December 18, 2016 Fourth Sunday in Advent

10:00 AM

Gathering Thought: "Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving others with God's own love and concern." — St. Teresa of Calcutta

ENTRANCE

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude Lo How a Rose E're Blooming

Johannes Brahms Patti Gould

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Advent Candlelighting

Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Please place your prayer concerns and praises in the offering plate.

Offertory A Wesley Christmas arr. Carl Wiltse Handbell Choir

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

A Ceremony of Lessons and Carols

by Anna Laura Page and Jean Anne Shafferman

Samuel Chin & Cathy Miles, conductors
Patti Gould, pianist
Adrian Palazzi & Aleece Roehl, narrators

Processional Carols and Bidding Prayer Patti Ferguson & Cheryl Wagner-Koogler

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Once in Royal David's City UMH 250, 4th verse

First Lesson and Carol

Talia Roehl-Jacobs, flute

The Sans Day Carol

Second Lesson and Carol Chancel and Handbell Choirs

Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels from the Realms of Glory UMH 220, 1st verse

Third Lesson and Carol Chancel Choir

For unto Us a Son Is Born (from Handel's Messiah)

Fourth Lesson and Carol Chancel and Handbell Choirs

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing UMH 240, 3rd verse

Fifth Lesson and Carol Cecelia Miller, Caitlin Webster, Judy Zahren & Jan Hoener

What Child Is This

Samuel Chin, guitar

Sixth Lesson and Carol Debi Wynn & Brian Miller, soloists

Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine

Good Christians All Rejoice! UMH 224, 2nd verse

Seventh Lesson and Carol Brian Miller, Edward Smith, Jonathan Wilson & Pete McGinnes

Sing We Now of Christmas

The First Noel UMH 245, 1st verse

Eighth Lesson and Carols with Closing Blessing

Chancel Choir

Hallelujah Chorus (from Handel's Messiah)

SENDING FORTH

*Carrying the Light of Christ into the World

*Postlude Joy to the World

arr. Franklin Ritter Patti Gould

*Going Forth

*Please rise in posture or spirit

TFWS: The Faith We Sing UMH: U.M. Hymnal

Bold print: in unison

W&S: Worship and Song

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

Thank you for signing the pew registration book. (Addresses and phone numbers help us to personally thank you for your visit.) Please call the Church Office 410-825-0900, if you have any questions or if we can be of assistance to you.

WE APPRECIATE THE SERVICES TODAY OF:

Greeters: Dorothy Thompson

Acolyte: usher

Liturgist: Nancy Gillotti

Advent Candle lighter: The Gillotti Family

Ushers: Jon Cuthbert, Jen Dorsey, Joycelynn Williams, Amanda Brown

Infants & Young Children are cared for during Worship in Room 209.

Children's Activity Sheets are available in the Narthex.

Large print bulletins are available. See an usher.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The bowl is given by Jim Harvill in thankfulness for his wife Nancy.

The Christmas tree is given by the Lacy family in loving memory of Bob Lacy, who was instrumental in providing the Christmas tree for the sanctuary for many years.

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 Mrs. Ruth Weygand.

PRESENCE: December 11, 2016: 115 Offering: \$5344.00

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

PASTOR: Rev. Cliff Webner cwebner@lrumc.org
Home: 410-592-5222

PASTOR OF CONGREGATIONAL CARE: Rev. Wayne Harting

ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY: Anne McCorkle Garrett

Myra Wagner is currently on leave of absence.

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:

ORGANIST:

Samuel Chin
Patricia Gould

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SHARING, CARING, AND STUDYING OPPORTUNITIES

Our **Advent sermon series "Time's Up!"** concludes on Christmas Day.

The **2017 LRUMC OFFICER LISTS** are available in the narthex.

FOOD COLLECTIONS

During this December missions season, donations are needed for ACTC of Peanut Butter (18 oz.), Jelly, Rice, and cereal. Please place items in collection boxes outside Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your support.

A Special thank you to our ALTAR GUILD AND THEIR HELPERS for making our sanctuary so beautiful year-round.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

In the event of inclement weather, you may telephone the church office on Sunday morning to determine whether church services remain scheduled for the day. The telephone number is 410-825-0900.

JANUARY/FEBRUARY UPPER ROOMS are available in two places in the Church – in the Narthex on the History Cabinets and by the 2nd floor entrance to the Sanctuary. These bi-monthly daily devotional booklets may be obtained for a \$1 donation.

Send a Christmas Blessing: What could be better? Send your church family a group Christmas card and donate the money you would have spent on more cards to Lifewater Canada. Last year the money raised helped provide clean drinking water in towns where people got sick and some died from water related disease. Just sign one card and post it on the big board in the arcade, starting first week in December. Make your donation by using the envelope in your pew marked "Christmas cards." Checks should be made out to LRUMC, memo "Missons." Thanks for being a blessing to others.

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

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|------------------------------|---------------|--|-----------------|
| Today | after worship | Fellowship Time | Fellowship Hall |
| | | Finance Cmte. Meeting postponed to January | |
| | 11:30 a.m. | St. Paul's Ghana Methodist Church | Sanctuary |
| Monday - | - Friday | | |
| 6:30 AM – 6:00 p.m. | | The Learning Garden Preschool | Rooms 122, 116 |
| 6:30 AM – 6:30 p.m. | | IMPROVE Before- & After-School Care | Rooms 208, 214 |
| Monday | 9:15 a.m. | Aerobics | Auditorium |
| Tuesday | 6:15 p.m. | Aerobics | Auditorium |
| Thursday | 9:15 a.m. | Aerobics | Auditorium |
| | 6:15 p.m. | Aerobics | Auditorium |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Handbell Rehearsal | Bell Room |
| | 8:00 p.m. | Choir Rehearsal | Choir Room |
| Friday | 10:30 a.m. | Al-Anon | Room 128 |
| Saturday | 10:00 a.m. | St. Paul's Choir Rehearsal | Room 210 |
| | 6 to 9 p.m. | St. Paul's Ghana Methodist Church | Fellowship Hall |
| | 7:30 | Festival of Music | Sanctuary |
| | 8:00 | Candlelight Worship Service | Sanctuary |
| | | UPCOMING EVENTS | |
| Dec. 23 & 26 | | Church Office Closed | |
| Dec. 26 to Jan. 3 | | Pastor Cliff on vacation | |

For pastoral emergencies, please call

Rev. Wayne Harting, 410-663-0421, or the church office.

9 to 12 **Church Office Hours** Dec. 27 to 29

Dec. 29 9:00 am **Spire Assembly** Fellowship Hall

Dec. 30 & Jan. 2 Church Office Closed



New Prayer Requests

The family of Lee Hammond who passed 9 December (by Judy Zahren 12/20)

Dontae Pendleton (by Jan Hoener 12/11)

Dellroy Harrison (by Merrill Harrison 12/11)

David Pearce (by Sharon Neumann 12/11)

Recent Prayer Requests

James Edmonds (by Rebecca Mickey 12/6)

The family of Ralph Bartram (by Bob Bartram 12/4)

Michele Nelson and family of Eleanor (Marcia Smith 11/27)

Ray Weiss (Marcia & Gary Smith 11/27)

Georgia Fredette (Cecelia Miller 11/27)

James Wagner (Myra Wagner 11/27)

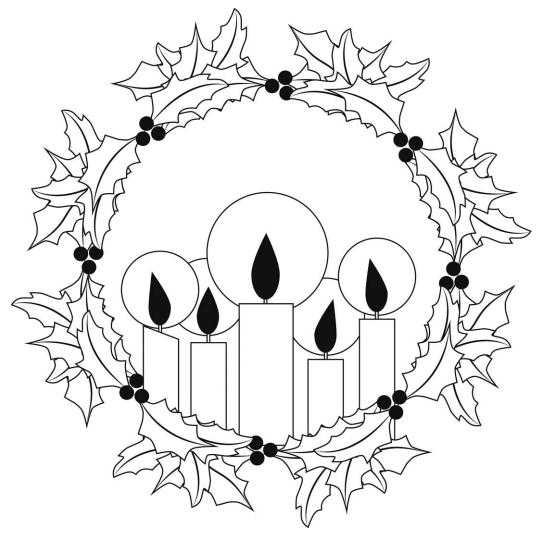
The family of Cheri Potter (sister-in-law of Judy Zahren 11-22)

Prayer requests will be held for one month, unless notified otherwise.

Please join us

Christmas Eve

at Loch Raven UMC



7:30 Festival of Music

8:00 Candlelight Worship Service