

High Spire

Newsletter for Members and Friends of Towson United Methodist Church

July 2023



Congratulations Pastor Njoroge and Family

Pastor Steven, his wife, Martha, and their children, Lewis and Ivy, have been an active part of the Towson UMC congregation. Their family moved here from Kenya, where he was ordained in the Africa Inland Church in Kenya. After discussions with our District Superintendent, Rev. Wanda Duckett, Pastor Steven has accepted an appointment to serve Back River UMC in Essex. While we are very sad for them to leave our congregation, we are so proud of Pastor Stephen and pray many blessings for him, his family, and his congregation!

Welcoming our New Associate Pastor on July 9

Let's welcome our new Associate Pastor, Bee Myers, and her husband. Pastor Bee will preach during worship. Following worship, we will enjoy free summer treats from a Kona Ice Truck just outside of the church. If you would like to leave Pastor Bee and Britt a welcome note, you can drop one in the special box in the narthex. We will give them the box during worship on July 9. Hope to see you there! Drop a blessing in the box in our lobby to send Pastor Bee our love as she begins her journey at Towson UMC.



Saying Goodbye, Happy Birthday & Hallelujah

On June 11, we celebrated so much at our church. This Sunday was Rev. Christine's last day at our church. She had the opportunity to lead worship and received a beautiful quilt hand-made by Carol Matlin, Nancy Andrew, Becky Downie and Jan Bennett. It was adorned with strings that church family could tie in a knot while sending prayers her way. What a symbolic and meaningful gift! We also celebrated not one but two birthdays! Pastor Stephanie and Abigail blew out their candle together for a memory they can share forever. We continued service with music from the Children's Choir and a farewell reception with help from staff and volunteers. Thank you all for being a part of this wonderful day!

Come to the Water: Refreshing Stories of Jesus

Worship in-person, or online, on Sundays at 10:15 am

We will continue to 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 have a couple of special musical guests during worship.

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: For Vacation Bible Camp Sunday, the Little Heroes from Vacation Bible Camp and our volunteers will lead worship. There will be music, plays, and more!

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

Christmas in July

July 23 following Sunday worship

Stay for Christmas goodies, music, and the unveiling of our 2023 Advent/Christmas theme! You'll also have the opportunity to sign up to help be part of this year's Christmas crew! We'll need all sorts of help – music, actors, speakers, crafters, builders, etc. Come join the fun!



July Mission of the Month:

First Fruits Farm



This farm plants and harvests their fields using volunteers. The fresh produce is then donated to organizations who serve needy families and individuals in their community. This farm continues to offer an opportunity to serve in Jesus' name. 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 volunteering at First Fruit visit firstfruitfarm.org/



Directory Photo Booth (Last Call)

July 30 following worship

Thank you to those who have had their picture taken, information updated and consent form signed! We are progressing with the update of our church directory; however, we have a ways to go to before completion.

Here are a few ways to be listed in our Directory:

- Email a photo to towsonumc@towsonumc.org with the subject: "Pictorial Directory: [insert full name]"
- Mail a photo to the church
- Use your picture from the last directory



With either alternative given, you will be required to sign the Information/Consent Form. Scan the QR code to download the form. Complete this form then mail or email it with your photo!

Have Questions?

Call the church office on Mondays 10AM-2PM at 410.823.6511 or email the church towsonumc@towsonumc.org.

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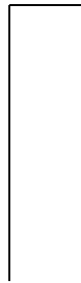
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Vacation Bible Camp

July 17-21 from 9AM-NOON

Register your Little Hero for our 2023 Hero Hotline Vacation Bible Camp at Towson UMC. VBC kids will experience stories through music, storytelling, games, arts & crafts, science, and even snacks.

They'll learn that Heroes are called to Follow

Jesus, Help Others, Work Together,
Listen to God, and Show Grace.



Scan the QR code
to register!



Hampton Lane Child Development Center

at Towson United Methodist Church

Did you know a child development center is available right at our church? This center prides themselves on being one of the only preschool programs in the area that is open year round, Monday through Friday.

For more information, visit hamptonlanecdc.org
or call 410.825.0009

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Food Needed at the Pantry

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
Granola Bars
Ground Coffee
Tea Bags
Cake Mix
Cake Frosting
SPAM
Box Crackers

Vienna Sausage
Canned Tuna
15 oz Chili
Canned Ham
Chunky Soups
10 oz Soups
Ketchup
Toilet Paper