

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 Gilotti
Acolyte: Usher
Liturgist: Jonathan Wilson
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 flower bowl is given to the glory of God.

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. & Mrs. Dan Dorsey.

PRESENCE: November 24, 2019: 100

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

First Sunday of Advent

Student Sunday

December 1, 2019

10:00 AM



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The Order of Worship

CENTERING WORDS: The time has come to wake from sleep, for salvation is nearer to us now than when we first came to believe.

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

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

Judy Zahren, piano; Patti Gould, organ

Lighting of the Altar Candles

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Keep awake.

People: **Christ is coming.**

Leader: Wait for the Lord.

People: **Love is coming.**

Leader: Prepare the way.

People: **Hope is coming.**

Leader: Worship the Lord.

All: **Christ is coming soon.**

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We are captive, exiled, O God, because we have, each in our own way, chosen our own path, away from you. We are hungry for wisdom and knowledge, because we have, too often, substituted our judgment for yours. We confess that we are lost without you and in need of your guidance. Help us put our trust in you and order our steps so your light may shine in our lives for all to see. Amen.

*GUEST WELCOME/HOLY WAVE

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

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Traditional Version* UMH 881

INVOCATIONAL PRAYER

ADVENT CANDLE-LIGHTING Karen Danforth

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON *Isaiah 2:1-5* Pew Bible, p. 550

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

SECOND LESSON *Matthew 24:36-44* Pew Bible p. 806

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

SERMON Rev. George Winkfield

PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Ave Maria* Bach/Gounod
Sam Chin, saxophone; Patti Gould, 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

We may not know the day or time of your coming, but we know that it is time to wake from sleep and to put on the armor of light. In gratefulness for calling us as your own, we offer you our thanks and praise. Receive the gifts of our hands, and use them to bring light to the darkness and hope to places of despair, through your Son, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

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 (green book) 3171a-c

The Lord's Prayer W&S (green book) 3068

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup *Ave Verum* Mozart
Chancel Choir

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT *All Earth is Waiting* UMH 210

*CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE *God Will Take Care of You* Boyles

**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 November 24

Victor (*Beverley's father*)

Rick

Recent Prayer Requests

Family of Vernon (*11/17*)

Family of Marina (*the Wynn's cousin – 11/17*)

Family of John (*Patti's uncle – 11/17*)

Jean (*11/17*)

Payton (*req. by Jean– 11/10*)

Amanda (*req. by Brian & Cecelia– 11/10*)

Joyce (*11/10*)

Venetia (*Marcia's sister– 11/10*)

Ned (*req. by Amanda– 11/10*)

Edward (*11/10*)

Family of Jean (*Isabelle's sister– 11/10*)

Gladys & Family(*11/10*)

Kathy (*Linda's cousin – 11/3*)

Jo and Bill (*11/3*)

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

NEW MEMBERS' CLASS will meet in the Parlor following the worship service. Anyone interested in joining Loch Raven UMC, or who recently joined, is invited to attend the class. **WE WILL OFFER THE RIGHT HAND OF FELLOWSHIP TO OUR NEW MEMBERS DECEMBER 15, DURING THE WORSHIP SERVICE.**

THE FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6 HAS BEEN POSTPONED TO A LATER DATE.

NEXT WEEK – SPIRE DEADLINE The deadline for the January Spire is Sunday, December 8. Please place all articles in the Spire box in the church office or email your articles directly to Nancy. **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 email, please notify Myra Wagner.

LRUMC ANNUAL COOKIE EXCHANGE WILL BE NEXT SUNDAY, FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE IN FELLOWSHIP HALL. Stop in and buy some baked goods. If you would like to bake some cookies please contact Patti or Maria.

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 Sunday, December 22, following the worship service.

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.

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR DECEMBER 8

Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12

Giving Opportunities

TODAY IS A UNITED METHODIST SPECIAL SUNDAY. UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY is a way for our congregation to join a denominational-wide effort to support U.M. Scholarships and the U.M. Student Loan Fund. See enclosure. Thank you.

STAFF LOVE GIFT THIS HOLIDAY SEASON: We are blessed with a dedicated, caring, talented staff. If you would like to make a special love gift to be divided among our seven staff members (Pastor George, Pastor Wayne, Myra, Sam, Patti, Amy, and Helen) this holiday season, please mark your check or envelope "Love Gift" and place in the offering plate. **Love Gifts will be collected through December 15.**

- Staff-Parish Relations Committee

FOR MANY YEARS WE HAVE ADOPTED EDDIE 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."

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 on the bulletin board. Checks should be made out to LRUMC, memo "Lifewater Canada." **Thanks for being a blessing to others.**

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ABBOTTSTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, LRUMC ASSISTS IN SHARING JOY AT CHRISTMAS TO SOME OF THEIR STUDENTS. See Cathy Miles to select an angel. Purchase one or both of the items, wrap the gift and return to Cathy by Dec. 15.

MONTHLY COLLECTION FOR ACTC: Baked beans and soup

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

Church Calendar for the Week of December 1

Today	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM 12:30 PM	Sunday School Worship Service New Members Class St. Paul's Ghana Methodist Church	Sanctuary Parlor Sanctuary
Monday – Friday	7:00 – 9:00 AM 3:00 – 6:45 PM	IMPROVE Before-School Care IMPROVE After-School Care	Room 208, Hall Rooms 119, 208, 214, Hall
Monday	9:15 AM	Aerobics	Auditorium
Tuesday	11:00 AM 6:15 PM 7:00 PM	Food Pantry Aerobics Bible Study	Fellowship Hall Auditorium Room 128
Wednesday	12:30 PM 7:00 PM	Mt. Calvary Women's Bible Study Trustees Meeting	Room 128 Parlor
Thursday	9:15 AM 10:30 AM 6:15 PM 7:00 PM 8:00 PM	Aerobics Pastor's Bible Study Aerobics Bell Choir Rehearsal Choir Rehearsal	Auditorium Room 128 Auditorium Bell Room Choir Room
Friday	10:00 AM 7:00 PM	UMW Executive Committee Meeting St. Paul's Prayer Meeting	Parlor Room 210
Saturday	10:00 AM 12:00 PM	St. Paul's Choir Rehearsal St. Paul's Prayer Meeting	Room 210 Room 210
Upcoming Events			
Dec. 8	11:30 AM	Cookie Exchange	Fellowship Hall
Dec. 9	10:00 AM 11 AM – 6 PM 6:30 PM	Phyllis Downes Circle DS/Clergy Meetings Women in Christ Circle	Nancy G's Parlor Nancy W's
Dec. 11	7:00 PM	SPRC Meeting	Parlor