

## Blessing of the Pets!

October 10, 2021

1 PM Zoom

or

2 PM on the church lawn

Bring your pet to church (or to your screen!) for a special time of blessing. We will also include a special memorial moment for those who have lost pets this year.



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## HOLY GROUNDS

The Surprising Connection between Coffee and Faith—From Dancing Goats to Satan's Drink



Tim Schenck

Book Discussion led by Pastor Stephanie October 3, after worship coffee and treats provided

Get your copy at [cokesbury.com](http://cokesbury.com), [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) and other major booksellers

*If you would like to participate in any study but cannot afford a book, please let Pastor Stephanie know. We will make sure you get a book!*

Happy 100th  
Birthday to  
Esther Howes  
September 20, 2021



### Acolyte and Usher Training

today, after worship

Any who would like to learn more about this ministry are invited to attend! Meeting should last about 30 minutes.

### Bible Study with Rev. Fred Crider, Sept. 20—Nov. 22 7 PM on Zoom

“Words of Life: Jesus and the Promise of the Ten Commandments” by Adam Hamilton

register at [communications@towsonumc.org](mailto:communications@towsonumc.org)  
purchase your own book at [cokesbury.com](http://cokesbury.com) or [amazon.com](http://amazon.com)

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## September Youth Group Schedule

Sunday school begins September 19 at 9 AM

### TONIGHT!! 6- 7:30 PM

Dinner at church and medical kits mission project (kits will be used at the Adullum Community Healthcare Center in Baltimore)

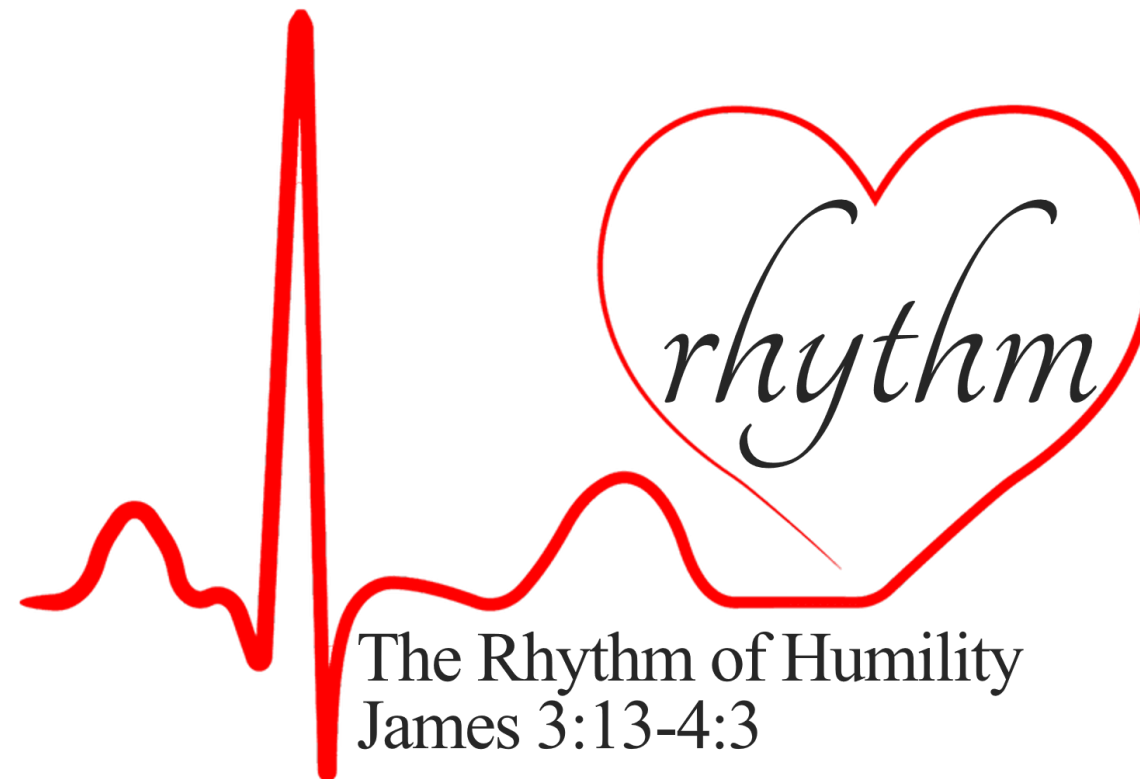
Sunday, Sept. 26, 6-7:30 PM

Bowling Night: Venue TBD

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# Towson United Methodist Church



The Rhythm of Humility  
James 3:13-4:3

501 Hampton Lane Towson, MD 21286

**Business Hours: Monday - Wednesday 10:00 AM-3:00 PM**

**Thursday and Friday: by appointment only**

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# Towson United Methodist Church

September 19, 2021; 10:15 AM

17th Sunday after Pentecost

\*denotes to please stand as you are able

\*\*This worship service is being livestreamed and recorded.\*\*

Prelude "Trumpet Tune with Echos" by John Stanley Rev. Doug Hollida

Greeting Rev. Stephanie Roberts White

\*Call to Worship *from umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning*

ONE: Who among you is seeking the wisdom of God?

ALL: **We long to hear God's Word spoken to our hearts.**

Who among you is seeking God's bright and holy truth?

**We long to learn the ways of wisdom and righteousness.**

Who among you is seeking a Spirit-filled life?

**We long to live lives of holiness and light.**

God grants God's wisdom generously to all who ask. Come near, people of God!

**Let us worship in wisdom and truth.**

\*Opening Hymn "Blessed Assurance" UMH #369

\*Opening Prayer *from ministrymatters.com* Rev. Christine Kumar

**We draw near to you, O God, source of all understanding, and ask you to draw near to us. Teach us your wisdom from above, that we may bear good fruit in our lives. Root us beside the streams of your wisdom, that the green leaves of our goodness, fed by your insight, may not wither. Amen.**

Announcements

Children's Moment

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Prayer Hymn "Open My Eyes That I May See" UMH #454

Invitation to the Offering

*Offering can be left in the drop box in the foyer. You can also mail checks directly to the church, give online at [towsonchurch.org/give](http://towsonchurch.org/give), or text "give" to 410-936-5440.*

Offertory Prayer

Offertory "Peace in Christ" by McKenna Hixson Lewis Njorge Gichia, Soloist

New Testament Scripture Lesson James 3:13-4:3a, 7-8a (CEB) p. 1471, pew Bible

Series: Rhythm Sermon: The Rhythm of Humility Rev. Stephanie Roberts White

\*Hymn of Response "Lord, Teach Us to Be Humble" sung to the tune of "Come Thou Fount"  
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Lord, you teach us to be humble in the things we do and say  
So that others will not stumble or—discouraged—turn away.  
For a faith that's lived for glory—full of bragging, full of show—  
Cannot tell the gospel story that your people long to know.

How do other people greet us as we journey through our days?  
Do we hope that they will meet us with a word of thanks or praise?  
Do we seek congratulations for the kind of life we lead?  
Do we want their admiration for the things that we believe?

May we never burden others with a faith that's hard to bear.  
Make us kind to one another; make us humble in our prayer.  
As we give up seats of honor, may we give you glory, too.  
Lord, you teach us to be humble; may we humbly follow you.

\*Benediction

Postlude "Carillon" by Gordon Young Rev. Doug Hollida

*The flowers on the altar are presented in memory of Alice Snyder who passed away September 18, 2020. She is greatly missed by her loving family, friends, and church family all of whom she loved dearly.*

