

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: Patti Ferguson
Ushers: Amanda Brown, Jen Dorsey, Joycelyn Williams

Children's Activity Sheets are available in the Narthex.

Large print bulletins are available. See an usher.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The bowl is given by Rob and Jen weaver in celebration of Ali's 7th birthday.

The vases are given by Merrill Harrison in loving memory of her mother Retha Peters who would have been 100 years old on January 2nd.

MINISTRIES OF LOCH RAVEN CHURCH

Prayers: Please pray daily for our brothers and sisters in Christ and those on the Prayer List. The members to remember this week are Bill & Betty Shock.

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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First Sunday After Christmas Day

December 31, 2017



THE CHILD GREW AND
BECAME STRONG, FILLED WITH
WISDOM; AND THE FAVOR
OF GOD WAS UPON HIM.

LUKE 2:40, NRSV

Loch Raven United Methodist Church

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The Order of Worship

CENTERING WORDS: Joy to the world! Christ has come and Christmas is here! Let all of creation sing praise to our God.

ENTRANCE

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* arr. Gaspard

Lighting of the Altar Candles

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ is born.

People: Praise the Lord!

Leader: God has come to claim us as God's own children.

People: Praise the Lord!

Leader: Love has given us this glorious gift.

People: Praise the Lord!

*HYMN OF PRAISE *Hark! The Herald Angel Sing* UMH 240

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed, Ecumenical Version* UMH 882

OPENING PRAYER *(seated and in unison)*

Abba, Father, Mother, God, we come as your children this day. We celebrate your presence in our lives and in our world. We rejoice in the gift of Christ Jesus, who claims us as sisters and brothers. As we move into this new year, send your Spirit to strengthen us, that we may grow in your wisdom and rest in your love. In Christ's holy name, we pray. Amen.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Theresa Alaeze

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON *Isaiah 61:10-62:3* Pew Bible p. 604

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 *Gesu Bambino*
Sam Chin, clarinet and Judy Zahren, piano

*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

Bless these gifts, Holy God, that they may become signs of love and joy during this holy Christmas season. Amen.

SECOND LESSON *Luke 2:22-40* Pew Bible p. 833

*HYMN OF PREPARATION *What Child Is This* UMH 219

SERMON Jonathan Wilson

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT *Sing We Now of Christmas* UMH 237

*CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*POSTLUDE *Joy to the World* Held

*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

**DON'T FORGET TO CHECK THE CHRISTMAS CARD RACK** in the arcade for **Christmas cards addressed to you.** If you see envelopes for a homebound member(s) who lives close to you, please take their cards to them. **And read the lovely cards posted on the Lifewater Canada Board.**

**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.

**PASTOR GEORGE WILL CONTINUE HIS BIBLE STUDY THE WEEK OF January 8 with *Mark for Everyone* by N. T. Wright.** Please sign up on the bulletin board downstairs for Tuesday evenings or Thursday mornings.

**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!

**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.

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

**FOOD COLLECTIONS -** During January, donations of **canned pasta meals** are needed for ACTC. Place items in collection boxes outside Fellowship Hall.

### **LECTIONARY READINGS:**

**For Epiphany, January 6, 2018:**

Isaiah 61:106; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12.

**For Baptism of the Lord, January 7, 2018:**

Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11

Thank you Trustees for making our church more beautiful  
with the steeple (outside) and floors (inside).

## Church Calendar for the Week of December 31

|                  |                                                        |                                                                                               |                                                                   |
|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Today            | <b>9:00 AM</b><br><b>10:00 AM</b><br>12:30 PM          | <b>Sunday School for adults</b><br><b>Sunday Worship</b><br>St. Paul's Ghana Methodist Church | Sanctuary<br>Sanctuary                                            |
| Monday           |                                                        | <b>New Year's Day</b><br><b>Church Office Closed</b>                                          |                                                                   |
| Tuesday – Friday |                                                        | IMPROVE Before & After Care                                                                   | Rooms 208, 214                                                    |
| Tuesday          | 6:15 PM                                                | Aerobics                                                                                      | Auditorium                                                        |
| Wednesday        | 6:30 PM<br><b>7:00 PM</b>                              | Improve Step-Dance Class<br><b>Trustees</b>                                                   | Auditorium<br><b>Parlor</b>                                       |
| Thursday         | 9:15 AM<br>6:15 PM<br><b>7:00 PM</b><br><b>8:00 PM</b> | Aerobics<br>Aerobics<br><b>Handbell Rehearsal</b><br><b>Choir Rehearsal</b>                   | Auditorium<br>Auditorium<br><b>Bell Room</b><br><b>Choir Room</b> |
| Friday           | 10:30 AM                                               | Al-Anon                                                                                       | Fellowship Hall                                                   |
| Saturday         | 10:00 AM                                               | St. Paul's Ghana Church Choir Rehearsal                                                       | Room 210                                                          |

## *Prayer List*

### *Recent Prayer Requests*

Carol & Al Kennedy *(by Judy Zahren – 12/18)*

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)*

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

### Upcoming Events

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| January 7 | <b>9:00 AM</b><br><b>11:00 AM</b> | <b>Epiphany Sunday</b><br><b>Sunday School (for all ages)</b><br><b>Worship Service</b> |
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