

The Spire



April 2015

Loch Raven United Methodist Church



Schedule of Services

Maundy Thursday
Thursday, April 2, 7 PM

Good Friday
Friday, April 3, 7 PM

Easter Sunrise Service
Sunday, April 5, 6:30 AM

Easter Traditional Services
Sunday, April 5, 8:30 & 11 AM

Children's Easter Egg Hunt
Sunday, April 5, 10 AM



EASTER FUN!

Come celebrate Easter with us. All

children ages 3 years through middle school are welcome to join us on April 5th at 10 AM for games, snacks, egg hunt and more. All activities will be held in the auditorium. No reservations required. Please join our Easter Celebration. If you have any questions please contact Carole Webner.

Our Mislaid Lord

Have you ever been in a difficult situation? Maybe your spouse died or your child was very sick? Maybe you were in the middle of a difficult relationship or a divorce? Maybe you were in the hospital? Or maybe you just lost your job?

There are times in life when we can't seem to find God. Mary Magdalene was in a place like this. Her life was filled with trouble. Then she met Jesus. He gave her a new start, a new lease on life, a new life. Then on one "good" Friday he was taken from her. She's not sure where to turn so she stays around him. She goes to the cemetery where he is buried. In her devotion to him she discovers what we all long to discover. This Savior of the world is for real. The one whom God has sent to give us new life is legitimate.

The Bible records it this way: *Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him."* — John 20:1-2

Mary has had so many things go wrong in her life she can't believe it. She thinks someone has taken Jesus' body. She has been through so much trouble that she thinks about every alternative except that God might have kept his word about resurrecting Jesus. It's just too good to be true. She must be thinking that nothing good could ever happen to her. Have you ever felt that way? When she sees Jesus she mistakes him to be the gardener. Finally, Jesus simply speaks her name and she recognizes him.

For those of you who have been through the struggles of life, this message is for you. For those of you who have been "once burnt,

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The deadline for the May issue is **Sunday, April 12, at 11:00 AM**
Electronic Submission: You may send articles by e-mail to: njk.williams@yahoo.com or place articles in the Church Office's newsletter box.

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Spring Gift Card Fundraiser

Just in time for the spring and summer weddings, graduations, Mother's Day and Father's Day, the Fundraising Committee will be selling gift cards this month. Orders will be taken between services on Sunday, April 19 and Sunday, April 26, and cards will be delivered Sunday, May 3. Watch upcoming Sunday bulletins for ordering information. All proceeds go to the church's General Fund.

Musical Notes

By: Sam Chin, Music Director

Welcome to Our New Organist

It is my pleasure to introduce our new organist, Patti Gould. Patti grew up in Bucks County, PA and earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Music from Washington College in Chestertown, MD. As an Army family, Patti and her husband, Ben, along with their two boys; Simon, 3 and Harry, 1; have literally been around the world. Patti's most recent church position was in Okinawa, Japan where she served as Music Director at All Souls Anglican Church. Transitioning to civilian life the Gould's are glad to be putting roots in Baltimore and excited to be a part of the Loch Raven United Methodist Church community. On behalf of the Loch Raven UMC's Music Ministry, I want to welcome Patti and her family to our church. We hope to witness the many wonderful things God has planned for her young family and look forward to hearing Patti's beautiful performances for many, many, many Sundays to come.



April Is Membership Renewal Month for the Board of Child Care

During April you will have the opportunity to join or renew your membership in the Board of Child Care Auxiliary. Why join the Auxiliary? Proceeds from the membership drive help the children of the Board of Child Care by providing amenities not covered by the Board's government funding. Auxiliary projects include Easter baskets, birthday cards and gifts, gifts for high school graduates, field trips and arts and recreation activities. The Auxiliary hopes to provide driver education for eligible students, college visits for graduating seniors and assistance with prom costs.

A one-year Membership is just \$2.00 per person, but the funds raised make a big difference to the children. Envelopes will be in the pews during the month of April. Please consider helping the children by joining the Auxiliary.

Thanks to the congregation for your continued support of the children of the Board of Child Care. The cookie collection was successful again this year with 127 packages of cookies and snacks donated.

Leslie Christopher
Keyperson

Our Mislaid Lord

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twice shy," this message is for you. For you who have learned to live your life waiting for the other shoe to drop, this message is for you. Jesus is the Savior of the world. He is your Savior. He saves us from the things that drag us backward and down. He saves us to be lifted up, even to be seated right next to our God the Creator again. This is the message Mary has for you. This is the Easter message.

Happy Easter.

Your Pastor, Cliff

United Methodist Women April Schedule

"Women in Christ" Circle

Monday, April 6

7:30 p.m.—Room 202

Study: *Moments That Take Your Breath Away*

Lesson 10

Study Leader: Nancy

Devotions: Nancy

Hostess: Nancy

Phyllis Downes Circle

Tuesday, April 7

10 am—Parlor

Study Leader: Joyce Dixon

Devotions: Jen Dorsey

Hostess: Hortense Fauntleroy

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, April 15

6:30 PM

Covered Dish Dinner

Program—To Be Announced

Greetings from the 792 Alumni Group

Dear LRUMC Members,

I'd like to first take a moment to say thank you for your past support of our mulch sale fundraiser. The profit earned from this event enabled us to provide a quality program for our youth members and most recently to assist local charities.

With spring just around the corner, we hope that you will consider purchasing mulch from us in 2015. This year's "**Mulch Madness**" sale will take place on **Saturday, April 11**. The deadline for all orders is **April 4**.

This year we are **donating 100% of our profits to establish a medical fund** on behalf of a 792 family member. Kelly Shay, the wife of our former Scoutmaster Jim Pannebecker, was stricken with a ruptured brain aneurysm on November 1, 2014. She is currently in Keswick Multi-Care Center, a long-term rehabilitation facility, where she is receiving physical and occupational therapy. This fund will help with Kelly's medical expenses that are not covered by private insurance and Medicaid. To learn more about Kelly's story you can visit www.caringbridge.org/visit/kellyshay. Please note that if you are not interested in purchasing mulch but would still like to help with Kelly's fund you can make a donation through www.gofundme.com/kellyshay.

I have taken the liberty of attaching an order form (see page 4 of the *Spire*) which details all the information about our fundraiser. As you can see we have been able to maintain our price of **\$5 for a 3 cu. ft. bag**. We will again be offering **free delivery on all orders of 10 bags or more**. Please note that the deadline for all orders is **April 4**.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me by email at: csc4jobs@verizon.net or by phone at **443-465-9606**.

Thank you,
Larry Bearden
792 Alumni Coordinator

Membership Updates

Address Change:

John Famini
615 Chestnut Avenue
Room 210
Towson, MD 21204
410-830-9669

Transfer:

Don and Gayle Webb
Transfer to Oakcrest
Protestant Faith Community

Deceased:

Evelyn Cockey
February 17, 2015

Addition:

Patricia (Patti) Gould
(new organist)
Patti's husband, Ben and
sons Harry & Simon
6900 Sherwood Road
Baltimore, MD 21239
267-968-5838

IN TOUCH MINISTRY

April Birthdays

Special Prayer Requests

Please refer to insert in Sunday bulletins for up-to-date information.

Stay in Touch with some of our members who are not able to regularly attend church. Contact the church office for up-to-date information.

- 2 James Edmonds
- 7 Vesta Williams
- 8 Andrew Cole
- 9 Ruth Kriel
- 14 Peggy Kendzierski
- 18 Sheila Wyche
- 26 Verna Wilson
- 28 Helen Blakey
- 28 Sarah Roehl
- 29 Bill (Fran) Shock

792 Alumni 2015 “Mulch Madness” Sale—April 11

Tan Bark Mix

A unique blend of oak barks that are double shredded and aged to produce a high quality ground cover. Its dark chocolate brown color will enhance the beauty of all your gardens while providing all essential properties that quality mulch should.

*** 3 cubic foot bags**

*** \$5.00 per bag**

- **free delivery on orders of 10 or more bags (limited delivery area)**
- **Order and full payment deadline is April 4**
- **100% of profits go to support the Kelly Shay Medical Fund**
(see invitation cover letter on page 3 for details)

For questions/additional information contact Larry Bearden at csc4jobs@verizon.net or 443-465-9606

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Name: _____ Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____ Community: _____

Delivery instructions: (please mark location):

____ front driveway ____ rear driveway (only if alley accessible)

My order: # of bags ____ x \$5.00 per bag = Total paid \$ _____

Please make checks payable to **792 LRUMC Alumni**. Return this form with payment to:
792 Alumni c/o Larry Bearden, 1564 Putty Hill Ave., Towson, MD 21286

Missions In Action: Bishop's Lenten Challenge

Marcus Matthews, Bishop of the Baltimore-Washington Conference, explained in the February issue of the UM Connection, that about \$11 of every \$100 you place in the collection plate goes to provide mission and ministry in a "connectional way." This enables us to provide opportunities that no single church could do on its own. In fact, about \$2.50 of the \$11 goes to the worldwide church to expand our impact and outreach on a global scale.

For Lent, the Bishop has challenged us to give up a dollar a day in service to our local communities. The \$40 should be "given in a spirit of love, self-sacrifice, and new life." The 40 days of Lent remind us of the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness right after his baptism as he prepared himself for his earthly ministry.

If you would like to accept the Bishop's challenge you can donate your \$40 to a local charity of your choice or mark it "for Lenten Missions" and place in the collection plate or mail to the church office. The Missions Committee will pool all the collections together and give as a special offering to one of our local agencies helping those in need.

The Bishop concluded his message by saying:

As a connectional people, we live in an exciting place – serving locally and beyond our communities. How we give reflects that. I thank each of you for your apportionment giving. It matters. I thank you, too, for all you're doing to serve God exactly where you are. I pray for you and your church each day and in that simple, daily prayer, ask God to make you rich in spirit and blessed beyond measure.

The Missions Committee would also like to thank you for your continued help and support throughout the year in your sacrificial giving to our special projects. We wish you a very Happy Easter.

Upcoming and Ongoing Mission Opportunities:

ACTC (Assistance Center of Towson Churches) matching gift opportunity – April

Manna House Breakfast Club – May 16 (If you would like to volunteer to help prepare or serve breakfast, contact Myra Wagner: 410-825-0900, 410-485-7607 or mbwagner@lrumc.org.)

Sandwich making for Essex UMC 4th Tuesday of every month

Native American Ministries Sunday April 19

Native American Ministries Sunday, one of six special church offerings, helps provide funding directed toward Native Americans that will provide opportunities to enable them to encounter, worship and serve Jesus.

By supporting Native American Ministries Day, you equip seminary students who will honor and celebrate Native American culture in their ministries. And you empower congregations that are finding fresh new ways to minister to their communities with the love of Christ.

For more information on this special giving opportunity, see: <http://www.umcsgiving.org/ministry-articles/native-american-ministries-sunday>

Other Special Giving Sundays this year include:

Peace with Justice Sunday - May 31

World Communion Sunday - October 4

United Methodist Student Day Sunday - November 29