

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: Michael and Cheryl 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 altar flowers are given in celebration of Christian's birthday and recent move to his new home. We are proud of the man he is becoming.

With love, Gary and Marcia Smith.

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. Mack Briscoe, 6603 Collinsdale Road, Apt. F, Baltimore, MD 21234.

PRESENCE: December 2, 2018: 95

Offering: \$6216.00

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
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CHILD CARE PROVIDER: Amy Price

Second Sunday of Advent

December 9, 2018



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The Order of Worship

CENTERING WORDS: The One who created us is creating us still. The One who brought forth light in our world is shining even now. The One who began this work in us will be faithful to complete it.

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* arr. Page
with He Shall Feed His Flock

Lighting of the Altar Candles

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Look to the east.

People: **Light is dawning this day.**

Leader: Look to the west.

People: **Prepare for the journey ahead.**

Leader: Look to the north.

People: **God is guiding our steps.**

Leader: Look to the south.

People: **God is shining the warmth of love in our lives.**

Leader: Look to the heavens.

All: **Christ is coming soon.**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*HYMN OF PRAISE *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* UMH 203

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Ecumenical Version* UMH 882

OPENING PRAYER *(seated and in unison)*

Blessed One, bless us this day with your compassion and your love. Prepare our hearts to receive your Word. Prepare our lives for the changes you are bringing. Shine upon us with the fiery truth of your Spirit – to purify and refine us, and to guide our steps, as we seek to walk your path of peace. Amen.

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

Leader: "See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me," says the Lord of hosts.

[The first Advent candle is relit.]

People: **The light of hope has awakened our spirits.**

Leader: A voice cries out in the wilderness, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."

People: **Renew in us your covenant, O God, that we may be ready for the dawn of your salvation.**

Leader: We light a second candle to bring light to every darkness, and to guide us in the way of peace.

[The second Advent candle is lit.]

All: **With gratitude for your light, O God, we will prepare to welcome a new birth of your love.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Jan Hoener

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON *Isaiah 40:1-5* 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 *Welcome to Our World* Chris Rice
Chancel 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

With thanksgiving, we bring these gifts, that they may be signs of Christ's light and hope. With joy, we bless these gifts, that they bring your compassion and love to the world. With gratitude, we offer our lives, that we may be children of your covenant, fulfilling your promises in word, action, and deed. Amen.

SECOND LESSON *Luke 3:1-6* Pew Bible p. 834

*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Emmanuel, Emmanuel* UMH 204

SERMON Rev. George Winkfield

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

*CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*POSTLUDE *Gloria from Twelfth Mass* Mozart

*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 December 2

Grace Boner

Harold Gowie

Family of Gugsu Yohannes (*Dereje Gugsu's father*)

Recent Prayer Requests

Mary Ellen Brown (*Myra Wagner's aunt – 11/25*)

Family of Harriet Cole (*11/25*)

Paul Donnelly (*req. by Marcia Smith – 11/25*)

Sona Hoisington (*Georgette Sinkler's friend – 11/25*)

Danielle, Deonna, and Dakota Oster (*Cheryl Wagner-Koogler's niece and grandnieces – 11/25*)

Donald Rickels (*Nancy Lacy's son – 11/25*)

Daniel and Verna Roman (*11/25*)

Mario Scotto (*req. by Marcia Smith – 11/25*)

Bill Thomas (*11/25*)

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*)

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

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 are not currently receiving the Spire either by mail or email, please notify Myra Wagner at office@lrumc.org.

THE DISTRICT'S WAY FORWARD SESSION WILL BE HELD THIS 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.)

JOIN THE BECOMERS ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS FOR AN ADVENT STUDY, "ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS," BY JAMES MOORE. Sundays through December 30 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.

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: Jars of Pasta Sauce
Please place your items in the box labeled "Missions Collections" outside Fellowship Hall.

LECTIONARY READINGS:

For the Third Sunday of Advent, December 16, 2018:

Zephaniah 3:14-20; Isaiah 12:2-6; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18

Advent Giving

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO ORDER GIFT CARDS FROM THE UMW. See the insert

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO ORDER POINSETTIAS. See the insert.

SEE THE INSERT LISTING OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS. You may wish to send them Christmas Greetings.

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.”

Church Calendar for the Week of December 9

Today	9:00 AM 10:00 AM Following Worship Following Worship Following Worship 12:30 PM	Spire Deadline Sunday School Worship Service Fellowship Time Cookie Exchange Choir Rehearsal St. Paul’s Ghana Methodist Church	Sanctuary Fellowship Hall Fellowship Hall Choir Room 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	Aerobics IMPROVE Step Class	Auditorium Auditorium
Tuesday	6:15 PM 8:00 PM	Aerobics Choir Rehearsal	Auditorium Choir Room
Thursday	9:15 AM 6:00 PM 6:15 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Aerobics Sign Language Class Aerobics Bell Choir Rehearsal A Way Forward Discussion	Auditorium Parlor Auditorium Bell Room Epworth Chapel
Friday	10:30 AM 6:30 PM	Al-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

Dec. 18	9:30 AM 11 AM – 1 PM	Sandwich-making for Essex UMC Food Pantry	Kitchen Fellowship Hall
Dec 20	9:00 AM	Spire Assembly	Fellowship Hall
Dec. 24	4:00 PM 10:30 PM 11:00 PM	Christmas Eve Family Service Festival of Music Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	Sanctuary Sanctuary Sanctuary