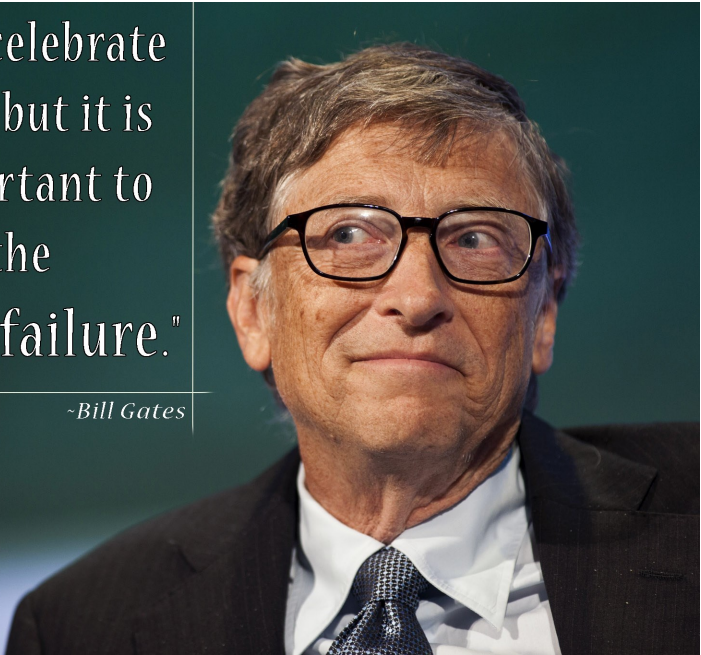


"It's fine to celebrate  
**success** but it is  
more important to  
heed the  
lessons of failure."

-Bill Gates

EmilysQuotes.Com



## *Worshipping God Together*

*September 18, 2016*

*10:15 a.m.*

### MEDITATION IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Welcome to Towson United Methodist Church this morning.

Thomas Edison was not a person who looked back. He was famous for saying that he didn't fail – he just found 10,000 ways that won't work. What is your relationship with success and failure? What would it mean to see mistakes as part of what it means to be human and to encourage more experimenting and less worry about being perfect?

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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.

PRELUDE

*Trumpet Voluntary in D*

Jeremiah Clarke

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*GREETING

- L) The world belongs to God, the earth and all its people.
- P) How good and how lovely it is to live together in unity.**
- L) Love and faith come together, justice and peace join hands.
- P) If Christ's followers keep silent these stones would shout aloud!**

\*OPENING SONGS

*He Who Began a Good Work in You*  
*Give Thanks*  
*Great Is the Lord*

TFWS 2163  
TFWS 2036  
TFWS 2022

\*OPENING PRAYER

**In Christ alone, our hope is found. He is our light, our strength, our song. He is our cornerstone, our solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm. When fears are stilled and strivings cease, he is our comforter, our all in all, here in the love of Christ we stand. Make our lives a libation for you, O Christ, make us emissaries bringing tidings of peace. At the end of our days, when life on this globe is over, let it be truthfully said our lives were poured out for you, our all in all. Amen.**

ANTHEM

*What Sins Are You Talking About?*  
Debbie Wilhelm, soloist

Ben Speer and Harold Lane

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

UMH 39

**Christian Reese Jackson**

Born March 28, 2016 to Allison Leigh & Shelley Neil Jackson  
and big brother Henry Thomas Jackson

Children ages 7-11 are excused for K.I.D.Z. in Room 310.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving God, we spend so much time and energy trying to be at the top of the ladder, and then you send Jesus into our midst, turning our lives upside down. We ask you for glory, and you ask us simply to follow. Forgiving God, sometimes we are so caught up in doing and being the best that we forget you have called us to be the least. It is only in serving others that we will know the glory of your kingdom here on earth. It is only in offering our lives to you that we receive the gift of new life. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

COMMUNITY PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

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

Offertory	<i>Surely I Know the Plans I Have for You</i> The Chancel Choir	Pepper Choplin
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*Presenting our Gifts	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH 94
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SCRIPTURE READING	2 Corinthians 11: 22-29, 12: 7b-10
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SERMON	<b>"Coming Down from the Pedestal"</b>	Rod Miller
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TIME OF INTENTION

What is one thing that you can do this week that you have been putting off because of a fear of failure or a fear of success? What will it take to put it into action?

*HYMN	<i>Trust and Obey</i>	UMH 467, verses 1, 2, & 3
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\*SENDING FORTH

*POSTLUDE	<i>Fantasy in G Minor</i>	Doug Hollida
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Greeters are Karen and Austin Morris.

Ushers are Jay Blackman's team.

Liturgist is Chad Blaker.

The Spire is illuminated in the evening this week to the glory of God and in memory of our daughter Aurora Richards' birthday on September 22 by Sally Stocksdale & Matt Richards.

# 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, September 18, 2016

- 8:15a **Chapel Communion Service** — Chapel
- 8:45a to 10:15... **Coffee & Friendly Faces** — Parlor  
Continuous morning **childcare** opens for children age infant—3s, continues thru the 10:15 worship service — Room 122
- 9:00a **Classes begin:**  
**Children & Youth:**  
Preschool (3s – not yet in Kind.)—Rm. 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
- Post High School Adults:**  
Adult Bible Study — Hoffman Room 218  
Tower Class — Room 214  
*Disciple One* on Sunday morning — Chapel  
Women's Class *Half-Truths* — Room 212  
Men's Class — Room 310  
Young Parents' Class — Room 114  
Christians Under Construction — Room 111  
*Living the Beatitudes* — Room 119
- 10:15a **Worshipping God Together** — Sanctuary  
**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 for fun and learning — Room 310
- 4:00p Celebration Ringers rehearse — Music Room  
4:30p Missional Community Re-load— Parlor  
5:00p Alleluia Singers rehearse — Music Room 321  
6:00p to 7:30... UMYF youth group — Fellowship Hall

## MONDAY, September 19

- 7:00p Women's Retreat Design Team meets—Parlor

## TUESDAY, September 20

- 9:00a Prayer Shawl knitters & crocheters — Parlor  
6:00p Attentional Prayer — Chapel  
Carol Choir rehearsal — Music Room 321  
Prayer Shawl knitters & crocheters — Parlor  
6:45p Genesis Bells rehearse — Music Room 321  
7:30p NA support group — Fellowship Hall

## WEDNESDAY, September 21

- 6:30p Tower Chimes rehearse — Music Room 321  
7:00p HLCDC Board meeting — Room 118  
Hospitality committee meets — Parlor  
7:30p Chancel Choir rehearsal — Music Room 321  
8:00p Gamblers Anonymous—Room 214-216

## THURSDAY, September 22

- 10:30a UM-SJMC New Mothers Support — Room 311  
7:30p Al-Anon & CoDA — 3rd floor  
8:30p AA — Room 212-214-216

## FRIDAY, September 23

- 6:00p Boy Scouts Troop 102 — Fellowship Hall  
Youth Group — Movie Marathon begins

## SATURDAY, September 24

- 9:00a to 10:30a... Emergency Food Pantry  
Volunteers arrive 8:30 — Fellowship Hall  
4:00p to 7:00... **TAILGATE PARTY** — outside  
Bring your family and friends!

## SUNDAY, September 25

- See TODAY, until 11:30, then ...  
4:00p Celebration Ringers rehearse — Music Room  
5:00p Alleluia Singers rehearse — Music Room 321  
6:00p Chancel Choir warm-up — Music Room 321  
6:30p **BALTIMORE COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS**  
**ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE** — Sanctuary  
7:30p Firefighters reception — Fellowship Hall

## NEXT MONDAY, September 26

- 7:00p Church Council meeting — Room 317

### **MISSIONAL COMMUNITY RE-LOAD**

This fall we are offering "**Missional Community Re-Load**" for those who would like to deepen and refresh their understanding and for those who are new or curious about the whole idea.

**A missional community is people acting purposefully with God and for others.**

**Discover your purpose.**

**Uncover our purpose.**

Sally Savidge will be co-leading "**Missional Community Re-Load**" with Pastor Rod Miller. The design is new and some of the content will also be new.

**Missional Community Re-Load** will meet 4 Sundays from 4:30 pm – 7:30 pm, with a break for dinner. The cost is \$10 for materials, and a donation for dinner.

Schedule: TODAY, September 18 4:30 – 7:30 pm  
Sunday, October 9 4:30 – 7:30 pm  
Sunday, October 30 4:30 – 7:30 pm  
Sunday, November 20 4:30 – 7:30 pm

Please let either Sally ([sbjsavidge@gmail.com](mailto:sbjsavidge@gmail.com)) or Pastor Rod ([rmiller@towsonumc.org](mailto:rmiller@towsonumc.org)) know if you are interested or have further questions. See you next Sunday!

### **CHOIRS ARE STARTING**

**You are Welcome to Join Us!**

Tuesdays 6:00-6:45 Carol Choir - Grades 2-5 singers  
Wed's 7:30-9:00 Chancel Choir - Adults singers  
Sundays 5:00-6:00 Alleluia Singers —  
Middle & High School singers  
Tuesdays 6:45-7:30 Genesis Bells — Non-music  
readers and/or newer ringers  
Wed's 6:30-7:30 Tower Chimes — Advanced bell  
choir — music reading required  
Sundays 4:00-5:00 Celebration Ringers —  
Intermediate bell choir — music  
readers or experienced ringers

NOTE: for bell choirs, only, please contact Doug ([MusicDirector@towsonumc.org](mailto:MusicDirector@towsonumc.org)) before attending.

Just come and sing with us!

### **OUR EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY** is open the last

Saturday of the month from 9:00-10:30am.

We will be open THIS SAT., Sept. 24.

Items needed to restock our shelves are:

Toilet Paper (4pk)	Beef Stew
Tuna	Cereal
Canned Chili	Chunky Soup
Spaghetti Noodles	10oz. Soups
Spaghetti Sauce (canned, please)	
Canned Pork n Beans	Canned Fruit (any)

Bring your donations to the Sharing Bins in the church lobby. Thank you!

### **HOUSEHOLD BLESSINGS**

The following items have been requested at our Food Pantry. Please call Val BEFORE you bring any of these items to church: 410-812-3932

Fans (any size)  
Frying Pans (new or "like new")  
Queen Sheet Sets  
DVD Players (with manual, if available)  
Crock Pot  
Space Heaters  
Vacuum and Bags (if broken, we repair)  
Comforters/Blankets (all sizes)

### **HELP WANTED/Be involved as a Servant in Service!!**

We need:

- \*Occasional help in the Cribbery ... it's fun to **play** with babies!! Contact Lissa at [LKo1783@gmail.com](mailto:LKo1783@gmail.com).
- \*Persons to be part of a **TEAM** for helping to operate the sound board at Sunday Morning 10:15 services!! Contact Cathy at [communications@towsonumc.org](mailto:communications@towsonumc.org)
- \* Persons to "**cover**" the office ( answering the phone and opening the doors) from 10-2 on Sept. 27 and Oct. 4! Contact Susan at [susanbkillian@gmail.com](mailto:susanbkillian@gmail.com)
- \*A "**photo booth**" person (a photographer with a printer — we have wi-fi, so a Bluetooth printer is ok) for a Halloween event here at church October 30<sup>th</sup> from 3-5 p.m.  
Contact Carolyn at [Carolyn\\_re@yahoo.com](mailto:Carolyn_re@yahoo.com)



## **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - SHOEBOXES**

Start collecting your gift items now—need ideas, visit [www.samaritans-purse.org](http://www.samaritans-purse.org). Empty Shoebox **Distributions** will be on October 30 and November 6 in the church lobby and **Collections** will be on October 30, November 6, and November 13.

*If you would like to pickup your empty shoeboxes before these dates, contact Cathy Anderson, 410-823-3689.*

*You may bring in your filled Shoeboxes anytime to the church. We'll be storing the filled Shoeboxes at the altar.*

Help make the children of the world know that God loves them as do other Christian's in the world.

Any questions, contact John or Nancy Ross (410) 561-8496.

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## **PATHWAYS tutoring is looking for tutor volunteers**

...for our Monday afternoon PATHWAYS sessions. The sessions are 4-5 PM and 5-6 PM. You would be working with the same student each week right here at our own TUMC location! It is not necessary to have an education background, but patience and a willingness to help underserved elementary and middle school students is a must. Over the past 10 years, PATHWAYS has made a difference for students whose families cannot afford private tutoring. If you or an acquaintance are looking to share in solutions and hope for these students, please contact Mary Wynne Eisenberg at [mweberg@comcast.net](mailto:mweberg@comcast.net) or 410-583-7615. <http://towsonumc.org/ministries/pathways-tutoring/>

**Announcing...**

**[www.fredshymns.com](http://www.fredshymns.com)**

**a website for Fred Crider's hymns.**

While work is still in progress, you can access nearly all of the hymn texts (poems) that I have written. — *Fred Crider*

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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 day or evening meeting or come any time Monday–Friday, 10am – 3pm.

Pray as you walk, check out the board in the office for prayer needs or pray for your own needs and those of your family and friends.

*During the week, please check with the church office before you come to make sure the sanctuary isn't being used for a special service, 410-823-6511.*

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## **TAILGATE PARTY**

**Football Fans or Not**

**Saturday, Sept. 24, 4-7 PM**

This is a community event sponsored by our Young Parents Class. Admission is Free! Face painting, crafts, games, and a field goal kicking contest.

Concessions will include \$1 hotdogs, \$3 burgers, and \$2 boxes of popcorn. Bring whatever else you want to eat. Oh—bring a chair or blanket to sit on, too.

Don your favorite jersey: purple, black, gold, red, green, blue ... bring it on!

## **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.

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



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Monday - Thursday — 10:00a-3:00p

### MINISTRY TEAM

**Rev. LaTrelle Miller Easterling**, Resident Bishop

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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.