

# High Spire

May 2018

Towson UMC

Newsletter for Members & Friends of Towson United Methodist Church

## A Simple SECRET

**The Little Prince**, by Antoine de Saint-Exuprey, is a book crammed-packed with wise words, cleverly disguised as a children’s story. In the story, a little prince leaves his tiny asteroid and its solitary blooming rose on a quest for ‘something more’ in life. During his travels, he meets many seemingly-odd people, animals and things at various destinations. All of these interludes symbolize phases of life. In one instance, a fox reveals to the Little Prince: “And, now, here is my secret, a very simple secret: It is only with the heart that one can see rightly; what is essential is invisible to the eye.” Essentially, the prince learns that relationships (such as his loving caretaker relationship with his rose) are the most important life experiences. Nothing else truly matters. But, no one can tell us that. We must experience it for ourselves; and the journey of learning and understanding will change the way we view things. Let’s begin.

## TUMC Trailblazers: PATHWAYS Foundation for Hope

by Maryanne Arthur

Many people worship at Towson United Methodist Church for a variety of reasons; but few come with a specific mission in mind. When Johns Hopkins University graduate student Justin Jones joined the congregation in 2006, he knew exactly what he wanted to accomplish. Jones approached Towson UMC’s pastor Dave Cooney with his vision for an on-site tutoring program that served underprivileged children. Pastor Cooney said, “Go for it!”

Within a few months, Jones found his niche and filled a need, serving youth from disadvantaged areas in Baltimore City and County. By October 2006, he launched PATHWAYS (Providing Avenues Toward Hope with Academic Youth Services) as a community outreach program “to provide for the academic and social betterment of youth, with an em-

phasis on tutoring, encouraging, and mentoring”. Working with church member LuAnn Blackman to get the program started, Jones secured seed money from Ravens’ kicker Matt Stover, who donated enough to sustain PATHWAYS for the first three years of operation.

In those early years, Jones spent his time recruiting students and tutors, arranging transportation to and from church, and teaching. As he neared graduation and full-time employment at NASA, he knew someone needed to take over PATHWAYS and raise it to the next level. Church member Stephanie Kimmons agreed to the challenge. For the next eight years, she expanded the program to include additional schools, field trips, tutor training, laptop computers, career days, guest speakers,



award banquets and more.

“It was much like a full-time job.” Kimmons revealed. “A rewarding one!”

It is, undoubtedly, work that cannot happen without volunteers who dedicate countless hours to administering, teaching and mentoring during the school year. Following Kimmons’ tenure, Program Director Sharon Penhallegon now oversees the Monday afternoon...

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# Earth Day 2018

Check out this gorgeous remembrance tree blooming outside the children's playground at the back of church, planted by the Youth Group last year. WOW! What a difference a year makes.



## Plant seeds Of kindness

Did you plant your large Grey Stripe Sunflower seeds yet? It's time! Now that May is here, sow flower (and other warm-weather veggie crop seeds) directly into the soil outdoors. Water until seedlings emerge, then watch them grow. Enjoy!

### "I AM and You Are?"

#### Spring 2018 Sermon Series Continues

May 6	I AM the Bread of Life
May 13	Youth Sunday
May 20	I AM the Vine and You Are the Branches
May 27	Rachel Livingston preaches
June 3	I AM the Way, and the Truth, and the Life



### PRAY WITH US

<http://towsonprays.blogspot.com>

Upper Room devotionals (in regular and large print) available in the lobby.

Next High Spire content deadline: May 15th for the FULL SUMMER 2018 issue. Send photos and copy to: [communications@towsonumc.org](mailto:communications@towsonumc.org)

# High spire

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Sunday Worship Services: 8:00 AM and 10:15 AM

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A ministry of Towson United Methodist Church, Hampton Lane Child Development Center is a licensed childcare center with approved preschool for ages two (2) through pre-kindergarten.

[www.hamptonlanecdc.org](http://www.hamptonlanecdc.org)

# Pastor Mark's Meanderings



Dear Friends,

As I am writing this in mid-April I pray that, as you are reading this in early May, we are finally enjoying springtime weather. As seasons change, many of us shift the patterns of our lives. We get outside, go to the beach and do all the other things that make spring and summer in Maryland so beautiful.

Church life tends to change, also. There are fewer regular meetings and some activities may take a break. Yet, our need for God does not change and neither does our need and desire to worship. With these things in mind, we are adding some fun, short-term worship, fellowship, and learning opportunities.

In addition to our regular Sunday morning worship times, we are adding **worship on Thursday evening**. Beginning, June 21 at 6:00 PM you are invited to supper and interactive worship. This summer our worship theme will be **"Tell Me a Story"** and will focus on folk tales from around the world and how they may resonate with our Christian faith. We are intending this worship to be come-as-you-are, intergenerational, interactive, fun, Biblically sound – and done in an hour (ish).

Sunday morning worship will have a little different feel also. Our worship theme this

summer will be **"Towson UMC at the Movies"** and we will look for the gospel message in our favorite movies.

Be on the lookout for news about other summertime offerings including:

- Rachel Livingston, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, is hard at work developing activities for our **college age students** (who are home for the summer) as well as events for our **Youth Group**.
- Rev. Doug Hollida is recruiting folks to do special music for Sunday worship. Please make sure you talk to him if you have musical talent that you would like to share.
- Rev. Margery Schammel is developing short-term discipleship opportunities.

There will be a lot happening in addition to these events and I hope you take the opportunity to try something new at Towson UMC.

See you in worship!

Blessings,  
Pastor Mark Johnson



We were made  
for sunny days!



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



# Music News by Doug Hollida

## Looking Back

Since the last issue of the High Spire we've had two big Sundays of music.

**Easter** was a wonderful culmination to our Lenten Season with great anthems from 3 of our choirs, plus the massed choir of 50+ people singing the "Hallelujah Chorus" for our benediction. What a day of celebration!



**The Alleluia Singers Youth Choir Cantata** was a great joy the very next Sunday. We were blessed, wowed, moved (and any other adjective you can think of) by these young folks. They read some powerful scriptures that were followed by anthems that amplified each message. The songs were beautifully and artfully performed. It was a lot of work. We had 6 rehearsals on Saturday alone! We are blessed to have such dedication and talent among us!



## Looking Ahead

**Grown-ups can still join a vocal choir!** Children, youth and bell choirs are just about done for the season; but, Joyful Noise will be singing again, and the Chancel Choir will be singing most every Sunday until mid June.

**Women's Chorus on Father's Day** is another new annual tradition among us. We will be singing a wonderful jazzed-up version of "This Little Light of Mine." There will be special rehearsals as it does take a little learning to get all the parts of this anthem. But it's worth the time and effort.



**Ukulele Choir is starting soon.** Yes, that's not a misprint! This will meet Thursdays at 7:00, right after our Thursday Night Summer Evening Services. You DON'T need to read music. You DO need to bring your own ukulele. (When I did an internet search, I was shocked to see how inexpensive they are. The brunt of them —and some of them looked really cool — were only \$30-40.) More information soon!



Questions about the Women's Chorus, Joyful Noise, or Chancel Choir, contact **Doug Hollida** at 410.823.6511 or [musicdirector@towsonumc.org](mailto:musicdirector@towsonumc.org) Be blessed!



# TUMC Youth Scoop

Follow YOUTH GROUP on Facebook at  
[www.facebook.com/groups/TowsonUMCYouth](http://www.facebook.com/groups/TowsonUMCYouth)

## Sunday School for Middle/High School Youth 9-10 AM

Middle School: Rm 216  
Youth: Grades 6-8

High School: Rm 317  
Youth: Grades 9-12

### Confirmation 'Class of 2018'

- ◆ Confirmands will meet with their class in Fellowship Hall on Sundays until confirmation day on May 20th.

Questions? Contact: Rev. Margery Schammel at 410.823.2485 or Mschammel@towsonumc.org.



## YOUTH GROUP FELLOWSHIP

- 5/5 **Labyrinth Work Day & Lunch,** 9:00-1pm @ TUMC
- 5/6 **Youth Council Meeting** 11:30AM-1:00PM
- 5/12 **Araminta Walk**
- 5/13 **Youth Sunday—Graduate Recognition**  
NO YOUTH GROUP! Happy Mother's Day to all of our mothers and grandmothers
- 5/18 or 5/19 **FUN Activity TBD**
- 5/20 **Confirmation Sunday,** 10:15 worship service  
CONGRATULATIONS to our confirmands!!
- 5/27 **Game Night,** 6:00-7:30PM @ TUMC  
All 5th graders are invited to join us to see what youth group will be like next year.

Need more info? Contact Rachel Livingston at 410.823.3698 or yandya@towsonumc.org.



## Have you explored video creation? Does sound engineering excite you? Technology peak your interest?

If any of these things sound like you, then we are looking for **YOU!** Towson UMC is looking to create a team that would help us with creation of presentations and video for the service, and management of the sound-board. If you don't know how to do this, no problem. We can teach you and explore together. We welcome people ages 10 and up! If interested, contact Rachel Livingston at yandya@towsonumc.org or 410.823.3698.

YOUTH SUNDAY  
May 13th @  
10:15am  
Join us for worship  
led by our Youth Group!

**Attention Graduates!** We would like to recognize each and every one of you. We will be taking the time to recognize you on **May 13**. Graduates and family members please send the name of the graduate, what degree he/she will receive, where the diploma is from, and next step plans to Rachel Livingston ASAP.

## Let's Go Camping

United Methodist Church camps, such as West River or Manidokan are amazing opportunities for our youth. Register:

- [www.bwccampsandretreats.com/westriver/summer-camps](http://www.bwccampsandretreats.com/westriver/summer-camps)
- [www.bwccampsandretreats.com/manidokan](http://www.bwccampsandretreats.com/manidokan)

### Go to Camp:

If you are interested in this opportunity, but cost is a problem, you can contact Rachel Livingston at yanya@towsonumc.org for campership opportunities.

### Sponsor a Camper:

Help give our youth an opportunity for life changing United Methodist Church Camp by sponsoring a child. For details, contact Rachel Livingston at yanya@towsonumc.org or 410-823-3698.

# Adult Learning

**NEW ONGOING CLASS! Begins May 20th**  
**Faith Foundations: Room 119 from 9-10am**

Join us for a class to learn more about our United Methodist heritage, distinctives and Towson church community, every third Sunday of each month. See page 8 in this newsletter for more details.

**Join us for Sunday Morning Adult Classes. Check out this lineup of possibilities. Everyone is welcome!**

\*\*\*ALL CLASSES ARE ON SUNDAYS 9-10 AM\*\*\*

Christians Under Construction : Room 111  
Topical and Bible studies

Young Parents' Class : Room 114  
Support in Christian parenting

Tower Class : Room 214  
Current topics from a Christian perspective

Women's Class : Room 212  
Learning and support to live as Christian women

Adult Bible Study : Room 218  
Studies of various books of the Bible

Men's Class : Room 310  
Learning and support to live as Christian men

## Sunday Mornings During the Summer

Our Sunday School continues for children, ages three (by 1/1/18) to six years, who will begin worship with their family and be dismissed to class during our 10:15AM service. We need teachers for every week, June 24 – Aug 26. (We do not have Sunday School on Labor Day weekend.) Curriculum and assistance is provided!

Help our Sunday School teachers have a wonderful summer by taking your turn teaching our children this summer.

Please contact Margery for details and to sign up for your week: [mschammel@towsonumc.org](mailto:mschammel@towsonumc.org) or 410.823.2485.

# Infants, Toddlers and KIDZ

**Prefer childcare during the worship service? We have your family covered from infancy through age 11.**

Safe-sanctuary, approved adults are available on Sunday mornings to spend quality time with your little ones in the Cribbery downstairs and to host a variety of fun, social and educational activities in church classrooms.

Childcare in the Cribbery\* : Room 122  
Children: Infants-Age 3  
Open: 8:45 AM through the 10:15 AM service

Pray and Play\* : Room 314  
Children: Ages 4-6  
Open: 10:15 through the entire worship service for learning, fun and song.

Kids in the Disciple Zone (KIDZ)\* : Room 310  
Children: Ages 7-11  
Open: Part-way through 10:15 service. Children begin in the worship service and leave for learning and fun when dismissed.

## Kids' Sunday School



**Children of all ages are invited to join a Sunday School class to learn and grow in faith with one another. Classes are taught by TUMC safe-sanctuary, approved adults.**

\*\*\*ALL CLASSES ARE ON SUNDAYS 9-10 AM \*\*\*

Preschool\* : Room 311  
Children: Age 3-Kindergarten

Elementary\* : Room 312  
Children: Grades 1-5

\*Note: Enrollment forms are REQUIRED for participation. Find forms online at [www.towsonumc.org](http://www.towsonumc.org). Click on "Ministries" then "Towson Youth." Return completed forms to church!

(PATHWAYS, continued from page 1)

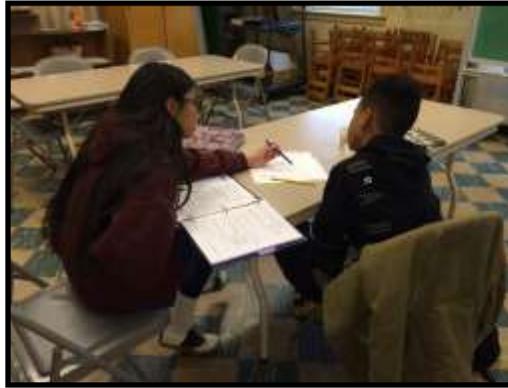
tutoring sessions for children in Grades 3-8. She opens each weekly meeting with a small group session that emphasizes the “4 Ps” of PATHWAYS – reminding students to be prepared, persistent, patient, and proud, based on the motivational message of a 2016 PATHWAYS’ speaker. Then she matches students and tutors for one-on-one, hour-long sessions that include homework help, study tips, creative learning techniques, and personalized mentoring.

“The best part,” Penhallegon said, “is watching the growth of each student. Some kids start in third grade and finish eighth grade with us, which is remarkable.”

The program is a yearlong commitment for the children and their families...which is not always easy. Roughly 25 students, from four different schools, attend one of two weekly sessions. The elementary and middle school children complete a full day at their home schools then ride a bus to Towson UMC to meet their tutors for nutritious snacks, teaching and support. [Note: the current bus driver has been with the program for eight years!]

One young student, Dylan, successfully completes his homework each week, despite sheer exhaustion from a long day at school. His tutor, Linda, has taught at PATHWAYS for six years and worked with many students. She explained, “I like the consistency of having the same student during the school year, that way we can work on homework and do extra practice as needed.”

Another student, Kaedyn, also knocks out her homework – and earns a gold star, too. Her tutor, Eddie, hails all the way from Catonsville to Towson



each week to tutor two students. “I found the program online,” he said, “and called immediately to help!”

Currently, several individuals, groups, and businesses help fund PATHWAYS’ programming, including congregation members and friends, an annual gingerbread fundraiser, private and corporate donations, and grants. For example, the Rotary Club of Towson has graciously donated school supplies, funded annual fields trips, and purchased HP EliteBooks for older students to connect with online assignments while working in the program, among other donations.

At this time, a large portion of these funds supports bus transportation to and from home schools and Towson UMC, following Justin Jones’ firm belief that changing locations for tutoring assistance and mentoring support helps broaden children’s experiences and world view. Transportation and personalized tutoring services are free for participants. In addition, each student receives school supplies, snacks, holiday gifts, field trips, semester awards, an end-of-year family banquet featuring a motivational guest speaker, and on-site technology use.

In addition to Penhallegon and the many excellent tutors who volunteer their time and talent, PATHWAYS is

supported by: Administrative Director Mary Wynne Eisenberg, who recruits students at back-to-school nights and finds qualified tutors across the Baltimore region; and Board Co-Chairs Susan Killian and Casey Schurman, who provide leadership and conduct the business of PATHWAYS at board meetings with Directors Ken Henschen, Amanda Long, Annie Biser, Joe Corson, Rachel Livingston, Dave Morris, Sharon Penhallegon, Stephanie Kimmons and Mary Wynne Eisenberg. Several of these folks are stepping down from their roles at the end of the current school year.

“We really need new management to help this program continue to grow,” said Susan. “Please contact one of us to visit on a Monday night and learn more about the program.”

PATHWAYS (Providing Avenues Toward Hope with Academic Youth Services) is an action-packed program that provides a safe and motivating learning environment for some of Baltimore’s most dedicated students who may live in areas where affordable tutoring is not accessible. The program is a nonprofit, community outreach organization that operates with volunteers out of Towson UMC and the local community.

Interested in sustaining PATHWAYS’ excellence – as a donor, tutor, board member, director or volunteer? Contact Susan Killian (Board Chair) at 410.236.9785 or susankillian@icloud.com or Sharon Penhallegon (Program Director) at splenhall@aol.com or 410.456.7333 today.



# Faith Foundations

Join us for a new class — held on the third Sunday of every month throughout the year, 9-10am, in room 119 — on a three-month cycle. First class begins May 20<sup>th</sup>.

*Interested in becoming a member?* This is the class for you! Take all three classes when it works with your schedule.

*Interested in learning more about our Methodist faith and are already a member?* You are welcome to be part of any of the classes.

Even better, if you miss any class, you can catch it later in the year.

Here are our topics for discussion:

## Heritage

January

April

July

October

## Distinctives

February

May

August

November

## Towson Church Community

March

June

September

December

Each quarter, our Hospitality Ministry will host a reception to welcome any new class members who have joined recently. Any questions, contact Margery Schammel at [mschammel@towsonumc.org](mailto:mschammel@towsonumc.org) or 410.823.2485.



## Summer Worship

Sunday morning worship theme:  
"Towson UMC Goes to the Movies"

Save Thursday Evenings  
for 6PM dinner and worship

Theme: "Tell Me a Story" —  
Folk Tales from Around the World

Pssst: Summer will be here before we know it!

And so with the sunshine and the great bursts of leaves growing on the trees,  
just as things grow in fast movies, I had that familiar conviction that life  
was beginning over again with the summer.

— F. Scott Fitzgerald, *The Great Gatsby*

*I wanted to thank Margery Schammel for the lovely note; also for the beautiful tulips that Dale Springer brought from the church. It was very uplifting when you have had a long illness. I will try to get back as much as I can. Thanks again for your kindness!*

— Sincerely, Joan Weller

*I wish to thank all the members and clergy for the beautiful plant delivered to me on Easter morning. I want all members to know how much their remembrance has meant to me.*

— Sincerely,  
Ruth Sandy

## Pray With Us

In the Book of James we read “. . . the prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective” (James 5: 16 NRSV). As we consider our own lives and those dear to us, the victims of natural disasters, and the victims of violence at home and across the world, can we deny how much we need to pray? Whenever Towson UMC is open, the Chapel is available for prayer. We are especially encouraging people to stop by on Tuesdays for prayer and to invite a staff member to pray with you. May God bless our faithfulness in prayer.

## Men’s Prayer Breakfast

Our Men’s Prayer Breakfast continues on Thursday mornings at 7:00 AM at the Nautilus Diner (2047 York Rd, Timonium, MD 21093).

In addition to prayer, we study one or two of the scripture texts that will be addressed in worship the following Sunday. Everyone orders off the menu. You’re invited to join us for fellowship, study and prayer. Feel free to bring a guest.



## Coffee and Conversation @ Rise in May

Join Pastor Mark and other members of the Towson UMC family for coffee, tea, or juice and interesting conversation. Every month or so, the time and location changes to give more people an opportunity to stop by. During **May**, you are invited to meet with Pastor Mark on **Wednesday mornings at 9 AM at Rise Biscuits Donuts**

Address: 1620 York Rd, Timonium, MD 21093. Come on by! Or schedule an appointment with Pastor Mark to meet at the church office at a convenient time. 410.823.6511.

## MAY Mission:

Moment on a Mission/Communion Offering

### UMCOR—ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

For more than 50 years, United Methodist congregations have been taking part in a special *One Great Hour of Sharing* offering, laying the foundation for UMCOR’s ministry of relief and hope.

Our One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering pays administrative expenses for UMCOR and supports ministries of food, shelter, health, and peace. Donations UMCOR receives through this offering, along with other undesignated gifts made throughout the year, cover the costs of doing the business of relieving other’s pain and frustration.

Gifts like yours make it possible for UMCOR to use 100% of all other contributions on the projects

our donors specify, instead of on administrative or fundraising costs.

UMCOR does not receive United Methodist World Service or apportionment funds, so without your offerings, UMCOR would not exist.

You may give the first Sunday of May in the offering plates as you go up to communion or mail in your donation to the church’s business office. Make your checks payable to “Towson UMC” and note “OGHS” in the memo portion. Thank you!





ALL PHOTO CREDITS  
Maria Springer



# Easter FUN

April  
2018



# Happy MAY Birthday to YOU.....

NOTE: Personal church member information removed for web and public posting.



Did you know? Towson UMC is now an approved charity with Amazon Smile! Simply shop online and Amazon sends a donation to our church. To select Towson UMC as the recipient of your online shopping, log onto [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) and choose "Towson United Methodist Church" each time you shop online. You will see

the church's name under the search box at the top of the page, following the word "supporting"... AmazonSmile Foundation is a 501(c)(3) foundation that administers the AmazonSmile program. All donation amounts generated by the AmazonSmile program are remitted directly to charitable organizations, such as Towson UMC, via the Foundation.

## Remember Towson UMC in Your Will

When you leave a bequest to Towson UMC in your will or estate plan you help to root your hopes and dreams in the bedrock of Christ's Gospel. You also make a good steward's return to God of God's blessings in your life and leave an eternal message of what is important to you.

It is easy to include your church in your estate planning by having your advisor include this language in your will or beneficiary designation: "I give, devise and bequeath \_\_\_\_\_ (insert dollar amount or percent amount) of my estate to Towson United Methodist Church, 501 Hampton Lane, Towson, MD 21286".

Questions? Call Pastor Mark and he can connect you with a member of the Planned Giving Committee.

Your pledges and contributions are a critical part of how we make a difference in our church, community and the world. For a quick link to donate, scan this QRC code with your cell phone. Thanks for your generosity!



## OUTDOOR CLOTHING BINS

Thank you for donating new and gently used clothing items to the bins located in the parking lot. Remember to secure your bags tightly before adding them to the bin, as we have had a few recent "diving" incidents to retrieve loose articles. Also, it is wonderful that our members and the surrounding community are so generous. Please donate clean, useful items — our recipients appreciate your generosity!

# FLEA MARKET

## Towson United Methodist Church

501 Hampton Lane : Towson, MD 21286

(located off the I-695 exit ramp to Dulaney Valley Road North)

**FREE parking  
and admission!**

**10 x 10  
spaces  
only \$15**



**SATURDAY  
June 2, 2018  
8am-1pm**

### The Fine Print:

- Buy and Sell ALL DAY
- Bring your own table, chairs, tent and sale items. Vendors welcome
- Spaces LIMITED! Reservations preferred.
- Contact Ginny Foster at 410.296.4780 or [virginiafoster@comcast.net](mailto:virginiafoster@comcast.net).
- Labyrinth open for visitors.

- Rain date: June 9th

## We need YOU to help make our community Flea Market a BIG DEAL! You can:

- ★ **VOLUNTEER** (before, during and after the event: hang signs, set-up, direct traffic, work the grill or welcome tables, clean-up)
- ★ **ENTERTAIN** (share your musical talents by playing an instrument or singing)
- ★ **DONATE** (deliver your gently used "stuff" to the church office before June 2)
- ★ **SELL** (be a vendor! clean out your attic and sell your own goods...only \$15 per space)
- ★ **BUY** (attend the event and bring some thrifty-shopper friends)
- ★ **SPREAD THE WORD!!!** (distribute yard sale fliers, share our Facebook posts, etc.)

Ginny Foster is the contact for all-things-flea-market this year. Contact her to help, donate, sell or entertain 410.296.4780 or [virginiafoster@comcast.net](mailto:virginiafoster@comcast.net). This will be a fantastic community event! Don't miss it!!!

**Food Pantry OPEN : Saturday, May 19th from 9:00-10:30 AM**



We are always collecting much-needed items to keep our food pantry shelves full. When you bring your donations to church on Sundays, or during office hours, please leave them in the Sharing Bins for future Food Pantry guests. Want to help? Contact Dwight Kines at 410.828.0792.



# Biblical Storytelling Guild

You are invited to participate in a Biblical Storytelling Guild which will meet **Wednesday, May 9 at 7:00 PM at Towson UMC**. Everyone, regardless of experience, is invited to join the fun of hearing an accomplished storyteller, learning a new story or two, and having a great time meeting others with the same interest. If you have questions, then please talk with Pastor Mark.

## Glorious Risen King

*copyright Joyce Keedy, 2018*

O sing the glorious bright refrain that echoes endlessly,  
For Jesus Christ is ris'n again, He's won the victory!  
The cruel cross, the dreaded grave, our Savior did endure,  
But now He leaps to life again and lives forevermore!

REFRAIN: Across the universe abounds the glorious victory strain,  
O let creation now resound, for Jesus lives again!  
Come, rushing heav'ns, come racing earth, His awesome triumph sing  
To shout His joy, to tell His worth, our glorious risen King!

O come rejoice in Jesus Christ, O come repeat His praise,  
Come greet your resurrected Lord this day above all days,  
The cross could not defeat our Lord, no grave could hold Him in,  
His holy blood He spilled for us has cleansed us from our sin!

REFRAIN

He's opened Heaven't glorious gates to welcome us within,  
And Jesus, whom we celebrate, will surely come again,  
The sleeping rise, the living changed forevermore to sing  
The endless Alleluia to our glorious risen King!

REFRAIN

NOTE: These are the words to the Prelude Joyce played on Easter Sunday, April 1st, at the 8 AM Chapel service. They speak of the unbound-ed rejoicing in Jesus, our glorious resurrected Lord, and also anticipate the even greater joy that we will know when He comes again for His church. We will be with Him forever, and forever able to sing His praises. Maranatha!--Come, Lord Jesus! Both words and music to "Glorious Risen King" will be included in her upcoming eighth book.

*Dear folks from Towson United Methodist Church,  
I was so delighted when I received the lovely yellow tulips. Also, was so pleased to see Robin Smith when she delivered the flowers. It was a very nice surprise. I miss you all at TUMC.*

*— Love, B.J. Gerding*

*Dear Friends,  
I want to thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending me lovely red tulips for Easter. They give me recollections of bygone Easter Sundays with countless flowers bringing joy and beauty to the altar.  
I also must tell you that my beautiful poinsettia you sent me for Christmas is still as fresh and bright as it was in December.*

*Many, many thanks!  
With love and prayers —  
Shirley Hall*

*Dear friends at TUMC, 3/6/18  
Belated but heartfelt thanks for the lovely Easter tulips just now coming into vigorous bloom in the kindly light at my living-room window.  
This will not be the plant's sole performance. When the current blooms fade, I intend passing on the bulbs to a dear friend living at ground level. She tends a year-round garden, so I hope to add your bulbs to her efforts.  
So, the beat goes on! Thank you all for this beautiful gift.  
With much love, always,  
Liz Brown*



## Prayer Labyrinth GRAND RE-OPENING JUNE 2, 2018

It's TIME to celebrate the re-opening of our Towson UMC Prayer Labyrinth!!! JOIN US on Flea Market Day for a walk-through and brief grand opening ceremony. Bring a friend and spread the word about this awesome project only 25 steps from the parking lot entrance....now available to the community!

Our Labyrinth Revitalization Crew has been very active these past few weeks. Thanks to anyone who has donated, dug holes, placed fencing, removed brush and tree roots/stumps, designed and hand-set the labyrinth path, created prayer cards, shared flowers, and purchased and handcrafted items for the new site.

There's still time to help us pay for fencing and signage. Make checks payable to TUMC; write the word "labyrinth" on the memo line; and send to church. Questions? Contact Maryanne Arthur at [mta@justwritesolutions.com](mailto:mta@justwritesolutions.com).



## Race Against Traffick

Join our Towson UMC Team!!!!

Araminta Freedom Initiative's Race Against Traffick will be held on May 12th at Druid Hill Park in Baltimore, MD. There will be a 5K, 10K, and Family Fun Walk. You can run, walk, or be a cheerleader to support Araminta's mission to end child trafficking in Maryland.

Sign up:

[www.aramintafreedom.org](http://www.aramintafreedom.org)

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April 10, 2018

Dear Mark Johnson,

*Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ!*

I am writing to say **THANK YOU!** It is with deep appreciation and gratitude that this letter comes your way. I celebrate your faithfulness in paying 100% of your 2017 Connectional Apportionment, even as you continue dynamic ministries that touch people, change lives, and bring heaven closer to earth. Your dedication to good stewardship is praiseworthy in a time of dwindling financial resources and rising needs and costs. Please share these words of gratitude with your lay leadership team and congregation.

As people of The United Methodist Church, we are connectional with a shared belief that we are stronger and able to accomplish far more together than we could on our own. This is just one of the ways we reflect the unity of the Holy Spirit, imitate Christ, and live out our conference theme: **We are ONE!**

Fulfilling 100% of your 2017 Apportionment helps us keep moving forward with what God is calling us to do locally, regionally, and globally. Forward movement does not happen without Christ-centered pastoral leadership and the sacrifice and commitment of dedicated laity. Working together, clergy and laity bring vitality to the Gospel and help make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!

As we continue in the Easter season, may we follow Jesus deeper into the reality of new life. Let this be a time for us to gain greater understanding of our Christian faith and to receive afresh the assurance of God's promises to us in the death and RESURRECTION of Jesus Christ.

To echo Paul's words to the church at Thessalonica, *"I always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in my prayers, constantly remembering before God your work of faith and labor of love and steadfast hope in our Lord Jesus Christ."* (1Thessalonians 1:2-3).

Grace and Peace,

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## More Easter 2018 Celebration PHOTOS



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday Morning Worship**  
8:00 AM and 10:15 AM

- ALL May Communion Offering: UMCOR
- ALL Wed Meet the Pastor @ Rise, 9AM
- May 13 Youth Sunday & Mother's Day
- May 20 Confirmation Sunday and Pentecost
- Jun 2 Flea Market @TUMC (rain date 6/9)
- Jun 3 Summer Worship Begins
- Jun 17 Father's Day
- July 23-27 Vacation Bible Camp



### Vacation Bible Camp

Rolling River Rampage  
July 23-27, 2018 : 9AM-noon

Join us for fun and learning at The Rolling River Rampage with Romper the River Otter this year!

“When you pass through the waters,  
I will be with you.” — Isaiah 43:2

Many skills and abilities are needed to create an amazing VBC. You may be able to help one of the children take a step forward in faith!

- ★ Can you prepare children's crafts?
- ★ Are you able to help collect and organize supplies in the weeks before VBC?
- ★ Are you available one or more days in July (23rd-27th) to prepare and distribute snacks or lead a group of children to their activities?
- ★ Want to help children cut and glue?

Contact Margery Schammel at 410.823.2485 or [mschammel@towsonumc.org](mailto:mschammel@towsonumc.org) to be part of the FUN!



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**SUNDAY MORNINGS AT TOWSON UMC**



8:00 AM	Traditional Service in the Chapel Communion every Sunday with piano or organ accompaniment.
8:45-10:00 AM	Coffee Hour in the Parlor
9:00-10:00 AM	Educational Classes & Programs
10:15 AM	Worship Service in the Sanctuary Communion on the first Sunday of each month — open to all — with a richly varied service that blends vocal and hand bell choirs, praise band, traditional and contemporary song, old-fashioned hymns, and glorious 3,000-pipe organ music.

*Yes! Gluten-free bread is available.*

Flowers appear  
on the earth; the  
season of singing  
has come, the cooing  
of doves is heard  
in our land.  
Song of Songs 2:12



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missions and learning.  
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**May 2018**

Towson UMC