

MARCH Highpire

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.

TUMC's Monthly Newsletter
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WHERE NOW?

Where is Jesus leading you?

Explore the
uncertainty
and
adventure of
following
Jesus
this Lent.

INSIDE THIS ISSUE YOU WILL FIND EVENTS DESIGNED FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL GROWTH DURING LENT 2010.

- ◆ A Lenten Study based on the book *Watching the Disciples and Learning from Their Mistakes*. You may choose to join a study group on Sundays during the Christian Connections hour at 9:45 AM, Tuesdays at 7:15 PM, or Wednesdays at 10:30 AM. If you miss one class, you may pick it up on any of the three days that week. Books are \$6.00 and are available to be purchased from Rev. Bill Raker or from Liz in the church office during business hours; e-mail Liz at towsonumc@towsonumc.org.
- ◆ Pastor David Cooney is traveling with a group from our congregation to Israel. Two programs are scheduled on Thursday evenings when the travelers return. Various members of the group will share their experiences of where Jesus led them and pictures of where Jesus led the disciples His last week.
- ◆ Members of the Cribbery and Pre/Elementary Ministry Groups have planned three events for families with children on a Sunday afternoon, a Sunday evening, and Holy Saturday morning.
- ◆ Kathie Metz will be playing the organ in the Sanctuary for 30 minutes every Wednesday before lunch.
- ◆ The youth will present *Living Last Supper*, a drama at the evening service on Holy Thursday, and they will begin their 30-hour Famine on Good Friday.
- ◆ Come hear an inspirational story of a faith journey from Islam to Christianity and the choral music of Duke University.

Visit our blog site: <http://towsonumc.blogspot.com>
to read and share prayerful thoughts and devotions

Thank You!

KEEP THOSE CARDS AND LETTERS COMING!

*The snow has done us in ...
keeping our offerings low and
our expenses high!*

*It costs thousands of dollars to keep our building
open and safe every time it snows.*

We need everyone's help!

*For those who pledge, please try to stay current
with your plan. For those who give when you
attend, please try to send the offering you could
not bring. For those who send an occasional gift
to the church, this is a good time. Together we
can stay on top of the snow instead of under it.
Thank you for your support!*

—David Garman
Chair of the Finance Committee

Remembering Ella & Chet Bartholomew

*With a sad heart I am writing to tell you
that my mother, Ella Bartholomew, passed away
peacefully at home on December 29, 2009. We
were very fortunate to have her with us all these
years and have wonderful memories of her life.*

*The many lasting friendships she had in
Maryland were a comfort for my mom and she
looked forward to hearing from her friends and
all the news.*

*Thank you for your friendship,
Sincerely, Helen Muzuruk*

From Margaret Brent Elementary & Middle School, Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Friends at Towson United Methodist Church,

*Thank you very much for your generous
donation of winter coats and clothes to the
students of Margaret Brent. I have seen several
children walking to school with their arms inside
their shirts, and your contribution will fill their
need, especially during this unusually cold winter.
They were very excited to put on their new winter
clothes!*

*Thank you again for thinking of our
students this winter.*

*Sincerely yours, Kenneth Fockele
Community Connections Coordinator &
AmeriCorps VISTA*

PATHWAYS

Dear Friends,

As I write this article, we have just missed two weeks of PATHWAYS tutoring due to inclement weather. While it's nice to have a little break from the routine, all of the tutors are really missing their kids! The students were supposed to receive their Olympic Award medals last week, so I know they are eagerly awaiting the next time they get to come to TUMC.



The PATHWAYS family has some very exciting news. We will be having a summer camp from July 20th to July 23rd. We will be bringing students to TUMC each day to participate in fun, hands-on learning opportunities. Please pray for us as we plan this exciting opportunity for our amazing students. Also, if you are available to help out on these dates, please contact me at allisonleigh23@hotmail.com. If you know of any speakers/presenters/teachers/facilitators who could deliver engaging interactive experiences on any of these dates, please let me know that information as well! Our summer camp will be called PATHWAYS to Success. You'll be hearing more in the upcoming months about ways that you can help us in our efforts, and we appreciate any support you can give us.

I had the pleasure of teaching all of the PATHWAYS kids in January as I led them in a creative writing activity. I was impressed by how engaged and imaginative our kids are. I am so thankful that TUMC provides a safe space where they can learn, grow, and receive some of the love and attention they deserve. Please continue praying for everyone involved with PATHWAYS and supporting us in any way you can.

Sincerely,
Allison Brown

www.pathwaystutoring.org

Thank you so much for all the wonderful boxes of Valentines, the warm socks, and trouser socks you donated for the children and women at the House of Ruth. We were able to give each child and each mother a Valentine gift, and each child was able to send little Valentines to their schoolmates.



—Guest Ministries

From the Senior Pastor



David Cooney

Grace and Peace,

Lent has begun and many wonderful opportunities for spiritual growth are available. You can read about them all in this *High Spire* or check them out on our webpage (www.towsonumc.org). A brochure listing all the events of the season is also available.

Our theme this year is ***WHERE NOW?*** It reflects a question the disciples probably asked each other often. Jesus was always on the move and seldom did he share the plan with them. He headed out and they followed, wondering where they were going next. This was especially true when Jesus left Galilee in the north and headed south to Jerusalem. Each day was a new adventure and they could only imagine what would happen when they reached the holy city. They could only wonder, ***WHERE NOW?***

We, too, are followers of Christ and while we are not moving with him geographically, he does lead us in directions we cannot always anticipate and to places we would not necessarily choose to go. As modern disciples, we also wonder, ***WHERE NOW?***

Why not share your experiences of following Christ with others? A blog site, which may be accessed through our webpage or directly at <http://towsonumc.blogspot.com>, is available for you to post your thoughts and experiences. Others can read what you share, respond, or add their own stories. Here are some questions you might address: When have you felt led by Christ? Was it clear where you were being led or was the end point unknown? How did you feel? What did you experience? To where did following Christ lead? Was it a valuable journey? You can write a little or a lot. Maybe you have a thought about the topic or, maybe a story to tell. Check out the blog and join in the conversation.

The response to the appeal for Haiti has been fantastic. I am writing to you before our Sunday Mission Offering (since we lost the first Sunday of February to snow) and still we are just shy of \$20,000. I fully expect we will exceed that amount. Thank you for your generosity. Once again, Towson is a leader in the ministry of outreach. We will keep you informed of other ways in which we can help as they become available.

Snow, of course, has been on everyone's mind. It has affected us all in multiple ways. This includes the church. Several bad weather Sundays have kept our attendance understandably low, including having to cancel one Sunday morning altogether. Low attendance has also meant low offerings. At the same time, plowing our lot and repairing damage caused by power outages and power surges has cost us thousands and thousands of dollars more than budgeted. The regular bills and added bills come even when we cannot. It is imperative that everyone try to keep current with pledges and offerings. If you are not a planned giver, this is a good time to send a gift to your church. We have just come through our second record setting storm and more snow is already predicted. It is hard to dig out of the snow. Don't allow us to get into a financial hole we cannot dig out of. We need everyone's help now.

I look forward to walking the Lenten road with you. Where Christ might lead us is a mystery. We can only wonder, ***WHERE NOW?***, and follow. May we be blessed in our following.

David

Music Notes



Kathie Metz

The Chorale from Duke University will visit us on **Friday, March 12!** This is a return visit for them; their conductor has told me that we have the best dinners on any of their tours. (I'll bet he says that to all host churches!)

Anyway, we do need to feed 37 and house 35 singers on that evening. Please volunteer to bring a dish, help before, during, or after the meal, or house 2 or more of the students overnight. As of this writing, Duke alumni who are not TUMC members have offered to host 12. Surely we can open our homes to the rest! Call me on 410-823-6519 or email Kmetz@towsonumc.org if you can participate in some way. The concert will begin at **7:30 PM.** **Don't miss it!**

From the Associate Pastor



Mary Jo Sims

REFLECTIONS ON SNOW

As I sit at my computer and look out my study window at home, it's hard to think about much besides the blowing snow I see outside my window. It's a bit overwhelming, to say the least. Most of the past month has been dominated, so it seems, with issues surrounding these February snowstorms. Personally, the last time I saw so much snow at one time was when I lived in northern Minnesota as a child—and that was a long time ago!

Despite the hardships that snow brings, my first reaction to it is always one of delight. I know it's inconvenient at best, and far too often, even hazardous. As some of us experienced recently, snowstorms often cause power failures. And, despite people's best efforts to drive safely, accidents occur. Certainly, I would not wish any of the perils that accompany a snowstorm visited on anyone.

My delight in the snow is both aesthetic—I love to look at the landscape after a freshly fallen snow before it's been blemished with all the scraping and salt and shoveled out areas; and spiritual—looking out over such a pristine scene reminds me of the words of the Psalmist, "Be still, and know that I am God" (46:10a). I know that soon I will be out again, shoveling off my back sidewalk and clearing off my car, trying to dig myself out so that I can go about the many tasks that I know are vital to my calling as a Christian and as a pastor. But, at least for a little while, it's a delight to be still and contemplate the beauty of the snow and the knowledge that God's handiwork is evident in every single unique snowflake.

By the time you read this, the February snows will likely be a memory. With March, comes spring; and this year we will certainly be most ready for it! Before this year's Women's Retreat, three of us were gathered in my office at church, searching through the hymnals for ideas of which songs to use during that event. One of us suggested that we consider "Hymn of Promise." Usually associated with funerals and memorial services, the hymn speaks of God's promise of resurrection while reminding us that matters happen in God's time, not always on our schedule. With two feet of snow already on the ground and more imminent, I read these words from the hymn: "In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see."

We can't see all that God sees, but we can be still—at least for a little while—and know that God's presence, through all the seasons, is constant.

Your sister and servant in Christ, *Mary Jo Sims*

Making Disciples

"May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be always at your back, may the sun shine warm upon your face, may the rains fall soft upon your fields, and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand. Amen."

This is a traditional Gaelic prayer of farewell and blessing. It has been set to music and put in cards and used until we may all be tired of it! I have always loved it, however. Those of you who know me well, know that I find great nourishment in a Celtic form of spirituality. The close ties of nature and supernatural combined with prayer about every mundane part of our days has allowed me to deepen my faith journey.

The image in the above prayer that speaks to me right now is being held in the palm of God's hand. I think of cupping my hand to take a "treasure" from the girls when they were young, usually a feather or stone or leaf.

They wanted me to see it and appreciate it and keep it safe. I also think of those times when I cupped my hand to receive from them a piece of chewed gum or a candy wrapper. They wanted me to take care of their trash, too! They knew that if I took something from them in the palm of my hand, it was OK. We can know the same if we place something, place ourselves in the palm of God's hand. We can know that what we give to God is seen and appreciated and safe. We can know that the "trash" we give to God will be disposed of as well. Our treasures and our sin are equally cared for in the palm of God's hand. Sometimes, we are confused about what we give to God; is it a treasure or is it an idol? We are sure that we are ourselves a mix of righteousness and sinfulness and that we are safe and loved in the palm of God's hand. My prayer for you this month is that God will hold you always in the palm of God's hand.



Margery Schammel

Margery



**Come hear
Jik Yousefi's
remarkable
Faith Journey
from Islam to
Christianity.**

Jik is an inspiring, informative, and entertaining speaker, and a powerful

apologist for the Christian faith. He speaks frequently to churches and church-related organizations about this unusual faith journey and the spiritual fulfillment he has found in Jesus Christ.

**Friday, February 26, 2010 — 7:30 PM
in the Sanctuary**

Jik Yousefi was born and raised as a Muslim in Tehran, Iran. As a young man, he came to the United States to pursue the American dream. Jik became romantically interested in the woman whom he would eventually marry, but she was reluctant to become involved with him because he was not a Christian. So, a hilarious sequence of events resulted in his becoming, nominally at first, a convert to Christianity. He soon experienced the profound joy of God's love and forgiveness through Jesus Christ, and his life was changed forever.

Childcare available ... open to the public
free-will offering will be taken

BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS!

CARPENTER'S KITCHEN

Saturdays in 2010:

May 8 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!



**Attention 6th-12th graders:
All Youth are invited to join
us for the following
activities:**

(in Fellowship Hall, unless noted)

MARCH 7 — 6:00 PM supper followed by Truly Bread game (this is a parent and child game; parents are encouraged to attend!)

MARCH 14 — 6 PM Talents and Treats

MARCH 21 — 6 PM — supper followed by mission project

MARCH 28 — 6 PM supper followed by candy making for the 30-hour Famine money raiser

Please contact Sally Savidge at 410-817-9797 or ssavidge@comcast.net with any questions.

**EVERYONE: mark your calendars
'cause you don't want to miss this!**

The Alleluia Singers' annual entertainment extravaganza will be **Sunday, March 14, at 6:00 PM**. We will begin in the sanctuary to hear the organ under Tyler Canonico's feet & fingers, then move to Fellowship Hall. Singers' talents are on display in the arts as well as in the kitchen: dessert will be served and left-overs packaged for you to take home and enjoy. This is the choir's major fund-raising event to help with expenses of their tour in June.

**Please come and support
this extraordinary group of young people!**



**HAMPTON LANE
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410-825-0008**

**cdcdirector@towsonumc.org
A Ministry of**

**Towson United Methodist Church
Child Care with an accredited preschool
Age 2 - Pre-K**

**Monday—Friday, 7:00 AM to 5:45 PM
Nancy Andrew, Administrative Director
Anita Cox, Center Director**



THE SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY GROUP
is collecting

OLD EYE GLASSES to be recycled.
Look for the basket in the main office
of the church.



DUE DATES FOR FUTURE ARTICLES IN THE HIGH SPIRE

April 2010 Issue — due Wednesday, Monday, March 15, 2010

May 2010 Issue — due Wednesday, April 14

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

OR — you may e-mail it to Cathy Rosellini at croellini@towsonumc.org.

Please Note that if your email address and/or phone number is in your article, it is posted in the High Spire and on our web page, unless you tell me otherwise.

Christian Education



Jeannine Neuen

As I write this *High Spire* article from home, the snow is coming down, the wind is blowing and I am thinking, "Will it ever be spring?" Lent began on Ash Wednesday, February 17, and we are now on our way to Jerusalem. "Where Now" is our theme for this Lenten Journey. Where is Jesus taking you this Lenten season? Yes, spring is almost here, but I hope you will travel with us and

experience some of the programs offered for children, youth, and adults. And then we can all celebrate spring together on Easter Sunday.

Jeannine

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN

The following events are sponsored by the Cribbery & Preschool/Elementary Ministry Groups:

SHARING THE EASTER FAITH WITH CHILDREN

What: How do children grow into Lent and Easter?

Date: **Sunday, March 7**

Time: 6:00—7:30 PM

For: Children and Adults

Children: Come in your PJs. You will find activities in Room 122 & Room 115. There will be a movie and light snack for older children, and younger ones can play in the Cribbery (Nursery). We need to know how many children are attending; please contact us at 410-823-3698 or jenuen@towsonumc.org.

Adults: Meet in the Parlor for a short fellowship time followed by the program. We will be making hands-on material that you can use with your children/grandchildren/students.

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS

LENTEN STUDY based on the book *Watching the Disciples and Learning from Their Mistakes* from Mary Jane Gorman.

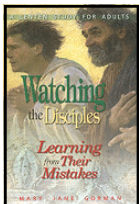
When: **Sundays 9:45 AM**

Tuesdays 7:15 PM

Wednesdays 10:30 AM

Where: Sundays & Tuesdays in Fellowship Hall
Wednesdays in Room 214-216

If you miss a class you may pick it up on any of the three days that week. Books are \$6.00 and are available from Liz in the church's main office (410-823-6511; towsonumc@towsonumc.org) or from Rev. Bill Raker (410-665-7052)



MORE THAN A MOVIE

ADMIT ONE OR MORE — FREE (bring friends!)

Now Showing: *Oliver and Company* – rated G

Date: **Sunday, March 28**

Time: 4:00—6:00 PM

Where: Fellowship Hall

For: Children and their families

Come enjoy a great movie, delicious snacks, and fun games. It's FREE! Questions? Contact us at 410-823-3698 or jneuen@towsonumc.org

EASTER EGG HUNT

Date: **Saturday, April 3**

Time: 9:30 AM

Where: Fellowship Hall

For: Children and their families

Join together for light continental breakfast treats, along with juice, milk, and coffee. There will be activities and an interactive story for the older children followed by the annual Easter Egg Hunt. Please let us know how many will be attending from your family by calling 410-823-3698 or e-mail jneuen@towsonumc.org.



SPRING INTO SUNDAY SCHOOL

What: Bring a Friend to Sunday School

Date: **March 21**

Where: Children's Sunday School classrooms

Time: 9:45—10:45 AM

Who: Children ages 3 through 5th grade

Our children's Sunday School teachers are planning a special day for all the children.

TRAVEL WITH THE DISCIPLES

Pastor David Cooney is traveling with a group from our congregation to Israel. Two programs are scheduled upon their return. Various members of the group will share their experiences.

What: Where Jesus Led Me

When: **Thursday, March 4**

Time: 7:15 PM

Where: Fellowship Hall

What: Jesus' Last Week in Pictures
Reflections on Then and Now

When: **Thursday, March 25**

Time: 7:15 PM

Where: Fellowship Hall

Missions & Outreach



MISSION NIGHT at Chick-fil-A York Road in Cockeysville
On Monday, March 1st 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!



COMMUNION/MISSION OFFERING Sunday, March 7 SOUPER BOWL

On this Sunday, bring money for us to purchase soup OR bring cans of chunky soup for our Emergency Food Pantry. All your contributions are greatly appreciated.

FRESH FRUIT Sunday, March 7

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

SERVING PIZZA & FAITH AT SETON HILL STATION, BALTIMORE

Women, men, & youth are invited to receive as much spiritual nourishment as you provide to others **Friday, March 19, 2010**. Seton Hill Station is located at 700 N. Eutaw Street. Here we host a pizza party and engage in Christian fellowship with the residents at this highly successful substance addiction rehab program for men. Some of us carpool from church at 4:45 PM; other meet us there at 5:30. We're back at church by about 7:30. To sign up or for more information, contact Barry Steel at 410-592-6861 or barsteel@aol.com.



GHANAIA N MOTHER'S HOPE — DINNER

The annual friend-raiser/fund-raiser for Ghanaian Mother's Hope will take place at Rams Head

Tavern in historic Savage Mill on **Sunday, March 14th** from 1:00-4:00 PM. The cost is \$30, which includes Ghanaian food, music, and a silent auction. Go to www.gmhope.ang-md.org to acquire your tickets and more details. Ghanaian Mother's Hope are a local group of missionaries who support mothers and their children in Ghana, Africa. Tyler Brewer can fill you in on this organization, he spent a week+ in Ghana, Africa with them last summer (brew10@comcast.net)

NEWS FROM KELLY RAMPMEYER Missionary visiting

11 countries in 11 months

February 9, 2010

Our three months in Africa have come to an end, and we are currently in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. I want to catch you up to speed on what has happened between now and then!

We spent our last couple weeks in Africa by going back to Mozambique. This time, we were in Beira, Mozambique, along the coast of the Indian Ocean. We stayed with an amazing woman, Mama Rita, and her TWENTY FIVE children. She has seven of her own, and 18 she and her husband had adopted throughout the years. She told me she has always been unable to turn away a child in need. Her husband was murdered two years ago because of his Christian beliefs. Such a sad story. My heart broke for this woman.

When we arrived (after a vigorous travel day) we met the children and were introduced to our living conditions. We would be sleeping on concrete floors, and we quickly learned that we would be joined by flies, mosquitoes, heat, and RATS GALORE. Complaints were abundant, shamefully, until we realized that we were only getting a small dose of how these 25 people live their entire lives.

We put a new roof on the orphanage and worked to patch holes in the walls to prevent future rodent intruders. We also spent a lot of time playing with the BEAUTIFUL children and getting to know the people of the area. When the roof was finished, the children yelled, "CIAO, RATOS!"

From Mozambique, we traveled back down to Nelspruit, South Africa. We spent a week there debriefing as a squad, then flew to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Apparently I say this a lot, but I LOVE IT here and it is possibly my favorite place ever. The city is beautiful and the people are super warm and hospitable.

We have a variety of tasks for this month. I got to spend some time teaching English to Afghani refugees here in the city last week. This week we are living with 8 girls who are going through leadership/discipleship training while they are in college. Next week we are going to the jungle to help with medical and hygienic needs in the area. And, our final week here we will be teaching some more English!

Please keep us in thought and prayer as I am in month NINE. It seems crazy, but going home is just around the corner. We are starting to plan for going home and getting our futures straight and whatnot. Prayer is much needed! Thanks so much for reading! All my love back home :-)



Kelly Rampmeyer



For Your Information

THINK SPRING AND WARM BREEZES

Think sun and laughter

Think green grass and flowers

THINK BILL RAKER!!

It's the March Fellowship Meeting in Fellowship Hall...

March 16th 10:30 AM

We will have our famous home-cooked luncheon at a price of \$8.00. For reservations, please contact Thelma McCormick at 410-825-6188. Come celebrate SPRING with us. MEN...WOMEN...All are invited! (Oh yes—did we mention BILL RAKER? He's going to speak!)



WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Sunday, March 28, 4:00 PM

The selection for this month's reading is *Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Strout. Join us in the church parlor for discussion! Have questions or want to contact

someone about the readings? Give Marilyn Donoho a call at 410-825-0789 / ronmardon@verizon.net OR Carol Woodworth at 410-870-1728 / carolwoodworth@comcast.net.



UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONALS...

(in regular and large print)

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

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.

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!)



WHERE NOW?

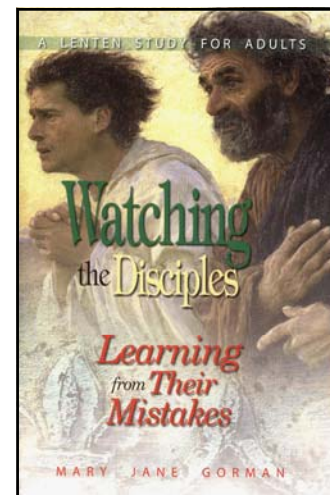
Where is Jesus leading you?

Lent began on Ash Wednesday, February 17th and runs for 40 days plus 6 Sundays until Easter Sunday, April 4th. Many opportunities have been made available for your spiritual growth this Lent. One of the opportunities is to join a study group. We will be using the study guide: *Watching the Disciples and Learning from Their Mistakes*. This Lenten study looks at the twelve disciples as they tried to follow Jesus and live the challenging life to which he had called them. Examining the mistakes of the Twelve can help us to assess our own discipleship in order to see where it may need strengthening. During these weeks of Lent, as we join the Twelve in their on-the-job-training to become disciples of Jesus, we hope to find guidance for our pilgrimage.

This six-session study, appropriate for both group and individual use, provides one lesson for each week in Lent. Each lesson includes a Scripture reference, a brief reflection, questions for study or discussion, a brief prayer, and a focus for the coming week.

MARY JANE GORMAN is a writer, teacher, and retreat leader living in Greenville, South Carolina, and she is also the author of the book *Tending Body, Heart, Mind & Soul: Following Jesus in Caring for Ourselves* (Abingdon Press). Formerly professor of economics at Furman University, she has served on the board of United Ministries, a nonprofit community organization, and is a leader in First Baptist Church, Greenville.

The book may be purchased from Rev. Bill Raker or from Liz in the church office for \$6.00. The following *High Spire* pages outline the dates and times of each class.



WHERE NOW?

Where is Jesus leading you?

On these next 3 pages is the **Lenten Calendar of Events** at
Towson United Methodist Church — **Every event is open to the public!**
 To see the complete church events calendar, visit our webpage www.towsonumc.org

DATE	EVENT & DETAILS	TIME	PLACE
Friday February 26	Come hear Jik Youselfi's remarkable Faith Journey from Islam to Christianity (see p. 5)	7:30 PM Childcare available Free-will offering	Sanctuary Light refreshments following in the Parlor
Sunday February 28	Theme: Somewhere Else Pharisees encourage Jesus to leave Galilee for his own safety; lament over Jerusalem Lenten Study Second lesson in the series of 6 <i>Watching the Disciples and Learning from Their Mistakes</i> by Mary Jane Gorman Children and Youth Sunday School Adult Christian Connections Classes	Services: 8:30 & 11:00 AM 9:45 — 10:45 AM 9:45 — 10:45 AM	Sanctuary Fellowship Hall Regularly scheduled classrooms
Tuesday March 2	Lenten Study Second lesson in the series of 6 <i>Watching the Disciples and Learning from Their Mistakes</i> by Mary Jane Gorman	7:15 — 8:30 PM	Fellowship Hall
Wednesday March 3	Lenten Study Second lesson in the series of 6 <i>Watching the Disciples and Learning from Their Mistakes</i> by Mary Jane Gorman Listen and reflect to organ music	10:30 — 11:30 AM 11:45 AM — 12:15 PM	Room 214-216 Sanctuary
Thursday March 4	Where Jesus Led Me Program will be led by travelers returning from Israel (see p. 6)	7:15 PM	Fellowship Hall Serving light refreshments
Sunday March 7	Theme: Search and Rescue The parables of the lost sheep and the lost coin. Communion/Mission Offering: Cans of Soup Lenten Study Third lesson in the series of 6 <i>Watching the Disciples and Learning from Their Mistakes</i> by Mary Jane Gorman Children and Youth Sunday School Adult Christian Connections Classes Sharing the Easter Faith with Children Children: Activities and a movie. Adults: Program (see p. 6)	Services: 8:30 & 11:00 AM 9:45 — 10:45 AM 9:45 — 10:45 AM 6:00 — 7:30 PM	Sanctuary Fellowship Hall Regularly scheduled classrooms Children: Rooms 122 & 115 Adults: Parlor

Tuesday March 9	Lenten Study Third lesson in the series of 6	7:15 — 8:30 PM	Fellowship Hall
Wednesday March 10	Lenten Study Third lesson in the series of 6 Listen and reflect to organ music	10:30 — 11:30 AM 11:45 — 12:15 PM	Room 214-216 Sanctuary
Friday March 12	Chorale from Duke University CONCERT (see. p. 3)	7:30 PM Free-will offering	Sanctuary
Sunday March 14	Theme: Border Lands The healing of the ten lepers. Lenten Study Fourth lesson in the series of 6 Children and Youth Sunday School Adult Christian Connections Classes	Services: 8:30 & 11:00 AM 9:45 — 10:45 AM 9:45 — 10:45 AM	Sanctuary Fellowship Hall Regularly scheduled classrooms
Tuesday March 16	Lenten Study Fourth lesson in the series of 6	7:15 — 8:30 PM	Fellowship Hall
Wednesday March 17	Lenten Study Fourth lesson in the series of 6 Listen and reflect to organ music	10:30 — 11:30 AM 11:45 AM — 12:15 PM	Room 214-216 Sanctuary
Sunday March 21	Theme: Home with Zacchaeus Jesus calls Zacchaeus from the tree and goes home with him. Lenten Study Fifth lesson in the series of 6 Children and Youth Sunday School Adult Christian Connections Classes	Services: 8:30 & 11:00 AM 9:45 — 10:45 AM 9:45 — 10:45 AM	Sanctuary Fellowship Hall Regularly scheduled classrooms
Tuesday March 23	Lenten Study Fifth lesson in the series of 6	7:15 — 8:30 PM	Fellowship Hall
Wednesday March 24	Lenten Study Fifth lesson in the series of 6 Listen and reflect to organ music	10:30 — 11:30 AM 11:45 AM — 12:15 PM	Room 214-216 Sanctuary
Thursday March 25	Program: Jesus' Last Week in Pictures Reflections on then and now (see p. 6)	7:15 PM	Fellowship Hall Serving light refreshments
Palm Sunday March 28	Theme: Jerusalem and the Temple Lenten Study Sixth lesson in the series of 6 Children and Youth Sunday School Adult Christian Connections Classes Children's Program: More Than a Movie Showing: <i>Oliver and Company</i> (see p. 6)	Services: 8:30 & 11:00 AM 9:45 — 10:45 AM 9:45 — 10:45 AM 4:00 — 6:00 PM	Sanctuary Fellowship Hall Regularly scheduled classrooms Fellowship Hall

Tuesday March 30	Lenten Study Sixth lesson in the series of 6	7:15 — 8:30 PM	Fellowship Hall
Wednesday March 31	Lenten Study Sixth lesson in the series of 6	10:30 — 11:30 AM	Room 214-216
	Listen and reflect to organ music	11:45 AM — 12:15 PM	Sanctuary
Holy Thursday April 1	Communion Service Luke's account of the last supper	12 Noon	Sanctuary
	<i>Living Last Supper</i> Drama and communion	7:30 PM	Sanctuary
Good Friday April 2	Theme: The Cross The crucifixion. Youth begin their 30-hour Famine.	Services: 12 Noon & 7:30 PM	Sanctuary
Saturday April 3	Children's Easter Egg Hunt (see p. 6)	9:30 AM	Fellowship Hall
Easter Sunday April 4	CELEBRATING THE RESURRECTION Communion will be served in the Chapel following each service	Services: 8:30 & 11:00 AM	Sanctuary
	Children and Worship (ages 4-7)	8:30 & 11:00 AM	Room 314
	Children and Youth Sunday School Adult Christian Connections Classes	9:45 — 10:45 AM	Regularly scheduled classrooms

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