

High Spire

Newsletter for Members and Friends of Towson United Methodist Church

June 2023

Dear Friends,

It is a really bittersweet time for me as I say goodbye to you all. I have learned so much from each of you!

I can't believe it's been three years already and am so grateful for the love and support that many of you extended to me.

I have kept all the keepsakes and cards from you all since 2020 and I will cherish them for years to come.

I will miss you all! Again, thank you from the deepest part of my heart for your love and compassion.

Love and Light,

Pastor Christine



Saying Farewell to Pastor Christine

On June 11, Pastor Christine will lead worship and preach. Following service, we will host a church lunch to celebrate the wonderful time we got to have her here as Pastor of Connections and Care.

If you would like to offer a monetary blessing as she makes this transition to her new home and church, please scan the QR code below.





God Bless the Graduating Class of 2023

Many who have been attending this church since they were children are now graduating High School and college. Wow, how time flies! Let's celebrate the members and relatives who are graduating this year:

Sarah Garman, child of Dave and Sue Garman, is graduating from Dulaney High School and will attend Pennsylvania State University with a major in Physics.

Madeleine Hutsell, child of David and Patty Hutsell, is graduating from Notre Dame Prep and will attend University of Maryland with a major in Business.

Gabriela Roberts, child of Miguel and Sushma Roberts, is graduating from Dulaney High School and will attend Fordham University with a major in English and a minor in creative writing.

Charles "Charlie" Savadove, child of Josh and Colby Savadove, is graduating from Boys Latin School and will attend Wake Forest University with a major in Finance.

Cassidy Siegel, child of Pam Cuneo, is graduating from Dulaney High School and will attend Towson University with a major in Acting.

Wilson L. Siegel, child of Pam Cuneo, is graduating from Dulaney High School and will attend college in Florida with a major in Studio Arts.

Alexis Vandermer, child of John and Noel Vandermer, is graduating from Dulaney High School and will attend Towson University with a major in Education.

Emily Cummings, child of Tom and Ginny Cummings, is graduating from The University of Maryland with a Bachelor of Science in Business Management and minor in Real Estate Development.

Roy Vandermer, child of John and Noel Vandermer, graduating from The University of Maryland with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and a minor in Neuroscience.

Congratulations!



Celebrating our Confirmants

United Methodists use the term "confirmation" to mark the first time a baptized Christian publicly "confirms" their intention to live the vows of the baptismal and membership covenant and so becomes a professing member of our local congregation and The United Methodist Church.

Nine young men have been fully engaged and optimistic during their confirmation classes with our pastor, Stephanie Roberts White. Matthew, Robert, Sean, Lewis, Coleman, Connor, Christopher, Vikram and Trevor each continued this journey with the support of their families.

Our confirmants, their parents, Pastor Stephanie and chaperone Dwight Kines, even had the awesome opportunity to visit the National Cathedral in Washington D.C. in the Spring!

On Sunday, May 28, we celebrated their Confirmation. In addition, we baptized one of them in front of our Towson UMC family. Thank you all who welcomed these young men and new members.

We also had new members, Janeen and Harper, join us by way of transfer. Our congregation welcomes each of you!



Special Guest Organ Recital



Thank you for supporting special guests Midori Ataka & Cameron Kuzepski who performed an organ recital with works by Alain, Ataka, Bach, Couperin, Raney, and Vierne. This was a wonderful opportunity to offer artists a space to spread their talent and put our refurbished organ to work!

Dr. Roy L. Belfield Jr. in Recital

June 17 at 4PM

Professional organist and Towson UMC Director of Music Ministries, Dr. Roy Belfield Jr., will continue to fill our church with beautiful music. This free recital will take place in our sanctuary with works by Alain, Bach, McIntyre, Mulet, Reger and Still. Friends and family are welcome.

The Funnies

Super Meer

Vacation Bible Camp at Towson UMC from July 17-21 (9AM-12PM)
by: Towson United Methodist Church



Super Meer always prays for an opportunity to teach children to follow Jesus, help others, work together, listen to God, and show grace.

RING RING
"Hero Hotline? We need to you go to Towson UMC for Vacation Bible Camp next month, can you do it?"

Super Meer jumps with joy.
"Of course I can! Make sure they sign up by scanning the QR code or visiting towsonchurch.org/news."

Super Meer launches into the sky and begins his long journey to Towson UMC. He can't wait to recruit more Little Heroes this Summer!

Next time on: Super Meer

VBC Training and Decorating on June 11, following Pastor Christine's reception, until 2PM.

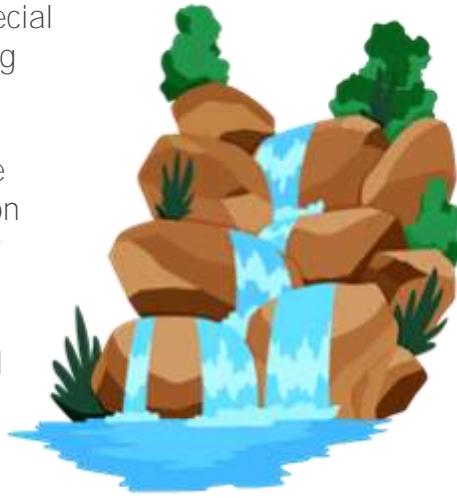
Summer Worship

Sundays at 10:15 AM
in-person or online

Just because school is out doesn't mean we stop joining in fellowship! We welcome the summer season celebrating Trinity Sunday with a guest preacher, Pastor Christine's last Sunday with us and Father's Day.

Starting on June 25, we'll explore stories of Jesus and water. We'll visit a well, go to a wedding, take a couple of boat rides, and head to the beach with Jesus guiding us and challenging us along the way. We'll have music from our talented members and will even a couple of special musical guests during worship.

On July 23, the Little Heroes from Vacation Bible Camp and our volunteers will lead worship. There will be music, plays, and more. Can't wait to see you there!



Worship Calendar

June 4: Celebrating Trinity Sunday with guest preacher Rev. David Ziegel

June 11: During Pastor Christine's last Sunday, she will preach and lead worship, followed by a celebration in the Fellowship Hall!

June 18: Happy Father's Day!

June 25: Mark 1:16-20 and Isaiah 55:1-3a "Come, Follow Me" featuring the Men's Choir

July 2: John 2:1-11 featuring the music of Sue Todhunter and Dr. Roy Belfield

July 9: Pastor Bee Myers' first Sunday as our new associate pastor! Pastor Bee will preach on John 4, the woman at the well. Featuring a solo by Jamie Deady.

July 16: Matthew 8:23-27 "Sleeping Through the Storm" featuring the music of Charlotte Schnur and Sarah Garman

July 23: Vacation Bible Camp Sunday!

July 30: John 21:1-4 "Gone Fishing!" featuring the music of Alan Schwartz and Sharette Kern

Bible Study

June 8 - August 31 on Thursdays at 11AM

We will be using the Adult Bible Studies curriculum produced by Cokesbury. This summer's theme is: "Inspired by God." This summer, our Bible lessons follow the theme "Inspired by God" and help us look at the careful design of Scripture and the art and poetry through which it touches our hearts and minds. They then move into a consideration of one of Scripture's most practical categories, wisdom literature, followed by a look at some of Scripture's heroes, who might surprise us.

June: The Rich Literature of the Bible

July: Wisdom

August: Heroes and Anti-Heroes of the Bible



We know summer is a busy time and plenty of people are travelling, so this study is set up so that each lesson is a stand-alone lesson. You can drop in whenever you're available! Books will be available at church on June 4 for \$15 each.

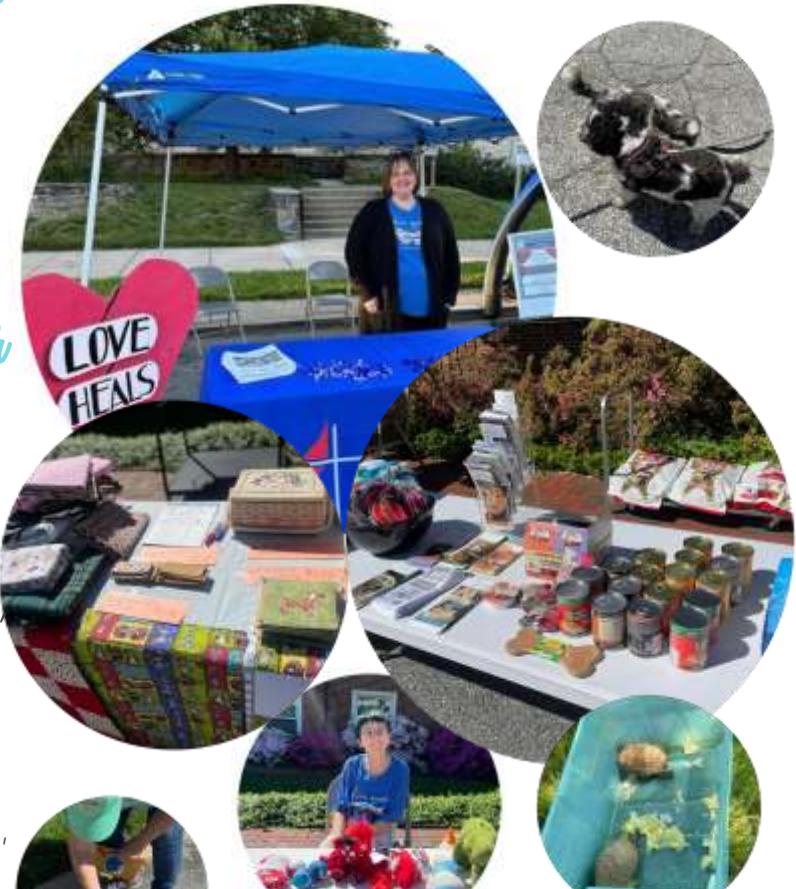
Lullaby of Broadway Cabaret

Thank you to the Fellowship Players for including our church members in the fun! From acting to singing, the performance was filled with humor and whimsical tunes. Did we mention a live band? What a great show!



Introducing our Church to the Community

We spread joy and love during the Towson Festival where we were on a mission to welcome people to our church home. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to represent Towson UMC.



Thank You for Supporting our Pet Fair

Our Pet Ministry hosted a paw-some Pet Fair at Towson United Methodist Church! Plenty of love was shared with our pet community. We had vendors like Snazzy Jazzy's Pet Salon (Towson), adorable dogs, bunnies and even turtles hanging out just outside of the church building.

Our recently relaunched Sewing Ministry hand crafted beds, bandanas, pot holders, blankets and more. All proceeds went to the Pet Ministry.

We were able to give out plenty of toys, snacks and pet food with the help of our congregation. We are planning on donating excess food to those less fortunate as a blessing to those who couldn't make it out.



Thank you for taking part!

The House of Ruth

We have offered The House of Ruth pairs of scrubs that were delivered, weekly, by our very own, Susan Naeny. Our congregation spread the word through work, like the daughter of Nancy Bopst, and more! Susan has received a kind message that she would like to share from The House of Ruth. This message reiterates that our mission and giving really does make a difference:

I want to send a very personal thank you to you and your church organization for the scrubs. We had been trying to get at least a few pairs of scrubs because we had none. I mentioned it to you and you have all showed up for The House of Ruth, Maryland. [We] are so grateful.

Donations are how we keep going and it's amazing people like you all that make it happen. So keep up the amazing work you all do and we will do the same.

Thanks Again,

LaToya Poindexter

The House of Ruth Maryland (Donations)



The Mission Work Area of TUMC

We have donated \$300 of mission funds to the Baltimore Conference/Heart of America Service Project that will benefit 2000 Baltimore City elementary school children. In partnership with Heart of America, churches were asked to donate much-needed school supplies, which will be packaged on-site at the Annual Conference Session and distributed in bags to students in eight elementary schools in Baltimore. Items purchased from the Amazon Wish List will be packaged along with a book for each child. The books are being provided by Heart of America, with personalized notes written by United Methodists at the Annual Conference Session, to encourage students.

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Food Pantry Summer Needs

During the Summer, not only does the temperature rise, but the amount of families and their students who are no longer receiving meals from school increases the needs at the Food Pantry. Please take a look at the list below 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

June Mission of the Month: UMCOR

The United Methodist Committee of Relief (UMCOR) is the humanitarian relief and development from the United Methodist Church that works in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

You can show support by giving at towsonchurch.org/give. Click "give securely here" then open the "Fund" drop down menu. Select "mission of the month." For more information about the work UMCOR is doing or to donate, please visit umcmission.org/umcor.

Hampton Lane Child Development Center

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