

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: Nancy Gillotti

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

Advent Candle Lighters/Readers: The Ferguson/Wynn 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 Jon and Sandi Cuthbert
in loving memory of their parents.

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. Ardith Luttrell.

PRESENCE: December 10, 2017: 101

Offering: \$7704.22

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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Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2017



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The Order of Worship

CENTERING WORDS: God has a vision for a world with justice and joy for all. Will we join in the dream? Will we rejoice with God?

ENTRANCE

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Noel Nouvelet, Variations I-IV* Lau

Lighting of the Altar Candles

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Rejoice always!

***People:* Rejoice in the One who loves justice.**

Leader: Give thanks in all circumstances.

***People:* Give thanks to the One who loves justice.**

Leader: Make straight the way of the Lord.

***People:* Prepare for the One who loves justice!**

ADVENT CANDLE-LIGHTING (*in unison when requested*) The Ferguson/Wynn Family

Loving God, we thank you for the joy you give to our lives in so many ways. As we anticipate once more the arrival of Jesus in the world, we celebrate with joy. Help us today and every day to be grateful, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing joy with others. We ask it in the name of the one born of Mary. Amen.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Rhoda Wilson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON *1 Thessalonians 5:16-24* Pew Bible p. 961

PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Ave Maria* Bach/Gounod
Sam Chin and Patti Gould

***THE DOXOLOGY** UMH 94

*OFFERING PRAYER

O Lord, you have done great things for us. As we rejoice in your blessings, let us also rejoice in the opportunity to spread your joy to others through these offerings. May these gifts help transform our community and our world. May they bring your kingdom of justice, that we may all shout with joy! Amen.

HOLY NIGHT OF MIRACLES

A Cantata of Hope for Christmas
By Lloyd Larson

Samuel Chin, conductor
Patti Gould, pianist
Adrian Palazzi, narrator

O Come to Us, Emmanuel
Patti Ferguson, soloist

Come to Us, God of Hope

Do Not Be Afraid
Jan Hoener, Gabriel
Judy Zahren, Mary
Jonathan Wilson, Joseph

A Miracle This Holy Night

Christ is Born, Sing Glory to God!

I Was Touched and I Believe

Worship Christ, the Newborn King!
Congregation Sings:
"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" UMH 240, verses 1 &3
"O Come, All Ye Faithful" UMH 234, verses 1 &3

SENDING FORTH

***CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD**

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE** *Noel Nouvelet, Variations V-VI* Lau

***GOING FORTH**

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*\*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

**TODAY IS THE LAST DAY THAT POINSETTIA ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

**JOIN THE UMW TODAY FOR A COVERED DISH LUNCHEON WITH CHRISTMAS CAROLING AND CHRISTMAS GAMES.**

**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.

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

**YOUR 2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are available in the Arcade. Please pick up your envelopes. If you see envelopes for a homebound member(s) who lives close to you, please take their envelopes to them. Thanking you and Blessings.

**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.**

**BILL THOMAS AND PASTOR GEORGE ARE INTERESTED IN THE POSSIBILITY OF GETTING A GROUP TOGETHER FOR A HISTORIC TRIP OF THE METHODIST CHURCH TO LONDON, ENGLAND FOR THE SPRING OR FALL OF 2018.** If you are interested in this trip, please sign the sign-up sheet on the downstairs bulletin board.

**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!

### **LECTIONARY READINGS:**

**For the Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 24, 2017:**

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Luke 1:47-55; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38.

**For Christmas Eve (Candlelight Service):**

Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-20

## *Prayer List*

### *New Prayer Requests*

Willie Edmonds (*James' Edmonds brother – 12/12*)

Family of Betty Hess (*by Peggy Kelly – 12/8*)

Gary Messman and Family (*12/10*)

Chuck Ridgeway (*by Judy Zahren – 12/12*)

### *Recent Prayer Requests*

Belinda Garcia (*by Judy Zahren – 11/28*)

Debbie Griffin (*by Debi Wynn – 11/28*)

Dave Jackson (*11/26*)

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*)

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

## Church Calendar for the Week of December 17

|       |                 |                                                          |                        |
|-------|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Today | <b>9:00 AM</b>  | <b>Sunday School for all ages</b>                        |                        |
|       | <b>10:00 AM</b> | <b>Sunday Worship</b>                                    | <b>Sanctuary</b>       |
|       | <b>11:15 AM</b> | <b>UMW Covered-Dish Luncheon<br/>and General Meeting</b> | <b>Fellowship Hall</b> |
|       | 12:30 PM        | St. Paul's Ghana Methodist Church                        | Sanctuary              |

### 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.

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|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Monday – Friday |                 | IMPROVE Before & After Care          | Rooms 208, 214         |
| Monday          | 9:15 AM         | Aerobics                             | Auditorium             |
| Tuesday         | <b>9:30 AM</b>  | <b>Sandwich-making for Essex UMC</b> | <b>Kitchen</b>         |
|                 | 6:15 PM         | Aerobics                             | Auditorium             |
| Wednesday       | <b>9:30 AM</b>  | <b>Spire Assembly</b>                | <b>Fellowship Hall</b> |
|                 | 6:30 PM         | Improve Step-Dance Class             | Auditorium             |
| Thursday        | 9:15 AM         | Aerobics                             | Auditorium             |
|                 | <b>10:30 AM</b> | <b>Advent Bible Study</b>            | Chapel/Parlor          |
|                 | 6:15 PM         | Aerobics                             | Auditorium             |
|                 | <b>7:00 PM</b>  | <b>Handbell Rehearsal</b>            | <b>Bell Room</b>       |
|                 | <b>8:00 PM</b>  | <b>Choir Rehearsal</b>               | <b>Choir Room</b>      |
| Friday          | 10:30 AM        | Al-Anon                              | Fellowship Hall        |
| Saturday        | 10:00 AM        | St. Paul's Choir Rehearsal           | Room 210               |

### Upcoming Events

|                   |                 |                                                          |                  |
|-------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Dec. 24           | <b>9:00 AM</b>  | <b>Sunday School for all ages</b>                        |                  |
|                   | <b>10:00 AM</b> | <b>Worship Service</b>                                   | <b>Sanctuary</b> |
|                   | <b>10:30 PM</b> | <b>Festival of Music</b>                                 | <b>Sanctuary</b> |
|                   | <b>11:00 PM</b> | <b>Candlelight Christmas Ever Service</b>                | <b>Sanctuary</b> |
| Dec. 25 – Dec. 29 |                 | <b>Church Building Closed<br/>for Floor Refurbishing</b> |                  |