

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

March HighSpire

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SCOUT SUNDAY
FEB. 8
TUMC'S TROOP 102
CAMPED OUT
ON THE CHURCH'S FRONT LAWN



Thank You!

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for the beautiful poinsettia delivered to me shortly before Christmas. I must have found the perfect spot for it. It is just as beautiful as the day I received it.

It is a great color to see each day. We seem to have a lot of gray skies and cold weather and red really perks things up.

Thanks so much. It is great to know you are not forgotten.

Love to all, Dorothy Compton

Dear Friends,

As we rejoice in each new day, we are grateful for our friends at church. Your prayers, cards, and kind words have supported us as our health improves.

What a delight to receive the beautiful Christmas Poinsettia. It shone with glory throughout the holiday and is just as radiant today.

Through God's love we wish everyone peace, despite fears, and fulfillment, despite losses.

Sincerely, Katherine & Gil Smith

To Towson United Methodist Church,

Thank you... It was so nice to be remembered.

The poinsettias you sent to us made our Christmas a little more brighter. Sorry I am late in sending this note because I haven't been well.

May God Bless All, The Michael Family

I would like to thank all of our friends here at Towson Church for the prayers, calls, cards, and support that you showed to me and my family during my recent surgery.

—Earl Smith

The Hospitality Ministries Committee wishes to extend our thanks to the congregation's overwhelming response to our House of Ruth mission. Your generous contributions of Valentines and ladies' socks were greatly appreciated. With your financial gifts, we also bought candy and other treats for 50 children.

Also, thanks to all who donated a variety of lady's clothing for the women at the House of Ruth who are seeking employment.

SONG OF CREATION

Brightness and warmth of the sunshine tell of the
glories of God,
Star-sprinkled skies of the heavens scatter His praises
abroad.

Echoes from Eden's awakening are borne on a heavenly
wind,
Creation is praising its Maker, and I must surely join in.

Forests, majestic high mountains, moon that is keeping
its course,

Rivers and fresh-flowing fountains, flow back toward
their life-giving Source,

Waves that arise on the ocean, beautiful skies
burnished blue,

Sing to the Lord their devotion, and I would worship
Him too.

Apricot glow of the dawning, fresh world with
crystalline dew,

Beautiful light of the morning, tell of His mercies anew,
And the refreshing rain showers, washing the shiny
world clean,

Rainbows, green plants and all flowers, sing to their
great holy King.

Cathedral deep hush of the forest, pierced through
with gold shafts of the sun,

Join in the swelling sweet chorus of praise to the great
Holy One,

Creation is singing its love song to God its Creator
sublime,

Forever the anthem shall go on, forever His name
glorify.

Orange-red sunsets bright blazing that burn as the
daylight hours cease,

Lavender twilights amazing, clad with the evening's cool
peace,

This is the song of creation, yet greater the song I
embrace

For Jesus, my Lord, my salvation, wraps me in His
mantle of grace.

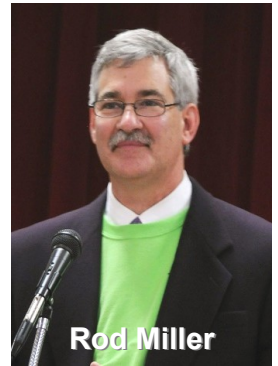
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Truly, the symphony of creation's praise to its Creator is
breathtakingly beautiful. If our ears were opened to it even
for a moment, we would marvel at its beauty, and ache with
awe to hear it. Our songs of praise to Him, however, have an
even more glorious dimension. Since Jesus has redeemed us
by His holy blood, we are washed clean and are made new
creations in Him. May we praise Him forever!

Pastor's Letter

A Recipe for Church

An amateur saxophonist, I have long wanted to go to New Orleans for the music and the experience. As of now, a trip to New Orleans will remain on my bucket list. In the mean time, our son Andrew was in New Orleans just before Mardi Gras. He is a film guy and was filming a chef by the name of John Besh, who owns ten restaurants and has been seen on many cooking shows, though I have to admit that I hadn't heard of him.



Rod Miller



Andrew was directing a cooking show pilot for a tiny start-up company which creates interactive video systems where they film events from up to 16 different angles, and then the viewer can decide which angle to watch. Andrew filmed John Besh cooking with 13 separate cameras. His job involved deciding where the cameras would be placed, lighting and sound, and coaching the chef so he looked and sounded good.

I could hear satisfaction and joy in Andrew as he talked about the artful creativity involved in his work. Those are the emotions that every parent wants to hear from their children when they talk about their vocation. We like to know that their work means more than a paycheck (though those are needed!).

My hope is that going to church on Sunday mornings can be a time to enjoy participating in something that is larger than we are. The sweep of God's presence and action comes to us unformed and awaiting the contribution of our perspectives and involvement in the present moment. In the weekly enacting of life-with-Christ, we are all like co-directors and audience at the same time. Even though we may think we are in the background, the focus, attention and energy we give help make church more than a weekly ritual. Each of us adds our own perspectives and the total experience becomes more than a sum of the parts.

After the television shoot, Andrew and the rest of the crew got to eat what the chef created — seafood gumbo, fried quail, and strawberry pudding. Yet the experience was co-created by everyone — just as I imagine church to be each Sunday. And it is for all of us to enjoy the fruits of our joyful labor. After all, the word liturgy actually means "the work of the people." Let us enjoy it together.

In Christ's love,
Rod

Towson United Methodist Church Sunday Morning Schedule

<u>8:15</u>	<div>Service in the Chapel with Communion 8:15-9:00</div>	<div>Fellowship & Refreshments in the Parlor 8:45-10:15</div>	<div>Sunday School (2s-12th grade) & Christian Connections 9:00-10:00</div>	<div>Continuous Cribbery Care for infants thru 3s 8:45-11:30</div>
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<u>8:45</u>				
<u>9:00</u>				
<u>9:15</u>	<div>Worshipping God Together in the Sanctuary 10:15-11:15</div>	<div>Children & Worship, Joyful Singers (ages 4-6) 10:00-11:15</div>	<div>K.I.D.Z. (age 7-11) 10:45-11:15</div>	
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LENT

Children's Lenten Devotional

LOOK AROUND JERUSALEM

There is so much to see in Jerusalem! Jesus has arrived in town with good things to reveal and loving gifts to offer. Each day of Lent, the children will add a sticker and look for the hidden images on this Jerusalem centerpiece as they follow Jesus' journey through the city. Please pick up your family's copy outside Room 319 or in the church lobby on the Information Table.

Youth and Adult Lenten Study

LIVING INTO WHOLENESS

Living into wholeness is a process. It involves taking the great commandment to heart: *Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your being, and all your strength.* In this study, you are invited to focus on the love of God, the love of others, and the love of self. The study begins on Ash Wednesday and takes you through the weeks of Lent. **Copies of the study** are available in the Church Lobby for personal study and also for your use in a group experience.

DAYTIME LENTEN STUDY

Living into Wholeness

Tuesdays at NOON, February 24 – March 31 in Room 311/313. Bring your lunch, your copy of the *Living into Wholeness* study guide (copies are around the church), your Bible, and join us for the discussion. Facilitators: Margery Schammel, mschammel@towsonumc.org or Jeannine Neuen, jneuen@towsonumc.org.

I. Living into Wholeness

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

2nd Sunday in 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; Rev. 2: 4-5

Sunday Morning 8:15 in the Chapel &
10:15 *Worshipping God Together* in the Sanctuary
"Into Me See"

II. Living into Wholeness

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

3rd Sunday in 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

Sunday Morning 8:15 in the Chapel &
10:15 *Worshipping God Together* in the Sanctuary
"What is God Up To in You?"

4th Sunday in Lent, March 15

A whole person lives in a learning, challenging, and supportive environment in which people are vulnerable with each other — Acts 2: 42-47; 1 Thes. 1: 1-5; 4: 9-10

Sunday Morning 8:15 in the Chapel &
10:15 *Worshipping God Together* in the Sanctuary
"You Are Not Alone"

5th Sunday in Lent, March 22

A whole person lives in growing practice of sharing in God with others — Psalm 78: 1-8; 2 Timothy 1: 3-7

Sunday Morning 8:15 in the Chapel &
10:15 *Worshipping God Together* in the Sanctuary
"Your Story Speaks"

III. Living into Wholeness

A whole person discerns one's engagement with the world — practices love of self, God, and others

Palm/Passion Sunday, March 29

A whole person lives in developing relationship with people of other cultures and God's creation — Acts 10: 13-18, 24-28, 34-36; Matthew 5: 38-48

Sunday Morning 8:15 in the Chapel &
10:15 *Worshipping God Together* in the Sanctuary
"Culture Clash"

EASTER Sunday, April 5

A whole person lives a resurrected life — 1 Cor. 15: 1-22

Sunday Morning 8:15 in the Chapel &
10:15 *Worshipping God Together* in the Sanctuary
"Living Into Wholeness"



PATHWAYS



As spring approaches, the PATHWAYS board will be working on a new challenge. I will be stepping down as Director and Board

Chair as of June 1. As a result, we will be searching for new leaders for this very worthwhile program. I have been privileged to help the program grow over the last 7 years into what it is today. I say that with pride and a great deal of gratitude to all those who have been an integral part of that growth.

Partnerships with the schools, TUMC, and Lovely Lane UMC, parents, tutors, and students are what have made this program successful. We also work with RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) through Baltimore County, who not only have supplied many tutors, but have directed us toward other resources that benefit our students.

When I was asked to take on this project 7 years ago, I did so because I felt a calling to continue to use the open space at TUMC to benefit students in need. Justin Jones and LuAnn Blackman were the people who made sure that this program had a beginning and a focus. When Justin asked if I would be willing to take the program to the next level, I drew on my understanding of what God's plans were and said "yes."

Through working with PATHWAYS I have learned many things. There are many good people who care about the plight of at-risk, low income students. Year

after year, the students and their families are grateful and aware of our mission, and that it is tied directly to the love and generosity of our church and its commitment to the community. I have learned that it is vital to interact and love others in a very concrete way, including loving them through frustrations, family crisis, school problems, and peer challenges. Our 1-on-1 tutoring/mentoring has been a gift to students who are surrounded by the noise and distractions of life. And finally, it is possible to help each student become more confident in his/her ability to successfully meet academic challenges.

The sub-committee heading up the search for new leadership will be Liz Neal, Annie Biser, Susan Killian, Justin Jones, and myself. We will be looking both within and outside our own congregation for people to fill the various roles. In the near future, this committee will be providing more details concerning the characteristics and skills needed for the new leadership positions. Sharing the leadership will not only make it more manageable for those who lead, but it will infuse the program with new ideas.

I ask that you pray that we will be able to identify a team of leaders in the next few months. I have no doubt that, with God's guidance, this will happen. With the help of the congregation, and possibly you reading this right now, we will welcome new leadership for the 10th year and beyond!

Stephanie Kimmons, Director
stephaniekimmons@comcast.net

REV. DR. PHILIP WOGAMAN

...was a guest speaker here at TUMC 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. We invited Dr. Wogaman to our church to help us understand what it means to be a **RECONCILING & ACCEPTING UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** 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."

The lecture and Q&As 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 or 410-823-3689.

TOWSON YOUTH



The weather has not been cooperating, so the Pancake Supper was cancelled. We will be re-scheduling, so please keep alert for a new day and time.

In the meantime, if you would like to donate funds to youth mission, please make your checks out to TUMC, with "Youth" in the memo line. *Thank you for your generosity!*

The fun activity for March: Red Zone Laser Tag

Instead of regular youth group, we will go to Red Zone for an amazing time with Laser Tag. See a youth leader for details and a permission form.

Sunday morning classes @ 9:00 include:

Middle School - Room 216
Confirmation - Fellowship Hall
High School - Room 317

Youth Group (UMYF): Sunday evenings 6:00-8:00 in Fellowship Hall; begins with a supper.

We had a fantastic time at **ROCK** last month and want to thank you all for your prayers.

If you are interested in planning and implementing the youth ministry, especially if you **ARE A YOUTH**, please contact Margery, 410-823-2485. mschammel@towsonumc.org.

NEW MEMBERS ORIENTATION:

We are holding 3 orientation sessions for those interested in joining Towson United Methodist Church:

Sundays, March 1, 8, 15.

All sessions will be held after worship, 11:30 - Noon, in Room 214. New members would join during worship on March 22nd.

If you are interested, please contact Margery at 410-823-2485 or mschammel@towsonumc.org.

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!

Women's Ministries



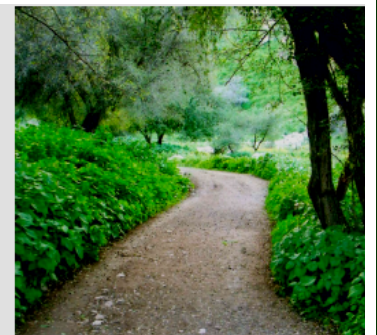
*Soup
and Serenity
for Women*

As I write this, we are looking forward to the

"Soup & Serenity" workshop that will be held on February 28. There are 22 women registered for this event. "Special Thanks" to Liz Neal for her leadership and to Alicia Corson and Margery Schammel for helping to coordinate. — *Jeannine Neuen*

**Walk with Jesus...
All my LIFE**

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



The Women's Retreat Design team has been meeting several months getting ready for our first "Spring" retreat. There are 63 women registered to join together on April 24 – 26 at the Pearlstone Center. We feel blessed as the formation of the retreat comes together. Please keep this year's retreat in your prayers as we put the final touches on, **Walk with Jesus... All my life.**

— *Women's Retreat Design Team*



We are looking forward to seeing you at the annual **Easter Egg Hunt** to be held this year on **Saturday, March 28 from 11:00 – 12:30 PM.** There will be centers set up for the children to experience (located on the 3rd floor) and an Easter skit in which the children will all participate. The Easter Bunny will arrive and guide the children outside (weather permitting) for the egg hunt.

All are **WELCOME!** We encourage you to invite your grandchildren, friends, and neighbors.

Sponsored by the Preschool/Elementary Ministry Group

Needed:

Wrapped child friendly candies and stickers for stuffing the eggs. Bags of jelly beans (do not need to be wrapped.) There is a box located in the church office for donations. *Thank You!*

Children's NEW Sunday Morning Schedule

8:45—11:15 (or at conclusion of the worship service)
CRIBBERY CHILDCARE, Room 122
for children infants thru 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

VACATION BIBLE CAMP

It is that time of year to begin signing up for this summer's camps. Don't forget to add Vacation Bible Camp to your summer calendar!



Hi!
I am Checkers and
I am looking forward
to meeting you at
VBC at Towson UMC
this summer!

Dates: **July 27 – July 31**

Time: 9:00a – Noon

Ages: 3 (by 1/1/15) through 2014/2015 5th graders

It takes many volunteer staff members to make Vacation Bible Camp a meaningful week for the children. Please contact Margery Schammel by email at mschammel@towsonumc.org or call 410-823-2485 with questions about Vacation Bible Camp, or to find out more about volunteering at VBC this summer.

Missions & Outreach

MARCH COMMUNION / MISSION OFFERING

One Great Hour of Sharing

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

When disaster strikes around the globe—Haiti's 2010 earthquake or Hurricane Sandy of 2012—so many watching the drama unfold on our living room televisions feel entirely helpless. How could any one person make a difference in the wake of such widespread devastation? As responders around the globe scramble to help survivors, the United Methodist Committee on Relief, UMCOR, is prepared to act.

So don't be fooled by the word committee.

Since 1940, when UMCOR's forerunner was established to meet the needs of those suffering overseas at the onset of World War II, we've continued to respond to those in desperate need—today throughout more than eighty countries around the world.

The response of UMCOR isn't something "they" do, it's something "we" do.

When You Give,

You Equip Christ's Body to Serve in His Name

That's because your generous giving to One Great Hour of Sharing is what allows UMCOR to act as the arms and legs of Christ's church, moving toward the most vulnerable in their darkest days. Convinced that all people have God-given worth and dignity—without regard to race, religion, or gender—together we are assisting those impacted by crisis or chronic need. Because you give, the United Methodist Church's compassionate response to human suffering continues today:

- When tornadoes ripped through Oklahoma, we responded
- When children in Zimbabwe lost parents to AIDS, we responded
- When a massive tsunami devastated lives in Japan, we responded
- And when the next mass crisis occurs, we will be prepared to respond

UMCOR will be able to offer aid in Jesus' name to those who suffer because United Methodists give through One Great Hour of Sharing. In fact, it's your generous giving that allows us to respond when disaster strikes.

Not "they."

We.

SERVE AT SERRV

Mission Work Area has planned a service day at SERRV in New Windsor on **Saturday, March 7**. We will meet in the TUMC parking lot at 8:00a and should be back about 4:30p. We will be checking, tagging, and repacking items made by Third World Countries. Sales of these items give those men and women an income they would not have otherwise.

We always have a great time and a delicious lunch! **Please let Dwight Kines know by Thursday, March 3 if you can go**, so we can arrange carpools and let SERRV know how much food to prepare for lunch. drkines4@gmail.com or 410-828-0792.

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 MARCH 28.

Items we need to fill our shelves:

Beef Stew	Canned Chili
Mac 'n Cheese	Canned Fruit (peaches, pears)
Instant Oatmeal	Canned Spaghetti Sauce
Creamy Peanut Butter	Cereal (Corn Flakes, Cheerios)

Please bring to the main lobby and place in the Sharing Bins.

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



**TUMC Supported Missionary
Victor Doolakeh Taryor
departs UMC Liberia Ganta Hospital**

Posted by Julu Swen, *West African Writers*, February 3, 2015

Taryor, who was commissioned Missionary by the UMC General Board of Global Ministries in 2008, started as student and transitioned through several positions including shift supervisor and director of nursing services. According to Taryor, his eight years were spent building the capacity of the people who work with the UMC Ganta hospital. "You can have all the infrastructures and technologies, if you don't have the people to work with them, you have nothing," he added. On the question of where he was heading, Taryor said, "I am a staunch United Methodist and will provide consultant service to the church once my service is needed." Taryor presided over several health intervention projects at the hospital including the fistula and Ebola outbreaks which is now ebbing in Liberia.

Now is the time to schedule your appointment — TUMCBloodDrive@gmail.com



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.



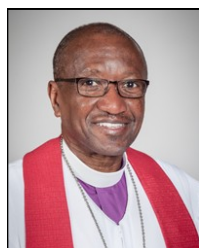
Every 2 seconds
someone needs a
blood transfusion

You can also schedule your appointment
on our church's website.



**American
Red Cross**

Now is the time to schedule your appointment — TUMCBloodDrive@gmail.com



Gratitude from the Bishop

Bishop Marcus Matthews, episcopal leader of the Baltimore-Washington Conference, expresses his appreciation to the churches of the Baltimore-Washington Conference for their commitment to connectional giving and supporting mission and ministry beyond the local church.

Dear Friends:

When I look at the apportionment payments made by the churches of the Baltimore-Washington Conference in 2014, I'm reminded of the saying, "We can give without loving, but we cannot love without giving." Each of the 520 churches that paid 100 percent of their apportionments has my thanks and praise. For many of them, this act of love required hard choices and some sacrifice. Be assured that your contribution will accomplish significant and transformative mission and ministry. I know that stewardship is a journey; sometimes a difficult one. If there is ever any assistance I, the district superintendents or the conference staff can provide to help you and your church along this journey, please do not hesitate to ask.

About \$11 of every \$100 you put in the collection plate goes beyond your local church to provide mission and ministry in a connectional way, providing opportunities that no one church could accomplish alone. Of that \$11, about \$2.50 goes to the worldwide church to expand our impact and outreach on a global scale. There is strength and potential in our connection and our apportionments demonstrate that in remarkable ways.

As the Lenten season approaches, I want to invite you and your congregation to contribute in a way that enriches

ministries right outside your door. I'm asking each United Methodist in the Baltimore-Washington Conference to give one dollar a day during Lent, from Feb. 18 through April 4. That \$40 per person (Sundays don't count in Lent), given in the spirit of self-sacrifice and new life, should be given to each local church. It is my hope that these Lenten gifts will translate into a love offering that changes the lives of those who live around our churches. As connectional people, we live in an exciting place — serving locally and beyond our communities. How we give reflects that. I thank each of you for your apportionment giving. It matters. I thank you, too, for all you're doing to serve God exactly where you are. I pray for you and your church each day and in that simple, daily prayer, ask God to make you rich in spirit and blessed beyond measure.

Grace and peace. *Marcus Matthews*

Towson United Methodist Church paid 100% of it's apportionment goal in 2014, which was \$131,104.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Students from UM Churches Apply Before March 5

The BWC offers college scholarships for the Fall 2015 semester. Students must apply online and must be member of a UMC for at least a year. Students will need to provide an official transcript (high school or college) and contact information for two church references (pastor and another member of the church). For additional information and to apply, visit www.bwcumc.org/finance/scholarships. For information, contact Cheryl Cook, at ccook@bwcumc.org, or 410-309-3446.

News taken from the *UMConnection*, February 2015

CONTINUE TO BE IN PRAYER

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

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.



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
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DUE DATE FOR ARTICLES IN THE NEXT HIGH SPIRE

APRIL 2015 issue is due Tuesday, March 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. Thank you!

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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