

*Let us forgive each other —only then
will we live in peace. — Leo Tolstoy*

Welcome to Towson
United Methodist Church

Worshipping God Together
September 17, 2017 at 10:15 AM

House
Rules
FORGIVENESS



PRELUDE

Trumpet Voluntary

John Stanley

*CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 118

Leader: The LORD is my strength and protection; the Lord is my saving help!

People: Give thanks to the LORD because he is good; God's love endures forever.

Leader: The sounds of joyful songs and deliverance are heard in the tents of the
righteous: The LORD's strong hand is victorious!

People: Give thanks to the LORD because he is good; God's love endures forever.

Leader: Open the gates of righteousness for me so I can come in and give thanks
to the LORD!

People: Give thanks to the LORD because he is good; God's love endures forever.

Leader: You are my God—I will give thanks to you! You are my God—
I will lift you up high!

People: Give thanks to the LORD because he is good; God's love endures forever.

*Welcome visitors and members—adults, youth and children. Please register your attendance on
the green cards in the pews. And, be sure to silence your phone during worship!*

** Indicates we stand (as you are able). **Bold** type indicates we read in unison.
The "Hymnal" refers to the red song book in the sanctuary.*

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Hymnal 89

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Hymnal 888

Affirmation from 1 Corinthians 15:1-6 and Colossians 1:15-20

COMMUNITY PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 14: 1-12

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

Your offering and green attendance card will be collected during the following offertory music. Children ages 7-11 are excused to K.I.D.Z. in Room 310.

Offertory Anthem

A Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester

L.J. White

O holy Jesus, most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,
and follow thee more nearly. Amen.

Chancel Choir

*Offering Response

I Come with Joy

Hymnal 617 (Verse 1)

*Offering Prayer

*GOSPEL READING

Matthew 18:21-35

SERMON

House Rules: Forgiveness

Pastor Mark Johnson

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

Freely, Freely

Hymnal 389

*SENDING FORTH

*POSTLUDE

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Richard Ellasser

Ushers are Bill Sleeman's team this week. Thank YOU!



Hurricane Harvey: You Can Help!

Hurricane Harvey hit hard. The rains, the winds, and the floods have come. Hurricane Harvey is a very serious storm and is leaving its mark on the state of Texas with nearby states on watch. The flooding is bad and is expected to get worse in the days ahead. The rebuilding is going to be a long process. According to the Northeastern Jurisdiction VIM Coordinator Rev. Tom Lank, what is needed right now is much prayer and UMCOR Flood Buckets/Relief Kits and Health Kits.

Right now, there are two ways you can help.

Monetary donations should be made out to Towson United Methodist Church with UMCOR's Domestic Disaster Advance #901670 written in the memo line and placed in the offering plate (100% of your donation will go to Disaster Relief)

OR

Visit <http://missioncentral.org/how-can-i-help/donate-items/>
for details about Relief Kits and Health Kits.

COME JOIN PASTOR MARK FOR COFFEE/TEA & CONVERSATION

Everyone is welcome. Join Pastor Mark at one of the following dates/times. Or, call or email him to set up a time to meet at the church.



Panera Bread

September 19; 9:30 AM Panera Bread; 2131 York Rd, Timonium, MD 21093
September 28; 9:30 AM Panera Bread; 2131 York Rd, Timonium, MD 21093



UPCOMING SERMON SERIES

September 24 — Grace, Matthew 20:1-16

Towson United Methodist Church's Calendar of Events

TODAY, SUNDAY, September 17, 2017

- 8:15a Chapel Communion Service — Chapel
8:45a Cribbery for infants —young 3's Room 122
Coffee Hour
9:00a Sunday School For All Ages

Children & Youth:

- Preschool Class—Room 311
Elementary Class—Room 312
Middle School Class—Room 216
High School Class—Room 317

Post High School Adults:

- Christians Under Construction—Room 111
Young Parents Class—Room 114
Tower Class—Room 214
Women's Class—Room 212
Adult Bible Study—Hoffman Room
Men's Class—Room 310

- 10:15a Worshipping God Together — Sanctuary
Pray and Play (ages 4-6), spend the entire worship service learning, singing (Joy Singers), and having fun — Room 314
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

- 11:30a Confirmation Meeting—Room 214
5:00p Alleluia Singers—Music Room 321

TUESDAY, September 19

- 9:00a Prayer Shawl—Parlor
6:00p Carol Choir —Music Room 321
Prayer Shawl—Parlor
6:45p Genesis Bells—Music Room 321
7:30p NA support group—Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, September 20

- 6:30p Tower Chimes—Music Room 321
7:00p Hospitality—Parlor
7:30p Chancel Choir—Music Room 321
8:00p Gamblers Anonymous—214

THURSDAY, September 21

- All Day—Staff on Retreat
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 22

- 7:00p Boy Scouts—Fellowship Hall

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- 8:15a Chapel Communion Service — Chapel
8:45a Cribbery for infants —young 3's Room 122
Coffee Hour
9:00a Sunday School For All Ages
10:15a Worshipping God Together — Sanctuary
4:00p Celebration Ringers—Music Room 321
5:00p Alleluia Singers—Music Room 321
6:00p Youth Group—Meet at Panera Bread
6:30p Firemen Memorial Service—Sanctuary

CHOIRS ARE STARTING!

All rehearsals are in the Music Room (321) – 3rd floor near the main stairs.

Celebration Ringers

September 17, 2017 from 4:00 PM—5:00 PM
intermediate bells

Genesis Bells

September 19, 2017 from 6:45 PM—7:30 PM
introductory bells



COFFEE HOUR HAS BEGUN WITH HOME-BAKED GOODIES

Please sign up to bake some goodies. Your participation will help make this mission a continued success. Thank you.

LOST & FOUND

Church members may pick up any lost & found items TODAY. The following week, on September 24, all remaining items will be donated to a worthy cause!

All High Spire articles are due by September 19th.

Please send all Bulletin and High Spire announcements to Kim Ayres at kayres@towsonumc.org.

**Please remember our
Church in your will.**

Say “Cheese”!



Starting on Sunday, September 24, the congregation is invited to pose for new photos for an updated TUMC Pictorial Directory. Sunday morning photo sessions will be in the church office from 9:00 AM to 10:15 AM and following the 10:15 service.

Just show up. NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY. Any questions? Want to help with this volunteer project? Contact Tom Edel at 410-262-9425 or tcharlesedel@gmail.com

COMMUNION/MOMENT ON MISSION FOR SEPTEMBER

(and throughout the month of September)

The mission of PATHWAYS is to provide for the academic and social betterment of youth, with an emphasis on tutoring encouraging, and mentoring.

In its 11th year, our successful one-on-one volunteer tutoring program serves youth from 5 elementary/middle schools located in disadvantaged areas of Baltimore City and County.

THESE CHILDREN ARE THE NEXT GENERATION!

To broaden the children’s experiences, we transport them from their home schools to TUMC, provide a nutritious snack, award them for meeting academic and social goals, bring in career speakers, and provide a holiday celebration as well as a year-end family and friends’ dinner.

Thank you very much for your kindness and generosity in supporting a program that does make a difference! You can donate through TUMC with the note “PATHWAYS” on your check.

OUR EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY

Our Food Pantry will be open on Saturday,
September 30, 2017 to the public
from 9:00 to 10:30 AM.

Items needed to help keep our shelves full are:

Chunky Soup	Tuna
Beef Stew	Canned Chili
Pork and Beans	Canned Ravioli
10oz. Soups	Canned Fruit
Spaghetti Noodles	Toilet Paper
Canned Green Beans, Corn, Peas	
Spaghetti Sauce (canned, please)	

Please bring to the Sharing Bins anytime
the church is open.

HOUSEHOLD BLESSINGS

Requested by those who come to our Food Pantry:

Electric Blenders	Queen Sheet Sets
Electric Fans	Electric Space Heaters
Queen Blankets/Comforters/Quilts	
Frying Pans (New, all sizes non-stick)	
Pots with lids (very good condition)	
Microwaves (under 40lbs, please)	

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

FOOD, FUN & FELLOWSHIP for All Seasons

October 8, 2017

Harvest soup and fun
Homemade delicious soup and salad.
Fun for all ages!
Cost: Freewill Donation

November 12, 2017

Potluck Lunch and Christmas Bazaar
Bring a favorite edible, take home "fleas" and
holiday gifts!

December 10, 2017

Chili and Chalk Talk
Chili and Fixings
Watch Elva Hurst create the nativity!
Cost: Freewill Donation

WOMEN'S RETREAT NEWS

Our Women's Retreat Design Team meets to do
exactly what our name says—design the retreat.
We start with prayer and an empty slate several
months before the Retreat and end with a
wonderful weekend!

The ladies on the Design Team have varied gifts
and skills which we add to make
the whole experience successful.

We invite YOU to be a part of the Design Team,
adding your gifts to our retreat planning.

Please contact Margery
(mschammel@towsonumc.org)
or Sue LaHatte (slahatte@hotmail.com)
if you have questions.

Save the Date: The Women's Retreat for 2018 will
be February 23-25. Beat those winter blahs with an
inspiring weekend away with your church friends!!

SERVANTS IN SERVICE.... NEEDED!!!

We have wonderful opportunities for YOU to use
YOUR gifts in support of our TUMC ministries!!!

ONCE A MONTH we need someone who LOVES to
"love and rock a baby" in our church nursery. These
babies need loving during the Sunday School hour at
9:00 OR during the Church service
hour at 10:15.

Will you be a friendly face and voice to greet
anyone who calls? Will you help the staff with easy
tasks to lighten their loads? Have you always
wanted to be that WELCOMING member of TUMC?
We need OFFICE HELP on TUESDAYS FROM 10 to 2.
This could become a bi-weekly or once a month
commitment if we have many responses.

PLEASE think about
YOUR COMMITMENT to our church.
Contact SUSAN KILLIAN (susanckillian@gmail.com
or 410-238-4766) to help you answer YOUR CALL!

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 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 serving 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 Rachel at 410-823-3698 or yandya@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. 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:



RISE & SHINE SUNDAY MORNINGS 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.



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

MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. LaTrelle Miller Easterling, Resident Bishop

Rev. Dr. Wanda Duckett, District Superintendent, Baltimore Metropolitan District

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Hampton Lane Child Development Center, www.hamptonlanecdc.org
a ministry of Towson United Methodist Church, an approved preschool for ages 2-preK.

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