

High Spire

June



Pictures left and above taken from the Carol Choir's *The Rocksinger and His Greatest Hit*, April 18

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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TYLER CANONICO HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR RECITAL

Friday, June 18, 7:30 PM

This congregation has been lovingly supporting the musical progress of Tyler Canonico for many years. You heard him announce his desire to be the director of music at TUMC long before he had taken his first organ lesson! Now he is graduating from high school and has prepared a senior recital. Mark your calendar for Friday, June 18th at 7:30 as the time to be in your seat in the sanctuary!

Tyler will play a Prelude and Fugue by Bach, the Finale from Vierne's First Organ Symphony, works by Franck, Langlais, and more.

There will be a reception to greet and congratulate Tyler in Fellowship Hall immediately following his performance.

Don't miss it!



The members of Towson United Methodist Church are diligently collecting and sending money to UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) for the relief efforts in Haiti following the major earthquake earlier this year. So far \$32,623.79 has been sent to UMCOR by way of checks or through online giving.

Our children are currently collecting pennies, using the story of the Five Loaves and Two Fish and Feeding the 5,000. They hope to collect 5,000+ pennies by their final day of Sunday School, which is June 13. An announcement of the total amount will be made at their "Penny Party" that morning. All donations will be given to UMCOR for the Haiti Relief Fund.

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From the Senior Pastor



David Cooney

Dear Friends,

Summer is just about upon us and with it comes our summer worship schedule. Beginning on Sunday, June 20 (Father's Day) we will have a single service at 10:00. We are going to begin in grand style. The Alleluia Singers will be presenting the music for their concert tour. Shortly after the service, they head west to spread the gospel through song and witness. You will want to be sure to hear them that morning.

SUMMER
SUNDAY MORNING
ONE SERVICE
AT
10:00 AM
JUNE 20 – SEPT. 5

There are many reasons for going to a single Sunday service in the summer. Among the most important is to have a sanctuary full of people and full of energy. This makes for a good worship experience for all of us. It also provides a good impression for first time worshipers. Summer is a time when we receive many visitors as people move into the community and begin to look for a church home. Unfortunately, this coincides with reduced programming. Christian Connections classes take a break, along with our choirs, and many of our mid-week programs also end. Of course, many of you along with church staff and pastors go on trips and vacations. This can give the impression of a church where not much is happening. This is not the truth, of course, but it gives the impression. A vibrant, energetic worship experience shows off who we really are.

So, if you are in town, plan to be in church. Also, think visitors — be especially aware of those around you whom you do not recognize and be sure to say hello. Notice if people are looking lost or confused — it may be their first time in our building. Offer help. We want to be as gracious as possible to our guests.

Are you away many Sundays? We also have a Thursday evening worship experience all summer long. Beginning Thursday, June 24, come to the hall for the Gospel of Seuss (see more information below). Dinner and fellowship is available at 6 with the service beginning 6:15. It is informal and interactive and great for all ages. Each week we will consider another Dr. Seuss story looking for life lessons. Of course, there is also prayer, scripture, and singing. We finish by 7. This is a great time to bring a friend.

Summer is upon us. Our schedule changes but our worship continues. Stay close to God throughout the lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer.

David

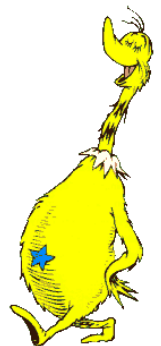


The Gospel of Seuss **Thursday Evenings** **6 PM in Fellowship Hall** **June 24 thru August 26**

Rev. David Cooney will kick-off our summer worship series on June 24th with Dr. Seuss' *The Sneetches*. Come at 6 PM for a frankfurter party and McBeans. The service will begin while you're eating and finish by 7.

"Now, the Star-Belly Sneetches
Had bellies with stars.
The Plain-Belly Sneetches
Had none upon thars."

Are you a Sneetch with a Star-Belly or a Plain-Belly?



PATHWAYS

Our PATHWAYS Tutoring Program was blessed to have Vernon Sevier organizing Career Days.

This was a time when various professionals

come to share their work experiences. They emphasize the role that education played in their success. They also share the sometimes windy road they traveled to become who they are in their careers. Some finished school and got a job right away and took advantage of the benefits their businesses offered for continued education. Our physician talked about the extended years to become a Doctor and how rewarding that was. Others learned their professions through trade school and use their hands and their minds to complete their work. They talked about qualities such as persistence, hard work, team work, and patience to reach their goals.



This year we invited our own Minister of Music, Kathie Metz, to introduce the students to the possibility of working as a Music Director. We traveled to the Sanctuary to sit around the organ and hear about Kathie's job. She played snippets of pieces to show the students the range of the organ. After sharing about the various children and adult choirs, there were a few students who thought they might like to be part of that!

Stephanie Kimmons, Director



**THE STUDENTS WERE AMAZED AT THE MANY INSTRUMENTS AN ORGAN CAN IMITATE.
SO MANY PEDALS, KEYS, AND STOPS!**



Saturday, June 12, 2010
3 p.m. – Urban Street Level & Vanessa Baker, former Miss NJ
7 p.m. – Mystics vs. Liberty
Verizon Center, Washington, D.C.
Tickets are \$20 per person

The clock is running out for the children of Africa, where every 30 seconds a child dies of Malaria. United Methodists within the Baltimore Washington Conference, in partnership with the Nothing But Nets campaign, are taking a shot at eradicating this epidemic in the next decade by providing insecticide-treated bed nets.

Join us for a Mystics basketball game, music, and more as we beat the buzzer and save a life.

Visit www.bwcumc.org/buzzerbeater

to learn more, contribute and purchase event tickets.

From the Associate Pastor



Mary Jo Sims

The evening of May 2nd, the UMYF (United Methodist Youth Fellowship) gathered to hear Allie Barnes share her reflections about her recent mission trip (with others from her high school, Notre Dame Prep) and see photos of the people and places she visited. As I listened to Allie, I resonated with every word she spoke. Her experiences in El Salvador echoed the ones I had had recently in Zimbabwe:

Ever wonder what it is truly like to experience poverty? Like 3rd world poverty? Imagine counting every drop of water that you get to bathe, clean, and drink. Imagine no streetlights, no ovens, no computers, and no cell phones. Imagine three cars for a village of 500 people. Though this all sounds harsh, imagine living in the present, never dwelling on the past or worrying about what

the future may bring. Going to El Salvador I lived for a week in poverty, I experienced the harshness of not having all the comforts of America. What I found more than being uncomfortable, was a sense of comfort in their community. Imagine sitting outside of your house on a lovely day with a few of your neighbors who were your best friends while you watched your children and your neighbor's children running around outside happy. There is no complaining about whose turn it is on the computer, no whining about the fact that your family doesn't have something everyone else seems to have, or the need to run to the store to get the next best game. People in El Salvador just contently live with what they have, never needing the next best thing.

Although nearly half a world away, Allie and I had both experienced the joy of being in community with others. Many of you already know that in April I went on a mission trip to Zimbabwe with 7 other people from across the Baltimore-Washington Conference. Wherever I went in Zimbabwe, whomever I met, there were smiles and words of gratitude. I did not hear complaints. I do not recall anyone speaking harshly to another. And, everywhere our team went, we were greeted warmly.

One day we travelled miles and miles over a dusty rocky road to Dindi, which is located in the northeastern part of Zimbabwe. One of the churches in our conference, Community UMC, has been instrumental in funding a clinic in Dindi. We went there to visit with the people and see the work being done in the clinic. I was grateful to be bringing with me the med packs that the Towson UMW and two others had donated to the clinic.

Earlier this week, I received an email from Charlie Moore, a member of Community UMC and leader of our mission team. Attached to the email was a letter from Dindi. I offer only a brief excerpt from it:

Greetings to you friends in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. . . .

Joy and life is what we all have now just because of the plant of life you have brought us here:

Dindi Community United Methodist Clinic. In Pfungwe area the Dindi Community United Methodist Clinic is now referred to as a referral centre because of its structure and what is inside. This is just because of the goodness of the Lord and how he has used you to shed light on us.

Because of your efforts and your hand with the help of the almighty, Dindi Community United Methodist Clinic was selected at Provincial level to have a sentinale site for the study of anti malarial drugs. There are only 8 sentinale sites in the country and Dindi is one of them and rated the best, in all of them. Friends in Christ, surely you brought life not to a selected few in Dindi area but in Zimbabwe as a whole because the results of the study of the anti malaria drug study help policy makers in deciding the best anti malarial drug.

Because of your hand friends in Christ we are now having a smooth running of prevention of mother to child transmission of HIV programmes, and maternity deliveries with average clinic deliveries at 110-15 deliveries a month. Since the commencement of this programme of PMTCT we now have about 8 children born from HIV positive but the Lord is so powerful they are HIV negative after a successful completion of the PMTCT package from birth to 18 months.

We know that through your prayers in your absence at this institution we will make it. If we just look at your photos on wall everything just loosens up because we know that we are not alone.

Praise the Lord. Amen

Dindi Community United Methodist Clinic on behalf of all those benefitting.

Compiled by Dindi Clinic Staff: Charles Chipuriro – Nurse in charge; Raphael T. Chisaka – Pastor

We are all bound together. None of us is alone. Through the universal Spirit of God, we can all experience the comfort of community that Allie speaks of in her reflection.

God's grace and peace, *Allie Barnes and Mary Jo Sims*

Music Notes



Kathie Metz

Our focus for June is The Perfect 10 Tour! Do we think we'll be perfect? Well, no, but this IS 2010, and this IS our tenth tour. Hard to believe!

What's new about the Perfect 10 Tour? TWO buses! More boys (24) than girls (22). What's old? The choir director!

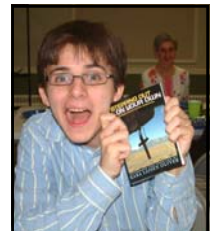
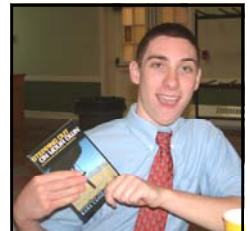
We're stopping at some places where we've been before, but also adding new venues. We must have lunch again at Stewart's Original Hot Dog Stand in Huntington, WV, before we take the Marshall campus tour, but we've never visited Albright UMC, where Linda Gaylor's parents worship. Seniors really wanted to have a fun day back at Dollywood, but this will be our first trip to the Gray Fossil Museum on the campus of East Tennessee State University.

The Singers will give 5 concerts in 4 days and stay at 4 different college campuses. Our program is called, "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" and includes 13 anthems and 4 dramatic support pieces. Some of the music is a cappella, some uses drum set and electric bass, some invites hand clapping, some invokes prayer.

The congregation is invited to hear it all at our first 10:00 AM service of the summer, June 20.



2010 ALLELUIA SINGERS LEADING WORSHIP JUNE 20th BEFORE THEY LEAVE TO TOUR 3 STATES.



Introducing some of our 2010 graduates who were honored at the May 16 Worship Service:

(top row) Tom Cummings, received his Master of Education, followed by High School graduates Lindsey Hogge, Allie Barnes, Evan Warnock, Matt Ross, Tyler Canonico, Zach Geesey,
(bottom row) Emily McWilliams, Geoff Little, Luke Smith, John Ford, Sophia Gauthier, Greg Barnes, James Eustace.
Pictures were taken at the breakfast held between worship services for the graduates and their families.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR GRADUATES!

Christian Education

THE SEED

by Anita J. McIntosh



Why did I say, "Yes" when asked to teach?
Was it out of a sense of duty, guilt, need, pity?
I don't have time to prepare.
Other things are calling me.
SOMEONE PLANTED A SEED!

I'm not sure I know God well enough.
It would take too much time.
I would have to study and do research.
But, they do need people.
They must have believed in me to ask.
SOMEONE WATERED THE SEED!

Maybe someone else could do a better job.
My confidence is running out!
It takes a lot of work, but it feels great
When I know I'm getting through and they respond!
LOOK, A SPROUT!

Sure, I could use some help.
Finding new ideas is hard,
And sometimes the students just sit and stare!
Maybe I could revise my teaching style.
Maybe I need to be more flexible and try to relax.
SOMEONE PRUNED THE BUSH!

I understand.
I'll let Jesus be my guide.
He will give me confidence and a love I can share.
I won't be teaching alone.
This is my personal ministry and I can do it!
MY FOUNDATION IS ROOTED!

I know Jesus is with me.
Now, I have confidence to befriend those in need,
teach the children, love my enemies,
draw from the wells of life, and live my faith.
NOW I CAN PLANT A SEED

THANK YOU!

During the month of June, we will make the transition from the regular Sunday School program to Summer Programming. What a wonderful group of volunteers we have had teaching and leading our children, youth and adults. Thank you for all you do for the Educational ministries at Towson.



In the Children's Ministries Area there will be some changes in leadership next fall. Bruce Clasing (left) is retiring from teaching after 20 years of ministry with the children.

Bruce began teaching in the Kindergarten room in 1990, moved to the 4th grade in 1991 and 1992 and has been teaching 2nd grade, the last few years 1st/2nd grade, for 17 years. Sally Savidge, the 3rd grade teacher, is taking a hiatus next year from teaching. Sally has been teaching in the 3rd grade classroom since 2004. Carolyn Schnur, one of the teachers in the Toddler/Two year old classroom, is also taking a leave from teaching. Bruce, Sally, and Carolyn, we will miss your smiling faces in the children's classrooms. —Jeannine



CHILDREN MINISTRIES...

We switch teachers and combine classes but the activities keep going on. There are mid week opportunities and a week long camp. There is just so much to learn and experience about our

FAITH, that we just cannot stop. Check out our Summer Activities and classes.

MORE THAN A MOVIE Admit One (or two or three... bring some friends!) FREE

Now Showing: **A Bug's Life**
(rated G)

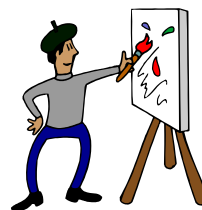
Date: **June 28**

Time: 10:00 AM – Noon

Who: Children age 4 – 3rd grade
(parents are welcome too!)



Come and enjoy a great movie, delicious snacks, and fun games. Questions? Call Jeannine Neuen at 410-823-3698 or email jneuen@towsonumc.org.



WACKY WEDNESDAYS PAINTING DAYS July 7 & July 14 1:00 - 3:00 PM

Children in Grades 3 – 5,
Youth & Adults

Join us in Room 310/312 for creating, painting, and fellowship as we get murals ready for VBC!

It's a painting party, dress in your painting attire. Don't miss it! E-mail jneuen@towsonumc.org and let her know you want to be included.

Christian Education

continued

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN

Begins June 20, 10:00 AM

Cribbery care for children birth – toddlers & 2s

Jesus Loves Me! – Ages 3 & 4

Kids' Travel Guide to the 23rd Psalm

5/K – 3rd grade (2009/2010)

Many helpers are needed in the summer. Join the summer teaching team. Contact Jeannine Neuen at 410-823-3698 or jneuen@towsonumc.org with questions or to volunteer for the summer session.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP



Galactic BLAST: A Cosmic Adventure Praising God!

*Let everything that breathes
praise the LORD! Psalm 150:6*

When: **July 26 & July 30**

Time: 9:00 AM – 12 Noon

Ages: 3 (by January 1, 2010)
through 2009/2010 5th graders

It is that time of year to begin signing up for this summer's camps. Be sure to add VBC to your child's summer camp experience. Galactic BLAST VBC is an interactive, energizing, Bible-based program that brings children into a closer relationship with God through Jesus Christ.



There is a Registration Form on our website, www.towsonumc.org under the Children tab. Forms may be mailed to:

Towson United Methodist Church
501 Hampton Lane
Towson, MD, 21286
c/o Education Work Area
or Fax to: 410-823-8916

KICKOFF for Vacation Bible Camp Workers ... June 13 at 12:15 pm

† Prayer Partners for Vacation Bible Camp...

Each year persons volunteer to be part of a Prayer Partner Ministry for VBC. These persons pray for the children, youth & adults that are involved in the VBC program before camp, during camp and after VBC is over. Would you like to be part of the Prayer Partner Ministry for VBC?

Give Robin Smith a call at 410-377-6386 or e-mail robin_smith@verizon.net.

Thank You!

Dear Friends in Christ,

For the past 29 years, I have served as organist for Christ Our King Presbyterian Church in Bel Air, Maryland. It became clear to me the end of April that the time had come for me to leave my position there and return [to Towson United Methodist Church] to worship as a part of this congregation.

Many of you who have been in this church for a long time knew me when I was growing up. I was confirmed here in 1969 and have always considered this church to be my home, even when I wasn't able to worship with you on Sunday mornings.

God has not only blessed me with one church family, though, He has also blessed me with my second church family at Christ Our King. I am writing this letter to ask you to remember them in your prayers during this time of transition. Right now, they are in the midst of a sanctuary expansion project, which should be completed sometime next fall. At that time, they will be moving from a temporary sanctuary in their Great Hall back into the main sanctuary.

It is also a time of transition for me since I have been with them as their organist for such a long time.

Thank you so much for keeping us in your prayers during this time. I truly appreciate your prayers for them, and I know they appreciate it as well.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

—Joyce Keedy

Missions & Outreach



COMMUNION/MISSION OFFERING

Sunday, June 6

VOLUNTEERS - IN - MISSION

Volunteers from our church will be traveling to **Rhode Island** the week of June 20-25 to repair homes damaged by the flood that occurred the last week of March 2010. The Pawtuxet River overflowed causing millions of dollars in damage. Other than FEMA, there has not been a national outpouring of help for the residents affected by the flooding. Your donations throughout the month of June will help support the TUMC volunteers' expenses and assist in covering the costs of any materials they may have to supply for this mission. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

FRESH FRUIT — Sunday, June 6

Fresh fruit will be collected in the main lobby of our church before the worship service for Manna House, a Baltimore City soup kitchen.



WHEELS AT THE RIDGE benefits ACTC

Sunday, June 6, 11 AM to 4 PM
Oregon Ridge Park, Hunt Valley.
It's the 3rd Annual **Towson Car Show** sponsored by The Towson

Rotary Foundation. For entries, sponsorships, and vendor opportunities, call 410-252-9775 or go to www.WheelsAtTheRidge.com.



MISSION NIGHT at **Chick-fil-A** York Road in Cockeysville On Monday, June 7 we'll do it again!

Join us and have dinner anytime between 5 & 8 PM, while a portion goes to missions. Just tell the cashier (inside or drive-thru) you are with Towson United Methodist Church. A portion of your meal will go towards our Volunteers in Mission. See you then!



BALTIMORE COUNTY CHRISTIAN WORKCAMP

July 19-23, 2010

(that's Monday thru Friday)

In 2009, work was completed on 46 of our neighbors' homes, which consisted of building ramps, repairing and/or replacing floors, ceilings, steps, kitchens, bathrooms, air conditioners, interior and exterior walls/railings/doors, yard work, cleaning inside & outside, plumbing & electrical repairs, hauling debris and painting.

Can you work 1 or 2 days during the week in July? Youth and adults — call Ms. Cathy at 410-823-3689 or e-mail her at crosellini@towsonumc.org.

AMERICAN RED CROSS COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

The **NEXT BLOOD DRIVE** here at TUMC will be **Saturday, September 18** between 7:15 and 1:15. You can make your reservation now by e-mailing Margot at TUMCBloodDrive@verizon.net. For those who give every 56 days, please mark your calendar so you may be on the list to give here at church in September!

VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION

Margot Gerding took the Early Response Team training that is offered by our Baltimore/Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church. An Early Response Team was needed by UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) and our Baltimore/Washington Conference very quickly gathered a team of 11 and sent them to Nashville for 5 days, May 17 - 21; Margot responded to that call. They met with the UMCOR coordinator and were assigned a project for each day—in churches and homes. Before they left Baltimore, they had no idea where they would be called, they had to be prepared for anything from mud flooded basements to holes in roofs, to children needing hugs. More details will follow in next month's issue of the *High Spire*.



THE SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY GROUP is collecting **OLD EYE GLASSES** to be recycled. Look for the basket in the main office of the church.

CARPENTER'S KITCHEN

Saturdays in 2010:

August 28 October 23

We will be cooking and serving dinner to the less fortunate at Mt. Vernon Place UM Church. Carpool leaves Towson UMC's parking lot promptly at 2:30, returning at 6:30. Cooks need to be at CK before the carpooling volunteers arrive. Contact Linda Diehl (410-522-1966) if you are able to volunteer. Thanks!

TUMC History

Someone must have been cleaning out their papers and brought us old Sunday bulletins. Skimming through them, I found this article written for the dedication, which describes the Needlepoint Kneelers we use at the Altar and in the Chancel area. After 35 years, I thought this was a good time to reprint it ... and learn, again, about the kneelers we now seem to take for granted. —Cathy Rosellini

The following excerpt was taken from the May 18, 1975, Pentecost Sunday bulletin:

The Needlepoint Communion Kneeler project was organized early in 1974 by Ruth Ross, then United Methodist Women President. While Ethel Rummery, needlepoint teacher from Bethany United Methodist Church taught a group of women the basketweave stitch essential to this project, Alice Church [Jones] spent several months designing the mural type designs, using the theme of God's creation of the world and all that is in it. The design is simplified leaving something to the inspiration and interpretation of the viewer. Needlepoint should last for many years and should be timeless, speaking to each generation in turn. Fine Australian wool was used on canvas thirteen stitches to the inch for a total of two million, two hundred and fifty five thousand stitches in the eighteen kneelers; fourteen for the Altar Rail, three for the Ministers, and one for Weddings [and Confirmation].

This has been a cooperative effort contributed to by all the United Methodist Women and presented to the Church, in honor of Grace and John Bayley Jones [Senior Pastor]. It is hoped that they will be used for the inspiration of the Congregation and To The Glory of God.

The twenty-three women who did the actual stitchery are: Mary Lee Armstrong, Mildred Beavin, Salley Benser, Beverley Frankenfield, Sigrund Hadd [now Sigrund Garner], Laverne Hammond, Marjorie Isom, Anna Belle Janes, Dorothy Kinnear, Helen Kelly, Frances Porter, Audrey Richards, Ruth Ross, Ethel Rummery, Ethel Ruzicka, Janette St. George, Jane Schick, Kay Small, Gail Takeoka, Helen Wagner, Melva Willis, Bea Wood, and Judy Wood.



Stitched by Audrey Richards



Stitched by Sigrund Hadd [Garner] & Anna Belle Janes



Stitched by Jane Scheck & Ethel Ruzicka & Frances Porter



Stitched by Helen Wagner

The display cases were designed and built by Kenneth Hall.

If you walk down the hallway of the second floor (the main level of the church), outside the Ransom Chapel, you'll see all the kneelers on display. The first Sunday of every month the kneelers are at the altar rail during communion. Notice there is a pattern; each pad's design rolls from one pad to the next, allowing the story to flow throughout the 18 kneelers. It's a marvelous accomplishment to have 23 stitchers sewing at home, watching a ball game, or in the doctor's office waiting on their appointments coordinated to appear as one. It is a beautiful work of art and our church is blessed to have their legacy handed down to us.

For Your Information

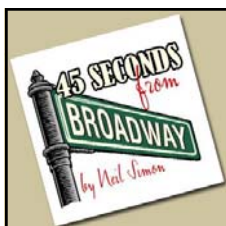


Attention all ages!

Let's get ready for some bowling fun. Join us for two hours of ten pin fun at AMF Timonium Lanes on Sunday, June 27th from 6-8 PM. The cost is \$10.00 per person and this price includes two hours of bowling and shoe rental. A registration slip will be in the Sunday

**Sunday, June 27
6-8 PM**

bulletins AND on our church website. Hope to see you all there! —The Fellowship Ministry Team



BUS TRIP benefits The Wesley Guild

**Wednesday, June 23, 2010
11:30 AM to 8:30 PM**

\$75.00 per person

The Wesley Guild invites you to *45 Seconds from Broadway* at Totem Pole Playhouse

(Fayetteville, PA) followed by dinner at Hickory Bridge Farm (near Gettysburg, PA). Bus leaves Towson Church at 11:30 AM and returns at 8:30 PM. Come and enjoy an exciting show and wonderful family style dinner.

For information and reservations, contact Dorothy Compton at 410-668-8788.

ATTENTION: UM WOMEN UM WOMEN EVENTS ...

Tuesday, June 15th is the Fellowship Picnic, location to-be-announced.

Saturday, November 6, 9 AM to 12 Noon is the Fall Flea Market ... Goodies Galore!



**CHURCH FAMILY
DINNER
at Friendly Farm
Restaurant
Sunday, July 18, 2010**

Carpool with friends leaving church after the 10:00 worship service, around 11:30. Meet at Friendly Farm Restaurant in Upperco, Maryland near Pretty Boy Dam and Reservoir, just off Mt. Carmel Road and I-83. Enjoy a family style HAM & CHICKEN dinner with all the "fixins." Cost is **\$20.00**, which includes lunch and gratuities. Send your check made payable to the SENIOR ADULT COUNCIL by July 4th to:

Jack Bransby
2500 Kensington Gardens, #205
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Call Jack at 410-313-8994 if you have special dietary needs.



TUMC WOMAN'S BOOK CLUB:

We will be taking a summer break but if you would like to read our September selection it is *My Sister's Keeper* by Jodi Piccolt.

In the novel this popular author explores issues in stem cell research and "designer" babies. Is it acceptable for parents to do whatever is necessary to save a child's life? We will discuss this book at our meeting. You may be interested in renting the movie which was released in 2009. Enjoy your summer reading! —Carol and Marilyn



STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL AND FLEA MARKET

St. John's United Methodist Church
216 W. Seminary Ave, Lutherville
Saturday, June 5, 10 AM - 2 PM



CONGRATULATIONS, BOB!!!

Bob Gralley (pictured above, 3rd from left) celebrates with his family after completing his 50,000th mile of running. The Oak Crest resident, 84 years old, started running at age 45 and has completed 42 marathons. Like the Energizer Bunny, he keeps going and going! In honor of Bob's tremendous accomplishment, he was invited to throw out the first pitch at the Baltimore Orioles game Friday, May 14. Good arm, too!

YOU COULD BE VIEWING THIS NEWSLETTER IN COLOR!

Go to www.towsonumc.org and scroll to the bottom of the page. **CLICK ONCE** on the picture similar to the cover of this *High Spire*. It will take a minute or less to load. It's that simple! To view your *High Spire* every month in color, contact Liz at 410-823-6511—or—towsonumc@towsonumc.org —or— write a note on your Sunday attendance card. Liz will e-mail you when the next issue is available for viewing.

You can also find us on [Facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com) — search for Towson United Methodist Church and become one of our "fans."





NEWS from the Finance Committee:

Several of our parishioners have set up recurring payments through their **ONLINE BANKING** and, not only are they saving postage, they never have to worry about missing a week when they can't attend the service. All you need is the church's address and your account number, which is your Envelope Number.

INSTEAD OF PUTTING YOUR RECYCLABLE PAPER AT THE END OF YOUR DRIVEWAY ...

BRING IT TO CHURCH!
This is a fundraiser for the Church's General Budget.

(remember: No cardboard of any kind.)

Thanks!



DUE DATES FOR FUTURE ARTICLES IN THE *HIGH SPIRE*

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