

Worshipping God Together

July 16, 2017

10:15 AM

Welcome to Towson United Methodist Church



Please silence your phone

* indicates we stand (as you are able)

Bold type indicates we read in unison.

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

Medley of Hymns
Dee Solomon, piano; Joyce Keedy, organ

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*GREETING

L) We are many individuals;

P) Yet in you LORD God, we are one people.

L) WE are different ages, from different places, and have different ideas;

P) But in you, Christ Jesus, we are one church.

L) Some of us have been here for years and this church is home.

Some of us have been here for weeks or months and this feels like our place.

And some of us are here for the first time;

P) Yet, by the power of your Holy Spirit,

**we are bound together in grace and formed to share the love of Jesus Christ
with the world in word and deed.**

All) Thanks be to God. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

Morning Has Broken

Red Hymnal 145

OPENING PRAYER

**LORD God, our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, be with us in this time of worship.
Draw us closer to you, we pray, that we may be refreshed, renewed, and reconciled.
Open our ears to hear your Word read and proclaimed that your Holy Spirit may both
comfort and admonish us. Enliven our prayers that that our souls may abide deeply in
you. Deepen our fellowship so true, spiritual friendships may be nurtured among us.
Strengthen our voices that in our praying and singing you are glorified. In all things, and
in all ways, we praise and worship you, God Almighty: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Margery Schammel

Following this Moment, children ages 4-6 are excused for Summer Sunday School in Room 314.

COMMUNITY PRAYER

Baltimore County Christian Workcamp

PSALTER

Psalm 119: 105-112

*HYMN *Hymn of Promise* Red Hymnal 707

GOSPEL READING Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

SERMON **“Seeds and Soils”** Pastor Mark Johnson

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

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

Offertory Anthem *I Believe in Jesus* words and music by Dee Solomon

*Presenting our Gifts *Lead Me Lord* Red Hymnal 473

*Offering Prayer

*CLOSING HYMN *Bind Us Together* Black Hymnal 2226

*SENDING FORTH

*POSTLUDE Stand Up for Jesus
Dee Solomon, piano; Joyce Keedy, organ

Greeters are Marilyn & Ron Donoho.

Ushers are Jay Blackman’s team.

Liturgist is Sally Savidge.

The Spire is illuminated in the evening this week to the glory of God and
in loving memory of Carolyn Stieber Parker by the Parker-Knott Family;
in loving memory of Jeanne Disney’s 94th birthday
by members of the Priscilla Circle — United Methodist Women;
in loving memory of Harvey Refo, loving husband and father
by Dorothy Refo and children.

Towson United Methodist Church's Calendar of Events

TODAY, SUNDAY, July 16, 2017

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

10:00a **Childcare** opens for children age infant—3s, thru the worship service — Room 122

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

Summer Sunday School

Children, ages 4-6 years, begin in the worship service with their families and are dismissed after the Children's Moment to Room 314.

MONDAY, July 17

BALTIMORE COUNTY CHRISTIAN WORKCAMP

Volunteer workers meet at:

(yes, it's okay to just show up ready to work!)

7:30a Breakfast at Hunts Memorial UM Church

6:30p Dinner at Camp Chapel UM Church, Perry Hall

TUESDAY, July 18

BALTIMORE COUNTY CHRISTIAN WORKCAMP

Volunteer workers meet at:

7:30a Breakfast at Hunts Memorial UM Church

6:30p Dinner at Catonsville UM Church

6:30p Prayer Shawl Ministry meets — Parlor

7:30p NA support group — Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, July 19

BALTIMORE COUNTY CHRISTIAN WORKCAMP

Volunteer workers meet at:

7:30a Breakfast at Hunts Memorial UM Church

6:30p Dinner here at Towson UMC

8:00p Gamblers Anonymous—Room 214-216

THURSDAY, July 20

BALTIMORE COUNTY CHRISTIAN WORKCAMP

Volunteer workers meet at:

7:30a Breakfast at Hunts Memorial UM Church

6:30p Dinner at Mt. Carmel UM Church

10:30a UM-SJMC New Mothers Support — Room 311

7:30p Al-Anon & CoDA — 3rd floor

8:30p AA — Room 212-214-216

FRIDAY, July 21

BALTIMORE COUNTY CHRISTIAN WORKCAMP

Volunteer workers meet at:

7:30a Breakfast at Hunts Memorial UM Church

6:30p Dinner at Epworth UMC, Cockeysville

NEXT SUNDAY, July 23

8:15a Chapel Communion Service — Chapel

10:15a Worshipping God Together — Sanctuary

Childcare and Summer Sunday School

(see "Today" for details)

11:30a Decorating the church for

Vacation Bible Camp — Watch for Heroes!

NEXT WEEK, July 24-28

VACATION BIBLE CAMP

Hero Central—Discover Your Strength in God!

9:00am to 12 noon each day

NEXT SATURDAY, July 29

9:00a to 10:30 ... Emergency Food Pantry and

Household Blessings — Fellowship Hall

THE FOLLOWING SUNDAY, July 30

11:30a Come see the pictures from the week of VBC

and have ice cream with us —AND—

Celebrate Cathy Anderson's last day at

TUMC — she retires and heads to Pittsburgh

COMMUNION/MISSION OFFERING

Earl's Place

Throughout the month of July

Earl's Place is a transitional housing project located in Baltimore City assisting men who are homeless and in recovery from substance abuse. Earl's Place gives men a second chance at life. Their residents have the opportunity to get physically and emotionally healthy, find employment and/or continue their education, connect with community resources, and get back on their feet. They house 17 men at a time and they are able to stay for up to two years.

Please make your check payable to: "Towson UMC" and be sure to indicate, on the memo line, that it's for "Earl's Place."

CATHY ANDERSON IS RETIRING!

Please join us after the 10:15 service on July 30th in Fellowship Hall as we celebrate Cathy and all that she has done for TUMC.

We have created a memory box to send with Cathy when she retires July 30. If you have any pictures to share of Cathy from the last 24 years please contact Margot at 410-825-9593. We can copy them and return them back to you. Please take this opportunity to drop in a note, your favorite memory, a funny story, a picture, book, gift, or anything you want! The yellow box is in the corner of the main office. No peeking Cathy! 😊

If you would like to contribute to a love offering in her honor please provide a check to Kim Ayres in the business office by July 24. Please make the check payable to Towson United Methodist Church and indicate on the memo line that it is for "Cathy Anderson Love Offering."

**GET FIT PHYSICALLY AND SPIRITUALLY
IN OUR SANCTUARY.**

Walk and Pray!!

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 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.*



**VACATION BIBLE
CAMP
JULY 24 -28**

Attention CAMPERS
and VOLUNTEERS:

Go to www.towsonumc.org, click on "Flame" the Red Panda, and register for Vacation Bible Camp.

You will receive an email to verify your registration. Campers (children ages 3 by 1/1/17—5th grade) will receive a link in their email to click on to pay.

\$10 per camper/\$20 per family.
Volunteers are free.

Thank you for your generous donations of food boxes and paper towel rolls- we have lots and do not need any more.

We DO need aluminum foil.

Please place rolls of aluminum foil in the main office to make our crafts fun for the children.

Thank you!

**SUPPORT OUR VBC
MISSION COLLECTIONS**

**Mission Opportunities for Vacation Bible Camp,
July 24-28**

Each day during Vacation Bible Camp the children are asked to bring an item to support a mission. To participate, choose one or more of the following item(s) each day and bring to the church lobby. Friends of the church are encouraged to participate, too. If you can only come to church once during the week, you may bring all five items at the same time to the lobby. Thank you for your support!

Monday: Health Kits

Sturdy Combs, pkg. of plastic Razors, Fingernail Clippers, TRAVEL SIZE Shaving Cream, TRAVEL SIZE Deodorant, TRAVEL SIZE hand sanitizers

Tuesday: School Supplies, ACTC will provide to the homeless children in August

Buy double of an item you would purchase for your child — bring the extra item to VBC. No crayons, please.

**Wednesday: Food for Thought Backpack Program
SINGLE SERVING SIZES ONLY:**

applesauce pack of 6, fruit cups, sandwich crackers with cheese, individual pack goldfish, Nature Valley Granola Bars (12 in a box), Flip top cans of baked beans, tuna fish, or Mac-N-Cheese

Thursday: TUMC Emergency Food Pantry

Cereal such as Raisin Bran or Cheerios or Corn Flakes, Beef Stew, Canned Ravioli, Pork and Beans, Green Beans, Canned Spaghetti Sauce, Spaghetti Noodles, Canned Chili

Friday: Pets in Need at the Shelter

WET (canned) dog & cat food (grocery store varieties with gravy), DRY dog & cat food (unopened bags), dog & cat treats (no catnip), dog toys, old clean towels.

OUR EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY

The next time our Food Pantry will be open to the public is **Saturday, July 29**
from 9:00 to 10:30 AM

Items needed to help keep our shelves full are:

Cereal	Beef Stew
Canned Ravioli	Pork and Beans
Green Beans	Canned Chili
Chunky Soup	10oz. Soups
Spaghetti Sauce (canned, please)	
Spaghetti Noodles	

Please bring to the Sharing Bins anytime the church is open AND, especially, on Thursday during Vacation Bible Camp!

HOUSEHOLD BLESSINGS

Requested by those who come to our Food Pantry:

Electric Fans (any size)
Toasters
Queen/Full/Twin Sheet Sets
Toaster Ovens
Crock Pots
Electric Space Heaters
Queen/Full/Twin Comforters
Frying Pans (non-stick, please)
Microwaves (under 40 lbs, please)
Flatware (knives, forks, spoons)

Please contact Val Wehrle BEFORE bringing your household donations to church: 410-812-3932.

**Summer Sunday School now through August 27
during the 10:15 worship service.**

Children, ages 4-6 years, begin in the worship service with their families and are dismissed after the Children's Moment to Room 314.

Children older than 6 years will stay in worship with their families.

Children younger than 4 may go to the cribbery.

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 hand bell 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.

- ✝ **INDIVIDUAL HEARING DEVICES** are available to help hear the service. 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.
- ✝ 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 or 410-823-2485.
- ✝ **Plants & Cut 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 a cut flower arrangement OR to light the Spire. If you would prefer to give a flowering plant instead, you may give to **PAUL'S FLOWERS**, which is \$55. Please save your new requests for **PAUL'S FLOWERS** until the Fall, thanks! See the donation board and envelopes in the lobby next to the main office door.
- ✝ Donate online by going to our church website (www.towsonumc.org) or use our QR code:



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



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Church’s business hours are Monday - Thursday — 10:00a-3:00p

MINISTRY TEAM

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A ministry of Towson United Methodist Church — Childcare with an approved preschool for ages 2-preK
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