

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: Judy Zahren
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 our son
Christian Smith's 25th birthday tomorrow December 9, 2019.
With Love from Mom, Dad (and James).

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. Norma Jones.

PRESENCE: December 1, 2019: 86

Offering: \$6,253.06

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

Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2019

10:00 AM



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The Order of Worship

CENTERING WORDS: Signs of Advent hope and peace abound. Let us catch God's vision for our world.

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* arr. Keveren

Lighting of the Altar Candles

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: May your earth yield prosperity for everyone, O God.

People: **May the poor be defended, the oppressed delivered.**

Leader: May enemies live in peace.

People: **May no one hurt or destroy.**

Leader: May all the world rejoice.

People: **May we be agents of your joy and peace,
for this is your mighty vision for our world.**

Leader: May timid hearts turn bold.

All: **May we believe it can be so.**

*GUEST WELCOME/HOLY WAVE

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

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *Ecumenical Version* UMH 882

INVOCATIONAL PRAYER

ADVENT CANDLE-LIGHTING The Wilson Family

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Jan Hoener

ANTHEM *Prepare!* Larson
Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON *Isaiah 11:1-10* Pew Bible, p. 558

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 *Matthew 3:1-12* Pew Bible p. 784

HYMN OF PREPARATION *Down by the Jordan* W&S (green book) 3045

SERMON Rev. George Winkfield

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT Judy Feustle

PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Come, Emmanuel* Paris
Jan Hoener, 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

May these gifts further God's vision of a world of justice, righteousness, equity and prosperity the world over. Amen.

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT** *Mighty to Save* W&S (green book) 3038

*CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE *Postlude in G* Anderson

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 1

Keith (*req. by Marcia*)

Edward

Recent Prayer Requests

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 (*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*)

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

Gladys & Family(*11/10*)

Dontae (*Jan's godson – 7/21*)

Adrian (*7/21*)

Sharing, Caring, and Studying Opportunities

TODAY IS THE JANUARY SPIRE DEADLIINE. 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 at office@lrumc.org.

LRUMC ANNUAL COOKIE EXCHANGE IS TODAY, FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE IN FELLOWSHIP HALL. Stop in and buy some baked goods. Thanks to all who donated their baked specialties.

LOCH RAVEN UMC HAS BEEN BLESSED TO HAVE SAM CHIN 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 15

Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 1:46b-55; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

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

Giving Opportunities

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 ORDER YOUR GIFT CARDS FROM THE UMW. See Yvonne and Joann in Fellowship Hall following the service to place your order.

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 in the pews. 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 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 8

Today	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:15 AM 11:15 AM 12:30 PM	Sunday School Worship Service Fellowship Time Cookie Exchange St. Paul's Ghana Methodist Church	Sanctuary Fellowship Hall Fellowship Hall 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 10:00 AM 11 AM – 6 PM 6:30 PM	Aerobics Phyllis Downes Circle D.S./Clergy Meetings Women in Christ Circle	Auditorium Nancy G's Parlor Nancy W's
Tuesday	6:15 PM 7:00 PM	Aerobics Bible Study	Auditorium Room 128
Wednesday	7:00 PM	SPRC Meeting	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 Sanctuary Choir Room
Friday	7:00 PM	St. Paul's Prayer Meeting	Room 210
Saturday	10:00 AM 12:00 PM 1:00 PM	St. Paul's Choir Rehearsal St. Paul's Prayer Meeting Baby Shower	Room 210 Room 210 Fellowship Hall

Upcoming Events

Dec. 17	9:30 AM 11:00 AM	Sandwich-making for Essex UMC Food Pantry	Kitchen Fellowship Hall
Dec. 19	9:00 AM	Spire Assembly	Fellowship Hall