



Towson United Methodist Church

November 5, 2017 @ 10:15 AM in the Sanctuary

Worshipping God Together

Gathering in Worship

Prelude *Lord of the Dance*, arr. Kevin McChesney,
performed by Tower Chimes

Call to Worship*

Leader: We remember, O God

People: The countless saints of history who have blazed a trail of courage through time,

Leader: We remember, O God

People: The tender touch of loved ones, the example of heroes, the healing words of comforters, the remarkable acts of fearless ones.

Leader: We remember, O God

People: The gentle strength of grandmothers, the loyalty of friends, the kindness of strangers, the joy of children, the sacrifice of parents.

Leader: We remember, O God

People: The supreme love of Jesus, the blessing of his Spirit, the reminder of his words, the sharing of his suffering, the glory of his resurrection: shown forth in the lives of his disciples, young and old, dead and living, articulate and silent, strange and familiar, brilliant and ordinary.

Leader: We remember in every time and place the saints of God

People: who have shown us the Lord.

All: *Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us worship God with joy!*

Hymn of Praise*

For All the Saints, Hymnal 711



Welcome, Announcements & Community Prayer

Welcome visitors and members—adults, youth and children. Please register your attendance on the green cards in the pews. And, be sure to silence your phone during worship!

NOTES: * Indicates we stand (as you are able). **Bold** type indicates we read in unison. Red Hymnals and Black



Remembering the Saints

Lynn Reed Smith

Anne Tucker

Patricia Williams

William Brent

Virginia Dempsey

Alice Hill

George (Will) Roth

Tom Meinhardt

Carl Tippet

Donald L Cassatt

Daniel Kirk Woodworth

Florence McKeever

Helen Coolahan

Jeanne Browning Disney

Janet E Turner

Lu Ann Crumling

Shirley Yvonne Edwards

Gloria Marvel Cook

Mark Webster

Albert Keller

Offering Our Gifts and Ourselves

Your offering and green attendance card will be collected during the following offertory music. Children, ages 7-11, are excused to K.I.D.Z. in Room 310.

Offertory Anthem	<i>Find Us Faithful</i>	John Mohr	arr. Tom Fettke
	performed by Chancel Choir		
Offering Response*	<i>Bless Thou the Gifts</i>		Hymnal 587
Offering Prayer			

The Word is Heard and Proclaimed

New Testament Reading *Ephesians 4: 1-7, 11-16 (The Message)*

In light of all this, here's what I want you to do. While I'm locked up here, a prisoner for the Master, I want you to get out there and walk—better yet, run!—on the road God called you to travel. I don't want any of you sitting around on your hands. I don't want anyone strolling off, down some path that goes nowhere. And mark that you do this with humility and discipline—not in fits and starts, but steadily, pouring yourselves out for each other in acts of love, alert at noticing differences and quick at mending fences.

You were all called to travel on the same road and in the same direction, so stay together, both outwardly and inwardly. You have one Master, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who rules over all, works through all, and is present in all. Everything you are and think and do is permeated with Oneness. But that doesn't mean you should all look and speak and act the same. Out of the generosity of Christ, each of us is given his own gifts.

He handed out gifts of apostle, prophet, evangelist, and pastor-teacher to train Christ's followers in skilled servant work, working within Christ's body, the church, until we're all moving rhythmically and easily with each other, efficient and graceful in response to God's Son, fully mature adults, fully developed within and without, fully alive like Christ.

No prolonged infancies among us, please. We'll not tolerate babes in the woods, small children who are an easy mark for impostors. God wants us to grow up, to know the whole truth and tell it in love—like Christ in everything. We take our lead from Christ, who is the source of everything we do. He keeps us in step with each other. His very breath and blood flow through us, nourishing us so that we will grow up healthy in God, robust in love.

Gospel Reading* *Matthew 23: 1-12*

Sermon: "Saints of the Church: Who Me?" by Pastor Mark Johnson

Sacrament of Holy Communion *Hymnal 12*

Music During Communion: *Going Home*, Antonin Dvorak, arr. William Arms Fisher

Anthem: *In Paradise from "Requiem"*, Gabriel Faure'

The Community Responds

Hymn of Commitment*	<i>I Sing a Song of the Saints of God</i>	Hymnal 712
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The Community Goes Forth

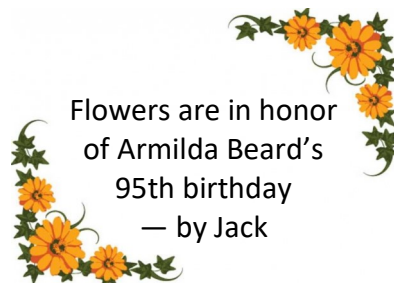
Sending Forth*

Postlude	<i>For All the Saints</i>	Doug Hollida
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SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

- Steve, Carolyn, Julia & Charlotte Schnur, Greeters
- Judy Hobbs, Liturgist
- Charlie Woodbury's Team, Ushers

*The Spire is illuminated this week
"in honor of Armilda Beard's 95th birthday" — by Jack
and "in loving memory of Tom Meinhardt" — by Judy*



Flowers are in honor
of Armilda Beard's
95th birthday
— by Jack

PATHWAYS Gingerbread House CANDY Donations

PATHWAYS is seeking DONATIONS of candy to help with our annual Gingerbread House Fund-raiser on December 2, 2017. We appreciate your support! Please be generous. We will have 100 children decorating Gingerbread Houses!!!

Some fun items to donate:

* M&Ms * Skittles * Twizzlers * mints * Dum
Dum lollipops * marshmallows * mini candy
canes * cereal * pretzel sticks * animal crackers
* Smarties * Necco Wafers * chocolate chips *
gummy bears * candy corn * Starburst * gum-
drops * all your uneaten Halloween
candy!



Bring all donations to the Sharing Bins
in the Narthex. See separate flier in
the lobby for more donation infor-
mation AND reservations. THANKS!

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

11/18 distribution at TUMC's Food Pantry

Consider donating baskets to help a neighbor in need!

Include **ONLY** the following items in each bag:

- 1 — 23-29 oz. can sweet potatoes/yams
- 2 — 15-24 oz. cans meat/main dish
(beef stew or chili)
- 1 — 20-30 oz. large can fruit
- 4 — 15 oz. cans vegetables
(green beans, peas, or corn)
- 1 — cranberry sauce
- 2 — pkgs. macaroni & cheese
- 1 — box instant mashed potatoes
- 1 — cake or brownie mix
- 1 — bag or box of stuffing mix
- 1 — lb. bag or box of rice

***NO CASH or GIFT CARDS IN BAGS**

Mark bags as **COMPLETE** or **INCOMPLETE** (and list
what is missing, please). See High Spire for more
details. **Last day to bring filled baskets to TUMC is
Tuesday, November 14. Thanks!**

A New Day of Blessings

Last week was Commitment Sunday for TUMC's 2018 Stewardship Campaign — an opportunity to invest a portion of what we've been given for the service of God in this church and community. Each one of us has continually been blessed through God's promise: "Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each day" (Lamentations, Chap 3, verse 23).

If you have not had a chance to present your commitment card, please do so during church service offering or mail it to the church business office. With God's help, we can embrace and enjoy each "new day" together. Thank you for your support.



Towson United Methodist Church's Weekly Calendar of Events

TODAY, SUNDAY, November 5, 2017

- 8:15a Chapel Communion Service — Chapel
- 8:45a Cribbery for infants —young 3's Room 122
Coffee Hour
- 9:00a Sunday School For All Ages
- Children & Youth:**
Preschool Class—Room 311
Elementary Class—Room 312
Middle School Class—Room 216
High School Class—Room 317
- Post High School Adults:**
Christians Under Construction—Room 111
Young Parents Class—Room 114
Tower Class—Room 214
Women's Class—Room 212
Adult Bible Study—Hoffman Room
Men's Class—Room 310
- 10:15a Worshipping God Together — Sanctuary
Pray and Play (ages 4-6), spend the entire worship service learning, singing (Joy Singers), and having fun — Rm 314
K.I.D.Z. (ages 7-11), begin in the worship service with their families; to be dismissed partway through the service for fun and learning — Room 310
- 4:00p Celebration Ringers—Music Room 321
5:00p Alleluia Singers—Music Room 321
6:00p Youth Group: Dinner Around the World —Meet in Fellowship Hall

MONDAY, November 6

- 7:00p Trustees Meeting— Hoffman Room

TUESDAY, November 7

- 6:00p Carol Choir— Music Room 321
6:00p Education Work Area—Parlor
6:45p Genesis Bells—Music Room 321
7:00p Boy Scout Ceremony Practice— Sanctuary
7:30p SPRC Meeting—Hoffman Room
7:30p NA support group—Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, November 8

- 6:30p Tower Chimes—Music Room 321
7:30p Chancel Choir—Music Room 321
8:00p Gamblers Anonymous—214

THURSDAY, November 9

- 10:30a New Mothers Support— Room 311-313
2:30p Balto Co Coalition for the Homeless —Room 214
7:30p Al-Anon & CoDA — 3rd floor
8:30p AA — Room 212-214-216

FRIDAY, November 10

- 8:30a BCASCO— Fellowship Hall
6:00p Boy Scouts—Fellowship Hall

NEXT SUNDAY, November 12, 2017

- 8:15a Chapel Communion Service — Chapel
8:45a Cribbery for infants —young 3's Room 122
Coffee Hour
- 9:00a Sunday School For All Ages
10:15a Worshipping God Together — Sanctuary
11:30a Holiday Bazaar & Potluck—Fellowship Hall
- 4:00p Celebration Ringers—Music Room 321
5:00p Alleluia Singers—Music Room 321
6:00p Youth Group: Dinner and Discussion — Meet in Room 317



HOLIDAY BRASS CONCERT featuring TUMC's Chancel Choir!
Tuesday, November 28th at 7:30 PM : Cathedral of Mary Our Queen
Join Us! Ticket info and details in the October High Spire.

SAY "CHEESE" TODAY! 11/5

Please come to the church office to have your picture taken for our NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY. Photo sessions start at 9am and then immediately after the 10:15 service and will continue through November. NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED!

Those who cannot attend during these times, just take a selfie and e-mail it to Kim Ayres at kayres@towsonumc.org. Thank you!



OCTOBER

COMMUNION MOMENT ON MISSION

Our Board of Global Ministries along with Church World Services' distributes BLANKETS for disaster relief. FLOODS, TORNADOES, HURRICANES, EARTHQUAKES, REFUGEES, HOMELESS SHELTERS ... whenever families are evacuated from their homes and UMCOR or CWS are present, blankets are too.



These blankets can transform into a cape, a pillow, a mattress, a suitcase, a tent, a stretcher to carry the sick, covers your head, and it keeps you warm when you sleep or need comfort. \$10

covers the cost of 1 blanket, either the 30% wool/70% synthetic grey or yellow thermal fleece, depending on the climate.

Make your checks payable to "Towson UMC" and note that its for "Blankets." Send to church by mail, or as an online donation, or place it in the offering plate. It's another tool for the unexpected! Thank you!

Sharing Bins: We've Moved!

The Sharing Bins are now located within the Narthex on the right as you enter the Sanctuary. Please bring your items to help those in need—and place them in the bins.. Thank you!

HOUSEHOLD BLESSINGS

Requested by those who come to our Food Pantry:

- walking cane (for 5'5" woman))
- waffle maker
- Rice cooker
- crockpots
- comforters/blankets (full/queen)
- sheets (all sizes)
- microwaves (under 40lbs)

EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY

Our Food Pantry will be open on Saturday, November 18 for distribution of Thanksgiving Baskets only to guests. Thanks!

WOMEN'S RETREAT 2018

Beat those winter blahs with an inspiring weekend away with your church friends!! Registration is now open for the Women's Retreat, which will take place February 23-25 at Skycroft Conference Center in Middletown, MD. Join us for fun, fellowship, and faith. Log into www.towsonumc.org to print the registration form; or check at the church's Welcome Desk for a hard copy. Register before December 15 to get the Early Bird savings. Spaces are limited, so don't delay!



Mark your calendars for **NEXT Sunday, 11/12**, our second annual combined flea market and bazaar. **Clean**

out the closets and attic for those no longer wanted items and/or **create** beautiful things using your remarkable talents! All donated "fleas" are so appreciated and can be placed in the office by Monday, November 6. To reserve a table for your bazaar items, contact Ginny Foster at 410-296-4780 or virginiafoster@comcast.net by November 8. BRING a dish to share with at least 4 people and shop while you eat and mingle with friends. Let's make this another wonderful event!

MORNINGS WITH PASTOR MARK & FRIENDS

Join Pastor Mark for coffee, tea and conversation at the following offsite locations. Everyone is welcome.



TUESDAYS in November
at Bob Evans Restaurant
1265 E Joppa Rd : Towson, MD

All gatherings are from 9:30-11:00 AM.

DUE DATES: Next High Spire content deadline:

November 14 for a combined Jan/Feb 2018 issue. Bulletin deadlines are Tuesdays at

Easy Shoe(boxes) to Fill and Send



November 12 is the last official delivery date for Operation Christmas Child. Bring your filled shoeboxes to church! Any questions, contact John & Nancy Ross at 410.561.8496.

Auxiliary Dues: BOARD OF CHILD CARE

As you may already know, the Board of Child Care Auxiliary Dues support the special projects, camping trips, cultural tours, music programs, educational programs, etc., for our BOYS and GIRLS who live at our Methodist Home, located at 3300 Gaither Road, Baltimore. See their website for more information: www.boardofchildcare.org.

Dues are \$2.00 per person (\$4 per couple). Envelopes for your use may be found in the pew racks. You may put your check and envelope in the offering plate during the church service or in Please contact Val Wehrle BEFORE bringing your household donations to church: 410-812-3932. the slot of the church office door. **Make checks payable to "BCC Aux."** We are collecting during the month of October. Thank you for your kindness and generosity. Contact Katherine Rigney, 410-665-1141 with any questions.

JOIN US!!! PATHWAYS Gingerbread House FUNDRAISER

You are invited to attend PATHWAYS' annual fundraiser to support youth programming (tutoring, encouragement and mentoring) on December 2, 2017. from 1-3pm in Fellowship Hall.

\$40 per child/house ...ages 5+ with an adult : * \$30 is considered a donation for tax purposes!

Build on site or order a kit to take home. Reservations and money due by November 25, 2017, check payable to TUMC (Pathways Workshop on memo line). Questions: Maria Springer 410.561.1157.

PICK UP a RESERVATION/DONATION form in the church lobby!!!!

Today's Service...

✝ **Individual Hearing Devices** are available to help you hear the service. Ask an usher to borrow one.

✝ **Childcare in the Cribbery:** infants to age 3

Wonderful paid caregivers lovingly serve in the Cribbery (Nursery) every Sunday. All workers are safe sanctuary approved individuals (including current background checks). Registration forms are required for child participation.

✝ **Children's Activity Packets** (in colored tote bags) are available in the Narthex and the Balcony. Feel free to borrow one or two during the service.

✝ **DVDs and CDs of the service** are available for a donation of \$2.00 each. Contact Rachel at 410-823-3698 or yandya@towsonumc.org.

✝ Pray with us. Go to: <http://towsonprays.blogspot.com> to read prayers written by church members. Want to write a prayer for the blog once a month? Contact Rev. Margery Schammel at mschammel@towsonumc.org or 410-823-2485.



SUPPORT

OUR CHURCH



Here's how you can support Towson United Methodist Church.

- ◆ Place your check or cash in the offering plate during worship. Be sure to include your first and last name on an envelope with all cash donations!
- ◆ Choose TUMC for direct deposit from your bank account.
- ◆ Visit our website and select 'Donate Online' to schedule credit or EFT contributions. www.towsonumc.org
- ◆ Plants & Cut Flowers on the Altar and Illuminating the Spire for the week may be given in honor /memory of a loved one. \$30 donation for either a cut flower arrangement OR to light the Spire. See the donation board and use envelopes in the lobby next to the main office door.
- ◆ Scan the QR code (to the left of this note) to donate funds.
- ◆ Purchase a niche in our Columbarium
- ◆ Remember us in your will.

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*



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Business Hours: Mon-Thurs 10:00 AM-3:00 PM

Sunday Worship Services: 8:15 AM & 10:15 AM

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OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. LaTrelle Miller Easterling—*Resident Bishop*

Rev. Dr. Wanda Duckett—*District Superintendent,
Baltimore Metropolitan District*

Bob Kimmons & Stephanie Kimmons—
TUMC's Church Lay Leaders

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Bob Ashby— *Custodian*

HAMPTON LANE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Erin Rigley— *Center Director*
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8:15 AM

Traditional Service in Chapel

Communion every Sunday with piano or organ accompaniment.

8:45-10 AM

Coffee Hour in the Parlor

9-10 AM

Educational Classes & Programs

10:15 AM

Worship Service in Sanctuary

Communion on the first Sunday of each month open to all — with a richly varied service that blends vocal and handbell choirs, praise band, traditional and contemporary song, old-fashioned hymns, and glorious 3,000-pipe organ music.

Yes! Gluten-free bread is available.

Hampton Lane

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER
of Towson United Methodist Church

Licensed childcare and pre-school
ages 2 through pre-kindergarten



410.825.0008 www.hamptonlanecdc.org