

Welcome! Warm greetings and love in Christ are extended to all members and guests.

*If you presently have no church home,
we hope you will consider making Loch Raven Church your home.*

Thank you for signing the pew registration book.

(Addresses, phone numbers, & email addresses help us to personally thank you for your visit.)

Please call the Church Office if you have any questions or if we can be of assistance to you.

WE APPRECIATE THE SERVICES TODAY OF:

Greeters: Nancy Harvill
Acolyte: Usher
Liturgist: Cheryl Wagner-Koogler
Ushers: Rick Neumann, Melvin Miles

Children's Bulletins are available in the Narthex for children ages 3 - 12.

Large print bulletins are available. See an usher.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given in celebration of Verna Roman's birthday
by the Wilson family.

MINISTRIES OF LOCH RAVEN CHURCH

PRAYERS: Please pray daily for our brothers and sisters in Christ and those on the Prayer List. The member to remember this week is Mr. & Mrs. William Shock, 615 Chestnut Avenue, Room 462, Baltimore, MD 21204. (Bill's 95th birthday is April 29.)

PRESENCE: April 15, 2018: 104

Offering: \$6029.00

LRUMC MISSION STATEMENT

"Loch Raven United Methodist Church is a multicultural community of faith, called by God to be a living witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ by serving as stewards of God's gifts and blessings. We minister through worship, learning, fellowship and mission to the community."

MINISTERS & EVANGELISTS: The People of Loch Raven United Methodist Church

LEAD PASTOR: Rev. George Winkfield, 301-379-4616 cell, PastorWinkfield@gmail.com

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DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Samuel Chin

ORGANIST: Patricia Gould

CHILD CARE PROVIDER: Amy Price

Earth Day

April 22, 2018

And this is his commandment,
that we should believe in

 **THE NAME**

of his Son Jesus Christ
and love one another....

1 John 3:23, NRSV

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The Order of Worship

CENTERING WORDS: Have you wandered off and gone astray? Return to the guardian of your souls. Are you in need of rest and shelter? Enter the gate of your shepherd. Are you distracted and confused by the many voices that counsel you each day? Be still and listen . . . the voice of your shepherd is calling your name, calling you home.

ENTRANCE

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Lift High the Cross* arr. Bock

Piano, Judy Zahren/Organ, Patti Gould

Lighting of the Altar Candles

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We were lost and going astray.

People: **The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside the still waters.**

Leader: But now we return to our shepherd.

People: **He restores my soul. He leads me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**

Leader: We have heard the call of the guardian of our souls.

People: **Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil, for thou art with me.**

Leader: This is the gate of our shepherd, the door to eternal life.

People: **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE *God is Good, All the Time* W&S 3026

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The World Methodist Social Affirmation* UMH 886

OPENING PRAYER *(seated and in unison)*

Shepherding God, guardian of our souls, you offer us rest in the safety of green pastures, shower us with your love, and offer us fullness of life in your name. When our spirits are parched, you lead us beside still waters and quench our thirst for righteousness; you restore our souls. Touch our hearts and minds, that your goodness and mercy may follow us each and every day of our lives, and that we may abide in your love and your grace forever. Amen.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Theresa Alaeze

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON *Acts 4:5-12* Pew Bible, p. 887

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS AND 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.

PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Psalm 23* Dietrich
Chancel Choir

*THE DOXOLOGY UMH 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessing flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*OFFERING PRAYER

Loving shepherd, as you have fed us in green pastures and quenched our thirst beside still waters, may the gifts we bring this day be food and drink, and shelter and warmth, to a world in need; may our offering reach into places of despair, and show the world that there is a shepherd who brings comfort and hope. Amen.

SECOND LESSON *1 John 3:16-24* Pew Bible p. 990-991

*HYMN OF PREPARATION *People Need the Lord* TFWS 2244

SERMON Rev. Wayne Harting
Pastor of Congregational Care

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* UMH 381

*CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*POSTLUDE *Festival Postlude* Zipoli

*GOING FORTH

**Please rise in posture or spirit*

Bold print: in unison

TFWS: *The Faith We Sing* UMH: *U.M. Hymnal* W&S: *Worship and Song*

Sharing, Caring, and Studying Opportunities

WE WELCOME REV. WAYNE HARTING, OUR PASTOR OF CONGREGATIONAL CARE, TO THE PULPIT TODAY. Pastor George is out of town this weekend.

PLEASE REMAIN AFTER THE SERVICE FOR A COVERED DISH LUNCHEON IN FELLOWSHIP HALL. After lunch we will plant a tree on the front lawn in celebration of Earth Day.

SPRINGTIME BRINGS GRADUATIONS! Please let us know of any graduates in your immediate family. See insert.

APRIL IS BOARD OF CHILD CARE AUXILIARY MONTH...Today, in the pews are envelopes for you to become a member or renew your membership in the Auxiliary of the Board of Child Care of the United Methodist Church. By contributing \$2.00/person, you will belong to the Baltimore North District Auxiliary, a group dedicated to putting love for children and youth into action. Please complete the information on the envelope front, place your donation inside and put in the offering plate. Thank You.

PASTOR GEORGE'S BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES THIS WEEK, Tuesdays at 7 PM and Thursdays at 10:30 AM.

APRIL COLLECTION FOR ACTC: CANNED MEAT – beef chili, stew, Spam (Please place your items in the box labeled “Missions Collections” outside Fellowship Hall.)

LECTIONARY READINGS for Sunday, April 29, 2018:

Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:23-31; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8

Church Calendar for the Week of April 22

Today		Earth Day	
	9:00 AM	Sunday School for all ages	
	10:00 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
Following Worship		Covered Dish Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
		Followed by Tree-Planting	Front Lawn
	12:30 PM	St. Paul's Ghana Methodist Church	Sanctuary
Monday – Friday			
	6:30 – 9:00 AM	IMPROVE Before-School Care	Room 208
	3:00 – 6:30 PM	IMPROVE After-School Care	Room 208, 214
Monday	9:15 AM	Aerobics	Auditorium
Tuesday	6:15 PM	Aerobics	Auditorium
	9:30 AM	Sandwich-making for Essex UMC	Kitchen
	7:00 PM	Pastor's Bible Study	Room 128
Wednesday	6:30 PM	IMPROVE Dance Class	Auditorium
	7:00 PM	Glendale/Glenmont Comm. Assoc.	Fellowship Hall
Thursday	9:15 AM	Aerobics	Auditorium
	10:30 AM	Pastor's Bible Study	Room 128
	6:15 PM	Aerobics	Auditorium
	7:00 PM	Handbell Rehearsal	Bell Room
	8:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
Friday	10:30 AM	AI-Anon	Fellowship Hall
Saturday	10:00 AM	St. Paul's Choir Rehearsal	Room 210

Upcoming Events

April 29	11:15 AM	Fundraising Team Meeting	Parlor
May 1	10:00 AM	Phyllis Downes Circle	Hall/Parlor
May 2	7:00 PM	Trustees Meeting	Parlor

Prayer List

Prayer Requests from the Week of April 15

Debbie (*Debi Wynn's friend*)
 Family of Evelyn Cole (*Harriet Cole's sister-in-law*)
 June Jordan (*by Patti Ferguson*)
 Dawn Oster (*Cheryl Wagner-Koogler's sister*)
 Lingard Nhengua Ndlovu (*Tendai Ndlovu's father*)
 Joann Patry
 Kelly Spurlock and her parents (*Peggy Kelly's co-worker*)
 Jennifer Webster

Recent Prayer Requests

Thames Brown (*Myra Wagner's uncle – 4/8*)
 Gary Horn (*4/8*)
 Robin Reiter (*Linda Cole's sister – 4/8*)
 Trisha Doan (*Jo Thomas's niece – 3/25*)
 Miles Ferree (*Jo Thomas's great nephew – 3/25*)
 Sandy Fitzpatrick (*by Cecelia Miller – 3/25*)
 Barbara Hacker (*by Brian and Cecelia Miller – 3/25*)
 Jeanette Keaton (*Patti Gould's grandmother – 3/25*)
 Donna Martin (*Jo Thomas's sister-in-law – 3/25*)
 Shirley Messman (*3/25*)
 Carmen & Victor Spencer (*by Beverley Mignott – 3/25*)
 Bill Thomas (*3/25*)
 Jo Thomas (*3/25*)

Prayer requests will be held for one month unless requested otherwise.