

High Spire

Newsletter for Members and Friends of Towson United Methodist Church

March 2023

Streets of Hope

"Ending homelessness is more than finding a place with a roof and walls. It is about friends and neighbors who will care for someone, even when everyone else in his life has given up." -*Streets of Hope*

During the winter months, a team of Towson UMC members serve food and eat with the men who are being housed by Streets of Hope (SOH) at Boulevard Christian Church in Essex, Maryland. Visit churchesofsoh.org to learn more about their mission and volunteer opportunities!

The Tower Room Adult Sunday School

The Tower Room Adult Sunday School class, lead by teacher Kevin Gralley, recently donated over \$500 to the World Central Kitchen (WCK) as part of a fundraiser to support feeding programs in the U.S. and abroad. WCK has served millions of nourishing meals to people affected by disasters across the world—whether a hurricane, extreme flooding, wildfire, or humanitarian crisis. In 2022, when Ukrainian families were suddenly attacked, what started with a pot of hot soup on the border in Poland turned into one of the largest food relief operations in Ukraine in a matter of weeks. That humanitarian effort continues today.

Thank you Tower Room for taking on this great project! This Sunday School Class meets via Zoom every Sunday morning from 8AM to 9:30 AM. All are welcome! Email kevin.gralley@gmail.com to join.

Hope in the Harvest

Nathan and Anna have recently completed their work as agricultural missionaries with an organization called Hope in the Harvest, a faith based agricultural development NGO whose vision is to see both agricultural and spiritual transformation throughout Liberia.

Together they taught sustainable agricultural practices that helped farmers to grow more, while also sharing the hope of the gospel alongside so that both body and soul are fed and nurtured. Towson UMC has offered financial support over the years. Visit hopeintheharvest.org to learn more!



Towson UMC at SOH



World Central Kitchen



Nathan & Anna at Towson UMC

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New Opportunities at Towson UMC

We're SEW excited for the Sights & Sounds of Spring

Spring brings colorful flowers, the sounds of birds chirping, sewing machines whirring and scissors cutting through fabric! Can't you hear them now? It's the rebirth of the Sewing Ministry at Towson UMC. Time to do some Spring cleaning because we are now accepting donations of 100% cotton fabrics, sewing machines, irons, quilting supplies that can be dropped in the **SEW Grateful** basket in the foyer. Monetary donations can be donated with the memo "Sewing Team" by visiting towsonchurch.org/give/.

Coffee Hour Bakers

Next time you join us in the parlor, sign up to bring in goodies for our church family and friends to enjoy on Sunday mornings!

Vacation Bible Camp Hero Helpers

Our 2023 Hero Hotline Mission is to serve, lead, and have fun at Vacation Bible Camp! We are recruiting decorators, leaders, and assistants. Scan to register.



Women's Retreat 2023

April 21 - April 23

Join Towson UMC for a wonderful weekend getaway for women of all ages at Skycroft Conference Center in Middletown, MD. Price includes meals, lodging, and retreat supplies for \$230. Scan the QR code to register.



Pet Food Donations

March 5- April 30

The Pet Ministry is taking dog and cat food donations that will be given to those in need during our **Pet Fair on May 6**. Your donations will help pet owners feed their pets. Please place donations in the bin marked "Pet Food" in the foyer.



March to the Food Pantry Sharing Bins

Cereal	Cake Frosting	Vienna Sausage
Granola Bars	Box Crackers	Spam
Ground Coffee	15oz Chili	Chunky Soups
Tea Bags	Canned Ham	10oz. Soups
Cake Mix	Mustard	Ketchup

Please place food donations in the Sharing Bins located in the main lobby of the church. Thank you for your generosity!



Prayer Service in the Chapel

through May 28
Sundays at 9:15 AM

Join Pastor Christine in the chapel for reflective music, scripture reading, reflections, and prayer time for one another, communities, and the world. From 9:45 AM to 10 AM, the chapel is open for a space to pray. Every third Sunday of the month, we will share in holy communion.

Sermon Series: Practicing Compassion

through April 8
Sundays at 10:15 AM & online

- 03.05 Compassion & Listening
- 03.12 Compassion & Prayer
- 03.19 Compassion & Mercy
- 03.26 Compassion & Well-Being
- 04.02 Compassion & Love Palm Sunday
- 04.07 Tenebrae Service at 7PM Good Friday

Scan the QR code to download a digital version of Living Well Through Lent 2023: Practicing Compassion with All Your Heart, Soul, Strength & Mind

Journaling Through Lent

March 22 & April 5 at 10AM in room 214

Join Liz Neal as she guides you through exploring of the themes of Lent including Change, Forgiveness & Passion. Scan the QR code to download your journal.



Practicing Fellowship

Towson UMC friends and family joined us at the start of Lent 2023 on Shrove Tuesday! The following day, we celebrated the first day of Lent with the imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday. Thank you all who have attended and we can't wait to see you as we carry on with Lent 2023 festivities including:

Zumbathon hosted by The Fellowship Players
Let's dance on March 11th in three fun classes held between from 9AM-Noon

Organ Meditations on March 23 & 30 at NOON
A time for prayer and meditation with Dr. Roy Belfield.

Parent's Night on March 24 from 6PM to 8:30 PM
While the parents are away the kids will play! Enjoy an evening out on the town while the kids hang out at Towson UMC for a movie night!

Maundy Thursday Soup Supper at 6 PM
in the Fellowship Hall

Save the Date:
04.09 Easter Sunday Worship & Easter Egg Hunt



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March Mission of the Month: **Heifer International**

Heifer International is on a mission to end hunger and poverty in a sustainable way by supporting and investing alongside local farmers and their communities in over 19 countries across 4 continents!

These families are able to earn a living income and continuously lift up their communities as they train the next generation of leaders. By supporting and training the world's farmers, ranchers, and female business owners, we're investing in a new breed of success.

You can give by visiting towsonchurch.org/give. Click "give securely here" then open the "Fund" drop down menu. Select "mission of the month."



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Online:

Visit towsonchurch.org/give to securely donate to Towson UMC by choosing your offering from the drop-down menu.

Cash/Checks:

Place checks in the offering box or through USPS to "Towson UMC Attention: Business Office"