Issue 1 ◆

February High Spire

**JANUARY &
FEBRUARY
SERMON
SERIES
RE-DISCOVER
THE FOUNDATION
STORIES OF THE
BIBLE WITH
YOUNG JESUS:
GENESIS**



Saint Joseph, the carpenter, Georges de La Tour, 1640s, oil on canvas, Louvre Museum, Paris.

Calendar of Events

- Jan. 29 Open Enrollment HLCDC, see p. 11
- Feb. 1 Rachel Livingston joins the TUMC staff
see details, p. 6
- Feb. 3-5 Youth go to ROCK convention in Ocean
City, MD, see more youth activities, p. 7
- Feb. 5 Communion Offering for ACTC
see details, p. 8
- Feb. 12 Scout Sunday
Meet Rachel, reception at 11:30, see p. 6
- Feb. 25 Emergency Food Pantry, see p. 8
- Feb. 26 Youth Sunday, 10:15 service
- Mar. 1 Ash Wednesday
Services: 12 Noon & 7:00 PM, see p. 9
- Mar. 8 Weekday Lenten Study begins
see details on p. 9
- Mar. 18 Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser for the fight
against MS, see details on p. 8
- Mar. 25 Next Blood Drive, see p. 8



Pictured above:

Ms. Helen decorated the wall outside her Sunday School classroom before the start of the new academic year, which was Sept. 11, 2016. Each 4th or 5th grader on her roll has a butterfly with their name on it.

Helen Wagner

April 2, 1946 - September 19, 2016

Dear members of Towson United Methodist Church,

I am writing this for every member of our church so you are aware of the efforts of Helen Wagner, until her dying days. She was a Sunday School teacher and she volunteered in the church office on Wednesdays.

Every week she wrote a letter to [my husband]

Thank You Notes

Joe and, later, to me. Below is the text of her last note to us dated September 14, 2016.

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Chatterton,

It is another beautiful day, nice and warm, and sunny, too.

I so appreciated Mary's phone call last week. It was lovely speaking with you, and I am glad you are doing better. I hope Mr. Chatterton's leg is better after the surgery. We all continue to keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

This past Sunday, the church celebrated our country by wearing red, white, and blue, and Verna Lewis made banners for the altar and pulpit to match. Joyce Keedy provided a lovely piano rendition of "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory," which left not a dry eye in the house. Doug played "America the Beautiful" and "This is My Song," filling the whole church with awe.

In case you are not familiar with "This is My Song," the first verse is: "This is my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for land's afar and mine. This is my home, the country where my heart is; here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine; but other hearts in other lands are beating with hopes and dreams as true as mine."

It is a lovely hymn and brings to mind our country being under God's tender loving care, as we His children are under His tender loving care, too.

Enjoy knowing our God is near ...

Love from your friends at Towson United Methodist. (Helen Wagner)

—From Mary Chatterton

(Joe passed away on October 11, 2016)

An excerpt from a note to Pastor Rod from Helen's sister following her Memorial Service:

It was wonderful to hear how much she was loved and appreciated at the church. She would be stunned by the outpouring of love for her.

—Patsy Page



Thank You Notes continued

Thank you! From the Board of Childcare Auxiliary

I would like to thank you on behalf of the Board of Childcare Auxiliary for your contributions and dues. I collected \$938.00 with \$200.00 to be used for 100 members from Towson United Methodist Church. The balance of \$738.00 will be used for Gifts and Special Projects (camping, arts and crafts, sports, etc.).

Thank you for your continued support.

—Katherine Rigney, keyperson

To the Church Members,

I would like to thank the members of the church for their prayers and cards during my recent illness, and visits from Rod — Barbara Mann

Thank you to the Methodist Men and Church for the beautiful poinsettia! Thank you also to Ryan and Collin for delivering the plant to me — it was very nice to meet them and talk to another Wagner family from TUMC! Thank you!

“Your kindness means the world to me.”

—Love, Doris Wagner

Dear Church Friends,

Thank you so much for the lovely Christmas poinsettia. It helps to brighten up my living room.

Blessings & Good Health to all!

—Love, Jeanne Disney

Thank you for the beautiful red poinsettia.

“Your kindness and consideration were sincerely appreciated.”

—Blessings, Dorothy Quigley

Thank you so much for remembering me at this beautiful time.

—Mrs. Joy Custer

I visited my mother yesterday, and I found a beautiful poinsettia that she informs me you, Shannon and Jeff, delivered.

Back when Mom was young and vital, she was very active in the church. She was so proud to be a part of TUMC’s congregation. (Fun Fact: Mom provided the money to install the wheelchair accessible ingress in front of the church — long before the ADA was even a twinkle in Congress’ eye.)

Thanks so much for bringing the flower and spending time with my fabulous mom!

—Lisa F. Wilson, Doris Farley’s daughter

Towson UMC,

Thank you so much for my beautiful poinsettia. I have the perfect spot for it so the bright red will be a blessing for a long time.

I miss all my friends at church but this old body moves at snail’s pace.

To be remembered at Christmas is a wonderful thing.

—Sincerely, Dorothy Compton

Thank you so much for remembering me. It makes me feel so good to know I’m not forgotten. Don McWilliams tracks me down every year.

It’s placed on my hall shelf so everyone going by can enjoy it and they comment on how lovely it looks. It gives me much pleasure.

— Thanks again, Suey McLean

Thank You Notes continued

Dear Friends,

This morning I see the outside world through a miniature forest of exotic poinsettia color, since your 2015 offering is still blooming vigorously in my front window! Now joined by last week's latest gift, I have quite a lasting display!

I thank you from a very grateful heart for remembering me yet again for this exceptional gift; it brings you all to mind every time I cross my living room!

God bless you all — you have my daily prayers and happy memories.

—With love, always, Liz Brown

To All Our Friends at TUMC,

How did we get so lucky? I should say Blessed. It is great to be remembered and we both thank you all. —Charlie & Ruth Beam

We were delighted to receive the beautiful red poinsettia to help us celebrate Christmas. God's love is shown through the members at Towson United Methodist Church through your prayers, kind thoughts, and cards. We are grateful for your love. May we move forward with God's grace in 2017.

—Sincerely, Katherine and Gil Smith

A Special thanks to all who helped put up and take down the Christmas decorations for the church. Not only the sanctuary, but the chapel, narthex, and hallways were exceptionally lovely this year. Your time and special talents are greatly appreciated. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

—The Worship Committee

Dear friends at TUMC:

Thank you so much for the poinsettia taken to Marilyn Raker at the Oak Crest Village Health Center at Christmas. It was so lovely and, while she can't talk, I'm sure she understood this as an expression of love from the givers, deliverers, and friends here at Towson Church. This is a thank you from me and from Marilyn, and may this new year be one of peace and blessing for us all.

—Bill Raker

Dear Friends,

We cannot begin to thank all of our friends at TUMC for the ongoing love and support you have shown to our family this past year. Meals, visits, phone calls, emails, and notes and cards have all helped to sustain us through a very rough time. So many of you attended dad's service and/or made a donation in his name to the sanctuary window project — visible signs of your love for him and mom. A special thank you to Rod for his numerous visits, guidance, and compassion. We are truly blessed. —Sue LaHatte and Alice Snyder

SUPPORTING OUR WOUNDED SOLDIERS AT WALTER REED NATIONAL MILITARY MEDICAL CENTER



Pictured left is Vernon Sevier and American Red Cross worker Christina Hansen to whom we delivered Towson UMC's collections Dec. 22nd.

*It was very much appreciated. Thank you, TUMC!
—Bill Peters,
Vernon's assistant*

Thank You Notes continued!

Thank you to the many people who donated toys this year. On Tuesday, December 13 we delivered 136 toys to Homestead United Methodist Church. They were most appreciative and will distribute the toys at their party on Saturday. —Pat Totzauer

Pictured below are the collected gifts for our ANGEL TREE families. They were sorted on the pews in the Chapel. Each family had at least one pew! Thank you to those who choose someone from the Angel Tree and purchased gifts and thank you to those who delivered the gifts. Most were taken on that icy December 17th Saturday.



PATHWAYS' KIDS ...



Members of our PATHWAYS Board were overwhelmed by your generosity. Our Gingerbread House event hosted by Maria Springer was not only fun for participating families, but an amazing BOOST to our budget. The Moment on Mission Sunday, Nov. 6th spoke to many of you!! We cannot thank all of you enough for contributing to our program. PATHWAYS TUTORING is an all volunteer program but there are costs involved. All **30** students are transported to and from our church for **22** weeks. Snacks, small gifts, and celebrations occur throughout the year. On average, our costs are \$11/week/child. So, sponsoring one child for the year is \$242. The smiles we see on the faces of children and tutors each week are free. Thank you very much for your kindness and generosity to a program that makes a difference. — Sharon Penhallegon

Church Staff
and their responsibilities:

Rev. Rod Miller

Lead Pastor

rmiller@towsonumc.org
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410-465-2335 (home)

- Preaching, worship, administration, pastoral visitation, visioning, and ministry development

Rev. Margery Schammel

Assistant Pastor

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410-823-2485

- Christian education for children, youth, and adults, and worship leadership

Rev. Doug Hollida

Minister of Music & Organist

MusicDirector@towsonumc.org
410-823-6519

- Children, youth, and adult vocal choirs, handbell choirs, worship accompanist, and composer

Rachel Livingston

Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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Receptionist**

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- Financial and office administration and liaison to Finance and Trustees

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Director of Communications

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- Graphic arts, weekly bulletins, monthly newsletters, webmaster, audio and visuals for worship, liaison to missions

Bob Ashby

Maintenance Assistant

- Assists in building cleaning and event set ups

**Erin Rigley, Director
Hampton Lane**

Child Development Center

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Pastor's Letter

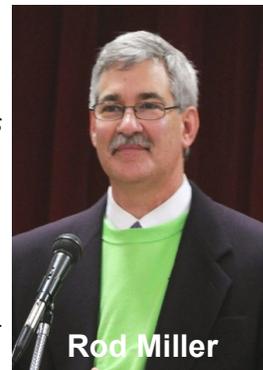
I have some important news to share with you:

After a lot of prayer and thought over the last months, I have decided to retire from the pastoral ministry and TUMC in June 2017. I am retiring in order to follow God's calling to begin a coaching/ consulting ministry with pastors and church leaders.

This is my sixth year to serve as your pastor and I am grateful for all that we have accomplished during this transitional time in our church history. While we have had our share of challenges, we are experiencing signs of new life and hope throughout the church. I believe that I was here to journey with you during this critical time in order to affirm our strong foundation in Christ and to discern how we might live and serve as God's people at TUMC today.

I sent the above message to the congregation last week and want to make sure that everyone has been made aware of my upcoming plans. I also want to thank you for your expressions of appreciation, encouragement, and support. I really have been moved by your response. When thinking about the future, my thoughts continue to focus on God's faithfulness. As God is leading me to begin a new chapter in my ministry, we can also trust God to lead and guide the congregation into what is next for you, individually and collectively. There are a lot of ways that we can observe the movement of the Spirit in our church today. I encourage all of us to continue to seek God's guidance, and to recognize and celebrate what is continuing to emerge in and with us. A lot has been accomplished and now we can anticipate what God has in store for us next as we continue to learn great things about God and do great things with God!

In Christ,
Rod



Rod Miller

**Please help us welcome our new
Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry**

RACHEL LIVINGSTON



Our Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) is very excited to announce the addition of Rachel Livingston to our staff on February 1, 2017. She brings with her a wealth of unique educational and work experiences. Rachel has received a Masters of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary and holds a Bachelors of Science in Mechanical Engineering. She has served as an Executive Director for the Children's Defense Freedom School at St. Paul's Baptist Church in Philadelphia and as a Project Director at Peter Spencer Family Life Foundation Children's Defense Fund Freedom School in Wilmington, DE. Rachel has a passion for youth and social justice issues.

She will be learning a lot about our youth as she travels with them to Ocean City for ROCK 2017 from Feb 3rd to Feb 5th.

On February 12th, Rachel will be introduced to the congregation during the worship service. Immediately following that, we will have a reception in her honor in Fellowship Hall. Please come and offer her a warm TUMC welcome!

TOWSON YOUTH

Sunday Morning Classes at 9:00am

Middle School: Room 216

High School: Room 317

Confirmation (8th graders): Fellowship Hall

UMYF (Youth Group) Calendar

Jan. 29 6:00-7:30pm — preparing for Youth Sunday, which will be February 26.

Feb. 3-5 ROCK in OC, MD. Many of our youth will be attending the ROCK youth conference this weekend. Please pray for us and the approx. 6,000 youth participating, worshipping, and learning together!

Feb. 12 10:15am — Introducing Rachel, our new Youth Director. Reception in Fellowship Hall to meet and greet Rachel at 11:30a.

6:00-7:30pm — We will be working on our plans for Youth Sunday.

Feb. 19 11:30am-1:00pm — Mission TBD

Feb. 26 Youth Sunday! Our youth will be leading the 10:15 Worship Service!!

6:00-7:30pm — Ms. Sally will be leading a murder mystery.



Check us out on Facebook. Questions? Contact Margery at mschammel@towsonumc.org or 410-823-2485.

Music Notes



Rev. Doug Hollida
Minister of Music

We had a great Advent and Christmas season with lots of very special music. The choirs did a spectacular job on everything! I know you really appreciate all their hard work.

We had the wonderful all-music service on Dec. 11, and the wonderful Christmas Eve services including the Musical performed so well by the Carol Choir. And in and around that were many special music moments by the Praise Band, choirs, and soloists.

Speaking of the Carol Choir musical, their next one is coming up soon — **March 19 at the 10:15 service.** We had quite a crop of new kids this year, but after seeing the great job they did on Christmas Eve, I'm really looking forward to our Spring show.



Not to give too much away, but you will want to come to see if the angels-in-training make the grade and

get their wings. It's sure to be fun for all. The title is **"Living On Love."**

Down the road this Spring will be the youth cantata by the Alleluia Singers. I'll share more about that as the time gets closer.

Peace and blessings,
Doug



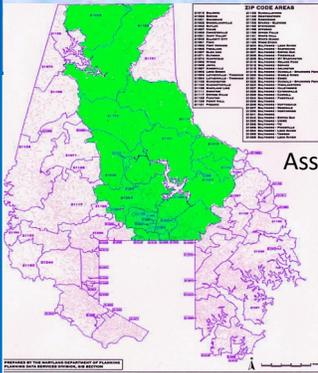
Save the Date:
Vacation Bible Camp
July 24-28 this year!

The church will turn into **HERO CENTRAL!**

As we...

"Do good! Seek peace and go after it!" Psalm 34:14b
Please contact Margery to help with this amazing week of fun: mschammel@towsonumc.org or 410-823-2485.

Missions & Outreach



OUR FEBRUARY COMMUNION OFFERING IS FOR ACTC

Assistance Center of Towson Churches
120 W. Pennsylvania Ave., Towson
The colored-in areas of the Baltimore County map shown, left, are the areas served by ACTC.

Services Given in 2015:

29,655... people assisted
326,214 ... pounds of food
\$589,805 ... value of food distributed
13,787 ... volunteer hours
\$150,325 ... financial help
3,003 ... bus tokens, passes and gasoline help
6,562 ... totaled assistance for homeless
809 ... sheltered bed nights
2,213 ... Thanksgiving Baskets for families
www.actconline.info

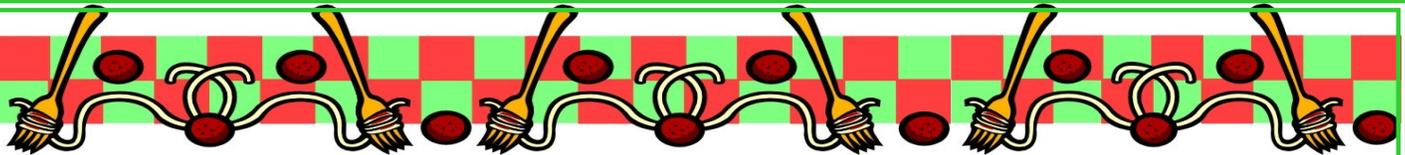
Our children are supporting the American Bible Society this year. Please help us collect for this important organization to help spread the word of God. A large jar is outside the Education Office on the 3rd floor to collect your spare change. Help your child by giving them extra chores to earn some change for the Bible jar!



OUR EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY

... will be open to the public on **Saturday, February 25**
9:00 to 10:30AM — in Fellowship Hall
If you would like to volunteer to help once a month, contact Dwight Kines at 410-828-0792.
Check the Sunday bulletins for up-to-date food needs. The Sunday bulletins are posted online at the church's website: towsonumc.org

Save the Date: NEXT ARC Blood Drive here at TUMC is the morning of Saturday, March 25



Spaghetti Dinner

PLEASE JOIN US & HELP RAISE MONEY FOR THE FIGHT AGAINST MS

Saturday, March 18

5:00—7:00 PM — in Fellowship Hall

Cost: \$12 for everyone age 12 and above
\$6 for kids age 5-11
Free for children under the age of 5

*Side Salad, Spaghetti Entrée—both meat & meatless sauce
Side of Bread, Drinks, Dessert Bake Sale*

RSVP: Lissa O'Donnell at 443-655-7656 or LKO1783@gmail.com to reserve your seat today.
Payment can be made in advance or at the door.

Why raise money and awareness to help the fight against MS?

Because one of my best friends and roommate from college (Gary) was diagnosed with this sometimes debilitating disease on his 27th birthday. From then I have watched him have struggles in his daily life. He has since had 2 children and watching him sometimes struggle physically with being able to raise his children makes me want to work that much harder to help find a cure. Parenting on its own is hard enough.



Pictured left, Lissa's 1st walk with Gary's wife Sadie; pictured right, Gary is 3rd from left.

How wonderful would it be if my friend could parent pain free? This is my 5th year participating with Gary's Gang to help raise money for the National MS society. And this year, instead of just doing 1 event as I have done in the past, I will be participating in 2 events this year. I will be running a 5K in May, where Christopher (my 8 year old son) will join me and participate in his first official Gary's Gang event, and then I will participate in Bike MS in June. Thank you! It is truly appreciated.

Sunday Mornings

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES:

8:15a *Chapel Communion Service* — Chapel

10:15a *Worshipping God Together* — Sanctuary

Cribbery (nursery) — in Room 122

The cribbery opens for children infants to 3s at 8:45 AM and remains open until after the 10:15 worship service ends.

8:45 - 10:15a... Coffee, treats, and friends in the Parlor

9:00 - 10:00a CLASSES:

Preschool (age 3 to not yet in kindergarten) in Room 115

Kindergarten – 2nd Grade in Room 311

3rd Grade – 5th Grade in Room 312

Towson Youth see p. 6 for youth classes.



POST HIGH SCHOOL ADULT CLASSES

Adult classes vary in content and context — there is one for you!

ADULT BIBLE STUDY — HOFFMAN ROOM 218

Ruth Steer leads this class.

She may be contacted at 410-825-7407.

CHRISTIANS UNDER CONSTRUCTION — ROOM 111

Class contact is Leslie Wagner, who may be reached at L2Wagner@verizon.net.

DISCIPLE ONE BIBLE STUDY — CHAPEL

This class has begun and is not open to new participants.

MEN'S CLASS — ROOM 310

Class contact is Dave Turlington, who may be reached at 410-667-1491 or dturlington@verizon.net.

TOWER CLASS — ROOM 214

Class contact is Kevin Gralley, 410-527-1867 or kevin.gralley@gmail.com. College age adults are encouraged to attend, too.

WOMEN'S CLASS — ROOM 212

If you have any questions, please reach out to Trish Turlington—dturlington@verizon.net, Alicia Corson—apcorson@gmail.com, or Great class for college age women, too.

YOUNG PARENT'S CLASS — ROOM 114

Contact is Lissa O'Donnell, LKo1783@gmail.com.

FOR YOUNG CHILDREN DURING THE 10:15 WORSHIP SERVICE:

Pray and Play (children ages 4-6) in Room 314. This is an experience of fun and learning with a team of teachers.

Ms. Jamie comes every week to lead the Joy Singers.

K.I.D.Z. Children ages 7-11 begin in the worship service with their families; to be dismissed partway through the service for fun and learning in Room 310.

LENT

**Lent begins on ASH WEDNESDAY,
March 1st.**

**Services: 12 Noon in the Chapel
7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Both services will have ashes.**

Shrove Tuesday PANCAKES will be served on a Sunday during Lent. Check the next March *High Spire* newsletter and/or your Sunday bulletins for more details.

The Lenten Study

this year will be

Restored: Finding Redemption in Our Mess

by Tom Berlin

A weekday study will be offered on

Wednesdays, March 8- April 12

Noon – 1:00PM in Room 311.

Please contact Margery to sign up:

mschammel@towsonumc.org

or 410-823-2485.

If you miss the study in your Sunday adult class, drop in on Wednesday to catch up!

Bring your lunch, if you want, and get real about our messes and God's power to redeem.



Are you a member of AARP? Then consider joining TUMC's Senior Adult Council to have fun.

This year we are sponsoring 4 bus trips and need help filling the buses, enjoying meals together, learning about the places we tour, and planning future adventures in a Christian atmosphere.

For more information: Contact Bill Rogers at wwrogers715@verizon.net

Announcing our 2017 Tours!

Folks of all ages are encouraged to join us on each of these four exciting trips:

- May 17 American Treasure Tram Tour & Valley Forge National Historic Park
- June 7 "Second Chances" Dutch Apple Dinner Theater, Lancaster, PA
- Sept. 20 Kentmorr Crab Feast & Amish Market Tour
- Oct. 25 Friendly Farms & Maryland Wine Country Tour Featuring Boordy Vineyards

Register early to assure your seat on the bus. Each tour allows you to either board at the church or at Oak Crest, whichever is more convenient for you.

AMERICAN TREASURE TRAM TOUR & LUNCH AND VALLEY FORGE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK OAKS, PENNSYLVANIA WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2017



Registration Deadline April 3, 2017
Travel with us to Oaks, PA to discover the amazing collection of American treasures spanning the 19th and 20th centuries. The American Treasure Tour is a massive indoor collection of Americana from antiques to kitsch to pop culture. Two of the major exhibits are mechanical music and classic preserved automobiles. The mechanical music display includes hundreds of machines such as nickelodeons, band organs, and music boxes. You will hear the great sounds they make playing the music of days gone by. See a jam-packed display of animated store window advertising, dolls, dollhouses, model airplanes, plus circus, patriotic and holiday items, and many other surprises. RIDE A TRAM for your guided tour. You can take photos and tour guides are present to answer any questions.

A delicious buffet lunch is included. Following lunch, we meet our step-on guide for a tour of the Valley Forge National Historical Park. Rows of cannons, clusters of soldiers' huts, monuments, and statues of Revolutionary War heroes. Price: \$110 per person. Make checks payable to the "Senior Adult Council" and mail to Ginny Foster, 8444 Loch Raven Blvd., Towson, MD 21286; 410-296-4780. Be Sure to include your phone number on your check.

Departure:
7:30 AM TUMC / 8:00 AM Oak Crest, Parkville, MD
Return times:
7:00 PM Oak Crest, Parkville, MD / 7:30 PM TUMC

DUTCH APPLE DINNER THEATRE "SECOND CHANCES" THE THRIFT SHOP MUSICAL! Lancaster, Pennsylvania WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 2017



Registration Deadline is May 7, 2017

Travel to Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre in Lancaster and spend an afternoon with the cast of "Second Chances," The Thrift Shop Musical! You'll meet the eclectic characters of the Palm Coast Community Church Thrift Shop who will have you both laughing and crying as they learn how to love again, deal with possibly losing their lease and finding new friends. Before the show enjoy a delicious buffet lunch.

Price: \$97 per person.
Make checks payable to the "Senior Adult Council" and mail to Lois Winship, 1 Southerly Court, #201, Towson, MD 21286. Be sure to include your phone number on your check.
Departure times:
9:45 AM Oak Crest, Parkville, MD / 10:15 AM TUMC
Return times:
5:15 PM TUMC / 5:45 PM Oak Crest, Parkville, MD

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP AT TOWSON

- 8:15 Traditional Service in the Chapel. This service has communion every Sunday and usually piano or organ accompaniment.
- 10:15 *Worshipping God Together* in the Sanctuary. This service is blended and richly varied. About twice a month we open with contemporary songs led by our praise band. And, about twice a month we are more traditional, with one of these Sundays including an old-fashioned-hymn-sing. Every Sunday, we hear from the 3,000 pipes of our glorious organ. And, every Sunday we are blessed by one or more of our five vocal choirs or three hand bell choirs. You may hear anything from an a cappella anthem in Latin from the 1500s, to a classic with the organ, to a recent song accompanied by our praise band. Communion is offered on the first Sunday of the month, and is open to all.

We have gluten-free communion bread, too, just ask the server.

Towson United Methodist Church is a community of Christ-followers growing in love of God and neighbor. This is what we at Towson UMC believe Christian discipleship is, what we are to be, and what Jesus meant when he sent his followers to “make disciples”—

We believe every person is of sacred worth and created in God’s image. We commit to Jesus’ example of inclusive love, care, and intentional hospitality with persons of every race, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, faith story, physical or mental ability, economic status, or political perspective. We respect our diversity of opinion and expressions of faith. Therefore, as God loves us, so let us love and serve in the name of Christ.

— adopted by the TUMC Church Council February 2, 2015



TOWSON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Towson, Maryland 21286
410-823-6511

Business hours are Monday through Thursday 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Rev. LaTrelle Easterling, Resident Bishop

Rev. Edwin DeLong, Interim Superintendent, Baltimore Metropolitan District

Bob Kimmons & Stephanie Kimmons, TUMC’s Church Lay Leaders

HAMPTON LANE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

410-825-0008 ccddirector@towsonumc.org — Erin Rigley, Center Director
A Ministry of Towson United Methodist Church — Child Care with an approved preschool
www.hamptonlanecdc.org

Open Enrollment begins January 29, 2017

Please contact us at ccddirector@towsonumc.org or 410/825-0008

Hampton Lane Child Development Center is a non-profit preschool, licensed by the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) and Office of Child Care as an approved preschool program. We are recognized by the Maryland Excels Program as a center that meets high quality standards.

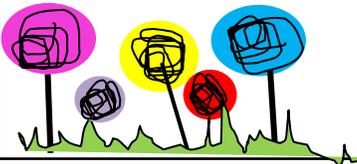
Hampton Lane educates children ages 2 through 5 years old

We are open year round, Monday through Friday from 7:00 am to 5:45 pm

We offer three schedules:

-5 days a week (M-F) -3 days a week (M,W,F) and -2 days a week (T,TH)

Hampton Lane utilizes an MSDE approved curriculum called "Creative Curriculum" by Teaching Strategies.



HAMPTON LANE

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

A ministry of Towson United Methodist Church



Soul Tending —
Women's Retreat
April 21-23, 2017
The Claggett Center,
Adamstown, MD

If you haven't already signed up and want to join us for a wonderful weekend getaway for women of all ages, there are a few remaining spots.

**Learn and celebrate how to tend to your soul...
how to take care of YOU!!**

We will have time for large groups, small groups, workshops, time to explore, meals together, and much time in fellowship.

Contact Margery Schammel:
mschammel@towsonumc.org
410-823-2485.

TOWSON PRAYS ONLINE

<http://towsonprays.blogspot.com>

Prayers and thoughts written
by friends at church!

Make this a “favorite” and
join us in prayer.

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.



ARTICLES FOR THE NEXT

HIGH SPIRE

March 2017

are due Tuesday, February 14, 2017.

All articles need to be on time and either in the marked folder outside Room 315

OR — e-mail to

Cathy Anderson at communications@towsonumc.org.

Thank you!