

OCTOBER

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Towson United Methodist Church

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Thank You!

Dear Friends,

Thank you for the flowers, cards,
and prayers.

I broke my hip and going through
therapy.

Please keep me in your prayers.

Sincerely,

Betty Ledford



31 PIES! AND SECOND FRUITS

In remembering September 11 (2001) and celebrating the kick off of the regular Fall schedule—31 fabulous pies were donated for a *PIE SOCIAL* in Fellowship Hall (pictured right). *Thank you* to all those who donated a pie! Sampling the variety of pies created the perfect environment for bringing the church family together.

Cherry, Apple, Peach and all the other fruit pies are an excellent way to prepare us for the ***Growing Forward Capital Campaign Second Fruits Sunday on October 2nd***. You will soon be receiving a letter on how you can make Second Fruits Sunday a success. *Thanks again from the Bridge Team.*



In mid-July of this summer, our team of volunteers from Towson Church worked at a home in the Catonsville area with Baltimore County Christian Workcamp. During that week, the home owner asked us if we could install a sidewalk from her front porch to the street. You see her son, who is 26 years old, is severely disabled. Fast Horse, her son, goes to Chimes school and is picked up and returned home by bus. It has been getting tough to get Fast to the street, across the grass, when it rains and snows. Well our team wasn't skilled in this area. I wrote a letter to Schuster Concrete and asked if their construction department could put in a sidewalk for this family as a gift.

A team of 4 was sent from the company (or was that heaven) on Friday, Sept. 16. The sidewalk is 36' long and 4' wide. The work crew was able to meet the family, mom Sheila, sister Brandie, and Fast Horse. Their work was like a piece of art; you could see it on their faces how proud they were (pictured right and below). *Thank you Daniel Schuster Concrete for "making this happen."* I heard from Sheila that when Fast went to Chimes Monday morning at 7:30 (it was raining) he was thrilled to have the sidewalk! — *Cathy Anderson*



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and their responsibilities:

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Pastor's Letter

“God Gives Enough of Everything, Always”

God has the power to provide you with more than enough of every kind of grace. That way, you will have everything you need always and in everything to provide more than enough for every kind of good work. 2 Corinthians 9: 8



Rod Miller

This verse in the Bible is entirely constructed of superlatives — one after another. Take a look: “power to provide,” “more than enough,” “every kind of grace,” “have everything,” “always in everything,” “more than enough.”

What is Paul saying to the people of Corinth and to us here? Simply that we have everything we need in order to do the good that is in front of us. We have it all. We are not missing anything — any gift, any talent, any skill, any resource, any strength, any ability, any power, any anything!

All of these superlatives strung together are meant to convey the sufficiency of God which is transferred to us through Jesus Christ. Any question or doubt that may be in our minds that we are missing something crucial that we must have to carry out the good that is in front of us is answered once and for all. “Always in everything enough” says that, we aren’t missing anything that we need. Paul is not saying that we are perfect or somehow better than others. He is saying that we lack nothing because God is not holding any gift back from us.

So, there is no reason to complain, fret, or hold back because we aren’t like someone else, or we can’t do what some other church or organization does. We are simply to stop and look honestly at ourselves and we will see that everything we need has already been given to us.

I encourage you to keep this one verse in mind as you consider your response to our **“Second Fruits Offering”** for “Growing Forward” which will be taken on Sunday, October 2 and when making your commitment to the church for 2017 on Commitment Sunday, October 23. These opportunities focus on the financial part of putting our faith into action, but they are not meant to end there. Finances serve as tools needed to bring about the good that God has for us to do. God is calling our church to do great things — which only we can do. God is giving us all we need. Now is the time for us to take hold and **do it**.

In Christ,

Rod

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 young 3s Sunday mornings 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 Sunday Mornings:

Preschool (age 3 to not yet in kindergarten) in Room 115

Kindergarten – 2nd Grade in Room 311

3rd Grade – 5th Grade in Room 312

Third graders will receive their Bibles on **October 9th** during the 10:15 Worship Service. In the following 4 weeks, they will meet separately to learn all about their new Bibles. This class will be held 9-10a in Room 314.



Towson Youth see p. 6 for youth classes.



POST HIGH SCHOOL ADULT CLASSES

9:00 SUNDAY MORNINGS

Adult classes vary in content and context. We know you will find one that works for you!

ADULT BIBLE STUDY — HOFFMAN ROOM 218

This class consists of men and women of diverse ages. The class chooses books of the Bible or books grounded in scripture. Ruth Steer leads this class. She may be contacted at 410-825-7407.

CHRISTIANS UNDER CONSTRUCTION — ROOM 111

Class is geared toward 22-to-40 year olds. They enjoy discussing Bible truths and applying lessons to daily living. They tackle issues they feel are important to their spiritual journey. Class contact is Leslie Wagner, who may be reached at L2Wagner@verizon.net.

DISCIPLE ONE BIBLE STUDY — CHAPEL

This is a modified version of Disciple 1 Bible Study offering during our Sunday School hour. The course runs for 34-weeks. We learn from each other, so attendance and participation is vital. Contact Earl Smith, j_earl_smith@verizon.net.

MEN'S CLASS — ROOM 310

Men of all ages discuss a wide range of topics selected by the class. Fellowship and service outside of class time present additional ways in which our participants grow in faith.

Class contact is Dave Turlington, who may be reached at 410-667-1491 or dturlington@verizon.net.

SHORT-TERM CLASS — ROOM 119

"**Living the Beatitudes**," is a 6-week class that enables participants to examine the Beatitudes as a way of blessing others as well as the assurance that we are blessed in the process. 9:15-10:00a each Sunday, that began Sept. 11th.

College age adults are encouraged to attend.

For more information contact Verna Lewis at vernlew8pic@gmail.com or phone 410-821-0531.

TOWER CLASS — ROOM 214

Using *The Wired Word* as a primary resource, this class considers the latest headlines in a scriptural context. All discussions are self-contained, so feel free to drop in (and out) any time. Although we seldom agree amongst ourselves, all points of view are welcomed and respected.

College age adults are encouraged to attend.

Class contact is Kevin Gralley, 410-527-1867 or kevin.gralley@gmail.com.

WOMEN'S CLASS — ROOM 212

HALF-TRUTHS by Adam Hamilton, *God Helps Those Who Help Themselves and Other Things the Bible Doesn't Say*

Please join the Women's Sunday school class for this 5-week DVD-based study breaking down some common sayings and what they really mean. Class is open to all women of the church, members and visitors alike. Class began September 11. Great class for college age women!

If you have any questions, please reach out to Trish Turlington—dturlington@verizon.net, Alicia Corson—apcorson@gmail.com, or Robin Smith—robin_smith@verizon.net.

YOUNG PARENT'S CLASS — ROOM 114

A group that meets to discuss, and help each other with, the trials and tribulations of raising infants, toddlers, and young children in a Christian way. This is a drop-in (and out) style class. Classmates create a great support group. Contact is Lissa O'Donnell, LKo1783@gmail.com.

DURING THE 10:15 WORSHIP SERVICE:

Pray and Play (children ages 4-6), will spend the entire worship service having fun, learning, and singing with the Joy Singers and Ms. Jamie in Room 114.

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.

Music Notes



Rev. Doug Hollida
Minister of Music

What does music do for the Church?

Fall is always an exciting time—the start-up of school, sports, youth group, Sunday school, and of course, choirs. Most people have no real idea of the work that goes into the preparation for the Sunday worship service. We have about 70 people who fill about 90 slots (many are in 2 or even 3 choirs). In terms of “man-hours” they put in about 80 hours a week. It’s a lot of effort. This past month as I and others have been in a flurry of activity to get things started, I have pondered the role of choirs and what music does for the church.

Let’s start by defining “church.” We have a church “building” but the building is not the church. The church is the community of people connected with us. So there is the church in terms of the community of people. Then we also use the word “church” in terms of the worship service. When we ask someone, “Are you going to church this week?” we are not asking if they are going to enter the building on a Thursday. We are asking if they are going to the Sunday morning worship time.

So let’s start there: What does music do for the worship service? Music adds feeling to thought and passion to words. In music, we connect with the spiritual part of ourselves on a deeper level. This is where God lives in us. Music helps us to feel the presence of Jesus and be renewed by the Holy Spirit.

And what does music do for the community of people? In terms of choir in particular, it gives us a place to belong, a place to make connections and memories. For our young people specifically, they will always remember the part they played in the musical, the funny thing that happened on the lock-in, and the time they got to do something special during worship. And those connections and memories will help keep them tied to church as they grow up. Then there is the spiritual growth that comes from singing and playing music about God for an hour or more every week, month after month.

And for the whole congregation—now I’m talking about BOTH the community AND the worship service—singing together connects us as one. We are inspired as we hear the voices singing the hymn rise up into one

voice during worship. Hearing each other affirms us in the faith, in our connection to the community, and in our connection to God.

It’s a connection I look forward to each Sunday.

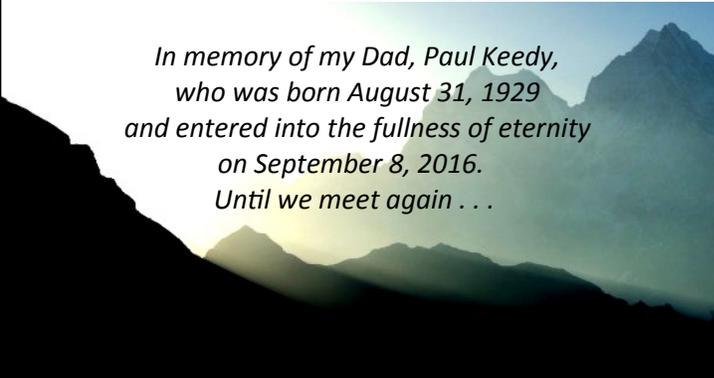
Peace and blessings,
Rev. Doug Hollida
Minister of Music

PRELUDE TO ETERNITY

by Joyce Keedy

Here is but a glimpse of glory,
Here the shadows dim the light,
Here life’s fabric blends together
Darker colors with the bright.
Yet this earth is not my homeland,
Better things my heart desires,
For my soul was made for Heaven,
And to celestial joy aspires.
Here the heavens declare God’s glory,
Resplendent in their bright array,
Here His handiwork surrounds us,
By the firmament displayed.
Yet though this earthly path I follow,
Leads through sunshine clear and bright,
All its vibrant singing colors
Turn to darker shades of night.
When the Lord, who reigns eternal,
Bids us join Him in the skies,
And my spirit, clothed immortal,
To its home in Heaven flies,
Robed in garments bright and shining,
From the mountaintop I’ll see,
My earthly life was but a shadow;
My prelude to eternity.

© May 28, 1987, from her book Prelude to Eternity



*In memory of my Dad, Paul Keedy,
who was born August 31, 1929
and entered into the fullness of eternity
on September 8, 2016.
Until we meet again . . .*

TOWSON YOUTH

Sunday Morning Classes at 9:00am

Middle School: Room 216

High School: Room 317

Confirmation: for youth in 8th grade and older in Fellowship Hall

UMYF (Youth Group) Calendar

Sept. 30th — CORN MAZE and wild hay ride at *Beachmont*.

Contact Sally Savidge for details:

sbsavidge@gmail.com.

Oct. 9 — 6-7:30PM, Fellowship Hall

Oct. 16 — 6-7:30PM, Fellowship Hall

Oct. 23 — 11:30AM - 1PM, Stand Up for Cancer Mission, Fellowship Hall

Oct. 30 — 3-4:30PM, help with Trunk and Treat then, **MONSTER MASH DANCE** at 6:00

Youth Special Events----

MONSTER MASH DANCE: October 30th, 6:00 - 8:00 PM.

Come in costume to dance, eat, and play games. Costume guidelines: Please wear decent, appropriate, non-violent costumes. It's always FUN to see homemade, thought-provoking costumes, rather than gory, rude, and crude ones. NO weapons allowed.

FLASHLIGHT Mission Nov. 5 & 6: Event to raise funds to help the homeless. Sleepover at MD State Fairgrounds. Check it out at flashlightbaltimore.org. **We need your commitment to help raise funds and join the fun.** Contact Margery or Sally Savidge to sign up.

ROCK: Feb. 3-5, 2017: If you have not signed up and sent your \$50.00 deposit to Margery, do that ASAP!! The deadline was Oct. 1st. Youth in 7th grade and older may attend this mega- event in Ocean City, MD.

CLAUDETTE: Our adorable girl in Rwanda has turned 4 years old! We support her as we also encourage and support her family. Please pray for Claudette that she may be healthy and strong. May her family be able to provide food and shelter, and all the care she needs. May they know the love of God more every day.



Check us out on Facebook.
Questions? Contact Margery at mschammel@towsonumc.org or 410-823-2485.



BOARD OF CHILD CARE
of The United Methodist Church, Inc.



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 the slot of the church office door. Checks need to be made payable to "BCC Aux." We are collecting during the month of October.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity. Keyperson for Towson Church is Katherine Rigney, 410-665-1141, volunteer for 54 years.



Your Stewardship Ministry Team has been working hard over the summer. The campaign is ready—you will be receiving two mailings in early and mid October.

Commitment Sunday is October 23rd.

The Scriptural basis for this campaign is the Parable of the Talents, found in Matthew 25: 14-30, which we encourage all to read. The parable is about a master who was going away and put his servants in charge as stewards of part of his property. The money given them to manage represents all of our God-given resources, not to be hidden or buried. God expects each of us to use these gifts in his service, to the end that we might even humbly approach being "good and faithful servants."

We ask that you prayerfully consider how you can commit your lives and resources for God's work in this church and the world.

More information on supporting the church through our faithful commitments will be available shortly. With God's help, we can use the talents each of us has been given.

Thank you, faithful servants, for your support of TUMC's ministries.

Stewardship Ministry Team

Getting to know each other under the Spire

Servants in Service

Mark your calendars!!

As part of our Thanksgiving season we will be GIVING THANKS for ALL heroes of our church community!

Everyone will RECOGNIZE, CELEBRATE, APPRECIATE and be given a chance to THANK each individual who has helped you or touched your heart in some way.

"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart" —Elizabeth Andrew

November 20, 2016

10:15 service

and

11:15 in fellowship hall

(You'll be home in time for the football game!)

Come, Meet Our Living Lord: An Introit

Come, meet our living Lord, joining in one accord!

With prayer and song, Let joyous praise begin,

Open your life to Him, He greets us once again.

Come, we belong!

Words by the Rev. R. Frederick Crider

Suggested Tune: "Italian Hymn," UMH #61,

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

The Rev. Fred Crider, a retired BWC pastor, and member of Towson UMC, announces a new website for his hymns. The site is a work in progress, thanks to his son, and provides access to nearly all of the hymn texts he has written. With the exception of those that are copyrighted by others, there is no fee for using them. View the site at www.fredshymns.com.



It's time to spruce up God's House **Saturday, November 5th, 8:00-11:30.** Bring a stepladder and bucket and meet at 8 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

for coffee and donut/bagel/GF treat, choose your chores, then off you go until 11:30.

We will supply cleaning fluids, rags, etc.

Bring the entire family;

day care will be provided!!

We have a lot to do so come one, come ALL. Ginny Foster (virginiafoster@comcast.net)

Trunk or Treat



Please join us on

Sunday, October 30 from 3:00 to 5:00p

as we hold TRUNK or TREAT in the church parking lot.

Decorate your trunk (see ideas in pictures, left)

and come ready to be visited by children from our congregation and the community.

The event is open to all. **Invite your friends!**

There will be additional crafts and activities for children.

Please let us know if you will be attending and decorating your vehicle.

Contact Carolyn Schnur at

Carolyn.schnur@comcast.net or 410-510-7433

In case of rain, the Trunk or Treat will be held inside the church.



A View from My Pew

By: Susan Davis Bengel

Someone once told me that how we feel about something is not right or wrong, it's how we feel. I have also heard it said, the way things are done or handled by others when different from how we would handle, is not right or wrong, it's just different. There are times when we have to agree to disagree. That is not always a bad thing and if there is enough love and respect with those you are not in agreement with, then that in itself should be cause for a truce.

There may be many situations where we find ourselves feeling the need to prove a point or win an argument. At times it becomes of such importance that our point gets heard, that we fail to hear the point or concerns of the other we are trying so hard to win over. We miss important key pieces of information when we tunnel our own agenda and fail to listen to what another view may be. In the past I have been guilty on more than one occasion of feeling my point was so right, that I missed out on another's ideas or beliefs. It was not until later that I would realize their points were as valid as my own.

Recently, I read a blog from a guy who ministers in a church in Raleigh, NC. He wrote a piece entitled On the Day I Die. It was very humbling to read his words that were so applicable to all of us. He talked about the appointments we had set that would go unattended and the worries that had consumed our life keeping us from actually living. The arguments that we believed we had won here not serving or bringing any satisfaction or solace on the day we die. It made me realize that the older I get, the more I want to let go of the things that hold me back or keep me from living instead of existing. The stuff and the need to have my point be heard. Their importance has taken a back seat to other events in my life.

Author and friend Kim Crabill who leads a woman's bible group I am part of has started her Fall session talking about our dash. The dash that appears on tomb stones indicating the date of birth through the date of death. She goes on to say that dash is never a straight line in our lives. I can say my dash thus far in my life would resemble more of someone ceasing or going into cardiac arrest. As my life has been up and down and not at all as I had planned it to be. But as we know, our plan is not always God's plan. Another topic for another time.

The bigger message is what that dash will represent for each of us. How many lives did that dash touch? How many times did that dash fall and fail yet get up again and continue on? What occurs in that dash is what we want to be remembered by. For if that dash is nothing more than a solid line, so much our life was wasted. We want that dash to be more of a gyroscope of lines intertwining with others and making a difference in this life.

So how important is it to truly win an argument? How important is it to be right all the time? What if on some off chance someone else has something as important or a better way or view? Maybe, just maybe, our ideas and beliefs may take on new meaning. How someone else feels may not such an opposite possibility as we once thought because we actually gave them a listen, a chance to express. We need to be open to other ways, other ideas.

I am a color within the lines sort of person. I have a hard time stepping outside of the boundaries. Yet I have so many friends that are total opposite. I watch as they live and don't take life so seriously. They inspire me to relax and live for today and remember that life is too short to take on the weight of the world daily. They remind me to breathe and know that if today was the day I die, that I would have done so living. So give yourself permission to color outside the lines. It's okay to let go, to step back. It's okay to not always have to be right or get the last word in. It doesn't have to be right or wrong it can just be different.

Dear God, remind us that through Your love and grace we are forgiven. That through You our chains and weights of this world are removed. That we can be free to live and through our acceptance of others' ideas and opinions, we grow. Open our hearts to change, open our minds to new idea and possibilities. May we truly live and not just exist, for on the day we die, we will want to be the best we could have been.

Amen

Missions & Outreach

COMMUNION/MISSION OFFERING



**Sunday, October 2
and throughout October
BLANKETS**

Our United Methodist Church's Board of Global Ministries partners with Church World Services' distribution of 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. What can you do with a blanket? They transform into a cape, a pillow, a mattress, a suitcase, a tent, a stretcher to carry the sick, covers your head, and, oh yeah, 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!

OUR EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY

... will be open to the public on **Saturday, October 22**
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. The list of items needed are in the Sunday bulletins in order to keep current. If you would like to volunteer to help once a month, contact Dwight Kines at 410-828-0792.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

Every shoebox you pack represents an opportunity to share the Gospel. God is working to transform lives through the Samaritan's Purse — children receive small gifts in shoeboxes through the Operation Christmas Child program.

DISRIBUTION OF EMPTY SHOEBOXES:

October 30 & November 6 (or sooner, if you want)

COLLECTION OF FILLED BOXES:

November 6 & November 13 (last day)

Empty shoeboxes contains: Rubber band, How to Pack a Shoebox envelope, & list of gift possibilities. Additional gift ideas may be found at www.samaritans-purse.org.

NOTE: If you want to pickup or return boxes prior to November 13—contact Cathy Anderson 410-823-3689. Any questions, contact John & Nancy Ross 410-561-8496.



**BEGIN
BRINGING IN
YOUR
THANKSGIVING
BASKETS
SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 30
(last day is
Nov. 15)**

2016 ACTC

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Please include ONLY the following items in each bag:

- 1 can sweet potatoes/yams (23-29oz can)
- 2 cans meat/main dish (example: beef stew or chili, 15-24oz cans)
- 1 large can fruit (20-30oz can)
- 4 cans vegetables (example: green beans, peas, or corn, 15oz cans)
- 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

***PLEASE DO NOT PUT MONEY
OR GIFT CARDS IN BAGS.**

TIPS FOR PACKING:

Pack large cans on bottom & lighter items on top. If possible use a Reusable Grocery Bag /OR a double brown grocery bag inserted in double plastic bag. Mark bags as **COMPLETE** or **INCOMPLETE** (and list what is missing, please).

—OR—

You will have the opportunity to purchase pre-packed Thanksgiving Baskets from several supermarkets in the area for a reasonable price. Detailed information for this option will be coming to you soon! Watch our Sunday Bulletin or go online (www.towsonumc.org). Aldi's, Save-a-Lot, and Dollar Stores are offering great prices on items.

Monetary contributions will be used to fill additional baskets or to help with the cost of Supermarket gift cards that are given to our clients for the purchase of their turkey. PLEASE DO NOT PUT ANY MONEY IN THE BAGS. All contributions need to be submitted to our church office, made payable to "Towson UMC" and note that it's for "ACTC Thanksgiving." Kim will send one check to ACTC from our church. And she will note your donation on your next contribution statement.

Contributions of Thanksgiving Baskets from our congregation are given to those who come to our Emergency Food Pantry and to those in Baltimore County served by ACTC.



Two pictures above taken during the 10:15 Worship Service September 4



Two pictures above taken during the 10:15 Worship Services September 11 (top) & September 18 (lower)

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP AT TOWSON

8:15 AM Traditional Service in the Chapel. This service has communion every Sunday and usually piano or organ accompaniment.

10:15 AM *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. Communion is offered on the first Sunday of the month, and is open to all.

We have gluten-free bread, too, just ask the server.

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
November 2016 issue

is due Tuesday, Oct. 11, 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!

See the chart outside the main office door — OR — call the church office at 410-823-6511 to order Flowers to be placed on the Altar and to Light the Spire in honor or in memory of a loved one.

Orders need to be placed by Noon Tuesday BEFORE the Sunday.

✠ **FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** may be given in honor of or in memory of loved ones. **You have a choice when donating flowers for the altar:**



you may order arranged cut flowers that you take home after the 10:15 service on Sunday for **\$30.00**, OR — you may consider ordering from *Paul's Flowers*, which could be a lasting shrub or perennial flowers to be planted here at church for **\$55.00**. *Paul's Flowers* may be ordered April—Nov., and need a 2-week notice.

✠ If you would like a **rosebud** on the altar announcing the birth of your child or grandchild, please contact the church office at 410-823-6511.

✠ Donate to **LIGHT THE SPIRE IN THE EVENING** FOR THE WEEK in honor of or in memory of a loved ones. **Cost is \$30.00**. Fill out an envelope with the details of your gift and place in the mail slot in the church office door. Envelopes are with the Flower Chart on the wall outside the church office (or call the church office).



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 or Alternative Christmas Gifts), click on OTHER, make sure you fill in the memo line.

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

THANKS!

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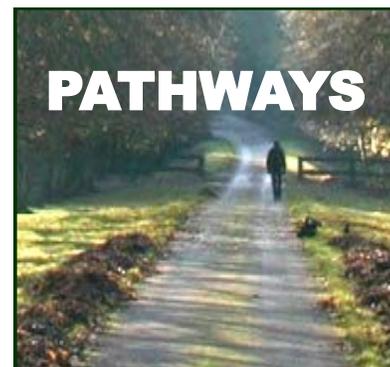
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Business hours are Monday through Thursday 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

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



Mary Wynne Eisenberg
and
Sharon Penhallegon
have been working to be sure
all is ready to welcome
PATHWAYS students
back to our tutoring program,
which starts up
Monday, October 10.
Please keep the students,
tutors, administrators, and
board members in prayer.

TOWSON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MINISTRY TEAM



Rev. LaTrelle Easterling, Resident Bishop
Rev. Edwin DeLong, Interim Superintendent,
Baltimore Metropolitan District
Carole Dean, TUMC’s Church Lay Leader
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Rev. Margery Schammel, Assistant Pastor
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HAMPTON LANE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER
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Maria Springer is heading up
the planning for the
**Gingerbread House
decorating fundraiser.**
SAVE THE DATE of
DECEMBER 3rd....
TELL YOUR
FRIENDS...WATCH FOR
DETAILS
to support this amazing
mission program of our church!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS — Women's Retreat 2017
Join us for the 2017 Women's Retreat to be held on **April 21-23**
at the Bishop Claggett Center in Adamstown, MD.
Website for the Center is www.claggettcenter.org. Take a look — we think you’ll love it!