



*August 28, 2016*

*10:15 a.m.*

## *Worshipping God Together*

### MEDITATION IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Welcome everyone to Towson United Methodist Church.

Sometimes Scripture challenges us while it encourages us. Today's reading does both. Here is the last part of today's reading taken from The Message: *So let's go outside, where Jesus is, where the action is – not trying to be privileged insiders, but taking our share in the abuse of Jesus. This "insider world" is not our home. We have our eyes peeled for the City about to come. Let's take our place outside with Jesus, no longer pouring out the sacrificial blood of animals but pouring out sacrificial praises from our lips to God in Jesus' name.* ~ Hebrews 13: 13-16

What is one way you can take your faith outside the church walls?

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\* indicates we stand (as you are able)

*Please silence your phone*

**Bold type** indicates we read in unison.

UMH is the red United Methodist Hymnal.

TFWS is The Faith We Sing, the small black Hymnal.

Visitors and members, adults, youth, and children: please register your attendance on the green cards.

Worship begins as you enter the Sanctuary. Greet your neighbors, welcome visitors and guests, and sense the presence of the community of faith that surrounds us.

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## \*GREETING

- L) We have heard the stories of the past.  
We are called to remember and to create stories for the future.
- P) We are an unfinished church.**
- L) Christ calls us to carry on the blessing of discipleship,  
to move forward in love and faithfulness, so that all might find a place in this place.
- P) We are an unfinished church.**
- L) Every day is a new Pentecost, full of the promise and possibility that God offers.
- P) We are God's church, still in the process of becoming ambassadors of grace and love and hope. We worship God together in spirit and in truth.**

## \*OPENING SONGS

*El Shaddai*  
*He Came Down*  
*Here I Am, Lord*

UMH 123  
TFWS 2085  
UMH 593

## OPENING PRAYER

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## CALL TO CONFESSION

- L) Lord, your ways are not our ways; your thoughts are not our thoughts; what to us seems like eternity is only a moment to you. In the face of eternity, help us to be humble.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

- P) God forgive us –**  
**When we prayed only for what was possible and hoped only for what we could see...**  
**When we have taken your grace for granted and expected instant answers to immediate requests...**  
**When we allowed waiting on your Spirit to slip into lethargy...**  
**When we bore false witness against one another...**  
**When we thought only of ourselves and never pondered how you wait on us...**  
**In these times, dear God, when we fear that we are losing hope or feel that our efforts are weak, let us see in our hearts and minds the image of your resurrection. And let that image be the source of courage and strength for us all. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 13: 7-16

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Susan Brown

Children age 3 (before 1/1/16) to age 6 are excused to Room 314. Age 7-11 stay with your family in church.

ANTHEM

*You Raise Me Up*  
Gini Pielke, soloist

Lovland and Graham

SERMON

**"Blessed By Outsiders"**

Rod Miller

COMMUNITY PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Your offering and green attendance card will be collected during the following offertory music.

Offertory

*His Eye is on the Sparrow*

Martin and Gabriel

\*Presenting our Gifts

*Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH 95

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

*Spirit of the Living God*

UMH 393

\*HYMN

*Living Church, Display God's Grace*

Words ©2013 by Fred Crider; TUNE: *Dix (For the Beauty of the Earth)*

<p>Living Church, display God's grace, Welcome every human face. In God's world and in this place, Offer Christian love's embrace. Live the faith that we proclaim! Make disciples in Christ's name!</p>	<p>Preach the cross and empty tomb; Help the children's faith to bloom; Sing together joyfully; Study Scripture faithfully; Share the faith that we proclaim! "Hearts are warmed in Jesus' name!"</p>	<p>Table, font, and vibrant prayer, Serving neighbors everywhere, Tend the sick and those distressed— Fearful, poor, and all oppressed— Live the faith that we proclaim! Make disciples in Christ's name!</p>
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\*SENDING FORTH

\*POSTLUDE

*Chaconne*

Gordon Young

Ushers are Tom Cummings' team.

Greeters are Ellen & Bradley Berline and Robert.

Liturgist is Shirley Derksen.

A contribution to Paul's Flowers on the Altar is given to the glory of God and  
in loving memory of James & Marion McWilliams and Robert & Edith Wilkinson  
by Don and Ruth Ann McWilliams

# Welcome to Towson United Methodist Church!

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

LEARN GREAT THINGS ABOUT GOD — DO GREAT THINGS WITH GOD

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*

- ✚ **INDIVIDUAL HEARING DEVICES** are available. Please ask an usher.
- ✚ In order for **CASH DONATIONS** to be recorded on your quarterly statement from the church, make sure your **FIRST & LAST** names are with the cash and in an envelope. Envelopes are available in the pews.
- ✚ **THE CRIBBERY: CARING FOR OUR LITTLE ONES** — We have wonderful paid caregivers in the Cribbery (Nursery) every Sunday for children age infant-3. Church members who have received Safe Sanctuary Training and a background check lovingly volunteer in the Cribbery each week.
- ✚ **CHILDREN’S PEW PACKS** are in colored tote bags, available in the Narthex and the Balcony.
- ✚ **DVDs and CDs of this morning’s service** are available for a donation of \$2.00 each. Contact Cathy Anderson at 410-823-3689 or [communications@towsonumc.org](mailto:communications@towsonumc.org).
- ✚ Go to: <http://towsonprays.blogspot.com> to read prayers written by church members. If you could write a prayer for the blog once a month, please contact Rev. Margery Schammel [mschammel@towsonumc.org](mailto:mschammel@towsonumc.org) or 410-823-2485.
- ✚ **Bearers of Christ’s Light** — You are invited to come and participate in our gathering for contemplative prayer, which we are calling Attentional Prayer, every Tuesday evening at 6:00 PM in the chapel.
- ✚ **Flowers on the Altar and Illuminating the Spire for the week** may be given in honor or in memory of your loved ones. \$30 for either. **Paul’s Flowers** are plants that will be placed in the church’s gardens after the service; \$55 donation. See the donation board and envelopes in the lobby next to the main office door.

## Please continue to pray for these friends who are Serving Our Country:

- ✚ Paul Sovitsky, son-in-law of Bernice Peacher
- ✚ Robert Thompson, nephew of Rick and Nancy DeVilbiss
- ✚ Nicholas Davis & Stuart Davis, Jr, cousins of Luke Bengel and nephews of Susan Davis
- ✚ Tommy Jenkins, nephew of Karen Jenkins, cousin of Jordan, Brendan, & Owen Smith
- ✚ Richard Barrans, serving as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Malawi

# Towson United Methodist Church's Calendar of Events

## TODAY, SUNDAY, August 28

**8:15a Chapel Communion Service** — Chapel

10:00a to 11:30... Childcare infants to age 3 (since 1/1/16) — Room 122

**10:15a Worshipping God Together** — Sanctuary

**Children age 3 (before 1/1/16) to age 6**

begin in the worship service with your family; to be dismissed after the Children's Moment to Room 314. Families please pick up your children at the end of the service.

**Children 7 years old and older** stay in the worship service with their families.

11:30a Teacher's Kick-off — Room 317

12 noon Boy Scouts Troop 102 — Fellowship Hall

## TUESDAY, August 30

4:00p Stewardship committee — Parlor

6:00p Attentional Prayer — Chapel

7:30p NA support group — Fellowship Hall

## WEDNESDAY, August 31

8:00p Gamblers Anonymous—Room 214-216

## THURSDAY, September 1

10:30a New Mothers Support Group — Room 311

Sponsored by St. Joe's Medical Center

7:00p Youth Council meets — Parlor

7:30p Al-Anon & CoDA — 3rd floor

8:30p AA — Room 212-214-216

## FRIDAY, September 2

6:00p Boy Scouts Troop 102 — Fellowship Hall

## NEXT SUNDAY, September 4

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## ——FALL SCHEDULE BEGINS——



**September 11** Wear **Red, White, and Blue** today

8:15a Communion Service — Chapel

8:45a Coffee & Friendly Faces — Parlor

Continuous morning childcare opens for children age infant—3s until after the 10:15 worship service ends — Room 122

9:00a Classes begin:

Preschool (age 3 – not yet in Kind.): Room 113

Kindergarten – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Room 311

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Room 312

Middle School: Room 216

High School: Room 317

Confirmation (8th grade +): Fellowship Hall

Adult Bible Study: Hoffman Room 218

Tower Class: Room 214

Disciple on Sunday morning: Chapel

Women's Class: Room 212

Men's Class: Room 310

Young Parents' Class: Room 114

Christians Under Construction: Room 111

Short-term Class: Room 119

10:15a Worshipping God Together — Sanctuary includes a tribute to the memory of 9/11/2001

Pray and Play (ages 4-6), will spend the entire worship service learning, singing (Joy Singers), and having fun — Room 114

K.I.D.Z. (ages 7-11), begin in the worship service with their families; to be dismissed partway through the service to Room 310 for fun and learning.

11:30a Eat **AMERICAN PIE** — Fellowship Hall

5:00p Alleluia Singers rehearse

6:00p UMYF youth group

### **American Red Cross — BLOOD DRIVE**

Our next Towson UMC Community Blood Drive is

**Saturday, Sept. 17, 2016**

**between 6:30am and 12:30pm**

in Fellowship Hall

Anyone older than 17 years of age is eligible to donate (16 year olds needs parental consent).

**For more information or to schedule your life-saving donation contact**

Margot via e-mail [TUMCBloodDrive@gmail.com](mailto:TUMCBloodDrive@gmail.com).

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### **DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY**

**Beginning Sunday, September 11**, we will be offering a modified version of Disciple 1 Bible Study during our Sunday School hour at 9:00am. This will allow participants to take advantage of the child care services offered on Sunday mornings.

The Disciple Bible Study course will also be offered **Tuesday mornings** beginning that same week in September, if there are enough participants.

The course runs for 34-weeks — we learn from each other, so attendance and participation is vital.

**Please let me know now if you are interested in attending either class** — Earl Smith, 410-377-6386 or email me at [j\\_earl\\_smith@verizon.net](mailto:j_earl_smith@verizon.net).

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A short term class will be offered this fall entitled, "Living the Beatitudes." It will be a 6-week session 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. The class will be held from 9:15 to 10:00 a.m. each Sunday morning beginning September 11th. For more information contact Verna Lewis at [vernlew8pic@gmail.com](mailto:vernlew8pic@gmail.com) or phone 410-821-0531.

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### **COFFEE HOUR RETURNS SOON**

Please join us for coffee and homemade goodies.



When: Sunday mornings, 8:45-10:15

Beginning September 11

Where: Parlor

Note: Donations are kindly accepted to help pay for coffee, tea, sugar, cream, etc.

### **NEXT SUNDAY'S COMMUNION/MISSION OFFERING**

Food For Thought is a project through ACTC (Assistance Center of Towson Churches) whose goal is to address student food insecurity in Baltimore County Public Schools through the backpack program (filling weekend backpacks with nutritious shelf stable food). This past academic year our church supported 8 students at Ridgely Middle School. There were 90 students last year in this program through ACTC.

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

Contributions are being accepted throughout the month of September. Make your check payable to Towson United Methodist Church and note on it that it's for the "Food for Thought." Thank you!

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### **TIMONIUM UMC OFFERING COMMUNITY FORUMS**

Saturday, Sept. 17 from 1:00-3:30 PM forum's features information on aging issues. Keynote speaker is from Alzheimer's Assn. Additional breakout speakers will address "Options for Caring for Aging Parents or Family," "Wills and Other Legal Issues," "Funeral Planning," and "Spiritual Support for Those Dealing with Aging Issues." Free and open to the public.

2300 Pot Spring Rd., Timonium.

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### **CHRISTMAS IN OCTOBER**

**Wednesday, October 12, 2016**

Join Towson UMC in Lancaster County, PA for a fun-filled day of **Christmas** food, entertainment, shopping, and holiday cheer—in October. One day bus trip—pick up and return at TUMC or Oak Crest.

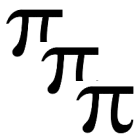
Cost is \$81 per person. Make your reservation by sending your check, payable to the Senior Adult Council, to Ginny Foster, 8444 Loch Raven Blvd., Towson, MD 21286. **DEADLINE is August 31.** So hurry!

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### **WALK AND PRAY!!**

Get fit physically and spiritually in our sanctuary. 12 times around the sanctuary equals 1 mile. Come early to your meeting or come any time Monday – Friday, 10am – 3pm. Pray as you walk, check out the board in the office for prayer needs, pray for your own needs and those of your family and friends. *Please check with the office before you come to the church to make sure the sanctuary is available, 410-823-6511.*





**PIE PIE PIE**

**Sunday, September 11**

Plan to stay after the 10:15 morning service on Sept. 11 to EAT PIE!

In the meantime,

we need to hear from those who can **bake or purchase pies!**

Please contact Shirley Derksen at 410-825-6752 or [smdersken@verizon.net](mailto:smdersken@verizon.net).



*There are challenges of providing food to the many clients at the Assistance Center of Towson Churches (ACTC). It requires many hours of Volunteer labor, collecting, sorting, dating, shopping, and disbursing the food needed at the Center. This does not include the coordination of Community organizations who are interested in doing large Food Drives and need the help of Volunteers from the Center.*

*One of the ways you can support the Center in this very important outreach to our Community is to be part of our Corps of Volunteers who are willing to serve at least one or two days a month in one of the areas of our food ministry. I have developed a form that clearly outlines the different areas where we need more support and what is required for each task. If we can recruit enough workers, it may mean you will only have to work one or two days a month. If you are willing to work more, we can always use you as a sub for areas we are short workers. Of course, we are always in need of extra help during the Holiday Season when food donations peak.*

*Adequate Volunteer support in this area is very important to the health of the Center for many reasons. It insures that the Center will always be stocked and ready to meet the needs of our Clients. It allows the paid staff to concentrate on issues such as Center operations, Volunteer Training, Program Development and Coordination, recruitment, fundraising, and outreach. Many of these jobs can be done outside the hours that the Center is open which opens up Volunteer opportunities to those who can't serve between 10 am and 3pm. It also opens a possibility for Saturday service once a month.*

*Please open this invitation to serve our Community to friends and neighbors who are looking for Volunteer opportunities. Our goal is to build a large Corps of willing Volunteers to support the work of the Center and to insure that we will not only be able to continue this important outreach at our current level but to expand it.*

Contact Cathy Burgess, Executive Director  
Assistance Center of Towson Churches  
120 W. Pennsylvania Ave. , Towson, MD 21204  
[actc316@gmail.com](mailto:actc316@gmail.com) — 410-296-4855 — 443-798-2824

**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.



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Church's Business Hours

Monday - Thursday — 10:00a-3:00p

### MINISTRY TEAM

**Rev. Dr. Marcus Matthews**, Resident Bishop

**Rev. Edwin DeLong**, interim Superintendent, Baltimore Metropolitan District

**Carole Dean**, TUMC's Church Lay Leader

**Rev. Dr. Roderick J. Miller**, Lead Pastor, [rmiller@towsonumc.org](mailto:rmiller@towsonumc.org)

410-823-3640 (church); 410-465-2335 (home)

Preaching, worship, administration, pastoral visitation, visioning, and ministry development.

**Rev. Margery Schammel**, Assistant Pastor, [mschammel@towsonumc.org](mailto:mschammel@towsonumc.org), 410-823-2485

Christian education for children, youth, and adults, and worship leadership.

**Rev. Doug Hollida**, Minister of Music, [MusicDirector@towsonumc.org](mailto:MusicDirector@towsonumc.org), 410-823-6519

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**Cathy Anderson**, Director of Communications, [communications@towsonumc.org](mailto:communications@towsonumc.org), 410-823-3689

Graphics, Sunday bulletins, newsletters, webmaster, audio & visuals for worship, liaison to missions.

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Financial and office administration and liaison to Finance and Trustees.

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**Hampton Lane Child Development Center**, Erin Rigley, Center Director

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You can also submit your donations at [www.towsonumc.org](http://www.towsonumc.org), scroll down, click on DONATE. Follow the same instructions as above.