

# High Spire July

*Towson United Methodist Church's mission is to  
proclaim the Word of God and to make disciples of Jesus Christ.  
Faithful discipleship includes  
celebration, connection, development, service, and sharing.*

**Towson UMC's Monthly Newsletter  
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## Rebuilding Lives

It is great to have Kelly Rampmeyer here (pictured with the Sunday School classes), whom our church sponsored in 2009-2010 when she volunteered in mission in 11 countries in 11 months, and is now teaching school in Annapolis. Kelly recently helped with Towson's Sunday School classes teaching the children how to make a simple blanket for someone in need. She writes, "The kids seemed to have a lot of fun making them. We were talking about the importance of helping and serving others as Jesus did, and how there are small things that we can do together to really help someone out. The blankets are going to The Light House Shelter in Annapolis (pictured above). It's a homeless shelter. We made one for a little girl featuring flowers, and one for a little boy featuring robots. :-) It is a really awesome shelter, and they have worked with our school a lot, and our students have learned a lot about compassion. It's awesome how God can touch hearts even in secular environments. He's working!"



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## *Thank You!*

Dear Church Friends,

Thank you so much for your lovely cards, get-well thoughts, and prayers and good wishes during my recent surgery. All of these thoughts and prayers mean so much to me.

Thank you David and Mary Jo for your hospital visits and Bill Raker for your home visit.

God Bless You All!

Love, Jeanne Disney

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Dear TUMC,

Thank you very much for the book and picture I received as graduation gifts. It meant a lot to me to be honored in the service, given an opportunity to contribute, and be presented with a brunch and those gifts. TUMC is my home and you guys have given me nothing but the best.



God bless,

Brett Turlington (pictured right)

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From Maria Springer....

I would like to thank Stephanie Kimmons for her kind words about me at Rev. Mary Jo Sims's Farewell Tea. However, I need to clarify that organizing the Tea was not all my doing. Stephanie was the co-coordinator and organizer together with Shirley Derksen, Ann Dahne, Nancy Andrew, Carol Woodworth, Jeannine Neuen, Susan Naeny, Carol Sims, Debbie Potter, Jo Miller who all worked in the kitchen, and baked pastries with many others: Liz Neal, Janet Kines, Karen Morris, and Nancy Klueh. Hopefully, I have not left anyone out.



And a very special, big thank you goes to Mike and Michelle McWilliams. Mike, thank you for bringing the Birch trees into the Fellowship Hall that transformed it into a garden, and Michelle, thank you for the beautiful floral centerpiece and lovely little teacup arrangements on every table and buffet. The Tea would never have been what it was without your generosity...thank you!

And last but not least, a big thank you goes to Jim Andrew and his truck, picking up various things that did not fit into our cars...and John Dahne, with his ladies, who washed ALL the dishes after the tea. And a thank you goes to everyone who stayed after the Tea helping Loren with the breakdown of the Tea setting. Thank you...Loren for your kindness in putting up with all of us!!!!

I also would like to thank the congregation, and the overwhelming crowd that came to wish Mary Jo farewell, showing her how much she was loved and appreciated. We will miss her tremendously!

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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

You are indeed a gracious and generous people! John and I were overcome by the farewell Tea. The Fellowship Hall was truly transformed into a lovely Tea Room! Everything was so grand!



And, your generosity was overwhelming. Absolutely overwhelming! We will be using the gift in our travels during my study leave. We will be visiting sites in England, Scotland, and Wales where John Wesley preached and taught and inspired others to engage in the acts of justice and piety that he promoted. We will think of you often during our travels and in the upcoming weeks and months.

And, Tyler Brewer's beautiful photo of the church will be proudly displayed in my new office at Deer Park UMC.

I know that God will continue to bless Towson UMC. You have been a blessing to me and I hope and pray that in some small way I have been a blessing to you.

Thank you so much for all that you have done on my behalf. Thanks for the lovely Tea and for the most generous gifts.

God's grace and peace remain with you always.

Blessings, Mary Jo

P. S. Thanks to all of you who sent or gave me cards, notes and other expressions of encouragements, and thankfulness during these past several weeks. I treasure each kind thought and word and will remember you all always. MJ

## Welcome our new Pastor...

*Choose life that you and your descendants may live... (Deuteronomy 30:19)*

How did we come to get a new pastor on July 1? You, or someone you may know, may be asking that question. Pastoral appointments in the United Methodist Church follow a practice known as the itinerant system, which means pastors are *called* by God to be *sent* by the bishop (with the help of the district superintendents and the input from the Staff-Parish Relations Committees) to *serve* churches. I have heard it likened to the setting of arranged marriages! Others talk about it as a request - or potentially a challenge - for all of us to trust in a process that is fundamentally prayer centered. Others simply marvel at how United Methodists are so *methodical* about appointing pastors. Many would call it an ingenious way of linking pastors and churches today.



Rod Miller

Our system goes back to John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, who employed an appointing approach to assigning pastors to churches. His goal was to identify and send as many pastors as possible to spread scriptural and social holiness, build disciples of Jesus Christ, grow churches, and to start new ministries and congregations. It has been a very effective system, especially in this country where the population is growing and mobile. It has suited the changing needs of people and of communities for over 200 years.

In the early days, the itinerant system depended on the laity (people) to form and lead weekly class meetings where members met together to encourage and challenge each other in living out their faith in practical ways. Pastors usually served more than one church and would travel from church to church to preach, teach, organize, and give oversight to the class leaders. There are similar circumstances at work today as we see the church developing and supporting lay people to serve in many ways in and beyond the church.

The Baltimore-Washington Conference's understanding and practice of the appointment system today has much in common with Wesley's vision:

- Both include every pastor and congregation being in mission to make disciples of Christ for the transformation of the world
- Both build on the words "disciple" and "discipline," which come from the same root word that has to do with the forming of individuals and churches in a particular way (disciple making and fruit bearing)
- Both expect congregations and pastors to bear fruit
- Both provide a system for "watching over one another in love"
- Both depend on pastors that have a calling to serve and congregations that are ready to be lay-ministry driven
- Both systems emphasize dependence on God rather than place

I am very honored by the bishop's appointment to serve as pastor of Towson United Methodist Church and I gladly accept this appointment. This is our starting place. At the same time, I am also choosing to serve Towson UMC. The appointment came from the bishop. Making this choice comes from me. Choosing how and where we will give of ourselves and pour out our lives means living intentionally and from a place of choice. I choose TUMC and commit willingly to offer my time, talent, gifts, and experiences to further God's vision for our church. My request and prayer is that you will be willing to do the same. Together there is so much that God can do in and through us as we choose to journey together. For as we make conscious choices for life, we can be assured that the Spirit is moving within and through us.

This is an exciting time and I am looking forward to the coming weeks as we get to know one another. I look forward to meeting you where you are and to learning who you are. Together let's choose life that our descendants may live.

Blessings to you,  
*Rod*

## *From our Minister of Discipleship...*

Hello Everyone,

I always relish the summers when I can spend time with my family. I actually find that I miss the girls when school starts. We do spend time together during the school year, but so much of that time is focused on the task at hand. We have limited time and so much to fit into that time. In the summer, we spend time doing nothing, with no deadline or set goals. Oh, we have projects and yard work and such, but we have more time to just BE together. I cherish it.

I wonder if God feels the same about us. Does God cherish time spent with us to just BE together without an agenda? Do our prayers seem to be focused always on a task or goal or need? Do we allow time to “be still” and know that God is God, and for us to acknowledge that God truly knows us? I encourage you to take time this summer to be still, pray without a list in mind, and simply enjoy the presence of our Lord.

God bless,  
*Margery*



Margery  
Schammel

## *Thank You Christian Educators...*

“The gifts He gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.”

Ephesians 4: 11-12

Carol F. Krau in her book **Keeping in Touch** writes the following, “I regard teaching as a means of grace. I believe that people gather in Christian community to support one another, pray together, read the Bible, connect their faith with their experience, and seek to serve God and God’s people, they open themselves to the presence of the living God. Those who prepare the way for others to experience this kind of Christian community are channels of God’s grace.”

The purpose of Christian education is one in which we, as individuals and communities of faith, are transformed by God’s grace as we come to:

- ✝ know and experience God through Jesus Christ;
- ✝ claim and live God’s promises;
- ✝ grow and serve as Christian disciples.

What a dynamic process teaching and learning for Christian formation is. As we weave our lives together, we shape our identity, find purpose for our lives, and are challenged to be what God intended us to be. All this builds on our past, reflects on our present, and images our future.

We at Towson Church are so blessed to have wonderful educational leadership for our children, youth, and adults. Mentors that are helping us learn and participate in ministry together. We would like to say THANK YOU to the leadership for assuming this responsibility.

*Jeannine Neuen and Margery Schammel*



### **VACATION BIBLE CAMP 2011**

#### **REGISTER TODAY!**

SHAKE IT UP CAFÉ – Where Kids Carry Out God’s Recipe

**July 25 – 29 9:00 – Noon**

This year ALL registrations will be done online.

Check out the interactive website and online registration for campers and volunteers

Go to: [www.towsonumc.org](http://www.towsonumc.org) and click on the **Shake it Up Café** logo.



## Church Family News:

### Receiving the Sacrament of Baptism:

Sunday, May 22, 2011

- Robert Stephen Berline, son of Ellen & Bradley Berline, grandson of Carol & Tom Edel
- Bennett Carroll Suggs, son of Jinna & Stephen Suggs, grandson of Mary Carroll Peters
- Noah Winston David, son of Kelly & Dilip David
- Addison Elizabeth Lisiewski, daughter of Elizabeth & Jason Lisiewski
- Knox Garrett Amtmann, son of Annie & Bernard Amtmann
- Taylor Wayne Tilley and Mason Lee Tilley, grandsons of Peggy & Richard DeCosta

Sunday, June 5, 2011

- George Brickell Frank, son of Kimberly & Brian Frank, grandson of Cindy & Merrill Frank
- Beck Edward Ganovski, son of July & John Ganovski, grandson of Harold Davis

### Announcement of Death & Resurrection:

- W. Scott Warrington, Jr. died Tuesday, June 7, 2011. His funeral service was held at Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens Saturday, June 11. Mr. Warrington was 91 years old.
- Sarah Jane Konski died Monday, May 23, 2011. Sarah's funeral service was held here at Towson United Methodist Church Thursday, May 26.

Grace Jones, wife of the late Rev. John Bailey Jones, will be **100 years old** on July 17, 2011. We encourage you to send her a card at:

Mrs. Grace Jones  
300 International Circle, Room 134  
Cockeysville, MD 21030

Tim Ford's Eagle Scout Court of Honor was held in the TUMC Sanctuary Sunday, May 15, 2011.

### SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Morning Worship... ONE Service at 10 AM

Thursdays, June 30—August 18 ... Evening Service at 6:00

—WEAR—

YOUR  
NAME TAG

Help our new pastor  
learn your name!



### PLANNING YOUR SUMMER TRAVELS?

ADD THURSDAY EVENINGS  
TO YOUR LIST OF JOURNEYS THIS SUMMER!

Join us for

Thursday Evening Worship beginning June 30.

What "Surprises" are in store for you?

Each Thursday thru August 18, put on your flip-flops and travel with us as we journey with Paul to Israel, Antioch, Cyprus, Turkey, Greece, Crete, & Italy.

At the Connections Café, there will be a table set up to take a nibble of the foods

from the country we are visiting.

Come when you can, dress is casual.

A light supper will be served at 6:00 PM, followed by drama, music, and reflection time.

# Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference Report

May 26-28, 2011

Prayer wove itself through every element of the 227<sup>th</sup> Baltimore-Washington Conference session, at the Marriot Waterfront Hotel in Baltimore, connecting the 1,200 lay and clergy members from 665 churches with one another, the world and with God. At the ordination service at Lovely Lane UMC, the Mother Church of Methodism, seven people were ordained Elders, two as Deacons, three were commissioned as provisional Deacons and 14 were commissioned as provisional Elders.

Rev. Emora Branman spoke at the memorial service for the conference's 56 honored dead. Prayers of blessing were said for all the special presenters, including Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake and Children's Defense Fund President Marian Wright Edelman, who challenged the church to raise its voice against the injustice being done to children in the nation. More than a dozen times during the business sessions, conference members bowed their heads together in prayer led by people from diverse backgrounds and traditions.

During much of the conference, focus was on the new United Methodist Call to Action, a call to address our adaptive spiritual challenges and create vital congregations. In the State of the Church address, Bishop Schol explained that technical challenges focus on fixing problems, while adaptive challenges "force us to face our weaknesses and vulnerabilities. It forces the people inside the church to change our hearts and minds, for we have to change before we can expect others to change. For times such as this, in a world besieged by war and poverty, environmental calamity and economic uncertainty. Hunger and conflict and hopelessness—God's challenge to us as people of the United Methodist Church is to lean into it."

That forward-leaning leadership was reflected in a number of ways:

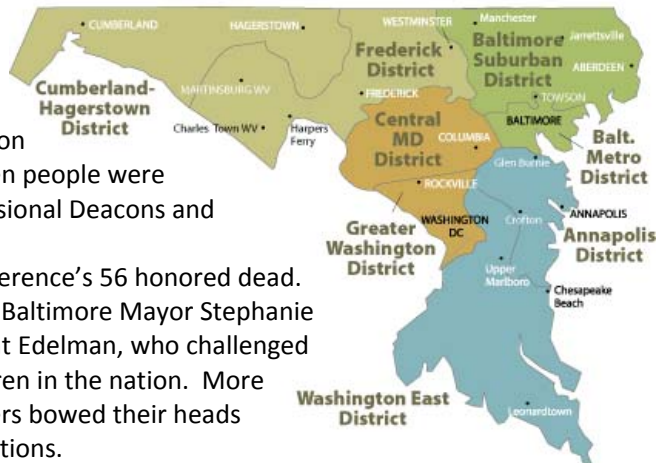
- Members collected \$21,045 for the homeless ministries and \$58,866 to assist victims of earthquakes in Haiti and Japan and recent storms and flooding in the United States.
- The Council on Finance and Administration announced its commitment to lower the benevolence factor over the years so that in 2016 it resembles a tithe, with churches paying 10% of their income. An \$18.5 million budget was adopted and the benevolence factor for 2012 was decreased from 19.5 to 18 percent.
- The Board of Pensions reported that 34 churches are not paying clergy pension and health benefits. It was also announced that 50 churches are facing challenges so severe it may take \$2 million and several years to turn them around.
- Conference leaders outlined eight key goals to serve local churches, which include the development of a comprehensive leadership training program, assisting in repurposing buildings for mission and ministry, the enhancement of the Gateway database system and the planting of 20 new congregations over the next 10 years.
- Nearly 75 people are finishing two years of training that will enable them to be Certified Lay Ministers.
- Betty S. Katiyo and Kennedy Nhondoro, lay leaders from Zimbabwe, shared news of the impact of the partnership between the BWC and United Methodist in Zimbabwe and gifted members with a rendition of "Amazing Grace," sung in Shona.
- Members voted to refer a number of petitions to the 2012 General Conference, including a resolution that gives pastors the right to determine if same-gender marriage or civil union may be held in their church in civil jurisdictions where such unions are allowed; a resolution calling for the denomination "to end its financial investment in Israel's occupation by divesting from companies that sustain the occupation;" and, a resolution to remove from the Discipline the statement that "the United Methodist Church does not condone the practice of homosexuality and considers this practice incompatible with Christian teachings."
- At a service of transition, 28 clergy retired and were honored, collectively representing 689 years of service.
- A motion to discontinue payment of retirees medical costs for people appointed or newly hired after Dec. 31, 2011, was referred back to the Board of Pensions for a review of possible additional options.
- John Wesley UMC of Joppa and Mahnes UMC in Berkeley Springs were closed. A motion concerning the struggling Albright UMC was referred to the Cabinet for reconsideration of a new assignment.

As the conference drew to a close, members prayed for the commissioned 36 delegates who will represent them at next year's General and Jurisdictional Conferences and wrapped them in prayer shawls, made by the conference's United Methodist Women.

Report taken from the "UM Connection," June 8, 2011

Submitted by Eleanor W. Brown, TUMC Lay Member to the Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference

Districts of the Baltimore-Washington Conference



# Putting for PATHWAYS



**SATURDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 24, 2011  
at Pine Ridge  
Golf Course;  
BBQ, silent auction, &  
events for the family**

**begin at 6 PM in Fellowship Hall**

PATHWAYS is very excited to announce our **FIRST ANNUAL PUTTING FOR PATHWAYS** golf tournament. WE NEED YOU to make this happen. PATHWAYS is one of TUMC's ministries benefitting low income children. Staffed by volunteers, PATHWAYS tutors and mentors Baltimore City & Baltimore County children.

Tournament Questions: contact  
Karen Somerville at [Mackenzie.77@hotmail.com](mailto:Mackenzie.77@hotmail.com)  
or 443-416-8314

- Cost: \$100.00 per person  
Includes Round of Golf, Box Lunch, Golf Cart  
Make checks payable to Towson UMC—note  
it's for PATHWAYS Golfing Event
- Time: 10:00 AM, start registration  
11:00 AM, first Tee Time  
1:30 PM, last Tee off
- Golfers: 18 Groups of Four
- Format: BEST BALL
- Contest: Longest Drive and Closest to the Pin
- Tee-Signs: \$100.00 each
- Golfers Contact: Carolyn Schnur at  
[carolyn\\_re@yahoo.com](mailto:carolyn_re@yahoo.com) to make your  
reservation

**DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS TO PLAY GOLF:**  
September 9, 2011

Volunteers needed the day of the Outing!  
Contact the following:  
Youth—Sally Savidge, [ssavidge@comcast.net](mailto:ssavidge@comcast.net)  
Scouts—Steve Bauer, [bauermailbox@comcast.net](mailto:bauermailbox@comcast.net)  
Adults—Vernon Sevier, [herc1@netbrain.com](mailto:herc1@netbrain.com)

- Volunteer for one of the following committees!
- ✦ Food Concession: contact Charlie Woodbury at [cew16@erols.com](mailto:cew16@erols.com)
  - ✦ Silent Auction Committee: contact Carol Edel at [tomcarol1@verizon.net](mailto:tomcarol1@verizon.net) or  
Kate Buchanan at [katebuchanan1@gmail.com](mailto:katebuchanan1@gmail.com)
  - ✦ Letter Writing Committee: write letters to companies requesting Tee-Signs and sponsors, contact Justin Jones at [justinjones@jhu.edu](mailto:justinjones@jhu.edu)  
OR Ken Klueh at [kklueh@verizon.net](mailto:kklueh@verizon.net)
  - ✦ Communications Committee: Tom Edel at [tomcarol1@verizon.net](mailto:tomcarol1@verizon.net)

Sign up today!

Sponsor a golfer or contribute money to the event:  
contact Ken Klueh at [kklueh@verizon.net](mailto:kklueh@verizon.net)

If you need phone numbers for anyone listed above, contact Nicole in the church office at 410-823-6511.

Families of Golfers, PATHWAYS Supporters, and Golfers: Beginning at 6:00 PM in Fellowship Hall here at church, we will have a BBQ cookout, games and events for all ages, and a silent auction. You are encouraged to attend.

We need to raise money for PATHWAYS to continue, as many of our funding sources are coming to an end or restricted due to the economy. The entire church, youth through seniors, can have a role in continuing this valuable work.

**ARE YOU OR YOUR BUSINESS able to donate to our Silent Auction or advertise on a Tee-Sign?** Please contact Carol Edel, Kate Buchanan, or Justin Jones at the e-mail address noted above. Thanks!

## IMPORTANT NOTICE TO YOUTH

**Coming to ROCK in 2012 —Mass Choir on Sunday, January 22**

For the first time, you can register and be a part of a conference mass youth choir as part of the Sunday morning worship at ROCK!

Cost: \$5.00 per singer

You get: copy of music, Rehearsal CD, & event t-shirt

**Mr. Craig needs to know BEFORE JULY 1, 2011**

If you want to be a part of this...

[craigjlittle@gmail.com](mailto:craigjlittle@gmail.com)



# Missions & Outreach

## IT'S SUMMERTIME AND THAT MEANS THERE ARE LOTS OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR MISSIONS & OUTREACH!

### EATING FOR MISSIONS



#### **EAT AT Chick-fil-A — support Missions**

Don't cook the second Monday of the month—come eat supper with us at Chick-fil-A, York Rd. & Industry Ln., Cockeysville anytime **between 5 & 7 PM**. Just let the cashier know, inside or drive-thru, that you are a supporter of Towson United Methodist Church's missions. A portion of the cost of your meal will go toward our Volunteer-in-Missions projects. In May we raised \$24.37. We'll see you Monday, **July 11** and again on Monday, **August 8**.

### RAISING MONEY FOR MISSIONS

**Mission Offering for July is for Y.A.N.A.** (You Are Never Alone). The mission of Y.A.N.A. is to reach out in love and service to women, children, and men who have been exploited through prostitution and human trafficking, offering alternatives to those seeking change and compassionate support for those exploited by any aspect of the life. Y.A.N.A. Place provides a weekly drop-in program as well as day & evening street outreach/homicide prevention, individual counseling for trafficked youth and adults, and intensive services for victims of human trafficking. These services include rapid response to victims rescued in raids, community education, legislative advocacy, resource/housing development, food, clothing, and showers in a homelike setting, trauma counseling/therapy, case management, advocacy, and diversion services. Approximately 2000 children and adults in Baltimore are served per year through these programs.

Y.A.N.A. relies almost exclusively on support from grants, local agencies, and community outreach through churches and community organizations.

Thank you for your support and generosity. For information about YA.N.A., please contact Sue LaHatte at 410-628-2688 or by e-mail at [slahatte@hotmail.com](mailto:slahatte@hotmail.com). Visit [www.humantrafficking.org](http://www.humantrafficking.org).

We will be collecting funds at the July 3 Sunday service and/or you may send to the church anytime during the month of July. Thanks!

### SHOPPING FOR MISSIONS

#### **DURING VACATION BIBLE CAMP, July 25-29**

We will be collecting different items each day of VBC. Everyone, campers & non-campers, children, youth, & adults, may participate! We will be supporting Manna House, First Fruits Farm, our church's Emergency Food Pantry, Defenders of Animal Rights, and Margaret Brent Elementary School. Please check the church website and the Sunday bulletins for the list of daily mission collections. Thank you for your support!

#### **FOOD NEEDED FOR OUR EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY**

60-70 households count on our food each month. The need is great! When shopping, please pick up a few of the following items and bring them into the church and place in a marked Sharing Bin in the main lobby.

- Mac & Cheese
- Canned Chili
- Canned Beef Stew (greatly needed)
- Cereal—adult brands (greatly needed)
- Canned Ravioli, Spag Os, etc.

Please, no canned vegetables are needed at this time.

### PICKING VEGETABLES AT A FARM



#### **GLEANNING at First Fruits Farm, Freeland, MD**

We're picking the mornings of **Saturday, August 6 AND Saturday, August 20**. We will leave the church parking lot around 7:30 AM and return around Noon. Sign up to pick vegetables by contacting Michelle at [mmbuzz@gmail.com](mailto:mmbuzz@gmail.com). The vegetables we pick will be shipped to food pantries and shelters.

### SUMMER WORKCAMPS

**CAMP HOPE** — Youth and adult volunteers are heading to Western Maryland to work on homes of those less fortunate than ourselves. We know we will be building porches and steps for two homes in Cumberland and one home in the Frostburg area. We will be leaving Sunday, July 17 and returning Saturday, July 23; staying in the dorms at Frostburg State University and praying at Frostburg United Methodist Church. Please keep the following workers in your prayers: Allie Corson, Hannah Cummings, Matt Potter, Michael Cummings, Chris Hall, Ryan Deuber, Caitlyn Canonico, Michel'le Stallworth, Caron Schroeter, Kylee Gabler, Dominic Corson, Sam Savidge, Adam Deuber, Parker Green, Andrew DiFurio, Cathy Rosellini, Michele Buzzelli, Richard Deuber, Jim Houck, Jr., Tom Cummings, and Mike Potter.



## **BALTIMORE COUNTY CHRISTIAN WORKCAMP**

Youth and adult volunteers are **NEEDED** to work Thursday, July 21 and Friday, July 22. We need to build a ramp for a disabled woman who lives on Cinder Road in Timonium. Our team leader is Margot Gerding. Margot will design the ramp and the posts will be set in concrete the week before by Richard & Ryan Deuber and others. If you are able to work July 21 and/or July 22 building the ramp, please contact Cathy Rosellini at 410-823-3689 or [crorellini@towsonumc.org](mailto:crorellini@towsonumc.org). Please pray for this work team.

### **KNITTING & CROCHETING**

**BABY CAPS** — Did you know that our United Methodist Women have knitted 13,445 baby caps in the last 6 years for babies born at St. Joseph Medical Center and GBMC? If you know a baby that was born at either of these hospitals, they more than likely wore a cap knitted by our ladies. Would you like to knit baby caps? The yarn is donated, all we need is your time and talent. Contact Ida Lou Hudler at 410-823-4922.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** — Knitters and crocheters meet to create the beautiful shawls sent to hospitals, hospices, and to those who are sick or grieving. Each shawl carries our prayers for God's blessings and mercy. If you don't know how and want to learn, this group is very willing to teach. Three different times are available to sit and work with the group: 1st Wednesday of each month from 6-8PM (**July 6**) AND the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 9-11 AM AND 6-8 PM (**July 19**). All gatherings are in the parlor — or knit/crochet at home and on vacation then bring in your work and put in the marked Sharing Bin in the church lobby. Contact Carol Matlin at 410-256-0657 or e-mail at [cmatlin@jhmi.edu](mailto:cmatlin@jhmi.edu) -or- Sue Brown at [scbrown@boyslatinmd.com](mailto:scbrown@boyslatinmd.com).

**WINTER SCARVES** — We are also knitting/crocheting scarves for the victims of human trafficking at Y.A.N.A.



**INFANT SWEATERS** — Mission Central (an UMCOR center for packing & storage in Harrisburg, PA) includes a hand knitted CROSS OVER BABY SWEATER in every Layette Kit sent to a family who has an infant and has just experienced a disaster (such as an earthquake, tornado, or flood). UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) delivers the relief packages to the families in need. Please contact Nancy Andrew at 410-296-2749 or [njandrew2@comcast.net](mailto:njandrew2@comcast.net) for the knitting instructions.

### **CLEANING YOUR HOUSE**

If cleaning your house is on your list of "to dos" this summer, we have opportunities to turn this project into an outreach project ...

**OLD EYE GLASSES & CELL PHONES** — Our Senior Adult Ministry Group is collecting these items that will be recycled. Look for the basket in the church's main office.

**CLOTHES, SHOES, & ACCESSORIES** — We have a large metal bin — outside, next to the children's playground — marked with the cross & flame. Bring your gently used, clean clothes, shoes, purses, and belts for men, women, and children to the bin. To open, raise the bar UP. We have a team that comes in every month (or more) to sort the items and take them to Homestead United Methodist Church. Homestead makes sure the needy folks in the Waverly community of Baltimore receive your donated items.

**FLEA MARKET** — Our United Methodist Women are having a Flea Market in November. If you no longer want your knick-knacks, jewelry, lamps, and other household items, please consider donating them to our UMW Flea Market. The money from the sales go to projects associated with our church. **BEFORE** bringing in your items, **PLEASE CALL** Lorraine Jacobs at 410-825-3051 or Ida Lou Hudler at 410-823-4922. They need to know what you are donating. They can meet you here at church or arrange to have your donations picked up.

### **OUR WOUNDED SOLDIERS**

Mr. Clay Jefferson has been our contact at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. He has been transferred; our new contact is Mr. Adam Gates. Mr. Jefferson sent the following note to you, "It has been my privilege to work with you and your members in support of our wounded warriors recovering at Walter Reed. Take care of yourself and know that all your ministries efforts are greatly appreciated by our soldiers and family members."

### **GIVE BLOOD**

#### **ARC Blood Drive Reminder!**

Save the date of Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> for your next blood donation! Anyone not donating blood after July 23<sup>rd</sup> is eligible to donate here at TUMC on **Saturday, Sept 17<sup>th</sup>**.

For more information or to make an appointment, e-mail Margot at [TUMCBloodDrive@verizon.net](mailto:TUMCBloodDrive@verizon.net).

We look forward to seeing you then!!

## UPPER ROOM DAILY DEVOTIONALS...

(in regular and large print)

for July/August are now available in the main lobby of the church on the devotions table under the stained glass display. The suggested donation is \$1.00.



**CRAFT NIGHT** — continues into the summer on the first Friday of every month from 6:00-9:00 PM. The next time we meet will be **July 1** and again on **August 5**. Bring whatever craft you are currently working on and use the large tables. We meet in Rooms 212-214-216. For those of you working on Baby Caps, Prayer Shawls, Winter Scarves, or Baby Sweaters (see p. 9), here's another opportunity to meet new friends and work on your project.

### THE CRIBBERY (NURSERY):

#### CARING FOR OUR LITTLE ONES — Did you know...

- ◆ We have wonderful paid caregivers in the Cribbery every Sunday
- ◆ Church members who have received Safe Sanctuary Training lovingly volunteer in the Cribbery each week
- ◆ Pagers are available in the Cribbery so we can be in contact with you

If you have a child 3 years old or younger, please stop by and visit us. For questions or concerns, please contact Sue LaHatte at 410-628-2688 or slahatte@hotmail.com.

## SING ALLELUIA, WITHOUT END

Written by Joyce Keedy

Christ has risen from the grave, and the victory won!  
Strong eternally to save, God's triumphant Son!  
Death would vain for bid Him rise,  
Heaven's spotless Lamb,  
Hear the choirs of Paradise, Jesus Christ shall reign!

Refrain: Sing Alleluia without end, rejoice forevermore, and  
with the heav'nly anthem blend to praise our risen Lord!

Let our brightest songs employ, for He who once was slain  
Now is ris'n with boundless joy, evermore to reign!  
He has vanquished darkest night, saved us, set us free,  
Now resplendent with the light, alive eternally!

Refrain

Ours the endless song of bliss, echoing 'round His throne,  
Created were our souls for this—to worship Him alone.  
In Him forever purified, washed clean to shout His praise,  
Jesus, ever glorified, has saved us by His grace!

Refrain

Heaven's fellowship restored, Eden's joys redeemed,  
And all that here we have endured shall vanish, like a dream.  
Heaven's gates, He's opened wide, full atonement made,  
He bids us, with Him, go inside, and of His joys partake.

Refrain

Taken from the book Stunned by your Glory, poems to the Glory of God © 2010. Copies are available through Joyce. Call the church office for Joyce's contact information.



### ATTENTION

#### MINISTRY LEADERS, COMMITTEE LEADERS, CLASS LEADERS, GROUP LEADERS:

Mission Work Area is asking you, as you think ahead about your upcoming mission projects, to let us know the what, where, and when of your project. Please help the MWA coordinate, educate, publicize, and support your future mission events. Don't let your important mission project get "short changed" by scheduling it when others have already been scheduled. There are forms you can fill out. They are located outside Room 315 on the little table OR you can e-mail Dwight Kines at [djkines@comcast.net](mailto:djkines@comcast.net) or Carole Dean at [carole8603@comcast.net](mailto:carole8603@comcast.net) or stop in to see Cathy Rosellini in Room 315.

**Get your mission project on the calendar  
so you can have the best opportunity for success!**

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- ☺ Only \$35 for July session with pre-paid registration by June 30; \$40 from July 1.
- ☺ Register early to ensure your place! Class will be limited due to room size (Room 214-216).
- ☺ Don't miss this low cost, low commitment opportunity to experience all the body and soul benefits of Zumba Gold!

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Rev. Dr. Anthony Hunt .....District Superintendent  
David Garman & Susan Gralley .....Church Lay Leaders



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WILL NOT BE OPERATIONAL until July 1, 2011**



**DUE DATES FOR FUTURE HIGH SPIRE ARTICLES**

August 2011 issue — Monday, July 11

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All articles need to be in the marked folders outside Room 315

OR — you may e-mail it to

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