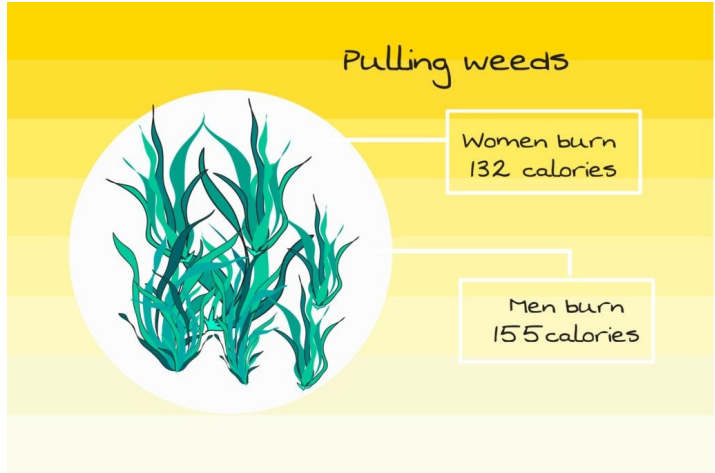
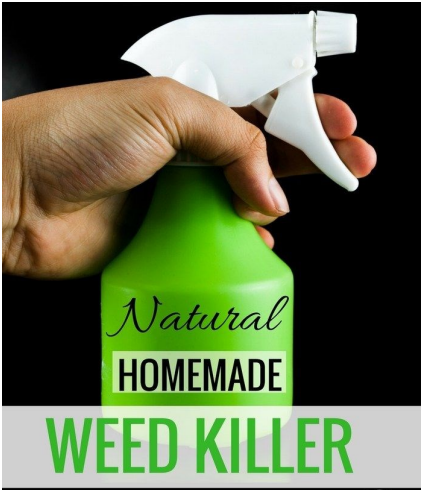


Worshipping God Together

July 23, 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 *The Endless Alleluia* words and music by Joyce Keedy
Based on Revelation 4 and 5

*HYMN OF PRAISE *Praise to the Lord* Red Hymnal 139

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH A Modern Affirmation Red Hymnal 885

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Susan Brown
Following this Moment, children ages 4-6 are excused for Summer Sunday School in Room 314.

HYMN OF PREPARATION *The Church's One Foundation* Red Hymnal 545
Verses 1 and 5

COMMUNITY PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

PSALM Psalm 139: 1-18

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 28: 10-19a

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

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

Offertory Music *Amazing Grace* arr. J. L. Keedy

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

*Offering Prayer

COMMISSIONING OUR VACATION BIBLE CAMP TEAM

WHERE DO WE BEGIN?

GOSPEL READING Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

SERMON **"The Thing About Weeds"** Pastor Mark Johnson

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

*They'll Know We Are Christians
By Our Love*

Black Hymnal 2223

*SENDING FORTH

*POSTLUDE

Glory and Honor words and music by Joyce Keedy
(Eternal Worship Hymn)

Greeters are Susan Gralley and Bob Gralley.

Ushers are Charlie Woodbury's team.

Liturgist is Jim Howes.

The Spire is illuminated in the evening this week to the glory of God and in loving memory of Paul Wagner – thinking of you at the anniversary of your death by his wife Doris and family.

GLORY AND HONOR (ETERNAL WORSHIP HYMN)--Joyce Keedy

"You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for You created all things, and by Your will they were created and have their being." Revelation 4:11

Jesus, Savior, we adore You, and we worship You alone,
Heavenly hosts fall down before You, praising You around Your throne,
And the universe is ringing, echoing back the glad refrain,
Angel choirs forever singing to the glory of Your name!

REFRAIN: Glory and honor, our praise to You we bring,
Jesus, our Savior, our great eternal King!
Glory forever, we praise You, holy Lamb,
Jesus, our matchless Lord, Whose kingdom has no end!

God all-knowing, Lord all-seeing, crowned and robed with glory bright,
You, the Source of all our being, You alone our heart's delight.
On the cross, You won our pardon, our salvation You secured,
Brought us back to Heaven's garden, where we praise You evermore. REFRAIN

Lord, we love You, Lord, we bless You, we would magnify Your name,
And before the world, confess You, Lord from age to age the same.
We would sing You our devotion, join the anthem from above,
Come and drown us in the ocean of Your everlasting love. REFRAIN

Alleluia! We declare it, while successive ages run,
To the Father, to the Spirit, and to Jesus Christ the Son!
Once Your very life You gave us, once You died to set us free,
Then You rose with joy to save us, now we praise You endlessly! REFRAIN

Towson United Methodist Church's Calendar of Events

TODAY, SUNDAY, July 23, 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.
- 11:30a Decorate the church for Vacation Bible Camp



MONDAY, July 24

VACATION BIBLE CAMP

Hero Central—Discover Your Strength in God!

9:00am to 12 noon

Mission Items being collected today:

Health Kits

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

7:00p Church Council meets — Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, July 25

VACATION BIBLE CAMP

Hero Central—Discover Your Strength in God!

9:00am to 12 noon

Mission Items being collected today:

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

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

4:30p Stewardship Committee meets — Room 218

7:30p NA support group — Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, July 26

VACATION BIBLE CAMP

Hero Central—Discover Your Strength in God!

9:00am to 12 noon

Mission Items being collected 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

8:00p Gamblers Anonymous—Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY, July 27

VACATION BIBLE CAMP

Hero Central—Discover Your Strength in God!

9:00am to 12 noon

Mission Items being collected today:

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, Chili

7:30p Al-Anon & CoDA — 3rd floor

8:30p AA — Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY, July 28

VACATION BIBLE CAMP

Hero Central—Discover Your Strength in God!

9:00am to 12 noon

Mission Items being collected today:

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.

SATURDAY, July 29 — open to the community!

9:00a to 10:30 ... Emergency Food Pantry and Household Blessings — Fellowship Hall

NEXT SUNDAY, July 30

8:15a Chapel Communion Service — Chapel

10:15a Worshipping God Together — Sanctuary
Childcare and Summer Sunday School
(see "Today" for details)

11:30a Come see the pictures from the week of VBC and have ice cream with us —**AND**— come celebrate with Cathy Anderson, as this is her last day on staff at TUMC.

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 tomorrow, 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

Thank you for your generous donations.

It takes the entire church community to make a program as big as Vacation Bible Camp a success.

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!

See this week's Calendar of Events for the complete DAILY LIST.

Hampton Lane — *A path to a bright future ...where your child will play to learn and learn to grow!*

Hampton Lane Child Development Center is a ministry of Towson United Methodist Church. We know that when play has a purpose it can inspire minds; open doors to creativity, encourage natural curiosity, and develop social and emotional growth. **Hurry to register your child! We only a few spots available in our two-year-old classroom!** Mon-Fri, 7:00a-5:45p; we offer 5, 3, & 2 day schedules. 410-825-0008

Tuesday, August 1 — 6:00-8:00 PM

Baltimore County Police, Towson Area Citizens on Patrol and Police & Community Relations Council present

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

in Patriot Plaza (at the Towson Circuit Court House) Moon Bounce, Sit in a Race Car, Food and Shaved Ice, Vendor Tables, See County Police Boat & Motorcycle, Face Painting, DJ, Sidewalk Chalk, Climb on Firetruck. **BRING 2-3 Non-Perishable Foods for ACTC to get in!**

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.

AFTER ACTION REPORT

TUMC's Emergency Food Pantry would like to thank all of you that contributed to our June 2017 Communion/ Mission Offering. The total collected was \$7,633.39. This is a generous outpouring of your support and we are very excited to be able to continue doing God's work — helping to feed those in need in our local community. All glory, honor, and praise to God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit!

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.

PRELUDE--The Endless Alleluia
words and music by Joyce Keedy
(based on Revelation 4 and 5)

Hear the choirs of angels sing the endless Alleluia, Praise and honor to the King, to God, the great I AM. Join, O Earth, the glad refrain, the endless Alleluia, Sing His praises yet again, sing glory to the Lamb!

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, praise forevermore; Alleluia, alleluia, endlessly adore Jesus Christ our Lord.

Glory to the Prince of Peace, sing endless Alleluia, The holy anthem never cease His praises to employ. Before His holy throne resounds the endless Alleluia, Through the universe abounds His everlasting joy. REFRAIN

Deeply does my spirit long to sing the Alleluia, Teach me, Lord, th'eternal song of glory to Your name. I would join the glorious flood, the endless Alleluia, To Him who's saved me by His blood, from age to age the same. REFRAIN

May I evermore declare the endless Alleluia, The song of praise beyond compare before the worlds began—

I swell with joy, I ache with awe to sing the Alleluia To Jesus Christ, my All-in-all be glory without end. REFRAIN

When my faith has turned to sight, I'll join the Alleluia, Midst the streaming glories bright of Heaven's radiance crowned,
Where celestial choirs repeat the endless Alleluia, There, in Jesus Christ complete, within His mercy drowned. REFRAIN

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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