

Summer High Spire

SUMMER SUNDAY MORNINGS

- 8:15** *Chapel Communion Service*
- 10:00** **Childcare** (until the end of the 10:15 service)
- 10:15** *Worshipping God Together Service* in the Sanctuary

Summer Sunday School — children age 3-7 begin in the 10:15 service and will be dismissed after **Children's Time to class.**

The **MISSION** of Towson United Methodist Church is to **PLANT SEEDS** of Christian faith by equipping, training, supporting, & *freeing* people to LIVE their *faith* in the world.

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Thank you!

Dear Members of the Wednesday Morning Prayer & Bible Study,

I want to say thank you to all of you for the wonderful gifts you gave to me during our last meeting for the season. The flowers are beautiful, and have a very special place on our front porch. We often like to sit on the porch in nice weather, so now we will have such pretty flowers to enjoy. I also thank you for the Bob Evans gift card — much appreciated by not only me, but also Mom and Dad. Thank you also for being a part of our Wednesday morning group. I look forward to leading the group again next year. Watch your bulletin and the High Spire for more information.

Again, thank you.

Sincerely, *Joyce Keedy*

We would like to thank the congregation for all their prayers, and welcome our new PATHWAYS Administrative Director, Mary Wynne Eisenberg and new Program Director, Ashley Hearn. They will be begin to assume their duties this Summer in preparation for the upcoming 2015/2016 school year. A special final thanks to Stephanie Kimmons for her many years of dedication, devotion, and wonderful leadership! —*PATHWAYS leadership selection committee*



"THANK YOU" for the beautiful celebration on Sunday, June 14. The kind words, generous gifts, and the many notes of appreciation, friendship, and love bring tears to my eyes. You are each very special to me. I look forward to working as a volunteer and worshipping together with you.
—*Jeannine Neuen*

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and their responsibilities:

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Pastor's Letter

Summer News

I trust everyone is enjoying this first taste of summer. I can hardly believe how we longed for warm weather just a few short weeks ago! Here is some information to consider as we begin our summer schedule at church.

+ On **Sunday, June 28**, we will hold a **Church Town Hall Meeting & Lunch**

immediately following the 10:15 worship service in Fellowship Hall. Brief reports from our congregation's committees and teams will be shared. Following the reports, there will be time for your questions and comments. **Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend**; we expect the meeting to last one hour.

+ We are in the process of supporting and expanding our church **visitation and contact ministry** with our homebound members. Our intention is to build on the caring ministry already in place and to provide opportunities to express care and prayer. Many thanks to Robin Smith for organizing this ministry for us. Please be in touch with Robin if you are interested in serving in some capacity or would like more information (Contact Robin at 410-377-6386).

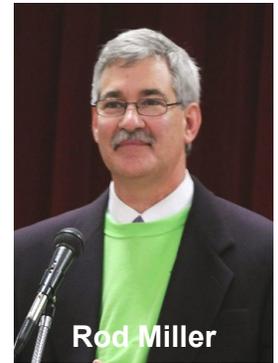
+ Our **8:15am Sunday Chapel Service** will continue through the summer. This service always includes Holy Communion and has been described as warm and inviting. The service is designed to be 45 minutes long. So consider attending the chapel service sometime this summer, especially if your plans call for you to be busy later on Sunday morning.

+ **Worship Themes for Sundays** at 8:15 and 10:15 will continue on the life and lessons of King David through July. In August, we will hold a series on the "Greats" – The Great Commandment, the Great I AM, the Great Commission, Great is Thy Faithfulness, and the Greatest of These. Come, be inspired and immerse yourself in the "Greats."

+ Summer is also the time for **mission opportunities**. As I write this article, our VIM team is at West River Camp helping to rehab one of the older cabins on site. The last week of June and first week of July are the times for the Baltimore Summer camp and volunteers are needed to help out. See p. 12 for details on how you can volunteer for this great opportunity. Later this summer, a team of youth and adults will be serving at the Baltimore County Christian Workcamp (see pages 5 & 6 to learn more). We give thanks for the adults and youth who are taking time out of their summer to share their faith through acts of service.

And summer is a time to relax, read a book you have been wanting to read, spend time with family and friends, and enjoy the marvelous gifts of God's creation all around us. So enjoy! And go with God!

Rod



Rod Miller

“When you sing, you pray twice.”

Hello anyone who
likes to sing!

Have you ever
thought of joining the
Chancel Choir or the
Joyful Noise? As a
member of both, I'd like
you to consider joining us
this fall. Praising God
through music is a great
way to express your faith
in Jesus Christ, and to
support the church which
you love.

In addition, you will
become part of a new
circle of friends and enjoy
their company at
rehearsals, leading
Sunday morning worship,
and periodic special
services, not to mention
cool parties.

Perhaps you think you
have to read music, and
have a lot of previous
musical experience. Not
so. Our excellent music
director Doug Hollida is
quite experienced and
skilled at helping
Christians who enjoy
singing to find the right
notes. In addition,
average singers like
myself know that the
strong, leading voices
found in each section, will
help us stay on pitch.

So, over the summer,
let me encourage you to
consider joining us, come
September, to delight in
praising God with heart
and voice...praying twice.

You'll love it!

—Fred Crider



Silence

Written by TUMC's High School Sunday School Class

Silence. Recently our TUMC High School Sunday School class discussed a Rob Bell lesson on Silence. We wanted to share this impactful lesson with the entire TUMC congregation. In our 24/7 plugged in world of constant audio and visual noise, how often do we enjoy silence and take the time with that silence to listen, especially to listen for God? Have **you** only been listening for God in the wind, earthquakes, and fires of your life? **He** is waiting to speak to you in the silence.

Please take a minute to read and reflect on the following thought provoking questions:

- Why is silence so hard to deal with?
- Do you have a radio or TV on all day? Is it on at work, in the car, at home? Are you walking around with ear buds?
- Do you feel that God is distant?
- Do you wish God's voice would be louder in your life?
- Do you remember the last time you were by yourself, silent?
- Is there a connection between the amount of noise in our lives and our inability to hear God?

Try this: Make yourself comfortable and then begin breathing slowly as you read these verses:

- "Then Moses and the priests, who are Levites, said to all Israel, 'Be silent, Oh Israel, and listen.'" Deuteronomy 27:9
- "Search your hearts and be silent." Psalms 4:4
- "But the Lord is in His holy temple: Let all the earth be silent before him." Habakkuk 2:20

So we ask:

- Why is talking so much easier than listening?
- Have you spent the same amount of time listening to what God may say as you have worrying?
- When was the last time you were in a solitary place?
- What makes silence so difficult when it's easy to surround yourself with noise?
- Do you really believe that the voices around you are more interesting than God's voice?
- Does your schedule, your time, your life look like that of a person who wants to hear God's voice?
- Have you only been searching for God in the winds, earthquakes, and fires of your life?

Maybe the healing and guidance we desperately need is not going to come from one more meeting, therapy session, sermon, or self-help book, but from simply listening for the voice of God. Is God waiting to speak to you in the silence?

Note: Much of this content has been taken from the Rob Bell video titled "Noise."

TOWSON YOUTH



Baltimore County Christian Workcamp
EVERYONE, of all ages, is invited to participate in

the BCCWC this year, July 20-24th. The kickoff dinner is Sunday, July 19th. You may help out all week, or only a part of the week. We are provided breakfast and ingredients to pack our lunches every day. We go home to “freshen up” and are then invited to a local church for a delicious dinner each evening, and sleep in our own beds each night. Youth and/or parents who are interested in helping at this vital mission to our local community should



contact Ms. Cathy
to get on TEAM TOWSON
410-823-3689

communications@towsonumc.org



A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who gave for the youth missions fund throughout the month of June. Thank you to Connor Engel for sharing your 2014 experiences in the Moment on Mission Sunday, June 7th (pictures by Matt Milford) and to all the youth who help those in need every day!!

Vacation Bible Camp — all youth 6-12th grade are encouraged to be camp counselors (travelers) for the children during VBC. Don't forget to register online as a volunteer and enter your t-shirt size.

Go to the church website (www.towsonumc.org) and click on Checkers, the Cheetah to register online.

UMYF (youth group) will begin meeting regularly again on September 13th. If you would like to be a part of setting the direction of our youth ministry, please join the Youth Council. We will meet during VBC (keep posted for specifics) and on Sunday, August 16th following worship. **Youth are especially needed to join the Youth Council!! (yes, you!)**

Missions & Outreach

JULY COMMUNION / MISSION OFFERING FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Our Local Backpack Food Program

We are collecting Sunday, July 5
AND — throughout the month of July

Food For Thought, the backpack program formally known PAC – Promoting Action for Children, needs your help! Last year TUMC helped provide nutritious snacks for 6 underprivileged children from 2 neighboring schools. Bags were packed and delivered each Friday throughout the school year so that the children could have nutritious food over the weekend.

This past school year, working closely with ACTC, 45 students from 6 Baltimore County schools were provided backpacks of food each weekend. The families in need have been identified by Baltimore County Public Schools administrators. Some of these families have been homeless and all are considered “food insecure.”

The cost to fill each bag is approximately \$8-10.

Please consider donating food items or making a monetary donation to help support this worthy project for the 2015-2016 school year.

If you are able to volunteer your time by shopping, packing, or delivering bags to the schools, please contact Annie Biser at 410-499-0003.

Food you are encourage to donate is listed below. There is a bin in the lobby Sharing Bins marked specially for these SINGLE SERVING SNACKS:

- Applesauce — pack of 6
- Diced pears — pack of 4
- Diced peaches — pack of 4
- Hummus Dip — pack of 5
- Sandwich crackers with cheese
- individual packs of Goldfish
- Nature Valley Granola Bars (12 in a box),
- Raisins or Craisins (package of 6)

Communion/Mission Offering checks in July need to be made payable to “Towson United Methodist Church” and on the memo line indicate “Food for Thought.” Bring to church and place in the offering plate or mail to our church’s Business Office.



VEHICLES FOR CHANGE *Changing lives with donated cars.*

This is a non-profit organization that refurbishes and provides donated

vehicles to low-wage families for employment purposes. VFC exists so worthy families can achieve financial and personal independence that comes from owning a vehicle. VFC changes lives in Maryland, Washington DC, and Virginia; awarding vehicles since 1999.

www.vehiclesforchange.org — 800-835-3821
or contact Fred Crider at dfrider@comcast.net

Missions & Outreach—continued

AUGUST COMMUNION / MISSION OFFERING

Hampton Lane
Child Development Center
Tuition Assistance Fund

**We are collecting Sunday, August 2
AND — throughout the month of August**

The Hampton Lane Child Development Center (HLCDC), a non-profit outreach ministry program to the community sponsored by Towson United Methodist Church, opened its doors in 1977. The HLCDC provides a warm, loving, and safe educational environment for children ages 2 through Pre-K. The Center is licensed and has a Certificate of Approval by the Maryland State Department of Education. HLCDC does not discriminate against race, color, natural origin, or religion when accepting children into its educational program.

The Child Development Committee which oversees the operation of the Center regularly receives requests for tuition assistance from parents of children who find themselves in difficult circumstances such as loss of employment, divorce, separation, and illness just to name a few. The CDC Committee maintains a Tuition Assistance Fund for the purpose of helping such families that find themselves in difficulty. The Committee reviews each application for aid and tries to help as much as possible. It is especially gratifying to be able to assist the families of children who also have special physical, emotional, and educational needs as well as financial needs. Providing consistency in a child's school life is of great benefit and provides stability when things are in turmoil at home. The Tuition Assistance program gives temporary relief for a portion of the cost of tuition thus sustaining the continuity of loving support that the Center provides.

This Communion Offering provides an opportunity for the Towson United Methodist Church congregation to assist families in need in our outreach community. Your generous support will help a child receive a most precious gift: an education. Thank you.

—The Hampton Lane Child Development Committee

Communion/Mission Offering checks in August need to be made payable to "Towson United Methodist Church" and on the memo line indicate "HLCDC Tuition Aid." Bring to church and place in the offering plate or mail to our church's Business Office.



WOUNDED SOLDIERS

at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center are in need of items to help them heal.

The next delivery to the soldiers is July 28

Consider shopping for the soldiers and bringing a couple of items to the Sharing Bin marked for the WRNMMC.

Plain, black nylon workout shorts
Flip flops
White socks
Prepackaged snacks

OUR EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY

Our food pantry will be open to the public during the summer on

Saturdays, June 27, July 25 & August 29

9:00am to 10:30am

in our Fellowship Hall.

During these warm months PLEASE DON'T FORGET about our neighbors who are hungry.

Items we need to fill our shelves:

Spaghetti Noodles
Spaghetti Sauce (canned, please)
Beef Stew
Cereal
Canned Chili
Chunky Soup
Peanut Butter
Canned Ravioli

Please place items your purchase and bring to church into the Sharing Bins marked for the EFP in the lobby.

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

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BALTIMORE COUNTY CHRISTIAN WORKCAMP

Please consider being an ADULT worker during the week of **July 20-24**. You can work one day, a couple of days, or all week. We begin with breakfast at Hunts Memorial UMC on Old Court Rd. in Riderwood then carpool to our worksite, working until about 4:30.

Baltimore County Christian Workcamp is structured like workcamps in which volunteers travel far from home to attend for a week or more. However, with the work sites in the County, it has become a commuters' workcamp where volunteers only need to commit for one day/ one week and can sleep in your own bed each night.

Adults need Safe Sanctuary training before the week because we are working side-by-side with kids under the age of 18. You don't need special skills, but it would be really nice if you do!

Be on Team Towson... call Cathy at 410-823-3689 or email her at communications@towsonumc.org. It's knowing your skills that will determine where we work.



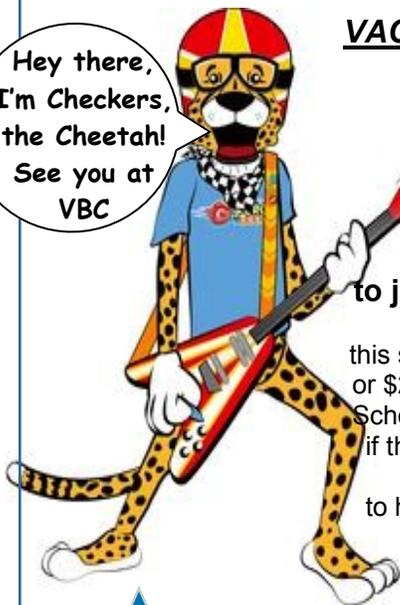
SUMMER SUNDAYS
 June 14th — Sept. 6th
 during our 10:15 AM
 Worship Service

Summer Sunday School
CHILDREN'S TIME

Come join us for a summer learning experience during the 10:15 worship service. For children ages 3 – 7, you will begin in the worship service then will be dismissed to Room 314 to learn how to grow, serve, and proclaim God's love: grow your faith by leaps and bounds! Children, ages 8 and above, will worship with their families in the sanctuary.

Summer Sunday Morning Cribbery Care:
 Childcare for infants – young 3 (born after 1/1)
 will be in Room 122 10:00a—until the end of worship.

Hey there,
 I'm Checkers,
 the Cheetah!
 See you at
 VBC



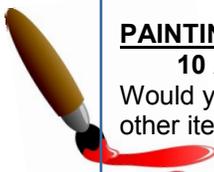
VACATION BIBLE CAMP

G-Force:
God's Love in Action
July 27 – 31, 2015
9:00 – 12 noon
 for
children 3 by (Jan. 1)
to just finishing 5th grade

***Cost for the camp
 this summer is \$10.00 per child
 or \$20.00 maximum per family.
 Scholarship money is available
 if this is a hardship to anyone.
 Donations will be accepted
 to help offset the cost of VBC.

Check the
interactive website
and online registration
for campers and volunteers.

Go to www.towsonumc.org and
 click on
 Checkers, the Cheetah!



**YOU, TOO, CAN SUPPORT OUR
 VBC MISSION COLLECTIONS**

Mission Opportunities for Vacation Bible Camp

Each day during Vacation Bible Camp the children will be asked to bring an item to support the following missions. To participate in the Mission Opportunities, choose one or more of the following item(s) each day and bring to the church lobby. Thank you for your support!

Monday: Samaritan's Purse

We will be filling boy and girl **CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES** for children age 5 – 9. Here are a few suggestions: combs, hair clips, bows, jump ropes, bracelets, stickers, beanie babies, yoyo, play dough, small balls, pens, pencils, sharpeners, small notepads, coloring books. Remember all items must fit in a shoebox.

Tuesday: Health Kits for the Homeless

Single toothbrushes including cover, razors, combs, tissue packs, band aids, travel size of the following: shampoo, shaving cream, hand sanitizer, deodorant

Wednesday: Food for Thought Backpack Program

SINGLE SERVING SIZE ONLY of applesauce pack of 6, sandwich crackers with cheese, individual pack goldfish, Nature Valley Granola Bars (12 in a box), raisins or craisins (package of 6)

Thursday: Pets in Need at the Shelter

Wet (canned) dog and cat food (grocery store varieties with gravy), dry dog & cat food (unopened bags), dog & cat treats (no catnip) and dog toys. They can also use Gerber jarred baby food – Stage 2 in beef, chicken, turkey or lamb with gravy, 2.5 oz jars only & old, clean towels.

Friday: TUMC Emergency Food Pantry

Cereal such as Raisin Bran or Cheerios or Corn Flakes, Chunky Soups, Canned Beef Stew, Spaghetti sauce (Cans only), spaghetti noodles

PAINTING DAYS: THURS. JUNE 25 & WED. JULY 8

10 AM—1 PM on the 3rd floor of the church

Would you like to help paint decorations, backdrops, and other items for VBC? Let Margery know. We will feed you!

DECORATION SUPPLIES NEEDED:

You can help us transform TUMC into *G-Force: God's Love in Action*
 Please let Leslie Wagner L2wagner@verizon.net or Margery Schammel (mschammel@towsonumc.org) know if you can provide any of the items listed below:

TO BORROW FOR THE WEEK: bikes, bike helmets, skateboards, skates, scooters, checkered flags, tires, pogo sticks, road signs.

On July 26, after the 10:15 service, we will begin decorating and getting ready for camp to begin on Monday. Many helpers make it fun. If you could help on that Sunday, please let Leslie or Margery know.



The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament showeth His handiwork. Psalm 19: 1

THE HEAVENS ARE TELLING

The canvas of night with ten thousand stars showered,
Declares forth the wonderful glory of God,
Green meadows with soft rolling carpet of flowers
Shout praise to their Maker, because He is good.
The heavens are telling His glorious might, from day unto
day and from night unto night,
Displaying His awesomeness, showing His power,
And sounding His praises, supernal and bright.

The glorious blue arch of the deep vaulted heavens
All dazzled and sparkling with sun's golden glow,
A different glory to grey skies is given,
A soft muted calmness reflected below,
The heavens are telling God's glory proclaim, they sing of
His mercy, they praise His great name,
The heavenly anthem resounding forever,
It glows with His glory, it burns with His flame.

The earth with its beauties, the wide world of wonders,
High mountains, deep valleys, bright oceans and seas,
Wild rainstorms awash with the drum rolls of thunder,
Sweet rainbows that arch over meadows and trees.
The heavens are telling God's mercies are sure, forever
proclaiming that Jesus is Lord!
So shout forth, ye Heavens, and Earth echo under,
With His marvelous praise that shall ever endure!

From GOD OUR CREATOR, copyright 2013 by Joyce Keedy
Summer is a time when we are able to get outside and enjoy
God's beautiful handiwork as expressed to us in nature.
Ever since I was in my teens, Psalm 19 has been a beloved,
favorite Psalm (though I have many!). At that same time,
one of my favorite songs was "Let All Things Now Living,"
sung to the Welsh hymn tune, *The Ash Grove*.
This poem actually combines both the Psalm and the
hymn tune, as these words also fit that tune!

Women's Retreat 2016

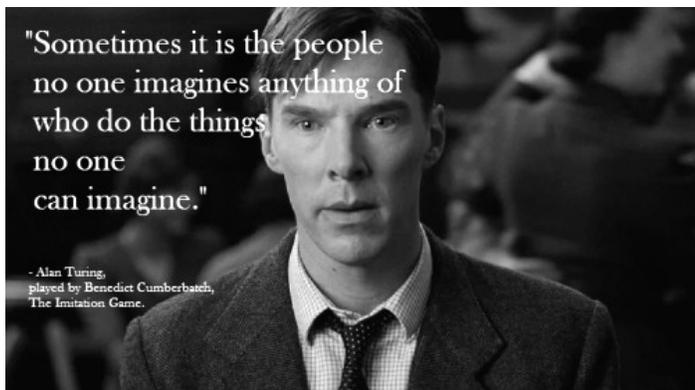
Mark your calendars now for
the Women's Retreat:
March 4-6, 2016.
We will be returning to
Pearlstone Center,
the lovely place in Reisterstown
where we held our
Retreat this year.
Please contact Margery at
410-823-2485 or
mschammel@towsonumc.org
or Sue LaHatte at
slahatte@hotmail.com
if you would be interested
in serving on the Design Team;
we begin planning on
Monday, August 10, at 7PM.



DUE DATE FOR ARTICLES IN THE NEXT HIGH SPIRE SEPTEMBER issue is due Tuesday, August 18, 2015

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

Great Opportunities to get to know each other!



June 25

6:00pm picnic (bring your bagged dinner)

7:00pm Movie

Fellowship Hall

The Imitation Game (PG-13)

Presented by the TUMC Reconciling and Accepting Methodists (RAMs), who support the full inclusion of LGBT persons in the life and ministry of the United Methodist Church. For further information, contact Kevin Gralley (kevin.gralley@gmail.com).



MOVIE IS FREE, INCLUDES POPCORN AND DRINKS.
MOVIE CANDY FOR SALE.

ADVISORY: "The Imitation Game" depicts the cost to an individual and society when a brilliant mathematician is prosecuted based on his sexual orientation. Parental discretion is advised to determine the suitability of this movie for younger viewers.

It's Free!

POOL DAY FOR TUMC!

Wednesday, July 8

4:00-7:00 pm

Merritt Athletic Club

8757 Mylander Lane, Towson 21286

The congregation of Towson United Methodist Church is invited to swim and play at the Merritt Athletic Club pool the afternoon of Wednesday, July 8th. You can arrive anytime between 4 and 7pm. You need to bring your own towels. You may use the locker rooms and showers at the pool. Pool toys are allowed. Children who are not potty-trained need to wear swim diapers. There is a large family fun pool, 2 water slides, and a small wading pool. The Club has a full service snack bar at the pool, therefore, no outside food is allowed.

YOU MUST LET US KNOW YOU WILL BE ATTENDING by June 30.

Contact Sushma Roberts at 443-935-9957 or email her at sushma.roberts@gmail.com.



**Thursday, July 30, 6:00pm in Fellowship Hall
It's a pizza party and singing with VBC campers.
Free will offering will be accepted.**

THURSDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES



August 6

6:00pm picnic (bring your bagged dinner)

7:00pm Movie Fellowship Hall

Movie TBA — (PG)

Presented by the TUMC Reconciling and Accepting Methodists (RAMs), who support the full inclusion of LGBT persons in the life and ministry of the United Methodist Church. For further information, contact Kevin Gralley (kevin.gralley@gmail.com).

**MOVIE IS FREE,
INCLUDES POPCORN AND DRINKS.
MOVIE CANDY FOR SALE.**

**Advance Ticket
Sales ONLY!**

Crab Feast — Saturday, August 29

4:00—7:00 PM, Fellowship Hall

Get your tickets NOW — bring your extended family & friends!

Catered event by **Conrad's of Parkville** with
STEAMED CRABS, PIT BEEF, PULLED PORK, SALADS, WATERMELON,
CORN ON THE COB, CHESAPEAKE BAY CHIPS, & DESSERT
Iced tea, soft drinks, & nonalcoholic beer

PLUS

Crab Soup Challenge — Compete with your favorite Crab Soup Recipe!

AND

a Silent Auction

\$45 per person, \$30 for children under age 12, free for children age 5 and younger
BENEFITS our future new Sanctuary Windows.

Contact Ginny Foster for tickets AND to sign up as a Crab Soup Contestant, AND to donate services or items to Silent Auction. Call [410-296-4780](tel:410-296-4780) or email virginiafoster@comcast.net.



It's time to get your advanced tickets.



You can use this tear-off to send in your reservation AND
to let Ginny know what you can donate for the SILENT AUCTION

NAMES _____

EMAIL & PHONE NUMBER _____



FUN WONDERFUL DELICIOUS INFORMATIVE DAY TRIPS

Organized for you by our most experienced!

BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND JOIN US!



Autumn Leaf Train Ride Wilmington, Delaware

**Saturday,
October 24,
2015**

From Towson U.M. Church:

Bus departs at 10:00a and returns approx. 6:45p

From Oak Crest Village:

Bus departs at 10:30a and returns approx. 6:15p

First stop is lunch:

- At the Old Country Buffet in Newark, Delaware

Second stop is at the Wilmington & Western Railroad:

- For a 2 ½ hour old time train ride through the colorful autumn countryside from Wilmington to Hockessin, Delaware, traveling across bridges,

winding through narrow rock cuts, and whistling past homes in the beautiful valley of the Red Clay Creek. We will go back in time when the steam locomotive ruled the rails in antique passenger coaches pulled by a coal-burning steam locomotive or an early-generation diesel locomotive. We will disembark in Hockessin for a layover to browse the local shops before we re-board the train for our return trip.

Cost & Payment Information:

- The cost is \$65 per person, which includes transportation, lunch, train ride, and taxes and tips.
- **The deadline to make your reservation is September 1.**
- Please make your check payable to: "Senior Adult Council"
- (include your phone number & email address)
- Mail to: Nancy deLaski
9416 Groffs Mill Dr., Owings Mills, MD 21117
- Questions? Contact Nancy at 410-581-3881

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. And, every Sunday we are blessed by one or more of our five vocal choirs or three handbell 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.

During the month of July, four different soloists will share their talents.



WHAT IS THIS?

No, it's not to check the nutrition value of your fast food ... 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, monthly mission offerings, and Vacation Bible Camp payments.**

Baltimore Metropolitan District

1st-8th grade

Summer CAMP

June 29 - July 10, 2015
Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Free summer camp at three different locations. Will include breakfast and lunch, Bible study, arts & crafts, sports, games, relationship building, and community service. Registration: 410-383-1525

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- Volunteers are needed at each location -

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*Stronger Churches,
 Stronger Relationships and
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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

HAMPTON LANE

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER



Spring Program

On Friday, June 5th, the children of Hampton Lane Child Development Center performed their *Spring Program*, "Our World and Beyond." The children did a great job singing to their family and friends. They have been learning and practicing the songs in music class every week. They sang "50 Nifty United States" where the children learned the states in alphabetical order. The children worked very hard creating the beautiful artwork used to create the scenery backdrop. Our staff did an amazing job with the children. Special thanks to our music teacher,

Miss Jamie Deady. She inspires our children all year long.



Silent Auction

In conjunction with the Spring Program, Hampton Lane hosted its second *Silent Auction*. Each of our classes put together a themed basket and created class art projects. It was a great fundraiser for our center. One of the items auctioned off was "King or Queen for the Day." Attached is a picture of King Grady.



Thank You for all of the prayers and well wishes for our beloved teacher, Miss Shirley. She has greatly appreciated all of the care and concern from the church and families while she is recovering.

Oriole Game

Our school will be well represented at the Oriole Game on Sunday, June 28th. The children will have fun cheering on the home team with all of their friends and families. We will be playing the Cleveland Indians.

Summer Session: *Traveling Through The Decades*

Our staff is putting together a great summer program for the HLCDC children. We will travel through the decades. We will learn and experience many adventures along the way. We will travel back in time and learn all about life during each time period. We will talk about famous people, artists, musicians, athletes, and politicians. We will taste food and learn about traditions. We will have our special water days, color days and themed days, woods walks, and our Friday All School Show and Share.

Thank You to Miss Jeannine

We have been truly blessed to have Miss Jeannine teach and guide our children at Hampton Lane. We will miss her and all that she has done for Hampton Lane. The children each gave Miss Jeannine a rose at our last chapel with her. She was very touched. We also welcomed Miss Margery (an already familiar face) who will step into the role.



Event photos taken by our church member, Steve Houk, may be viewed at www.flickr.com/photos/94929393@N05/ — great pictures of the church family!

Enjoy viewing the article about our church on Wikipedia:
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Towson_Methodist_Church
This entry was created and photographed by James G. Howes, member of TUMC since 1972.

**ARE YOU MISSING SUNDAY MORNINGS
BECAUSE OF FAMILY CONFLICTS OR WORK
AND NEED SOMETHING PLANNED
DURING THE WEEK?
OR NEED A SCHEDULED PRAYER TIME?**

You are invited to come for contemplative prayer, which we are calling **Attentional Prayer**, every Tuesday night at 6:00 PM in the chapel.

This is not a worship service. It's a time to come to be quiet and in the silence — listen to God. A great opportunity to use your prayer beads. It's a scheduled time to meditate — about 20 minutes. Petitions for prayer may be shared before the time of meditation.

Try it — you might like it!

Would You Like Individual Prayer Sunday Mornings?

Meet a member of the congregation in the back corner of the sanctuary after worship Sunday morning if you would like someone to be in prayer with you.

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.

Aurora's Prayer Garden

Aurora's Prayer Garden is located on the west side of the church, facing the afternoon sun. A perfect place to gather your thoughts, read, write something in your journal, or take pictures. A picture of the Garden is on the front cover of this issue.

TOWSON PRAYS ONLINE

<http://towsonprays.blogspot.com>

Prayers and thoughts written by friends at church!

Make this a "favorite" and join us in prayer.

Would you like to write a prayer for our prayer blog once a month?

Please consider this blessed opportunity!

Contact Rev. Margery Schammel at mschammel@towsonumc.org

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The United Methodist Church has taken our 200 statement inventory to **21**. There are 20 Gifts of the Spirit. Find yours. Go to www.towsonumc.org, click on "About Us" and click on "Find Your Place."

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LORD, what do You want to do through me to accomplish Your will in your church?



Pictured above is the Towson United Methodist Confirmation Class and their mentors, confirmed June 7, 2015.

Photo by Steve Houk, see p. 13 for details on viewing more.