

March HighSpire

LENT BEGINS
MARCH 1st

REPOSSESSED



by Jesus
who
RESTORES
and
REDEEMS
us



Towson United Methodist Church
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— LENT —

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

Services: **12 Noon in the Chapel**

7:00 PM in the Sanctuary

Both services will have communion and ashes.

Shrove Tuesday PANCAKES will be served on a Sunday during Lent by our youth group.
Watch your *High Spire* newsletters and/or the Sunday service bulletins for more details.

REDEEMED & RESTORED

- March 1 Ash Wednesday, see details above.
- March 5 Sunday, "In Need of Repair," Luke 18: 9-14
Communion/Mission Offering: Heifer International, see p. 6
- March 8 Lenten Study at 12 Noon, Healing Service in the Chapel at 1:00 PM, see details below
- March 12 Sunday, "Seeing Rightly," Luke 19: 1-10
- March 15 Lenten Study at 12 Noon, Healing Service in the Chapel at 1:00 PM, see details below
- March 19 Sunday, Carol Choir Musical, "Livin' on Love," see p. 5
- March 22 Lenten Study at 12 Noon, Healing Service in the Chapel at 1:00 PM, see details below
- March 26 Sunday, "Honesty is the Best Policy," John 5: 1-9
- March 29 Lenten Study at 12 Noon, Healing Service in the Chapel at 1:00 PM, see details below
- April 2 Sunday, "Old Life and New Life," Colossians 3: 1-17
- April 8 Annual Easter Egg Hunt, see p. 8
- April 9 PALM/PASSION SUNDAY, "Broken and Healed," services at 8:15 & 10:15 AM
- April 13 HOLY THURSDAY, Services at 12 Noon in the Chapel & 6:00 PM light supper in Fellowship Hall
- April 14 GOOD FRIDAY, Services at 12 Noon, Chapel & 7:00 PM, Sanctuary, ending with candle lighting
- April 16 EASTER SUNDAY, "Redeemed and Restored," Luke 24: 1-12

***Worship Services at 9:00* & 11:00* AM, no Sunday School, brunch between services**

Wednesdays, March 8 - April 12

12 Noon – 1:00 PM in Room 311

Come to the Lenten study:

Restored: Finding Redemption in Our Mess

study written by Tom Berlin

Please contact Margery to sign up:

mschammel@towsonumc.org, or

410-823-2485.

Walk-ins are welcome,
consider bringing your lunch
and eating with us during class.

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

Let's get real about our messes
and God's power to repossess and redeem us.

1:00 PM Healing Service in the Chapel

These services will provide time for

- ✠ prayer
- ✠ a brief meditation
- ✠ the opportunity to receive anointing with oil and the Laying on of Hands
- ✠ a time to offer prayers for yourself or on behalf of another person where there is need for spiritual or physical healing.

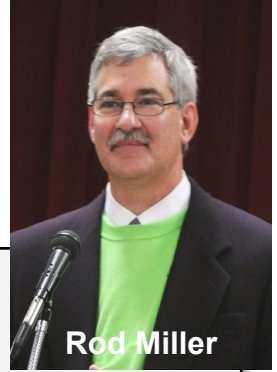


This period of Lent is most appropriate time to seek God's help in healing. It is a time when we focus on Christ's promise to Repossess, Redeem, and Restore us. Please join us in these special services this Lenten Season.

Pastor's Letter

Outlook for TUMC

In a few months, our church will be experiencing a change in pastors. Transitions can be times of both excitement and nervousness. While I am still in the pastor's chair, I would like to share my perspective about our church today. At this time, I am more hopeful about TUMC's future than ever before. Here are some of the reasons why I am high on TUMC:



- ★ Finances are strong. Yes, we do need to monitor our budget and we continue to need everyone's support to keep moving forward. And – there are strong positives for our church financially (see below).
- ★ We ended 2016 (and 2015) in the black. All bills were paid and we had some excess which will help us if "dry" periods come along.
- ★ The total contributed for our "Growing Forward Capital Journey" now exceeds \$1,000,000 and counting. This is a tremendous achievement by our church.
- ★ Plans are in the works to complete most of the projects outlined in "Growing Forward". Exterior painting and "cladding" will take place when the weather allows. Sanctuary windows are in process and we will have more information about them soon.
- ★ A tremendous number of improvements have been made throughout the building to support ministry including: New sanctuary sound system, hearing assists, microphones, sound board, projector and screen; new cribbery security (coming soon), new phone system (less expensive than the last one and coming soon), office renovation, new closet space and parking lot patched.
- ★ We continue to have a strong staff who support the ongoing ministries of the church.

- ★ Our youth group is the strongest it has been in many years. With the addition of Rachel, our new director of youth and young adult ministries, the strong support of parents and the exuberance of our youth, it is a vibrant and growing program in our church.
 - ★ Involvement by members of the congregation in the ministries of the church are at an all time high. Through the efforts of "Servants in Service", people have stepped forward to serve in an increasing variety of ways. This is a big positive for our church.
 - ★ Creative and fun fellowship events are sponsored by a variety of individuals and groups and are widely attended and enjoyed by our congregation.
- ★ Sunday worship experiences are inspiring, meaningful, uplifting, and spiritually supportive. Our choirs, liturgists, hospitality, fellowship, and weekly messages are working together to help us continue to build a strong foundation in God, the Bible and life.
 - ★ New friends are coming to the church and many are quickly becoming engaged in the life and ministries of the church.
 - ★ Mission support and involvement continues to be a strength.
 - ★ Opportunities for learning and spiritual growth for all ages are well attended and well-led.

I am more and more encouraged by the ways in which our congregation is working together which strengthens our programs and ministries. God has graced us with many, many gifts. We are far from perfect, but God has never required perfection. God does ask that we recognize and give thanks for God's generosity and then to share our blessings through our attitude and actions. Gifts are given for the purpose of continuing to build up the community of faith and to reach new people with the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In this time of transition, let's focus on the goodness of God's grace and choose to see what God is doing in and with us. I hope you will join me in giving thanks for God's amazing grace.

In Christ's love,
Pastor Rod

TOWSON YOUTH

Sunday Morning Classes at 9:00am

Middle School: Room 216

High School: Room 317

Confirmation (8th graders): Fellowship Hall

The youth had a fantastic time at ROCK filled with fun activities, music, and worship! Thank you for all your support and prayers.

Rachel is here as our new Youth Director and is excited to work with our youth. We are getting off to a good start, as she hopes to engage the youth with fun activities, mission work, and discussion on issues of social justice. We ask for your prayers and support as we continue on this journey of faith with Christ.

Youth Fellowship

March 3 - Rock and Jump, 7-9pm

March 5 - Youth Council Meeting, 11:30 - 1:00PM

March 12 - Spring Forward One Hour!

Meeting - Discussion on Peer Pressure, 6-7:30PM

March 19 - Mission Activity, 11:30-1PM

March 26 - Meeting - Mystery Dinner, 6-7:30PM

March 31 - Bowling, 7-9PM



WELCOME THE STRANGER

"Any immigrant who lives with you must be treated as if they were one of your citizens. You must love them as yourself, because you were immigrants in the land of Egypt."

Leviticus 19:33,34 CEB

"He (Jesus) replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'You must love your neighbor as you love yourself.'"

Matthew 22:37-39 CEB

"Welcome the stranger into your land."

We've been excluded; we all understand; so, we should welcome those now reviled—we're in some way an immigrant's child.

Refrain:

**God welcomes people, each one the same,
whatever country, color, or name,
or what they name God during their prayer.
Inclusive Love will listen and care.**

Jesus our Savior issued this call:

*"Love God completely, this first, above all:
and, love your neighbor just as yourself."
So may God's world find wholeness and health.*

When we are fearful of folk unknown,
God's gracious Spirit will challenge our own:
*"Greet your new sister, brother, in peace;
let trust unite, and justice increase."*

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Lev. 19:33-34 CEB; Matt. 22:37-39 CEB

Suggested Tune: "ASSURANCE" Phoebe P. Knapp, 1873
9 10.9 9 with refrain

(cf. "Blessed Assurance" p. 369 UMH)



Check us out on Facebook.
Questions? Contact Rachel at
yandya@towsonumc.org or
410-823-3698.

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. 4 for Middle & Senior High 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

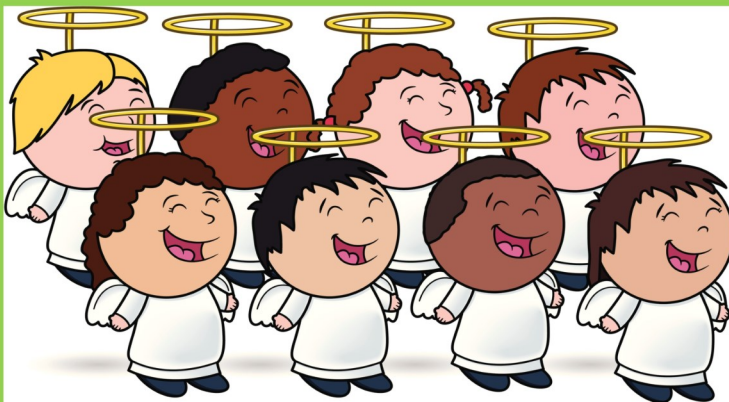
Contact is Lissa O'Donnell, LKo1783@gmail.com.

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.

2017 Spring Carol Choir Musical **Livin' on Love**



**SUNDAY
MARCH 19
10:15 AM
SERVICE**

**Script and Direction
by Doug Hollida**

Missions & Outreach



MARCH MISSION / COMMUNION OFFERING

HEIFER INTERNATIONAL

Heifer International's mission is to work with communities to end world hunger and poverty and to care for the Earth.

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. When considering your donation in March, here is a helpful list so you know what your gift may buy:

Goat, full price is \$120, a share is \$10

Water Buffalo, full price is \$250, a share is \$25

Sheep, full price is \$120, a share is \$10

Rabbits or a Flock of Hope, full price is \$60

Heifer (a cow), full price is \$500, a share is \$50

Alpaca, full price is \$150, a share is \$20

Pig, full price is \$120, a share is \$10

Flock of Ducks, Chicks, or Geese are \$20

You may give the first Sunday of March in the offering plates as you go up to communion, mail in your donation to the church's business office, or see someone from the Mission Work Area in the main lobby Sundays during March — look for the table with the little animals! Just make sure your check is made out to "Towson UMC" and you note on it that it's for "Heifer." *Thank you!*

OUR EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY ... will be open to the public on **Saturday, March 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



AMERICAN RED CROSS — BLOOD DRIVE

Our next Towson UMC Community Blood Drive is

Saturday, March, 25, 2017 between 6:30am and 12:00pm

Will be on the 2nd floor of the church.

Anyone older than 17 years of age is eligible to donate (16 year olds needs parental consent). Check the church website for more information.

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

Remember... You must wait 56 days between donations. If you are a regular donor, you must have donated before January 28th to be eligible to donate on March 25th! For more information or to schedule your life-saving donation contact

Margot via e-mail TUMCBloodDrive@gmail.com.

"There is no substitute for books in the life of a child." — Mary Ellen Chase

At the annual Women's Retreat women of our church will be collecting and distributing new picture books for young children (ages: infant — grade 3) to the Maryland Book Bank. For over 20 years the Book Bank has distributed more than 1.8 million free children's books to families, teachers, schools, and organizations throughout Maryland. The organization promotes the importance of books and states on their web site, "every year hundreds of teachers come to the Book Bank to gather books for their students and to build their classroom libraries. Families build home libraries and gather text books to homeschool their children. Head Start centers, Social Services, and more than 600 schools and organizations visit the Book Bank each year to get books for their programs." <http://www.marylandbookbank.org/>



If you would like to contribute a new book to this important ministry please bring a **new** picture book for an infant or young child to the Women's Retreat or to church **by April 30, 2017**.

A box will be located in the church lobby for the collection.

Missions continued

DON'T FORGET —

Bring your empty aluminum SODA cans to church.

There is a **BLUE PLASTIC BIN**

in the rear of the parking lot

next to the paper recycling bins

marked for your **ALUMINUM SODA CANS** (not tin or steel)

Our Boy Scout Troop 102 recycles your cans for \$ and ¢.

SERVE AT SERRV

Wednesday, March 8

8:00am to 4:00pm

SERRV is International Fair Trade with 60 community-based organizations in 25 countries around the world located in New Windsor, Maryland, since 1949.

CONSIDER volunteering the day to: quality check and sort new products, and receive access to outlet items. You receive a free lunch. Learn about different cultures, where the products are from, and how they are created, while handling the unique handmade items from all over the world. PLEASE CONTACT Carole Dean to let her know you can volunteer March 8 and receive the carpool times. Email carole8603@comcast.net or call her at home 410-494-0231.

MANNA HOUSE

Breakfast Club

Manna House (a soup-kitchen sponsored by the United Methodist Church in Baltimore) is a welcoming setting where the poor and homeless of mid-town Baltimore City can enjoy a nutritious breakfast 7 days a week.

Our church serves breakfast 4 times a year. If you are interested in serving March 3, June 3, Sept. 8, or Nov. 3, please contact Gene Bandy at eugene.bandy@gmail.com or 410-583-2105. It only takes 3 smiling people!

2016 COMMUNION/MISSION OFFERING RECAP

The Mission Work Area wishes to thank everyone in our congregation for their continued support of the 10 months of communion/mission offerings in 2016. Your donations definitely make a difference to the less fortunate of our community and beyond.

Here is a summary of your donations in 2016:

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Amount Collected and Sent</u>
ACTC	\$2,316
Heifer International	\$1,730
Araminta Freedom Initiative	\$ 785
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$1,835
UMCOR (Flood Buckets)	\$2,241
West Virginia Flood Support	\$1,353
HL Child Dev. Ctr. Scholarships	\$1,540
Food for Thought (Backpack Prgr)	\$1,350
Church World Service Blankets	\$1,751
PATHWAYS Tutoring	\$1,650

Updates on the Building



SANCTUARY WINDOW FUNDRAISER

THANKS TO EVERYONE ... HELPERS, EATERS, BUYERS, VENDORS, DONATORS ... FOR THE SUCCESSFUL DECEMBER 11TH SOUP'R SUNDAY LUNCH AND CHRISTMAS BAZAAR. IT WAS FUN! IT WAS DELICIOUS! IT WAS A BUYER'S PARADISE! AND, THE BEST PART OF ALL, WE NETTED \$1,000!!!!!! — Ginny Foster

The trustees are pleased to announce that cladding of the eaves and painting of the exterior doors will be taking



place when the weather allows. We are doing this now in preparation for the Children Center's 2017 state inspection. We have funds from Growing Forward to move ahead with these projects. We also want to tell you that we are reviewing bids on the new windows for the sanctuary and will keep you posted on our progress.



Through December 2016 over **\$1,000,000**

has been donated to the Growing Forward Capital Campaign. To reach our Growing Forward pledged goal of \$1,321,000, we need to receive \$282,000 during 2017. Please continue with your joyous support!!

A Growing Forward donation statement will be sent out soon to help you plan your remaining contributions.

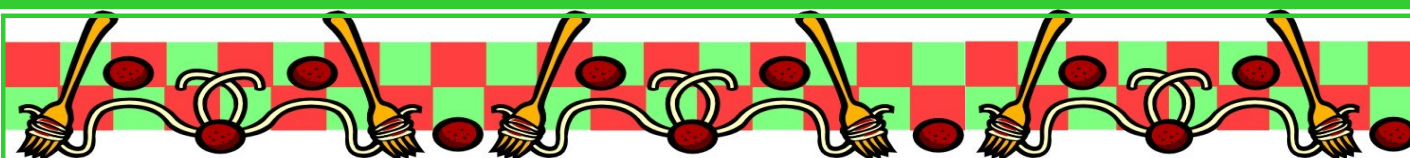
Our **Annual Easter Egg Hunt** is **Saturday, April 8th, 11:00AM – 12:30PM.**
Donations are needed for Egg Hunt: Please consider donating individually wrapped candy,
stickers, and other Easter items small enough to fit in plastic eggs.
You will find a container for your donations on the Sharing Bins in the church lobby.



Vacation Bible Camp
July 24-28
9:00am to 12 noon each day

Join us for fun and learning at **HERO CENTRAL**
with **FLAME the RED PANDA.**
"Do good! Seek peace and go after it!" Psalm 34:14b

It takes many people to make a successful VBC. Please contact Margery if you are interested in helping making this a fantastic experience for our children. mschammel@towsonumc.org or 410-823-2485



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.

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.



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



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

**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

Folks of all ages are encouraged to join us

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

More trips have been scheduled for the rest of this year:

Sept. 20 Kentmorr Crab Feast & Amish Market Tour

Oct. 25 Friendly Farms & Maryland Wine Country Tour
Featuring Boordy Vineyards

Pick up a brochure, with ALL the trips, in the church lobby. If you can't get in, call the office at 410-823-6511 and we will mail you one.

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.

Thank You Notes

I'd like to thank the church for the beautiful poinsettias delivered to me as well as the birthday card I received. Now that I am just days away from my 90th birthday and can no longer attend TUMC, I wanted everyone to know how much these remembrances mean to me and how close they make me feel to the church.

—Ruth Sandy



THANK YOU

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

We collected enough socks for each woman to receive five pairs - one white, one everyday, two fuzzy, and one dress pair.

With other donations, we assembled goody bags for the children containing puzzles, candy, playing cards, pencils, valentines, and stuffed animals.

The committee also collected over 25 sweaters and numerous pairs of jeans for the mothers.

The House of Ruth staff extends their sincere appreciation for the generous and thoughtful contributions from our church membership.



PATHWAYS Tutoring Award Day (pictures below)

Twice a year PATHWAYS students are awarded medals for attendance and performance.

Many students were proudly showing off their accomplishments! Students and tutors are certainly very proud.



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 MINISTRY TEAM



Rev. LaTrelle Easterling, Resident Bishop

Rev. Edwin DeLong, Interim Superintendent, Baltimore Metropolitan District

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

Rev. Dr. Roderick J. Miller, Lead Pastor

Rev. Margery Schammel, Assistant Pastor

Rev. Doug Hollida, Minister of Music

Rachel Livingston, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry

HAMPTON LANE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

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



PHOTO CHALLENGE BY EASTER

Throughout Lent, send us photos you take with a camera or your phone that represents our topic: **REPOSSESSED, RESTORED, REDEEMED, and RENEWED.** Email to towsonumc501@gmail.com. Our gmail account can accommodate large size files. Cathy Anderson will make prints and hang them in Fellowship Hall. We challenge you to make the Hall festive by Easter!



TUMC’S WINTER WEATHER POLICY

If Baltimore County Public Schools (BCPS) are closed, there are no meetings nor 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!

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

April 2017

are due Tuesday, March 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!