

# High Spire June

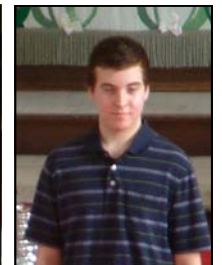
*Towson United Methodist Church's mission is to  
proclaim the Word of God and to make disciples of Jesus Christ.  
Faithful discipleship includes  
celebration, connection, development, service, and sharing.*

**Towson UMC's Monthly Newsletter  
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**Some of the End of the Program Year Events here at Towson United Methodist Church...**

**Pictured above left**, the Trebles sang from the Hymnal while the Cherubs listened. The Cherubs & Trebles concert was May 3rd. **Top right**, the Carol Choir sang during the 8:30 worship service on Mother's Day; **right**, Genesis Bells rang handbells for the prelude at the 8:30 service on Mother's Day, May 8th.



## **Recognizing our Graduates May 15th**

**Pictured above, from left,**  
High School graduates:

Emily Romano,  
Megan Connelly, Caitlyn Canonico,  
Ethan Clasing, Brett Turlington,  
Tyler Brewer, Ryan Deuber,  
Nathan Watts, and, not pictured, Brandon Goss.

**Pictured right,**  
our graduates serving communion with  
Pastors Mary Jo and David.



## Thank You!

God made	Tablets guided
Adam bit	Promise landed
Noah arked	Prophets warned
Abraham split	Jesus born
Joseph ruled	God walked
Jacob fooled	Love talked
Bush talked	Anger crucified
Moses balked	Hope died
Pharaoh plagued	Love rose
People walked	Spirit flamed
Sea divided	Word spread
	God remained

*I thought of how many wonderful stories we have learned, relearned, and experienced this year through Sunday School, Christian Connections, Children and Worship, Children's Church, and other small groups for learning. During the month of June, we will make the transition from the Regular Programming 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.*

*—Jeannine Neuen*

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### Easter Flowers Delivered Saturday before Easter to our Shut-ins

*Buzz and I thank everyone for the lovely Easter lily delivered last week. We are looking forward to it lasting as long as our Christmas poinsettia, which is still blooming and it hasn't lost a single bloom—magical—nature is eternal.*

*—Sincerely, Mary Ragsdale*



*Dear Church Friends,*

*My many thanks for the lovely Easter Lily I received last week. I appreciate being remembered by my church.*

*—Sincerely, Dorothy Gretz*

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### Our Church Welcomes the World

*Your Kindness means so much!*

*Thank you so very much for allowing our exchange students and their families to depart from your church. Our lot was over booked due to seminars and we are so very appreciative. We were thrilled you let us inside to say goodbye out of the rain that day. I hope we didn't*

*create a mess. —Sincere appreciation, Baltimore County Public Schools, Office of World Languages, Chinese Cultural Exchange Program, Linda Masters*

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### Remembering Rev. Eric Peacher

*I wish to express my sincere "thank you" for the many expressions of sympathy to me and my family after the death of my husband, Rev. Eric Peacher on April 23rd.*

*To everyone who visited with us at Ruck's, attended the service of celebration of Eric's life (here at Towson), sent a note or a card, we are very thankful.*

*The many visits by David and Bill during the 17 months of Eric's confinement with Alzheimer's disease were very meaningful and appreciated.*

*As so many people have commented, "Eric was a kind, gentle, and humble man," who loved people and his ministry. He also loved his family very much, and is missed by all of us more than words can express.*

*—Sincerely, Bernice Peacher, Cheryl & Glenn*

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### "Give, and it will be given to you"

*There are perhaps no better words to express what Carpenter's Kitchen meant for those of us that served, whether it was just once, or faithfully for more than a decade of visits. Carpenter's Kitchen, located in the basement of Mount Vernon Place United Methodist Church, was the destination for hundreds of needy people every month, but with its closing on Christmas Day 2010, those in need have had to move on. Undoubtedly, it is difficult for those who depended on the hot suppers served every Saturday, but the needy are not the only ones who shall miss it — we will miss it, too.*

*Serving at Carpenter's Kitchen was no easy feat. A meal fit for any of our dining room tables had to be prepared and served to over two hundred people in the space of three hours, and everything had to be completed by our church members. Beef needed cooking, pasta needed boiling, and green beans needed stewing. There were huge jars to open, peppers and onions to cut, cups of sugar to be poured, and mass amounts of coffee to be perked. Others set up the tables, making sure each chair had a cup, napkin, and fork in front of it, along with salt, pepper, sugar,*





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 and cream. Two of our members would greet the diners at the door, welcoming them with open arms and kind words. Those of us in

the dining room were quite busy for the rest of the evening with our respective duties, whether it be serving, pouring coffee, saying a prayer for a table, or running back and forth to the kitchen. There were stressful times of course, but by the end of the evening, the satisfaction, pride, and joy that we gained from our efforts erased any aches in our feet or pains in our backs.

The main purpose of our service at Carpenter's Kitchen was to provide a hot meal to those in need on a Saturday. But we gained something as well. We achieved the great pleasure that comes from working together to do something special. We gave, and it was given back to us in full.

Thank you, to each and every person who spent a Saturday at Carpenter's Kitchen. —Emily Diehl

## *Church Family News:*

### Receiving the Sacrament of Baptism:

- ♦ Madison Elizabeth Cogdill, daughter of Tracy and Ryan Cogdill, Sunday, May 8, 2011
- ♦ Addison Leigh Dunlap and Isaac Benjamin Dunlap, daughter and son of Meridith and Frank Dunlap, Sunday, May 8, 2011

### Announcement of Death & Resurrection:

- ♦ Lucille Keys died on Saturday, April 23, 2011. Her funeral was held on Tuesday, April 26 at Lemmon Funeral Home of Dulaney Valley.
- ♦ Rev. Eric Gustav Peacher died Saturday, April 23, 2011. His service of celebration was held at Towson United Methodist Church Friday, April 29.

Tom Garner turned 100 years old on Wednesday, May 18, 2011! We encourage you to send Tom a card at: Maryland Masonic Home, Room T06  
 300 International Circle  
 Cockeysville, MD 21030

### FAREWELL PARTIES ARE PLANNED FOR OUR PASTORS DAVID & MARY JO

**Rev. Mary Jo Sims' last Sunday with us is May 29th.** Join us for an *English Tea — Open House* for Mary Jo following the 11:00 service on **Sunday, May 29**. No charge for this party.

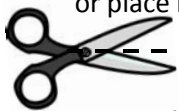
**Rev. David Cooney's last Sunday with us will be June 19th.** On **Saturday, June 18**, we are having a catered **Cookout** beginning at 5 PM on the front lawn of the church featuring good food and games. The cookout theme is football. We hope everyone will come wearing Raven's apparel. The cost for the cookout is \$15.00 for adults, \$7.50 for children ages 6-12, free for children age 5 and younger, \$45.00 family maximum. To help larger families, we have capped the price at \$45.00; to help defray the costs, a free-will offering will be gratefully accepted from anyone.



Please complete the tear-off below indicating if you will be attending these events. Send the reservation form and your check to:

Towson United Methodist Church, Farewell Events  
 501 Hampton Lane, Towson, MD 21286

or place in an envelope in the offering plate.



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I (we) will attend the *English Tea — Open House* on May 29th — Number attending \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I (we) will attend the Cookout on June 18th (we must have your reservation no later than June 13th)  
 Number of adults \_\_\_\_\_ Number of children over 5 years old \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the June 18th Cookout. Please make checks payable to Towson UMC.

## *Last Letter from our Senior Pastor*

Dear Congregation,

Over the past decade I have written to you in the *High Spire* about every imaginable topic. This is my last letter to you. I will not dwell on saying goodbye. Mary Jo and I have a joint letter in this edition saying goodbye and I'll let those sentiments be expressed there. I also will not dwell on saying hello to Rev. Rod Miller. I have told you multiple times how happy I am for you that he is coming and how fortunate you are to have him. He also has a greeting letter in this edition and I encourage you to read it.

**This church needs to be concerned about this...**

I'll end talking about the same thing I was talking about when I arrived. Statistics tell us that half or more of those living in our region have little or no connection to any church. We can guess that many have little or no relationship with Jesus Christ. This church needs to be concerned about this. There is homelessness and poverty even in our affluent area. The nearby city has multiple problems. This church needs to be concerned about this. Biblical illiteracy is rising sharply each year and we can no longer assume that young adults who find their way into churches have ever been to worship or Sunday School. This church needs to be concerned about this.

Towson is a strong church that can and does impact lives. There is much to celebrate here. I commend the efforts in mission and worship and Christian education. I also challenge you to engage all the more. There are so many faithful, capable people here. You have a large, well-kept facility and a one million dollar annual budget. Still, our numbers have not grown, all the while society becomes more secular by the day. The challenge before this and other churches is huge. It is not a time to sit idle.



David Cooney

You have heard me say many times, we cannot plan for ourselves, we have to plan for those who are not here. What would cause them to come and become disciples of Christ? What are families asking for to help their children? How can we continue to strengthen our youth ministries? What will it take for young adults to call Towson home? What concerns do seniors have and how can this church address them? These are ongoing questions that require prayer, creativity, and a determination to answer. They are not questions that leave with me.

There is much to be done in the name of the Lord. Keep up the doing. I know you will remain a leading church in our Conference. God bless you in all that you do.

*David*



### 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, Lebanon, Crete, & Italy.

At the Connections Café there will be a table set up to take a nibble of one 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.



## Saying Goodbye

Moving to new assignments brings a sense of excitement and anticipation. It means new challenges, new experiences, and new horizons. It can be a creative and renewing time. Of course, there are drawbacks. All the newness that makes it exciting also makes it anxiety producing. Will we be up to the job? Will we connect with a new group of people? What will the new situation really be like? When we are asked how we feel about our new assignments we answer with all honesty: excited, scared, happy, sad, eager, and hesitant – all at the same time.

By far the hardest part is saying goodbye. Many friendships have been established over the years. We have had the privilege of sharing with you in baptisms, confirmations, weddings, and funerals. We have worked together to serve God and to make Towson a strong and viable church. Ministry is not just about a job. It is about relationships and we are leaving relationships we treasure. We are grateful for the ways you have allowed us to be part of your lives and thankful for the ways you have been part of ours.

Still, despite our valued connections, as we assume our new positions it is important we no longer act as your pastors. Just as we have new assignments, you have a new pastor. You will want to invite him into your lives just as you once invited us. We cannot and should not baptize your children or perform marriage ceremonies or conduct funerals or act as counselors. We cannot and should not discuss the affairs of the church. Doing so limits the effectiveness of your pastor, hinders relationships, and divides the body. You do not want this, nor do we. We trust you understand that when we decline invitations to participate in important moments in your lives, and do not attend church activities and events, or visit around the community, it is not because we do not care and are not interested, but because we do care enough not to damage the health of the body.

Out of sight is not out of mind. You will be in our thoughts and prayers and we hope that now and then you will say a prayer for us. As we say goodbye, we commend to you your new pastor, Rev. Rod Miller. Please welcome Rod and his family and embrace them fully. Rev. Miller brings much experience and many gifts and will provide outstanding leadership to the church. You are fortunate to have him. We are glad to leave you in such capable hands.

God bless, and goodbye... *David and Mary Jo*

## Saying Hello

"... we commend to you your new pastor, Rev. Rod Miller ..."

I appreciate this opportunity to say hello and to let you know my excitement about coming to Towson UMC. I grew up outside of Philadelphia, attended Wesley Seminary in Washington DC, and have been living in the Baltimore area since 1982. Since that time, I have driven around the Beltway countless times and have often seen the church standing out, behind a few trees, and yet clearly visible to everyone driving by. The many windows, lit by welcoming candles and topped by a distinctive tall spire catches my eye every time I pass.

I like looking at church buildings. Be they historic, quaint, sleepy, bold, unusual, in the center of town or tucked away and difficult to find. When we travel for vacation and there is a church nearby, my family can depend on me wanting to take a look. I always imagine that each church building has plenty of stories to tell. The buildings are their own witnesses. Yet they often leave me with many unanswered questions. A building can only tell you so much. Questions arise like – why did they choose to build the church in this place? What impact has it had on this community through the years? What significant events have taken place here? And what is happening inside this church today?

Noticing Towson UMC through the years has put me to wondering about you because up until now you have simply been a building for me. I wonder who you are and what you care about. I'm curious about your hopes and dreams. I wonder what stories you have to share. There is much that I am curious to learn. And you may be wondering and having similar questions about me.

Well, we are about to start finding out! I am looking forward to being with you in July and to serving as your pastor. And I am very grateful for this opportunity to journey with you and to wonder together what God has in store for us.

Grace and Peace... *Rod*



# PATHWAYS Tutoring

JUNE'S MISSION OFFERING beginning June 5th goes toward PATHWAYS continuum

The following article is from PATHWAYS INK, a newsletter put out by PATHWAYS at the end of each year for the last 3 years. The newsletter contains students' work and, as Director, I write an opening article.

Did you know that PATHWAYS stands for *Providing Avenues Toward Hope With Academic Youth Services*? Hopefully we have been doing just that!

Although one-to-one tutoring has been our main mode of learning we have also been enriched by cooking, computing, traveling, learning about career choices, and getting to know people from areas outside our own neighborhoods. All of this expands our understanding of what it means to develop an inquiring mind and to begin to set goals. My greatest hope is that each student has had many opportunities to see themselves in a new light. I can pinpoint the moment when I saw *myself* as something other than an average student. The English teacher in high school read my poetry to the class and talked about the unique ideas it presented. I still count that moment as precious and one which caused me to work harder than ever!

As we finish our 5<sup>th</sup> year for PATHWAYS, I am reminded that each year the students come with their own talents and challenges. PATHWAYS volunteers have met those challenges with grace and enthusiasm.

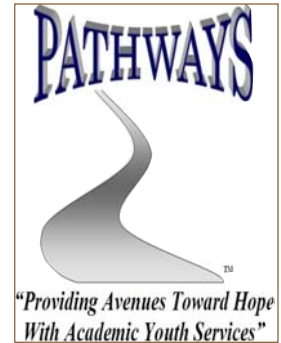
Without the generous support of volunteers, this program would not be as effective or rewarding for either the students or myself. Thank you goes to each tutor, snack lady, enrichment facilitator, board member, school principal, community coordinator, career presenter, and parent, guardian, or grandparent who made sure the children attended regularly.

Towson United Methodist Church (TUMC) is very proud and supportive of PATHWAYS and its mission. Our members provide financial help and adjust schedules so that Fellowship Hall is available for our use each Tuesday. The church custodial staff sets up and breaks down the tables and chairs each week. Many of our

board members and tutors are also members of TUMC. PATHWAYS is only one of the ways TUMC is "making a difference" in the community. Check out our website, [www.towsonumc.org](http://www.towsonumc.org) to see what we are about.

Have a great summer everyone. We hope to see you again in October ready for more learning!

—Stephanie Kimmons, Director



## LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTEER ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

PATHWAYS is an all volunteer tutoring organization whose home base is Towson United Methodist Church, 501 Hampton Lane, Towson, Maryland 21286.

We tutor during the academic year and bus students from two Baltimore City and three Baltimore County low income schools each Tuesday. We have 2 sessions, 4-5 PM and 5-6 PM. There is no charge to the students or their families.

The program was started in 2006 and has grown in size each year. We tutor an average of 40 students a week. We receive both public and private funding to use for tutor training, student transportation, resources, snacks, holiday gifts, awards, and a culminating family dinner and celebration in May.

We are looking for an Assistant Director to work closely with the current Director on coordinating volunteers and special programs, interfacing with families and schools, and keeping any necessary records regarding attendance and academic progress.

This job would vary in hours, but generally would take an average of 5 hours per week. You need not have a teaching background, but organizational skills, dependability, flexibility, and good communication skills would be important.

Contact Stephanie Kimmons:

[stephaniekimmons@comcast.net](mailto:stephaniekimmons@comcast.net), 410-592-5442

## SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays, June 5 & 12 ... Services at 8:30 & 11:00 AM

Sundays, June 19—September 4 ... ONE Service at 10 AM

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



## GLEANING at First Fruits Farm

Saturday, August 6

AND

Saturday, August 20

Sign up to pick vegetables by contacting Michelle at [mmbuzz@gmail.com](mailto:mmbuzz@gmail.com)

# Putting for PATHWAYS



**SATURDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 24, 2011  
at Pine Ridge  
Golf Course  
BBQ - events for the  
family - silent auction -  
begins 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 PATHWAY 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)
- ✦ Communications Committee: Tom Edel at [tomcarol1@verizon.net](mailto:tomcarol1@verizon.net)

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!



## VOLUNTEERS-IN-MISSION — NEXT WORK WEEK JUNE 26—JULY 1

Our destination is Bertie County in northeast North Carolina, a rural area with tornado damage. Drive time is about 4 1/2-5 hours. Meet with us **Thursday, June 2 at 7:00 PM** in the church parlor to fill out skill level sheets and finalize the details of our trip. This is an excellent opportunity for adults over the age of 18 and parents and their teens 16+. Hope you can come to help rebuild this disaster area. Contact Jim Andrew at [jlandrew2@comcast.net](mailto:jlandrew2@comcast.net).

## WE'RE COLLECTING FOR OUR WOUNDED SOLDIERS AT WRAMC

- Long Pants (men's casual), waist 36 to 44
- Men's Polo Short Sleeve Shirts, sizes L, XL, XXL
- Toiletries: body wash, lotion, and women's hairspray & deodorant

Must be **NEW**. Please bring to the Sharing Bin marked for WRAMC in the main lobby of the church. THANKS!

## Kathie's Music Notes



The song says, "June is bustin' out all over...", and it really seems to be doing just that.

As we celebrate the ministries of Mary Jo and David, the choirs are preparing music to support their last sermons to us. We will keep singing through David's last Sunday here, June 19<sup>th</sup>. Not only are we losing two wonderful pastors, we also lose their spouses. John Turner has been generous with his time and talent in sensitive reading and narration. Robin Cooney will be sorely missed in the Chancel Choir, where she has been a strong addition to the alto section. We will miss her great sense of humor, her concern for all those in the choir "family," and her happy whistling! Godspeed to you all.

Three years ago in this space I thanked you for your loving support at the death of my mother. Many of you knew my father, and again, your kind words and prayers



**Left**, youth choir from Madison, Alabama singing here at Towson UMC Sunday, June 5, 7:00 PM.

**Below**, our Alleluia Singers, Homecoming Concert Friday, June 24, 7:00 PM



for our family have been provided wonderful strength. "Da" died in our home Easter Sunday morning ... God's timing is magnificent. I would like especially to thank Sally Tarr and all the choir members for carrying on with the "Hallelujahs" so appropriate for that day.

June is a great month for youth choir tours, and we have a "coming" and a "going" and another "coming" to report:

On Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, we will **host** the youth choir from Madison, Alabama. Here's what their director says: "The Asbury C.H.R.I.S.T. (Christ Has Risen In Singing Teens) Choir from Asbury UMC began in 1995 with 18 members from grades 6-12. This year the choir will be taking 95 members from grades 10-12 to Philadelphia on our Summer Mission Tour. On tour we will perform our musical entitled *Because We Believe* based on I John 1: 3-4. This year our work will be focused on organizations that help feed the needy."

Please support this choir as congregations in many other churches have supported our Alleluia Singers! Their concert is at 7:00 PM in our sanctuary, and we will provide a supper for the kids prior to their performance. If you can help with food and/or serving, please let me know.

On June 19<sup>th</sup> our own Alleluia Singers will get on the bus for their 11<sup>th</sup> tour. Fifty-two singers and chaperones will head to State College, PA, then to Cleveland, OH. Our program is called, *God's Apps*, and we'll sing it for you in our sanctuary at our Homecoming Concert on Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.

## From the Minister of Discipleship

Hello Everyone,

June seems to be a time of transition: Spring to Summer; school year to vacation; weddings; new jobs for graduates; the end of another Conference year. With this Conference year (July 1, 2011—June 30, 2012), we transition from two full time pastors to one and receive a new pastor. It has been a privilege and a blessing to serve with both David and Mary Jo. I will miss them both! I look forward to the new adventure of serving with Rod Miller.

Transitions are always filled with mixed emotions. I'm sure that we are all anticipating the joy of getting to know Rod, while also feeling sad about saying good-bye to David and Mary Jo.

A wise woman I know once said that she loved change because change meant life. For her, change was a sign of growth and health, and she welcomed it. I can't say that I always welcome change, but I have learned that change is more often good than not so good. I have also learned that one thing never changes: God and God's active presence in the world and in my life. "For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed, says the Lord, who has compassion on you." Isaiah 54:10.

We can rest confidently and calmly in the sure knowledge that God is leading Towson United Methodist Church. Please join me in prayers for David and Mary Jo's future ministries and for Rod and each of us as we follow in God's will for our church.

God bless,  
Margery



Margery  
Schammel

## DIRECTOR OF YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY ADDED TO STAFF

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee is pleased to announce the hiring of Christopher Abel for the position of Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry. Chris is presently the Director of Youth Ministries at First United Methodist Church in Jefferson City, Missouri. He is a graduate of Southeastern University in Lakeland, Florida and holds a Certificate of Youth Theology from Princeton Theological Seminary. Chris is coming to Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C. this fall to begin work on his Master of Divinity degree. He will join our staff late August. This summer he is taking a dozen 8<sup>th</sup> graders hiking in the mountains of Colorado for a community building experience; high schoolers to Mozambique to build homes; and dozens more high school students into downtown St. Louis to live in a homeless shelter for a week. He is also skilled in design graphics. Chris has worked in the digital arena, formed non-profits, and been heavily involved with outreach ministries. We look forward to having him as part of our team at Towson.



### Monday, June 13

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

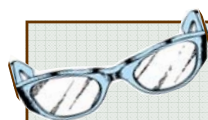
Don't cook the second Monday of the month—come eat supper with us at Chick-fil-A, York Rd. & Industry Ln., Cockeysville anytime **between 5 & 7 PM.** Just let the cashier know, inside or drive-thru, that you are a supporter of Towson United Methodist Church's missions. A portion of the cost of your meal will go toward our Volunteer-in-Missions projects.



#### **UPPER ROOM DAILY DEVOTIONALS...**

(in regular and large print)

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



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

The upcoming July issue of *Cat Fancy* includes a review of the heart-warming book [A New Beginning for Stars and Stripes](#) by David C. Rothage, the tale of the rescue of two cats. Cat lovers, animal lovers, and rescue lovers will want to check out details about the book and how to get it on [www.StarsAndStripesCats.com](http://www.StarsAndStripesCats.com).

# Children's Ministry

kids in the  
**K.I.D.Z**  
disciple zone

We switch teachers and combine classes but the activities keep going. 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.

## SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN

Begins June 19, 10:00 AM

CRIBBERY CHILDCARE, Room 122

Birth thru age 3

SUNDAY SCHOOL, Room 314

Inside the Bookshelf - Series #3

Age 4 – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

What is this book trying to tell me?

The Name Jar  
The Tallest of Smalls  
Will God's Mighty Warrior  
Shipwrecked Paul  
Psalm Twenty-Three  
Love Your Heart  
You Wouldn't Love Me If You Knew  
Skid and the Too Tiny Tunnel  
The Story of the Easter Robin



## VACATION BIBLE CAMP

### Shake it Up Café

#### Where Kids Carry Out God's Recipe

July 25–29, 2011 — 9:00 AM to Noon  
Hope you have Vacation Bible Camp on your calendars. It is going to be a great week.

Registration is online this year. Go to our church website at [www.towsonumc.org](http://www.towsonumc.org) and click on the Shake it Up Café logo and register TODAY!

## IT'S A PAINTING PARTY

JUNE 23 and JUNE 29 from 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM

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](mailto:jneuen@towsonumc.org) and let her know you want to be included. We are going to mix up some great colors for our murals. Pizza will be provided for lunch.



## 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 her at [robin\\_smith@verizon.net](mailto:robin_smith@verizon.net).



## **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 been already 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!

## LOVE TO DANCE BUT HATE TO EXERCISE?



Try ZUMBA GOLD, the Latin dance-fitness fusion for beginners and active older adults. It feels more like a party than a workout!

NEW this summer at Towson United Methodist Church!

- ☺ Easy, exhilarating 1 hour classes start Friday, June 3 at 10:30 AM, and continue Fri. 6/10, Thurs. 6/16 & Fri. 6/24.
- ☺ Only \$35 for June session with pre-paid registration by May 31; \$40 from June 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!

E-mail [love2-zumba@usa.net](mailto:love2-zumba@usa.net), or call Betsy 410-456-7026 for details.



## DUE DATES FOR FUTURE *HIGH SPIRE* ARTICLES

July 2011 issue — Monday, June 13

August 2011 issue — Monday, July 11

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

OR — you may e-mail it to

Cathy Rosellini at [crosellini@towsonumc.org](mailto:crosellini@towsonumc.org).

### **KNITTERS NEEDED TO HELP INFANT VICTIMS OF A DISASTER**



Mission Central (see cover of our March 2011 *High Spire*) includes a **CROSS OVER BABY SWEATER** in every Layette Kit sent to a family who has an infant and has just experienced a disaster (such as the earthquake/tsunami in Japan or the flooding in Northern New Jersey). UMCOR (United Methodist

Committee on Relief) delivers our relief packages.

**Please contact Nancy Andrew** at 410-296-2749 or [njandrew2@comcast.net](mailto:njandrew2@comcast.net) for the instructions.

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!)

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