

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: Dorothy Thompson

Acolyte: Usher

Liturgist: Jan Hoener

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

Advent Candle Lighters/Readers: The Wilson Family

Children's Activity Sheets are available in the Narthex.

Large print bulletins are available. See an usher.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers are given by Merrill Harrison,
celebrating Dellroy's first heavenly birthday.

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. Norma Jones.

PRESENCE: December 3, 2017: 116

Offering: \$10,940.86

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

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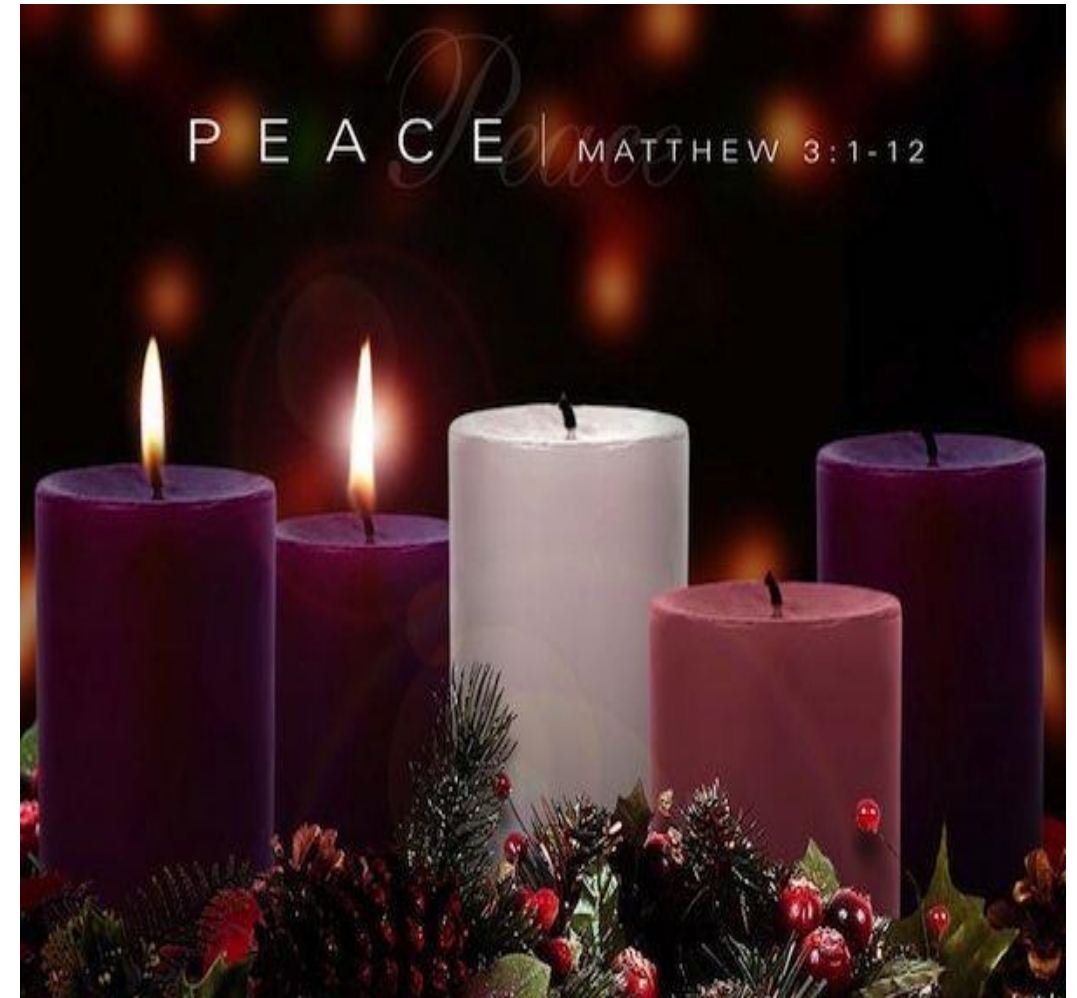
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Samuel Chin

ORGANIST: Patricia Gould

CHILD CARE PROVIDER: Amy Price

Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2017



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The Order of Worship

CENTERING WORDS: Christmas is near at hand. But do we truly believe Christ is coming soon? Do we yearn for the day when faithful love and truth shall meet, when righteousness and peace shall kiss? Will we prepare our hearts to receive the coming miracle? It is time to get ready.

ENTRANCE

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *The Manger Medley* Bock

Judy Zahren, piano; Patti Gould, organ

Lighting of the Altar Candles

MUSICAL INTROIT

The Joy of Christmas arr. Larson
LRUMC Memorial Handbell Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is the season of live memories.

People: **Let us remember the life of the One whose birth we hail.**

Leader: This is the season of new beginnings.

People: **Let us begin our watch for the One whose grace we extol.**

Leader: This is the season of great expectations.

People: **Let us expect the summons of the One whose love we proclaim.**

Leader: This is the season of glad celebrations.

All: **“O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!”**

*HYMN OF PRAISE *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* UMH 211

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Affirmation from 1st Timothy* UMH 889

OPENING PRAYER *(seated and in unison)*

Eternal God, who in Jesus Christ awakens our hope for a new heaven and a new earth, we approach you with troubled but expectant hearts. We are troubled by conflicts within, yet reassured by your promise of salvation for those who trust you. We are troubled by conflicts without, yet are encouraged by your pledge of peace for those who follow you. Take from us, O God, the fear that we are not your people, and make us messengers of the hope of peace on earth.

ADVENT CANDLE-LIGHTING *(in unison when requested)* Wilson Family

Loving God, we thank you for the gift of Jesus, light of the world. We are thankful for peace in our hearts at Christmas, and we hear your call for us to be peace-makers in the world. Help us today and every day to be grateful, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing peace with others. We ask it in the name of the one born again in our hearts. Amen.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

SPECIAL MUSIC *Way Down in Bethlehem* Raffi
Children's Choir

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. George Winkfield

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON *Isaiah 40:1-11* Pew Bible p. 581-582

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 *Gentle Mary Laid Her Child* arr. Kinyon
LRUMC Memorial Handbell 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

You have sheltered us in your flock, O God. You have gathered us in your arms and lifted us into your lap. May the gifts we offer you this day, reflect in some small measure, the immense gratitude we feel for the generosity of your love. Amen.

SECOND LESSON *Mark 1:1-8* Pew Bible p. 812

*HYMN OF PREPARATION *My Hope Is Built* UMH 368

SERMON Rev. George Winkfield

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT *Angels from the Realms of Glory* UMH 220

*CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*POSTLUDE *Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella* Uehlein

*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*

Prayer List

New Prayer Requests

Jackie Dungeus (by Patti Ferguson – 12/3)

Recent Prayer Requests

Belinda Garcia (by Judy Zahren – 11/28)

Debbie Griffin (by Debi Wynn – 11/28)

Betty Hess (by Peggy Kelly – 11/27)

Dave Jackson (11/26)

Jackie Jenkins (by Debi Wynn – 11/28)

Gordon Siebold (by Peggy Kelly's – 11/27)

Tom Judy (Myra Wagner's brother-in-law – 11/19)

Melody McSweeney (by Joseph and Melva Scruggs – 11/19)

Family of Carol Ricks (by Debi Wynn – 11/20)

Bill Delmar (by Debi Wynn – 11/13)

Walter Doyle (Isabelle Burrell's son-in-law – 11/9)

Lynn Jean (11/12)

Bob Makin (Ron Ferguson's uncle – 11/12)

Amaryllis Mersey (Merrill Harrisons's sister – 11/12)

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

Sharing, Caring, and Studying Opportunities

TODAY IS THE DEADLINE FOR THE JANUARY SPIRE. Please place all articles in the Spire box in the church office or email your articles directly to Nancy Williams at njk.williams@yahoo.com. **Committee chairpersons may submit monthly newsletter articles so that the congregation is aware of your activities and hard work.** Also, if you would like to receive the newsletter by email instead of snail mail, please notify Myra Wagner at office@lrumc.org.

TODAY: JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COOKIE AND CANDY DAY FUNDRAISER. Stop by Fellowship Hall after the Worship Service to buy some of your favorite cookies or try a few new ones. **WE WILL HAVE A PIZZA AND SALAD LUNCH WITH CAROLING AFTER THE COOKIE EXCHANGE.**

PASTOR GEORGE IS FACILITATING AN ADVENT STUDY on Thursdays, through December 21 at 10:30 AM. Meeting in the Chapel for Devotions and moving to the Parlor for Bible Study, we will be studying *Christmas From the Backside* by J. Ellsworth Kalas.

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY WILL CONTINUE IN JANUARY with *Mark for Everyone* by N. T. Wright. Please sign up on the bulletin board downstairs for Tuesday evenings or Thursday mornings.

JOIN THE UMW NEXT WEEK FOR A COVERED DISH LUNCHEON WITH CHRISTMAS CAROLING AND CHRISTMAS GAMES.

TIME CHANGE FOR THE CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICE: The Festival of Music will be held at 10:30 PM and the Candlelight Service at 11:00 PM.

LOCH RAVEN UMC IS INTERESTED IN PLANNING A HISTORIC TRIP OF THE METHODIST CHURCH to London, England for the Spring or Fall of 2018. Please contact Bill Thomas (410-538-5558) or Pastor George (301-379-4616) if you are interested. There will be an informational meeting at a later date.

CHILI COOK OFF: On January 21, we will come together after worship for The First Annual Loch Raven Chili Cook Off!! Contact Cheryl Wagner-Koogler if you wish to enter your chili. Prizes will be awarded!

THE CHRISTMAS CARD RACK is in the Arcade for all those who would like to exchange Christmas greetings.

LECTIONARY READINGS for the Third Sunday of Advent, December 17, 2017: Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11; Psalm 126; I Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28.

Church Calendar for the Week of December 10

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 we 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. Make your donation by using the envelope in your pew marked “Christmas Cards.” Checks should be made out to LRUMC, memo “Missions.” Thanks for being a blessing to others.

CHRISTMAS FOR EDDIE GROZIER: Please help us with a few dollars to purchase Christmas gifts for Eddie. If you can assist with this ministry, please mark your envelope “Christmas for Eddie.” Thank you for your kindness.

FOOD COLLECTIONS - During December, donations of **boxes of macaroni and cheese** are needed for ACTC. Place items in collection boxes outside Fellowship Hall.

Today	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:15 AM 11:15 AM 12:30 PM	Spire Deadline Sunday School for all ages Sunday Worship Blood Pressure Screening Cookie/Candy Sale Pizza/Salad Lunch and Caroling St. Paul’s Ghana Methodist Church	Sanctuary Education Office Fellowship Hall Fellowship Hall Sanctuary
Monday – Friday		IMPROVE Before & After Care	Rooms 208, 214
Monday	9:15 AM 7:00 PM	Aerobics Missions Meeting	Auditorium Sandi’s Home
Tuesday	6:15 PM	Aerobics	Auditorium
Wednesday	6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Improve Step-Dance Class Trustees Meeting	Auditorium Parlor
Thursday	9:15 AM 10:30 AM 6:15 PM 7:00 PM 8:00 PM	Aerobics Advent Bible Study Aerobics Handbell Rehearsal Choir Rehearsal	Auditorium Chapel/Parlor Auditorium Bell Room Choir Room
Friday	10:00 AM 10:30 AM	UMW Executive Meeting Al-Anon	Parlor Fellowship Hall
Saturday	10:00 AM	St. Paul’s Choir Rehearsal	Room 210
Upcoming Events			
Dec. 17	11:15 AM	UMW Covered-Dish Luncheon and General Meeting	Fellowship Hall
Dec. 19	9:30 AM	Sandwich-making for Essex UMC	Kitchen
Dec. 20	9:30 AM	Spire Assembly	Fellowship Hall