

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: Cheryl Wagner-Koogler
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 flowers are given in celebration of Alexandra's 8th birthday
by Rob and Jen Weaver.

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 Mr. Gregory Sinkler, 821 Beaumont Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21212. (Gregory will be celebrating his birthday January 2).

PRESENCE: December 23, 2018: 119

Offering: \$8336.00

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 After Christmas

December 30, 2018

...clothe
yourselves
with
compassion,
kindness,
humility,
meekness,
and
patience.
COLOSSIANS 3:12, NRSV

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The Order of Worship

CENTERING WORDS: Every year, Hannah brought Samuel a small robe when she came to offer sacrifices at Shiloh. A small gesture that meant so much more . . . a small gesture that helped Samuel grow in favor with God and with people. What small gestures do we offer those we love? What can we do to help them grow into the people God calls them to be?

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine* arr. Wagner

Lighting of the Altar Candles

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: People of God, holy and beloved, put on compassion and kindness this day.

People: **Praise God in the highest heaven. Praise God in the deepest sea.**

Leader: Children of the Most High, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves in humility and gentleness.

People: **Praise God with the winged messengers. Praise God with the heavenly host.**

Leader: Disciples of Christ, holy and beloved, find unity through the bonds of love.

People: **Let all creation sing God's praise. Let all creation worship the Lord.**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

***HYMN OF PRAISE** *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* UMH 224

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *From 1 Corinthians & Colossians* UMH 888

OPENING PRAYER *(seated and in unison)*

Swaddle us in your love, O God, that we may grow in wisdom and favor, as Samuel and Jesus before us. Clothe us with your compassion, and wrap us in your kindness and mercy, that we may be known for our humility, gentleness, and patience. Bind us in love and unity, through the power of your Holy Spirit, that our words and deeds may be done in the name of Christ Jesus, our guide and guardian. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Patti Ferguson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON *1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26* Pew Bible, p. 214, 215

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 *Behold the Star!* Arr. Hayes
Patti Ferguson, Soloist

***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

God of overflowing abundance, we bring you our simple gifts this day to show our gratitude and wonder for your marvelous gifts. As Hannah before us, help us dedicate the best part of ourselves to your loving service. May these offerings bring hope and unity to a world torn apart by anger and despair. May these simple gifts be symbols of our commitment to be a people of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and grace, through the one who is coming and who lives eternally in our hearts. Amen.

SECOND LESSON *Colossians 3:12-17* Pew Bible p. 958

***HYMN OF PREPARATION** *O Sing a Song of Bethlehem* UMH 179

SERMON *Is It Over?* Brian Miller, Lay Servant

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT** *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* UMH 251

*CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

***POSTLUDE** *Ding! Dong! Merrily on High* arr. Wagner

*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

Sharing, Caring, and Studying Opportunities

YOUR 2019 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.

THE RED CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS FOR THE BOARD OF CHILD CARE ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX. Thank you for supporting the children at the Board of Child Care.

PLEASE CHECK THE CHRISTMAS CARD RACK IN THE ARCADE FOR REMAINING CHRISTMAS GREETINGS. Please also check for those addressed to a homebound member who may live near you.

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

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

MONTHLY COLLECTION FOR ACTC: Jars of Pasta Sauce
Please place your items in the box labeled “Missions Collections” outside Fellowship Hall.

LECTIONARY READINGS:

For Epiphany of the Lord, January 6, 2018:

Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

Church Calendar for the Week of December 30

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		Office Open	
Tuesday		New Year's Day Office Closed	
Wednesday – Friday	6:30 – 9:00 AM 3:00 – 6:30 PM	IMPROVE Before-School Care IMPROVE After-School Care	Rooms 208 Rooms 208, 214
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Trustees Meeting	Parlor
Thursday	11:00 AM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Food Pantry Sign Language Class Bell Choir Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall Parlor Bell Room
Friday	10:30 AM 6:30 PM	AI-Anon IMPROVE Dance Class	Fellowship Hall Auditorium
Saturday	10:00 AM 12:00 Noon	St. Paul's Choir Rehearsal St. Paul's Prayer Meeting	Room 210 Room 210

Upcoming Events

January 6		Epiphany of the Lord	
January 7	7:30 PM	Women in Christ Circle	Room 202
January 8	10:00 AM	Phyllis Downes Circle	Hall/Parlor

Prayer List

Prayer Requests from the Week of December 23

Mal Corrigan (*Judy Zahren's neighbor*)
 Bill Fischer (*req. by Adrian Palazzi*)
 Family of Edith Glass (*friend of Rebecca Mickey & Sandra Edmonds*)

Recent Prayer Requests

Bob Bartram (*12/16*)
 Charlie Corson (*req. by Helen Blakey – 12/16*)
 Leslie Kight and family (*Owen & Nancy Williams' sister-in-law – 12/16*)
 Taryn Mackey (*12/16*)
 Seth Thomas (*12/16*)
 Bill Thomas (*12/16*)
 Family of Grace Boner (*12/9*)
 Harold Gowie (*12/2*)
 Family of Gugsu Yohannes (*Dereje Gugsu's father – 12/2*)
 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.