

March HighSpire

LENT: Cleaning House



— HOLY WEEK —

Palm Sunday, March 20

10:15 AM—The Carol Choir presents
The Gentle King

Holy Thursday, March 23

12 noon communion in the Chapel
7:00 PM light supper & communion in
Fellowship Hall as we finish Cleaning House

Good Friday, March 24

12 noon Chapel Tenebrae Service
7:00 PM experience Good Friday
in the Narthex & Sanctuary

Easter Sunday, March 27

Two identical services 9:00 & 11:00
with trumpets, choirs, & Hallelujah Chorus!

Pictured below: SCOUT SUNDAY, February 14, 2016 — the 5 scouts in the aisle had just taken the offering to the altar and Rev. Margery Schammel asked everyone to Pass the Peace and Reconciliation to one another. Boy Scout Troop 102 began the service by Presenting the Colors. See the church website for more on the scouts.



Towson United Methodist Church

◆ Monthly Newsletter ◆ March 2016 ◆ Volume 57, Issue 3 ◆

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

The Hospitality Ministries Committee wishes to extend thanks to all those who made our HOUSE OF RUTH mission project a huge success.

We collected over 65 pairs of ladies' socks, including fuzzy socks/slippers, dress socks, and white crew socks, plus more than 70 boxes of children's Valentines.

The committee also delivered Valentines for the mothers; plus candy, pencils, playing cards, and little stuffed animals for the children.

Lastly, thanks to Susan Naeny and Armilda Beard, who filled up their car and delivered all the goodies.



Pictured right — Hospitality Committee: (starting back, left) Tom & Carol Edel, Bill Rogers, Carol Sims, Janice Smart, Sherry Tambling, Judy Hobbs, Diane Crider, Betsie Johnson, Margery Schammel, Maria Springer, and, taking the picture, Susan Naeny.

The House of Ruth staff was very appreciative of the generous and thoughtful contributions of our volunteers and church membership.



Pictured above/right — I want to thank the congregation on behalf of the Towson UMC children for your support of the ROCK-A-THON Sunday, Jan. 31. We raised just over \$700!! The money was raised to help pay for the new warming oven in the Fellowship Hall kitchen. — Leslie Wagner



THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

TUMC,

Thank you for the [Christmas] poinsettia that was delivered to our home by a father and his son. We said to them, "It makes us want to cry." The young boy said, "You don't have to cry." How beautiful.

With love, Marge & Dave Horn

As our family mourns the loss of beloved Amy, we wish to thank you for your kind expressions of love and support. Please continue to keep Mike, Emily, Jack, and Charlie in your prayers.

God bless you. — Kathie Metz

I want to thank you for praying for my mother, Florence McKeever, and for myself during this difficult time of her hip replacement surgery. Florence is back home safely with me. She is a little underweight—and she has a lot of physical therapy to go through to even walk with the walker—but she looks very good. I am giving thanks to your prayers, as not to be like the 9 ungrateful lepers who were cleansed and never returned to show appreciation. Thank you, and thank the Christ.

Sincerely, Edgar McKeever

Carol and I want to thank you for your heart-felt expressions of caring on the passing of her mother, Dorothy Foard. We are grateful for your many supportive thoughts and prayers.

The passing of Carol's mother is another reminder to me that many of us are grieving the passing of loved ones. Our loved ones' memories live on in a wonderful way through their stories. Each person has a story that is uniquely their own and is something to celebrate and to cherish. Sometimes we aren't aware of just how rich their lives were until after they pass on to the next life. I heard some great stories about Dorothy after she passed. But we need not wait until then to find out more about our loved ones. For the more we know, the more we will come to understand and appreciate the challenges, successes, and humorous moments which helped make them who they are. —Rod Miller

WHAT'S INSIDE?

	Sunday Morning Schedule	p. 7
Mar. 1	Lenten Study: DUST BUNNIES	P. 7
Mar. 2	Wednesday AM Bible Study Classes resume today	p. 7
Mar. 6	"Confession & Forgiveness" Mission: Heifer International Sunday Lenten Study	p. 4 p. 9 p. 7
Mar. 8	Lenten Study: DUST BUNNIES	P. 7
Mar.13	Dr. Masters preaching Sunday Lenten Study Learn to Dance Youth Fellowship Deadline for Gettysburg Bus	p. 4 p. 7 p. 11 p. 6 p. 10
Mar. 15	Lenten Study: DUST BUNNIES	P. 7
Mar. 19	EASTER EGG HUNT Youth—Empty Bowls	p. 6 p. 6
Mar. 20	PALM SUNDAY Carol Choir— <i>The Gentle King</i> Sunday Lenten Study Learn to Dance Youth Fellowship Easter Flower orders due	cover, p. 4 & 5 p. 5 p. 7 p. 11 p. 6 p. 7
Mar. 22	Lenten Study: DUST BUNNIES	P. 7
Mar. 24	HOLY THURSDAY	cover, p. 4
Mar. 25	GOOD FRIDAY	cover, p. 4
Mar. 26	Emergency Food Pantry	p. 9
Mar. 27	EASTER SUNDAY	cover, p. 4 & 5
Apr. 9	Church's Blood Drive	p. 9
Apr. 16	Spaghetti Dinner	p. 9
July 25-29	Vacation Bible Camp Where in the World is Allie?	p. 6 P. 6

WINTER WEATHER POLICY

Monday—Friday

If Baltimore County Public Schools are closed, there are no meetings or activities at church.

If BCPS open late, morning meetings & activities may be cancelled—check with your facilitator.

If BCPS close early, afternoon and evening meetings & activities may be cancelled—check with your facilitator.

SUNDAYS? Check the church website, watch for emails, and most of all—be safe!

Church Staff
and their responsibilities:

Rev. Rod Miller
Lead Pastor

rmiller@towsonumc.org
410-823-3640 (church)
410-465-2335 (home)

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

Rev. Margery Schammel
Assistant Pastor

mschammel@towsonumc.org
410-823-2485

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

Rev. Doug Hollida
Minister of Music and Organist

MusicDirector@towsonumc.org
410-823-6519

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

Kim Ayres
Business Manager/ Receptionist

kayres@towsonumc.org
410-823-3693

- Financial and office administration and liaison to Finance and Trustees

Cathy Anderson
Director of Communications

communications@towsonumc.org
410-823-3689

- 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 Dev. Center

cdcdirector@towsonumc.org
410-825-0008

Pastor's Letter

Easter comes early this year! We are already in the midst of Lent and have been talking about discipleship practices.

On **March 6** the practice will be "confession and forgiveness," which are keys to our health and happiness.

On **March 13**, we will welcome a guest pastor, Rev. Dr. Henry Masters. Dr. Masters is an inspiring preacher who was pastor of the largest United Methodist church in Los Angeles, has written several books, specializes in church revitalization, and will be representing Africa University, which is the United Methodist university in Zimbabwe.

March 20 is Palm Sunday which will be highlighted by our Carol Choir who will present a special original musical.

On **Holy Thursday, March 24**, the 12 noon Chapel service will include communion. The 7:00 pm worship experience will be in Fellowship Hall as we conclude our theme "Cleaning House." The service will include a simple supper and end with communion.

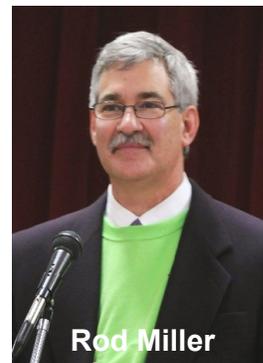
Good Friday, March 25, the 12 noon chapel service will be a traditional Tenebrae Service. The 7:00 pm service will begin and end in the Narthex with the Good Friday meditation and choral anthems in the sanctuary.

On **Easter Sunday, March 27**, we will hold two (identical) traditional Easter morning worship services in the sanctuary at 9:00 and 11:00. Both ending with the traditional Hallelujah Chorus.

This March is an ideal time to renew and revitalize your faith in God. Our Sunday worship experiences — culminating in Holy Week and Easter celebrations — may be just what you need to draw you closer to God's amazing love for you. God be with you!

In Christ's love,

Rod



Rod Miller

Music Notes



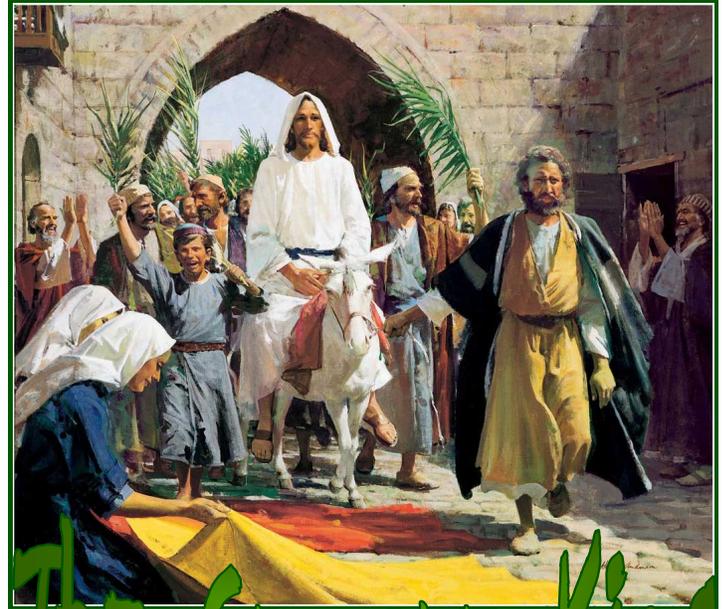
Rev. Doug Hollida
Minister of Music

Holy Week will soon be upon us; and of course, we have some special music things planned.

New to Sunday morning this year will be an original musical, *The Gentle King*, presented by the Carol Choir. This will be heard and seen at the 10:15 service on **Palm Sunday**. If you have not yet seen one of their shows, you are in for a real treat. After they did such a great job last spring for their afternoon performance, the Worship Committee was adamant that future musicals be presented during Sunday morning worship. We also just did one on Christmas Eve which bowled everyone over as well. It's a truly talented group. Be sure to come and invite others.

For **Easter**, at both 9:00 and 11:00 services, we will have trumpets and tympani. The Chancel Choirs and Alleluia Singers will be singing. And in keeping with a rather new tradition, everyone is invited to come forward and join the choir to sing the Hallelujah Chorus. This is a great way to end the service that celebrates the resurrection.

May your Lenten journey be fruitful and lead you to a blessed Holy Week observance and joyous celebration of Easter.



The GENTLE King

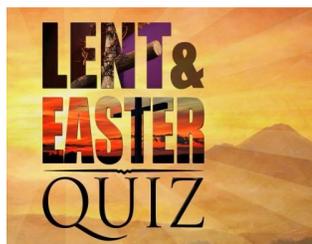
Palm Sunday
March 20, 2016
10:15 AM
presented by
The Carol Choir

Blossoms In Our Souls

God, Let us be drawn
To your living water
That never runs dry —
Let our souls drink
From Your spring
Into our thirsty souls —
That we may grow
In your unconditional Love,
A Love we can pour out to
Others.

Sometimes our past
May seem hazy —
And our future uncertain,
But Your steady hand
Lights and Leads us forward.
Keep us aware of Your Promises
That grows our hope
Bringing forth the blossoms
Of the Fruit of Your Spirit,
In our souls —

Written in the rain Feb. 16, 2016
by Gini Pielke



LENT & EASTER QUIZ

Test your knowledge of the season — see how much you know about the traditions and symbols of Lent & Easter by clicking on the questions. One question each weekday during Lent, so you have to mark this link and visit it each day: <http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/lent-quiz-test-your-knowledge-of-the-season>

Here's an example: Feb. 17 quiz question — What snack food has significance during Lent? The correct answer is **pretzels**. The twisted pretzel is said to have its roots in Lent. According to legend, a 7th century monk made bread from flour, water, and salt — no eggs or milk because they were avoided during Lent. He then formed it into the shape of a common prayer pose of the day, hands on opposite shoulders. You have to turn the pretzel upside down to see it.

Every weekday is a different quiz question. Have fun learning!



**TRADITIONAL
EASTER EGG HUNT & ACTIVITIES**

**Saturday, March 19
11:00am to 12:30pm**

Come join us for the Easter fun on Saturday, March 19th. We will have crafts and hear the Easter story on the 3rd floor of the church. The Easter Bunny will arrive and guide the children outside (weather permitting) for the egg hunt!

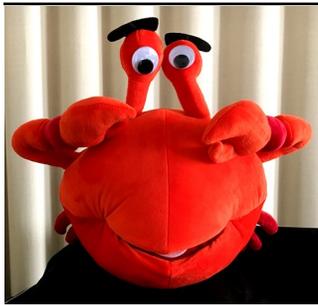
Children (3 years old to 5th grade) are WELCOME. Invite your grandchildren, neighbors, and friends, too.

Let us know you are attending (and the number of children attending) by putting a note on your green attendance card—or—contact Leslie Wagner at L2wagner@verizon.net.



Candy Needed for the Easter Eggs:

Please donate individually wrapped candy, stickers, and other tiny items to stuff in the plastic eggs. There is a container on the Sharing Bins in the church lobby for your donations. Thank you!



**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!

**July 25-29, 2016
9:00a—12 noon**

Ages 3 (by 1/1/16) through 2015-16 5th grade
We will have fun and learn at SURF SHACK this year with **Snappy the Crab**.

"Remember that the Lord is great and awesome!"
Nehemiah 4:14b

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 to find out more about volunteering at VBC this summer, or with any questions about Vacation Bible Camp.



The youth had a fantastic time at ROCK! Thank you for all your support and prayers.

Stay tuned for the date and time to eat pancakes! The Youth Council will put the rescheduled Pancake Supper—or will it be a Brunch?—in the bulletin and online. Please visit our TUMC Youth Facebook page to check out the latest news.

Youth Fellowship

First weekend is a fun event TBD.

March 13—Spring Forward One Hour!

Meeting after choir, 6-7:30PM

March 19—Help with the Egg Hunt, 11AM – 12:30PM.

Empty Bowls at MD Fairgrounds. See emptybowlsbaltimore.org website to reserve your place. We made bowls for this event on Feb. 28th. Support this great cause.

March 20—Meeting after choir, 6-7:30PM

March 27—HAPPY EASTER! We will have 2 worship services, 9 & 11AM in the sanctuary.
NO youth group that evening.



Check us out on Facebook.

Questions? Contact Margery at mschammel@towsonumc.org or 410-823-2485.



WHERE IN THE WORLD IS ALLIE?

Allie Corson posted a couple of times in her blog during January. Let's see what she says



On Jan. 10, Allie was in **Costa Rica** and had been there for 3 weeks. She had to give up her phone before she left, which was very hard. She, and the team, have been doing prayer walks (silent prayer) and ministry at night. Their ministry includes offering coffee and cookies to transvestites and, at the largest brothel in San Jose, they have met johns, pimps, homeless people, girls working, and your everyday person. After offering food, they start up conversation and try to end in prayer. On Jan. 25, Allie says they worked at an orphanage on Mondays.

Allie is now in **Panama**, but hasn't written since she got there. She really misses her family, friends, and her church family.

Please keep her in prayer! alliesgapyear.blogspot.com

Christian Education

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

- 8:15a Chapel Communion Service — Chapel**
8:45a Childcare infants-3s (continuous)—Room 122
8:45a Coffee & Fellowship—Parlor
9:00a Sunday School
 Preschool ages 2-4, Room 113
 K – 2nd Grade, Room 311
 3rd – 5th Grade, Room 312
- Youth Classes**
 Middle High — Room 216
 Confirmation — Fellowship Hall
 High School — Room 317
- Adult Classes — Christian Connections**
 Christians Under Construction—Room 111
 Young Parents Class — Room 114
 Tower Class — Room 214
 Women’s Class — Room 212
 Adult Bible Study — Hoffman Room 218
 Men’s Class —Room 310
 Short-term classes—Chapel
- 10:15a Worshipping God Together — Sanctuary**
 Children & Worship, 4-6 yr olds—Room 314
 K.I.D.Z., for 7-11 year olds, Room 310

TUESDAYS

Drop-in style Lenten study is being lead by Rev. Margery Schammel, 12 noon-1:00 PM, **Tuesdays through March 22** in Room 317. Using the study guide, **DUST BUNNIES IN THE BASKET: FINDING GOD IN LENT AND EASTER** by Tim Schenck.

Bring your lunch. If you work in the Towson area, use this class for your lunch break during Lent.

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY **10:30-11:30 AM**

Our Wednesday Morning Prayer and Bible Study will resume in March 2 (weather permitting). This is your invitation to join us! Come try us out —we're very "User-Friendly", and guess what, you just MIGHT enjoy it so much you want to come back! Hope to see you there!

SUNDAYS

Earl Smith is leading the Lenten study in the Chapel **Sundays through March 20**, 9:00-10:00 AM (during Sunday School/Christian Connections). This, too, is a drop-in style class, come when you can. Learn more about the themes and scriptures we will encounter in the worship services during Lent — “Cleaning House”.



EASTER FLOWERS 2016

The United Methodist Men have arranged for you to place a Memorial or Honor spring plant in the Chancel during the Easter Season. A complete listing of donors will be available on Easter Sunday and the following Sunday. Please place your order on or before Palm Sunday, March 20.

Complete and mail to:
 Towson United Methodist Church
 501 Hampton Lane, Towson, MD 21286
Make check payable to: Towson UM Church (note: Easter Flowers)

The price for each plant: \$18.00

YOUR NAME _____

IN LOVING MEMORY OF _____

IN LOVING MEMORY OF _____

IN HONOR OF _____

IN HONOR OF _____

PLEASE SEND MY PLANTS TO A SHUT-IN: YES NO

PATHWAYS

After a fall semester of learning, the students and tutors celebrated the holidays at a party organized by Annie Biser.



The PATHWAYS Board members planned the annual fund raiser held on Sat., December 19—constructing gingerbread houses and preparing them for decoration by children and parents who attended the event. Special thanks to Maria Springer who brought this fun event to



PATHWAYS, sharing her architectural skills and decoration ideas. Dee Solomon filled Fellowship Hall with holiday music. Sally Savidge and her team transformed the Hall into a sea of red and green. Thanks to all who supported the event financially and by donating a variety of candy.

Plan to attend the Gingerbread House fundraiser on Saturday, **December 3, 2016**. You will be amazed at the uses for M&M's, pretzels, twisters, candy canes, etc.

Mary Wynne Eisenberg and Sharon Penhallegon are busy planning exciting events for the spring. Students will learn about a variety of jobs on Career Day. If you are interested in sharing your work experience, contact Mary Wynne at mweberg@comcast.net. And, before the end of the school year, students will enjoy a field trip—destination TBA.

Do you have a passion for educating youth? Consider being a tutor. You will enjoy the adventure of learning along with the youth. Contact Mary Wynne.

PATHWAYS is fortunate to be the recipient of individual donations as well as those received on Mission Sunday. If you would like to support PATHWAYS Tutoring Program, a volunteer community outreach initiative of Towson United Methodist Church, please contact Kim Ayres at the church's business office.

The PATHWAYS Board of Directors is interested in hearing from you. Please contact Mary Wynne Eisenberg.

Thank you for your prayers supporting the tutoring program that brings youth from Baltimore City and Baltimore County to Towson United Methodist Church for academic youth services.

CHOOSE LOVE

THE BIBLE IS CLEAR: Moabites are bad. They were not to be allowed to dwell among God's people (Dt. 23). BUT THEN comes the story of "Ruth the Moabite," which challenges the prejudice against Moabites.

THE BIBLE IS CLEAR: People from Uz are evil (Jer. 25). BUT THEN comes the story of Job, a man from Uz who was the "most blameless man on earth."

THE BIBLE IS CLEAR: No foreigners or eunuchs allowed (Dt. 23). BUT THEN comes the story of an African eunuch welcomed into the church (Acts 8).

THE BIBLE IS CLEAR: God's people *hated* Samaritans. (2Kings 17) BUT THEN Jesus tells a story that shows not all Samaritans were bad. (Luke 10)

THE STORY MAY BEGIN with prejudice, discrimination, and animosity, but the Spirit moves God's people toward openness, welcome, inclusion, acceptance, & affirmation.

Choose Love!

Questions? Feel free to contact Kevin Gralley kevin.gralley@gmail.com.

<http://www.rmnetwork.org/newrmn/>

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." —John 13:34-35

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.

Missions & Outreach



SUNDAY, March 6
MISSION / COMMUNION OFFERING
Heifer International

THIS IS NO ORDINARY GIFT.

Giving an animal is like giving someone a small business, providing wool, milk, eggs and more. Animal donations can provide families a hand up, increasing access to medicine, school, food, and a sustainable livelihood.

Families who receive your gift become donors as they pass on the gift to other families in their community. This allows them to help others as you have helped them.

\$20 can buy a Flock of Ducks, Chicks or Geese

\$30 can buy Honeybees

\$60 can buy Rabbits

\$120 can buy a Sheep or Pig

\$150 can buy an Alpaca or Llama

Learn more at www.heifer.org.

Make your checks payable to Towson UM Church and note on it that it is for Heifer Int'l. Collection for Heifer International goes through the month of March. Thank you!

OUR EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY

... will be open to the public

Saturday, March 26

9:00 to 10:30AM

in Fellowship Hall

Please place canned food donations in the Sharing Bins marked for the EFP in the church lobby. Thank you.

If you would like to volunteer to help or to make a home delivery, contact Dwight Kines at 410-828-0792.

SAVE THE DATE!

TUMC's Community Blood Drive



Our next Towson UMC Community Blood Drive will be held on

Saturday, April 9th between

6:30am and 12:30pm in Fellowship Hall. Anyone older than 16 years of age may be eligible to donate. Check the church website for more information or for medical or travel eligibility questions call the ARC at 1-866-236-3276.

Remember... You must wait 56 days between donations of whole blood. **If you are a regular donor your last donation was February 12th in order to still be eligible to donate on April 9th!**



For more information, or to schedule your life-saving donation, call the church office at 410-825-9593 or email

TUMCBloodDrive@gmail.com



**4th Annual
Spaghetti
Dinner
for MS**

Sponsored by Lissa & Drew O'Donnell and Christians

Under Construction adult Sunday morning class

Saturday, April 16, 2016

5:00—7:00 PM — in Fellowship Hall

Cost: \$12 for everyone age 15+

\$6 for kids age 4-14

Free for children under the age of 4

RSVP: Lissa at 443-655-7656 or LKO1783@gmail.com

Why did I choose this charity? My freshman year of college I met this amazing person named Gary. Gary was quick to become one of mine and my husband Drew's best friends and

we did everything together. Six years ago on his 27th birthday Gary was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis. This disease effects the everyday lives of Gary, his wife Sadie, and their now 1 year old son Oscar. When I learned that Gary had been diagnosed with MS I really had no idea what that meant. I knew that when he walked his one leg would sometimes drag a little bit and from time to time he would experience numbness and/or pain throughout his body.

Gary's wife Sadie was looking for people to join Gary's Gang and to walk 50K to raise money and awareness for MS. I figured at the very least, hopefully by me walking and raising money, it would somehow trickle down to benefit Gary and his family.

Gary's Gang has decided this year to join Bike MS where we will bike 69 miles to help raise money for the National MS Society. **Please join us and enjoy some spaghetti while supporting a great cause.** Thank you! It is truly appreciated.



GETTYSBURG BATTLEFIELD TOUR

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2016

board bus 8:30 AM at TUMC, return 5:30 PM

See the battlefield in miniature. As it covers 6000 acres, an area large enough to be difficult to visualize, the Diorama will put the battle into perspective and as it appeared in 1863. The Diorama contains over 20,000 hand-painted soldiers, horses, cannons, and buildings. Picture the battle through the eyes of General Meade and General Lee as the narrative unfolds in miniature with a light and sound effects experience you won't forget. Then we meet our step-on guide and travel the

historic fields of Gettysburg. Through the amazing storytelling provided by the Military Park licensed guide, you will see the battle come to life. Following the tour, enjoy a delicious buffet luncheon at the Dobbin House Tavern, a historic 1776 stone home authentically restored as a colonial manor restaurant bed and breakfast and gift shop. Following lunch, on our way home, you will be treated to a stop at Baugher's Farm Market in Westminster where you can buy seasonal fruits, veggies, homemade jams and jellies, Ma Baugher's cakes, cookies and pies.

Price: \$76 per person. Only extra money you may need is for purchases at the gift shop and Baugher's homemade and delicious fruit pies, cakes, and other goodies! Make checks payable to **TUMC Senior Adult Council**.

SIGN UP NOW! Contact Ginny Foster, 410-296-4780 or virginiafoster@comcast.net. **DEADLINE is March 13.**



Sight and Sound Millennium Theater Strasburg, Pennsylvania

"SAMSON"
Tuesday, June 28, 2016



The Sight and Sound Millennium Theater brings to life one of the Bible's most epic sagas with the all-new adventurous production of "Samson". One of the most captivating stories in the Bible, "Samson" is filled with colorful characters, extraordinary feats of strength, and amazing special effects that people of all ages will love!

Before the show:

Enjoy a delicious sit-down luncheon at the Greenfield Inn in Lancaster. The restaurant offers you a unique dining experience in a wonderfully restored Pennsylvania stone farmhouse. Please provide a meal choice when making reservations. Your choices are Lemon and Pepper Chicken, Lump Crab Cake, or Baked Salmon. Your meal includes whipped potatoes, green beans almandine, rolls, coffee or tea and chocolate mousse for dessert.

Cost and payment information:

The cost is \$115.00 per person which includes transportation, luncheon, reserved seats for the show, all taxes and tips including the driver. Please make your check payable to **TUMC Senior Adult Council**. **The deadline for this trip is Wed., May 25, 2016.** Include your meal choice, phone number and email address and send to:

Judy Meinhardt, 1319 Terry Way, Fallston, MD 21047. Questions or more information—call Judy at 410-893-5661

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



WHAT IS THIS? No, it's not a new stamp from the Post Office ... but it is for your smart phone! If you have an app to scan QR codes, then

HERE IT IS ... the new Towson United Methodist QR code. You can donate to the church online from your home or pew using your credit card or online banking! It's safe and secure.

This includes your Sunday offerings, Capital Journey payments, and monthly mission offerings. For miscellaneous payments & gifts (such as for lunches, VBC, or Alternative Christmas Gifts), click on OTHER, make sure you fill in the memo line.

You can also submit your donations at www.towsonumc.org, scroll down, click on DONATE. Follow the same instructions as above.

THANKS!



**ARTICLES FOR THE NEXT
HIGH SPIRE**

**APRIL 2016 issue are due Tuesday,
March 15, 2016**

All articles need to be on time and either in the marked folder outside Room 315 — OR — you e-mail to Cathy Anderson at communications@towsonumc.org.

Thank you!

**Learn to Dance with
Michelle Buzzelli!**

The classes are free.
**Sundays, March 13th and
20th**

**11:30 AM - 12:30PM
in Fellowship Hall.**

EVERYONE and ANYONE
is invited to dance.

Please bring a water
bottle.

Bring comfy clothes to
wear and non-rubber soled
shoes
(easier to dance in).

**What was that?
The Chicken Dance?**



**Your Church Council
members** pictured left to
right, back to front:

Kevin Gralley, Dan Gauer,
Dale Springer, John Engel,
Dave Morris, Walt Wilhelm,
Eleanor Brown, Dave King,
Margot Gerding, Bob Gralley,
Fred Cowan, Shirley Hartley,
Merrill Frank, Susan Naeny,
Lissa O'Donnell, Pastor Rod
Miller, Alicia Corson, Margery
Schammel, Carole Dean

501 Hampton Lane, Towson, MD 21286 ... 410-823-6511 ... www.towsonumc.org

TOWSON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MINISTRY TEAM



Rev. Dr. Marcus Matthews, Resident Bishop

Rev. Cynthia Moore-Koikoi, Superintendent, Baltimore Metropolitan District

Carole Dean, TUMC's Church Lay Leader

Rev. Dr. Roderick J. Miller, Lead Pastor

Rev. Margery Schammel, Assistant Pastor

Rev. Doug Hollida, Minister of Music

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