

# High Spire

Newsletter for Members and Friends of Towson United Methodist Church

August 2023



Summer flew by...and so did Super Meir! Thank you so much to all of the Little Heroes and volunteers who saved the day!



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## Hospitality goes a Long Way

Towson UMC is looking for volunteers to help serve in the Hospitality Committee! If you enjoy baking, serving others and fellowship, come join us in making our church a friendly place for all who visit!

Email Pastor Bee for more information at [associatepastor@towsonumc.org](mailto:associatepastor@towsonumc.org) or join us for our next meeting in the parlor, following worship service, on [August 20th](#).



Do you have a talent and want to share it?! Youth (grades 6-12) and youth leaders of the BWC & Pen-Del will spend the day enjoying games, inspirational talks, music, and a talent show at Camp Pecometh in Centreville, MD. All youth are invited to attend! Performing isn't a requirement, but if you are interested in performing, you must audition virtually with the BWC & Pen-Del UMC conference.

In order to make this event happen, we must have interest and availability from our youth and their friends! Please **RSVP by Sunday September 2, 2023** by emailing Pastor Bee at [associatepastor@towsonumc.org](mailto:associatepastor@towsonumc.org) and let's go have a great time sharing our talents!



## Thank you to the Youth Group

Youth Group joined Pastor Bee for lunch and tunes at the church, following VBC! We are so proud of these volunteers who showed enthusiasm, hard work and had light-hearted fun during VBC this summer. We are thankful for their involvement at the church and don't want to stop there! Stay tuned for upcoming activities as we hope to see you all, this Fall.

## Youth 2023

Pastor Stephanie, Liberty and Gabriel White attended Youth 2023, the quadrennial international gathering of United Methodist Youth, during the last week of July!

This year's convention was attended by over 2500 United Methodists who were representing five countries and forty-four states! It was held in Daytona Beach, Florida, providing an awesome get-away for United Methodists across the world. Youth experienced thought-provoking teachings during general sessions and breakout classes. They even got to attend worship that was led by worship band, FRVR FREE, for exciting music and awesome light shows. For a special treat, the contemporary Christian band, Rend Collective, held an incredible concert. They featured a mix of their most popular songs and even some of their new music. It was a great experience where youth (and adults!) were able to connect with each other and, most especially, with God. *Praise the Lord!*



# Introducing new Church Family

Pastor Bee began serving this Church in July and has already been so involved with our church and its happenings! From Hospitality to performing with youth during this year's Vacation Bible Camp, we look forward to her leadership as Associate Pastor.



"Wow. I don't know where to begin... This church family has been so incredibly welcoming to me, Britt and even our dog, Rudy! I can't believe all the nice notes, handmade cards, thoughtful gifts and warm welcomes we have received in just my first month at Towson UMC. This congregation is amazingly generous and hospitable!"

What I have enjoyed most is sitting down, getting to know the people of this church -- hearing your stories, meeting your families and being greeted by genuinely joy-filled smiles. I hope to be able to enjoy a cup of coffee, sit-down together in the parlor, or even munch on some candy in my office with each one of you this year and learn how Towson UMC has been a part of your faith journey. Thank you for openly receiving my family and I, and for allowing us to serve alongside you all as partners in ministry together."

*-Pastor Bee Myers, Britt, and Rudy*

# August Sermon Series: Camp Meeting

August 6 - August 27

Let's close out the Summer season, together! Our Camp Meeting themed August Sermon Series will begin on August 6th. Worship in-person, or online, on Sundays at 10:15 AM.

**August 6:** Exodus 19:2-8

**August 13:** Exodus 31:1-11

**August 20:** Exodus 33:7-11

**August 27:** Exodus 40:34-38

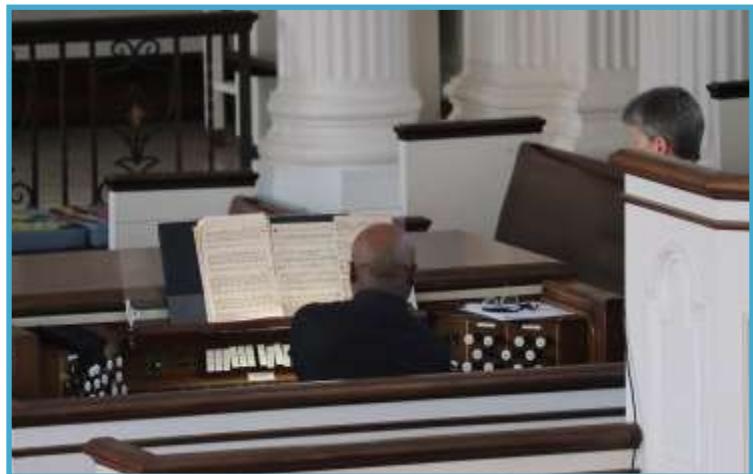


On August 27th, we're having a jam-packed Sunday during a [Back to School Celebration](#) at our the church. Let's kick off the Fall season for our students as we end our Summer Sermon Series. We'll have back to school blessings and fun prizes for everyone. Encourage your kids to bring a friend, share the blessings and have family-friendly fun!



Special guest bluegrass band, **Bluestone**, will be playing tunes throughout the day! They've been performing since 1993 and continue to lift spirits and spread their love of music across the country.

Following worship, the celebration continues featuring more live music!



## For the Love of Music

"Thank you to all who attended my recent organ recital. In addition, I thank those members who sent thoughtful emails, text messages, and handwritten notes. Your support is always greatly appreciated."

*-Roy Belfield*

# Towson UMC's Community Blood Drive

Saturday, September 30th from 6:30AM - 12:30PM



American  
Red Cross

Our next Towson UMC Community Blood Drive welcomes donors over the age of 16 who are hoping to give to their community. If you are doing a regular blood donation, you have until August 5th to donate before this blood drive.

Considering giving *whole blood*? This type of blood donation is used to treat patients who need large amounts of all the components of blood, such as those who have sustained significant blood loss due to trauma or surgery. Remember that if you have donated whole blood within 56 days, you are not eligible to give whole blood during this blood drive.

Schedule your life-saving donation by emailing [TUMCBloodDrive@gmail.com](mailto:TUMCBloodDrive@gmail.com) today! For more information, like medical or travel eligibility, call the ARC at 1-866-236-3276.

## August Mission of the Month

### Earl's Place

Earl's Place (Cornerstone Community Housing) is a nonprofit transitional housing program in Baltimore City. This program provides a home, for up to two years, for men recovering from substance abuse and homelessness. They provide life-changing aid, from a case manager to a stable address that is clean, safe and secure. Their mission coincides with the Towson UMC mission to support our community without judgement and with love.

You can show support by giving at [towsonchurch.org/give](http://towsonchurch.org/give). Click "give securely here" then open the "Fund" drop down menu. Select "mission of the month."



## Canned Goods for the Good of our Community

Our Food Pantry volunteers have noticed a decrease in canned goods which are some of the most requested food options from those in need. We are so thankful for your help feeding our community. Please take a look at this list before your next shopping trip and place your donations in Sharing Bins located in the main lobby of the church.

Cereal	Vienna Sausage
Granola Bars	Canned Tuna
Ground Coffee	15 oz Chili
Tea Bags	Canned Ham
Cake Mix	Chunky Soups
Cake Frosting	10 oz Soups
SPAM	Ketchup
Box Crackers	Toilet Paper

# AMES UMC Backpack Mission Project

Towson UMC is assisting Ames UMC (Baltimore City) in collecting and distributing back-to-school back packs to inner city youth. Please consider donating one full backpack with all the supplies on the list or contribute some supplies to help others complete their backpacks. Monetary donations would also be accepted (memo—Ames UMC Backpacks). Please note that *all supplies should be new*.



Please bring all backpacks and supplies to TUMC no later than **August 6, 2023**. Thank you in advance for assisting with this exciting mission project that will give students a jump start on a successful school year!

## Kindergarten Backpack List

- Backpack (1)
- Plastic school box (5 x 8 inches)-(1)
- Glue sticks (2)
- Liquid glue (1)
- Sharpened pencils (12)
- Bar erasers (2)
- 24 count crayons (2)
- Washable color markers (1 box)
- Yellow highlighters (2)
- Black dry erase markers (4)
- 1 inch 3-ring binder (1)
- Solid color, plastic folders with pockets & prongs (4)
- Composition notebooks (2)
- Small box of tissues (1)
- Set of watercolor paint (1)
- 3 oz or 4 oz Play-Doh (2)

## Middle & High School Backpack List

- Pencil pouch (1)
- Blue or black pens (6)
- #2 pencils (6)
- Pencil sharpener (1)
- Highlighters (2)
- Loose-leaf paper or spiral notebooks (2)
- Glue sticks (2)
- Permanent markers (2)
- Bar erasers (2)
- 1 inch 3-ring binder (1)
- Subject dividers (6)
- Index cards (1 package)
- Solid color, plastic folders with pockets & prongs (4)
- Scissors (1)
- Backpack (1)

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## **TOWSON UMC CRAB FEAST**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2023 AT 4PM  
501 HAMPTON LANE, TOWSON, MD 21286**

**\$50 PER  
PERSON**



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TICKETS! YOU CAN EVEN RESERVE A TABLE FOR YOUR FRIENDS  
AND FAMILY! ENJOY DELICIOUS FOOD INCLUDING:**

**CRABS I PIT BEEF I PULLED PORK I TOMATO & CUCUMBER SALAD  
CORN I CHESAPEAKE CHIPS I FRUIT I DESSERT**

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