

High Spire

Newsletter for Members and Friends of Towson United Methodist Church

June-July 2022



Towson Church,
Thank you for sending me
at Easter with the lovely flowers.
In this gift you stand the beauty
of Christ's love.
Best wishes always,
Sally Baron Knott

Tue, 5/6/22

Thank you for
the beautiful tulips
you brought me recently.

The color was my
favorite and it made
a lovely display on my
dining room table.

I appreciate so much
your notes, the High Spire,
and the time and efforts
you all contribute to
my feeling of inclusion.
God bless you all
with your Spring and
summer activities.

Long and happy
Betty Carroll



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Summer Sermon Series: Kingdomtide

June 12 - August 28

During the season after Pentecost, sometimes called Kingdomtide, we'll be looking at the work of the Holy Spirit let loose in the world. How does the Spirit transform us, as individuals and as a gathered church? The final four weeks will focus on one of our greatest threats to growth and community: violence. How do we as the people of God overcome this menace to the faith?

The Fruit of the Spirit

June 12: The Spirit Gives Wisdom
(1 Corinthians 2:10-16)

June 19: Life Apart from the Spirit
(Galatians 5:13-21)

June 26: Life in the Spirit
(Galatians 5:22-26)

July 24: The Jerusalem Council's
Mandate (Acts 15:1-21)

July 31: Mission Without Walls
(Acts 16:25-34)

The Work of the Church

July 3: A New Community of Believers
(Acts 4:23-31)

July 10: Faith Transcends Culture
(Acts 8:26-39)

July 17: Could I Stand in God's Way?
(Acts 11:1-18)

The Pursuit of the People

August 7: God's First Choice
(1 Chronicles 22:6-10, 17-19)

August 14: Living Beyond Violence
(Matthew 5:9, 38-48)

August 21: Loving Beyond Barriers
(Ephesians 1:11-22)

August 28: Betrayal and Victory
(Matthew 26:47-56)

After - Worship Discussions

June - August, Every Sunday
Room 214

You're invited to an after-worship discussion, led by Pastor Stephanie, using Adult Bible Studies: Transform (Summer 2022) as our guide.

Copies will be available at the church for \$15 on a first-come-first-serve basis.

An e-book is available to purchase from cokesbury.com.

Registration is not required. This discussion will be drop-in friendly, meaning you are welcome to join one time or every time!

Even if you are unable to join the discussion, this book is still an excellent resource for personal study.

Would you like to be in our Christmas Crew?

Pastor Stephanie has big plans for Advent this year and is looking for a small team of folks to help her with planning and implementation. If you love Christmas, like to have fun, and tend to dream big, then you're the right person for this team. Our first crew meeting will be this July! Date to be determined.

Those who are interested in bringing this top-secret dream to life should visit towsonchurch.org/news to sign up.



Congratulations Class of 2022



Will Giudice
Anna Garman
Justin Mealey

Brianna Merow Arthur
Collin Wagner
Julia Schnur

June Mission of the Month

The June Mission of the Month is to support *United Methodist Committee on Relief* 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. For more information about the work UMCOR is doing or to donate, please visit umcmission.org/umcor.

Food Pantry Ongoing Needs

Please place food donations in the *Sharing Bins* located in the main lobby. We accept items that include:

Cookies	Cereal	Canned chili
Crackers	Cake mix	Canned chicken breast
Tea bags	Frosting	Canned spaghetti sauce
Ground coffee	Toilet paper	Chunky soups

Thank you for your generosity!

Hampton Lane

Child Development Center
of Towson United Methodist Church
410.825.0009 hamptonlanecd.org

Paint Party!

June 18th at 2pm



Join us on Saturday in the Fellowship Hall for fun, fellowship, and painting!

Adults (Clay Pots) \$25
Children (Bricks) \$15

Sign-Up Below



All proceeds benefit the Fellowship Players at Hampton Lane, a new theatre ministry of Towson United Methodist Church.

This year, we have welcomed

12 New Members



Doris Estes
A family woman
from Giles County.
Roll Tide!

Karen Church
Baltimorean who
worked at St. Joseph's
for 10 years.

Caryn Kauffman
An artist born in
Tokyo who has
attended MICA.



Pam Cuneo,
Cassidy & Wilson
Siegel
Joined Towson
UMC as a family.



Claudia Raker
Army-raised, New
York native who
has worked from
Germany to
Honolulu. Recently
wed to Bill Raker!



Debie Kipp
Former member of
Piney Grove UMC
who was born and
raised in Baltimore
City. Debie is
an experienced
cook who also
enjoys playing
piano.



Mark Lundgren
Hardworking
professional who
always volunteers a
helping hand.



Eileen & Bob Wagner
Serving special needs
students and the US,
this couple of 51 years
has done over a
thousand rides across
the country!

Special Called Church Conference

On Wednesday, May 11, at 7 PM, a church conference was convened via Zoom. Our District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Wanda Duckett, presided. The purpose of the meeting was to consider transitioning the current administrative leadership model to a single board model of church governance. Fifty-seven church members were present.

The meeting was opened with prayer and words of welcome from Rev. Duckett, followed by a brief presentation by Pastor Stephanie summarizing what a single board model of leadership would look like. After a cordial and lively discussion, the vote was cast with 52 in favor, 4 against, and 1 abstaining. This means the work of transitioning to the new model begins now.

The nominations team will present their nominations for this new team on **June 19** immediately after worship. All church members are invited to attend and vote for these persons. Nominations from the floor will also be considered. If you would like to be considered for this new team, please look for "New Leadership Board" where you will find more information and an online interest form at towsonchurch.org/news



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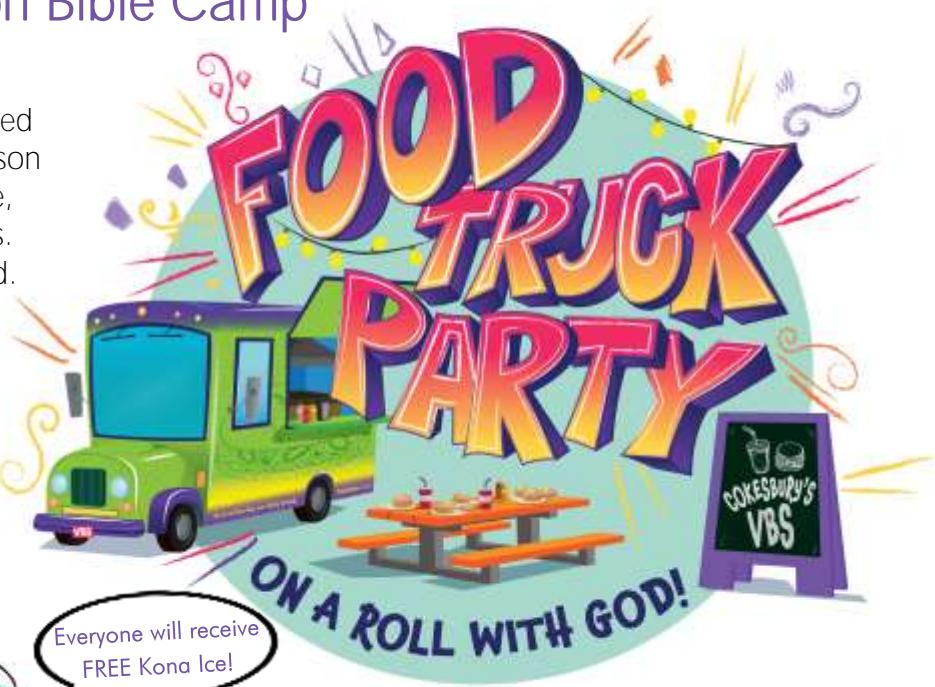
Food Truck Party Vacation Bible Camp

July 25-29th from 9am - Noon

Get ready for our Food Truck Party themed Vacation Bible Camp, this summer! Towson UMC invites children, pre-k to fifth grade, to experience a smorgasbord of activities. This includes crafts, storytelling, and food.

During Sunday morning worship, on July 31st, the kids will sing the songs they've learned. After worship, all members are invited to join in on the fun as we roll into the Food Truck Party just outside of the church.

Purchase lunch and hang out with friends and family who are more than welcome to join us. Children will receive a coupon for a **free** meal as honorary chefs of VBC!



Want to sign-up your little chef or volunteer?
Visit towsonchurch.org/news

"Give us this day our daily bread." Matthew 6:11 NRSV