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# High Spike

Newsletter for Members and Friends of Towson United Methodist Church

May 2022

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Dear Church Family,

Thank you for a beautiful Easter Sunday! We had 269 people attend in person and over a hundred joined our online services! Plus, eight folks joined the church! What a great day!

Thank you to the hospitality team, audio visual team, greeters and ushers, flower deliverers, choir, our guest musicians, and youth group for helping to make the day a wonderful celebration of the resurrection of Jesus.

We began the season of Lent with Pastor Christine and I marking your foreheads with ash in the shape of the cross. Lent is a somber season that allows us time and space to consider our mortality and our sin. Then, six weeks later, at the end of our Easter worship service, I invited you to come forward and receive the mark of the cross on your foreheads. Many of you were marked with the water of baptism -- the water of renewal and rebirth. The ash of Lent -- the ash of suffering, sin, and shame -- was washed clean as you were marked by the water of life. Hallelujah!

I hope this Spring and Easter season are a reminder to you of the newness of life offered to us in Jesus. Jesus perpetually renews and restores us so that we may experience peace and love and share those with others.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

God bless you all,

*Pastor Stephanie Roberts White*



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## Easter Season Sermon Series

### Living With Jesus

This Easter season, we'll explore what it means to live with Jesus, really *live* with Jesus. With the Gospel of John as our guide, we'll see how Jesus allows us the space we need to confront our doubt, and how he promises us a life marked by reconciliation, peace, power, love and more. Sundays, April 17 – May 29, in-person and online at 10:15 AM.

May 1: John 20:19-31  
"Living with Doubt"

May 22: John 13:31-35  
"Living with Love"

May 8: John 21:1-19  
"Reconciliation"

May 29: John 14:23-29  
"Living with Peace"

May 15: John 10:22-30  
"Belonging"

June 5: Pentecost  
Graduate Recognition

## Graduation Sunday

Save the date for Graduation Sunday, June 5, during worship

If you are graduating from high school, college, or a trade school, we want to celebrate you! Email Pastor Christine Kumar at [associatepastor@towsonumc.org](mailto:associatepastor@towsonumc.org) to RSVP and to let us know from where you are graduating and any future plans.

## New Member & New Staff Reception

May 22, immediately following worship

Join us in the fellowship hall immediately after worship to celebrate and welcome our newest members: Karen Church, Pam Cuneo, Doris Estes, Caryn Kauffman, Mark Lundgren, Claudia Raker, Cassidy Siegel, Wilson Siegel, and Robert and Eileen Wagner. We will also honor our newest staff members - Dr. Roy Belfield, Jr. (Director of Music Ministries) and Carlye Brooks (Director of Communications).

*If you are interested in becoming a member of the church, contact Pastor Stephanie ([leadpastor@towsonumc.org](mailto:leadpastor@towsonumc.org)).*

Spring Plant Sale 2022		
Saturday	April 30, 2022	9:00 AM to 11:00 AM
Sunday	May 1, 2022	11:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Sunday	May 8, 2022	11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

RACE AGAINST TRAFFICK 2022 – MAY 7, 2022 AT DRUID HILL PARK AT 8:00 AM



There's still time  
to join the team!

Visit [towsonchurch.org/news](http://towsonchurch.org/news)  
for the latest information.

# Missions News

Thank you for your generous second-mile mission giving in 2021. For our monthly missions, we collected:

January: Christ Deaf Church -- \$305

February: ACTC -- \$215

March: Heifer International -- \$315

April: Araminta -- \$610

May: One Great Hour of Sharing -- \$415

June: Earl's Place -- \$365

July: First Fruits Farm -- \$315

August: Hampton Lane CDC -- \$535

September: Disaster Relief -- \$ 1750

September: Afghanistan Relief -- \$3235

October: Streets of Hope -- \$695

November: Sara's Hope/Domestic Violence -- \$765

December: Board of Child Care -- \$812

## May Mission of the Month

The May Mission of the Month is to support The United Methodist Committee on Relief's efforts in Ukraine, including relocation efforts, basic supplies (food, water, clothing, shelter), transportation assistance, and safe shelter for women. For more information about the work UMCOR is doing, visit [umcmmission.org/umcor](https://umcmmission.org/umcor). To donate, visit <https://tinyurl.com/2p9yhs9h>.

Dear Towson UMC,

Thank you all for sharing in my 'goodbye' celebration and for your generous cards and love offering! Serving you and our church community brought me great joy these past five years. Thank you for: embracing me and our family; shepherding all three of our children through confirmation and beyond; indulging in creative communications and outreach endeavors; staying connected amidst a world-wide pandemic; stepping out of your comfort zone to try fun new things; and, mostly, thank you for your friendship that will remain forever in our hearts. Can't wait to see where the church and you will soar next!

With love and gratitude,  
Maryanne Arthur



Thank you to everyone who served on the Easter Flower Delivery Team. Your generosity brought smiles to the faces and joy to the hearts of our precious homebound members. Thank you for sharing the love of Jesus!

## Spring Fever at Towson UMC! Plant Sale and Clean-up Day on April 30

- Come to our annual Spring Plant Sale to purchase gorgeous plants from Berg's Farm
- Wear your work clothes and sturdy shoes to help clean out the attic in preparation for our roof repairs later this year.
- The day begins at 9:00 AM and lunch will be provided for all volunteers.
- Free lunch provided for everyone who registers by Wednesday, April 27. Visit [towsonchurch.org/news](https://towsonchurch.org/news) to register.



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