

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
Ushers: Amanda Brown, Joycelyn Williams

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 Dellroy Harrison's third heavenly birthday.

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. Russell Thompson.

PRESENCE: December 8, 2019: 98

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. Dr. George Winkfield

PASTOR OF CONGREGATIONAL CARE: Rev. Wayne Harting

ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY: Myra Wagner

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Samuel Chin

ORGANIST: Patricia Gould

CHILD CARE PROVIDER: Amy Price

Third Sunday of Advent
December 15, 2019 *10:00 AM*



Loch Raven United Methodist Church

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The Order of Worship

CENTERING WORDS: Wait for the Lord. Strengthen your heart, for the coming of the Lord is near.

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* arr. Thomas

Lighting of the Altar Candles

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Wait for the Lord: God is coming to save us.

People: **The eyes of the blind will be opened,
and the ears of the deaf will hear once more.**

Leader: Wait for the Lord: Christ is coming to heal us.

People: **The lame will leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute will shout for joy.**

Leader: Wait for the Lord: The Spirit is coming to renew us.

People: **All things will be made new.**

All: **Come! Let us worship.**

*GUEST WELCOME/HOLY WAVE

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

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *A Modern Affirmation* UMH 885

INVOCATIONAL PRAYER

ADVENT CANDLE-LIGHTING The Eshleman Family

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Myra Wagner

ANTHEM *Angels' Carol* Rutter
Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON *Isaiah 35:1-10* Pew Bible, p. 578

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.

SECOND LESSON *Luke 1:46b-55* Pew Bible p. 832

HYMN OF PREPARATION *Come, O Redeemer, Come* W&S (green book) 3046

SERMON Rev. George Winkfield

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT Maria Stockton-Porter

PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Christmas Rejoicing* Wagner
LRUMC Memorial Handbell 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

Just as a farmer waits patiently for the rains to nourish the crops of the fields, you call us to be patient as we wait for our gifts to bear fruit and bless those in need. For you fill the hungry with good things and show mercy to your people. As we dedicate today's offerings to your use, give us the wisdom to be faithful stewards of your gifts; give us the strength to be holy instruments of your love and grace. Amen.

RIGHT HAND OF FELLOWSHIP/RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS See insert

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT *Emmanuel, Emmanuel* UMH 204

*CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus* arr. Smith

Please rise if you are able* **Bold print: in unison

TFWS: *The Faith We Sing* UMH: *U.M. Hymnal* W&S: *Worship and Song*

Prayer List

Prayer Requests from December 8

Jane (*Myra's mother*)
Kobi (*Adelaide's brother*)
Virginia (*req. by Nancy*)
Brian
JoAnn (*Judy's neighbor*)

Recent Prayer Requests

Keith (*req. by Marcia– 12/1*)
Edward (*12/1*)
Victor (*Beverley's father – 11/24*)
Rick (*11/24*)
Family of Vernon (*11/17*)
Family of Marina (*the Wynn's cousin – 11/17*)
Family of John (*Patti's uncle – 11/17*)
Jean Oberia (*11/17*)
Venetia (*Marcia's sister– 11/10*)
Dontae (*Jan's godson – 7/21*)
Adrian (*7/21*)

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

Sharing, Caring, and Studying Opportunities

TODAY WE WELCOME GLADYS AND COSTON AS MEMBERS OF LRUMC.

LOCH RAVEN UMC HAS BEEN BLESSED TO HAVE SAM LEAD OUR MUSIC MINISTRY FOR THE PAST 8 YEARS. There will be a farewell reception for Sam and his family next Sunday, December 22, following the worship service.

THERE IS A CHRISTMAS CARD RACK IN THE ARCADE FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO SEND CHRISTMAS GREETING TO INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION. Remember to check the rack weekly for cards addressed to you!

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR HOME-BOUND MEMBERS THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON. See the insert for names and addresses for sending Christmas cards.

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO GIVE TO:

- 1) STAFF LOVE GIFT to be divided among our dedicated, caring and talented staff.
- 2) EDDIE'S CHRISTMAS

Please give by using a pew envelope writing the purpose on the envelope.

SEND YOUR CHURCH FAMILY A GROUP CHRISTMAS CARD AND DONATE THE MONEY YOU WOULD HAVE SPENT ON MORE CARDS TO LIFEWATER CANADA. Sign one card and post it on the big board in the arcade. Make your donation by using the envelope in the pews. Checks should be made out to LRUMC, memo "Lifewater Canada." **Thanks for being a blessing to others.**

THE FLOWER CHART FOR 2020 HAS BEEN POSTED IN THE ARCADE. Prices are listed on the chart. Signup to reserve your date. **Thank you to everyone for your participation in 2019.**

IN THE NARTHEX YOU CAN PICK UP A BOARD OF CHILD CARE CHRISTMAS STOCKING FOR 2019. Twenty quarters will fill the stocking and your donation will go directly to help the children at the Board of Child Care. Please return filled stockings in the offering plate. Your generosity helps continue this life-changing ministry. **Thank you for your support**

MONTHLY COLLECTION FOR ACTC: **Baked beans and Soup**

Please place your items in the box labeled "Missions Collections" outside Fellowship Hall.

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR DECEMBER 22

Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25

Church Calendar for the Week of December 15

Today	9:00 AM	Sunday School	
	10:00 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
	11:15 AM	Fellowship Time	Fellowship Hall
	12:30 PM	St. Paul's Ghana Methodist Church	Sanctuary
Monday – Friday			
	7:00 – 9:00 AM	IMPROVE Before-School Care	Room 208, Hall
	3:00 – 6:45 PM	IMPROVE After-School Care	Rooms 119, 208, 214, Hall
Monday	9:15 AM	Aerobics	Auditorium
Tuesday	9:30 AM	Sandwich-making for Essex UMC	Kitchen
	11:00 AM	Food Pantry	Fellowship Hall
	6:15 PM	Aerobics	Auditorium
	7:00 PM	Bible Study	Room 128
Thursday	9:00 AM	Spire Assembly	Fellowship Hall
	9:15 AM	Aerobics	Auditorium
	10:30 AM	Pastor's Bible Study	Room 128
	6:15 PM	Aerobics	Auditorium
	7:00 PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	8:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
Friday	7:00 PM	St. Paul's Prayer Meeting	Room 210
Saturday	10:00 AM	St. Paul's Choir Rehearsal	Room 210
	12:00 PM	St. Paul's Prayer Meeting	Room 210

Advent and Christmas Events

Saturday, December 21

Poinsettia Delivery

Sunday, December 22

Cantata during the Worship Service
Sanctuary

Reception for Sam Chin and Family
Following the Worship Service
Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, December 24

Christmas Eve
Church Office Closed

Family Christmas Eve Service
4:00 PM
Sanctuary

Festival of Music
10:30 PM
Sanctuary

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
11:00 PM
Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 25

Merry Christmas!
Church Office Closed