

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 Gillotti

Acolyte: Usher

Liturgist: Reynold Small

Advent Candle Lighter: Phil and Amanda Scott

Ushers: Richard Neumann, Joycelyn Williams, Amanda Brown

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 loving memory of my parents, Malcom & Madge Potter, on the occasion of their birthdays and anniversary this month, by Judy Zahren.

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, 615 Chestnut Avenue, Room 482, Baltimore, MD 21204.

PRESENCE: Thanksgiving Eve: 45
November 25, 2018: 80

Offering: \$398.00
Offering: \$3703.00

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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ORGANIST: Patricia Gould

CHILD CARE PROVIDER: Amy Price

First Sunday of Advent

December 2, 2018



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The Order of Worship

CENTERING WORDS: The time is coming and now is when God's promises will be fulfilled. Rejoice, the time is here . . . even if it is not yet fully realized. Into this time, we come – ready to listen, ready to open, ready to love. The time is coming and now is when we will be part of God's promise fulfilled.

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Creator of the Stars of Night* arr. Warner
Lighting of the Altar Candles

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: It's time to get ready.

People: **It's time to worship.**

Leader: It's time to get ready.

People: **It's time to be strong.**

Leader: It's time to get ready.

People: **It's time to love.**

All: **Let's worship together, that God may strengthen our love this day.**

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ever-present God, remind us this day that you are always with us. Strengthen us as we worship together, that we may pay attention to the signs of your presence all around us. When our feet wander, guide us back to your path. When our attention drifts and we lose our way, teach us the way we should go. If we squander the time you have given us, help us prioritize you and your teachings. Remember us according to your faithful love. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

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

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Traditional Version* UMH 881

OPENING PRAYER *(seated and in unison)*

Christ Jesus, come to us now. Enter our hearts and our lives once more, that we may pay heed to the signs all around us. Awaken us to the reality that time is precious. Make your ways known to us, and lead us in your truth. Stir your love in our hearts, that your church may be strengthened as we worship and work in your world. In your loving name, we pray. Amen.

ADVENT CANDLE-LIGHTING *(Join in the Candle-Lighting Liturgy)*

Leader: The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promises I have made.

People: **To you, O Lord, we lift up our souls: In you, O God, we trust.**

Leader: The one who is coming will show us the path of steadfast love and faithfulness.

People: **Teach us your ways, O God of our salvation. We light this candle in the sure hope that God's promises endure.**

[The first Advent candle is lit.]

All: **We will live in the light of hope as we await the coming of the Lord.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON *Psalms 25:1-10* Pew Bible, p. 436

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Prepare the Way of the Lord* Larson
Patti Ferguson and Judy Zahren

*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

Ever-present God, be present in these gifts, that others may know your loving presence. Make them be for the world signs of your presence, signs of your love, signs of Christ, and signs of Christmas love. In gratitude and hope, we pray. Amen.

SECOND LESSON *Luke 21:25-36* Pew Bible p. 856-857

*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* UMH 196

SERMON Rev. George Winkfield

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin, and seek to live at peace with one another. Today, we will be serving by intinction.

The Great Thanksgiving W&S 3171

The Lord's Prayer W&S 3068

Breaking the Bread
Giving the Bread and Cup *Largo* Handel
Sam Chin, saxophone
Praise Him W&S 3041
Chancel Choir

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT *This Is the Day* UMH 657
(sing 2 times)

*CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*POSTLUDE *Rejoice, Rejoice Believers* arr. Mansfield

*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*

Prayer List

Prayer Requests from the Week of November 25

Mary Ellen Brown (*Myra Wagner's aunt*)

Family of Harriet Cole

Paul Donnelly (*req. by Marcia Smith*)

Sona Hoisington (*Georgette Sinkler's friend*)

Danielle, Deonna, and Dakota Oster (*Cheryl Wagner-Koogler's niece and grandnieces*)

Donald Rickels (*Nancy Lacy's son*)

Daniel and Verna Roman

Mario Scotto (*req. by Marcia Smith*)

Bill Thomas

Recent Prayer Requests

James Baker (*req. by Audrey Moltz – 11/18*)

Michael Koogler (*11/18*)

Ronnie Johnson (*req. by Phil Scott – 11/18*)

Jim and Carol Bair (*Linda Cole's uncle and aunt – 11/11*)

Family of Ann Jenkins (*former member of LRUMC – 11/11*)

Family of Eric Jean (*John & Lynn Jean's son – 11/4*)

Philip Johnston (*Margaret Tracey's son – 11/4*)

Michael Koogler (*11/4*)

David Peters (*Merrill Harrison's brother – 11/4*)

Jenny Ward (*Marcia Thomas-Smith's coworker – 11/4*)

Kathy Rawlings (*req. by Peggy Kelly – 9/16*)

Mike Ransom (*req. by Gary & Marcia Smith – 9/9*)

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

Sharing, Caring, and Studying Opportunities

NEXT WEEK – SPIRE DEADLINE The deadline for the January Spire is Sunday, **December 9**. 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 are not currently receiving the Spire by mail, or if you would like to receive the newsletter by email, please notify Myra Wagner at office@lrumc.org.

JOIN THE BECOMERS ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS FOR AN ADVENT STUDY, “ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS,” BY JAMES MOORE. Sundays through December 23 at 9:00 AM in Room 202.

THE CHRISTMAS CARD RACK is in the Arcade for all those who would like to exchange Christmas greetings within the LRUMC Family. Remember to check the rack weekly.

THE DISTRICT'S WAY FORWARD SESSION WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13 AT EPWORTH CHAPEL UMC FROM 7 – 8:30 PM. The event will be facilitated by Rev. Dr. Brian Brown of the Virginia Annual Conference. **Please register at <http://tiny.cc/awfbm>.** All are welcome to attend. (Epworth is located at 3317 St. Lukes Lane, Baltimore, MD 21207.)

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HOSTESS FELLOWSHIP TIME ONCE A MONTH. Training will be provided! Please contact Linda Cole (410-666-5222) or the church office if you are interested or for more information. **Without volunteers, Fellowship Time may end.**

THE 2019 FLOWER CHART IS POSTED IN THE ARCADE. Same prices as 2018. Contact Judy Zahren (410-933-0936) with any questions.

DECEMBER COLLECTION FOR ACTC: Boxes of macaroni and cheese
Please place your items in the box labeled “Missions Collections” outside Fellowship Hall.

LECTIONARY READINGS:

For the Second Sunday of Advent, December 9, 2018:
Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 1:68-79; Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6

Church Calendar for the Week of December 2

Advent Giving.

PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING THE BOYS AND GIRLS AT THE BOARD OF CHILDCARE THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON by using the enclosed envelope or online at boardofchildcare.org/Christmas. Thank you.

THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN WILL BE TAKING ORDERS FOR GIFT CARDS NOVEMBER 25, DECEMBER 2 AND DECEMBER 9. See the insert

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SEND YOUR CHURCH FAMILY A GROUP CHRISTMAS CARD AND DONATE THE MONEY YOU WOULD HAVE SPENT ON MORE CARDS TO LIFEWATER CANADA. 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." **See a picture of the well we helped build last year on the Missions bulletin board.** Thanks for being a blessing to others.

FOR MANY YEARS WE HAVE ADOPTED EDDIE GROSZIER AT CHRISTMAS. We ask the congregation to give toward his shopping spree. If you would like to donate toward this ministry, please put your donation in the offering plate, marked "Eddie's Christmas."

Today	9:00 AM 10:00 AM Following Worship 12:30 PM	Sunday School Worship Service Fellowship Time St. Paul's Ghana Methodist Church	Sanctuary Fellowship Hall Sanctuary
Monday – Friday			
	6:30 – 9:00 AM 3:00 – 6:30 PM	IMPROVE Before-School Care IMPROVE After-School Care	Rooms 208, 214 Rooms 208, 214
Monday	9:15 AM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM	Aerobics IMPROVE Step Class Women in Christ Circle	Auditorium Auditorium Nancy W.'s Home
Tuesday	10:00 AM 11 AM – 1 PM 6:15 PM	Phyllis Downes Circle Food Pantry Aerobics	Nancy G.'s Home Fellowship Hall Auditorium
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Trustees Meeting	Parlor
Thursday	9:15 AM 6:00 PM 6:15 PM 7:00 PM 8:00 PM	Aerobics Sign Language Class Aerobics Bell Choir Rehearsal Choir Rehearsal	Auditorium Parlor Auditorium Bell Room Choir Room
Friday	10:00 AM 10:30 AM 6:30 PM	UMW Executive Meeting Al-Anon IMPROVE Dance Class	Parlor Room 128 Auditorium
Saturday	10:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 Noon	Cookie Exchange Set-up St. Paul's Choir Rehearsal St. Paul's Prayer Meeting	Fellowship Hall Room 210 Room 210

Upcoming Events

Dec. 9	Following Worship	Spire Deadline Cookie Exchange	Fellowship Hall
Dec. 24	10:30 PM 11:00 PM	Festival of Music Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	Sanctuary Sanctuary