

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: Myra Wagner
Acolyte: Usher
Liturgist: Patti Ferguson
Ushers: Rick Neumann, Jen Dorsey, Art Schoelkopf, Sandra Edmonds

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 by the Akerele Family.

The pedestal bowl is given by Isabelle Burrell in celebration of Adiaha Essien's 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. Charles Chilcoat.

PRESENCE: Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2018: 45

February 18, 2018: 83

Offering: \$529.00

Offering: \$6148.25

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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ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY: Myra Wagner office@lrumc.org

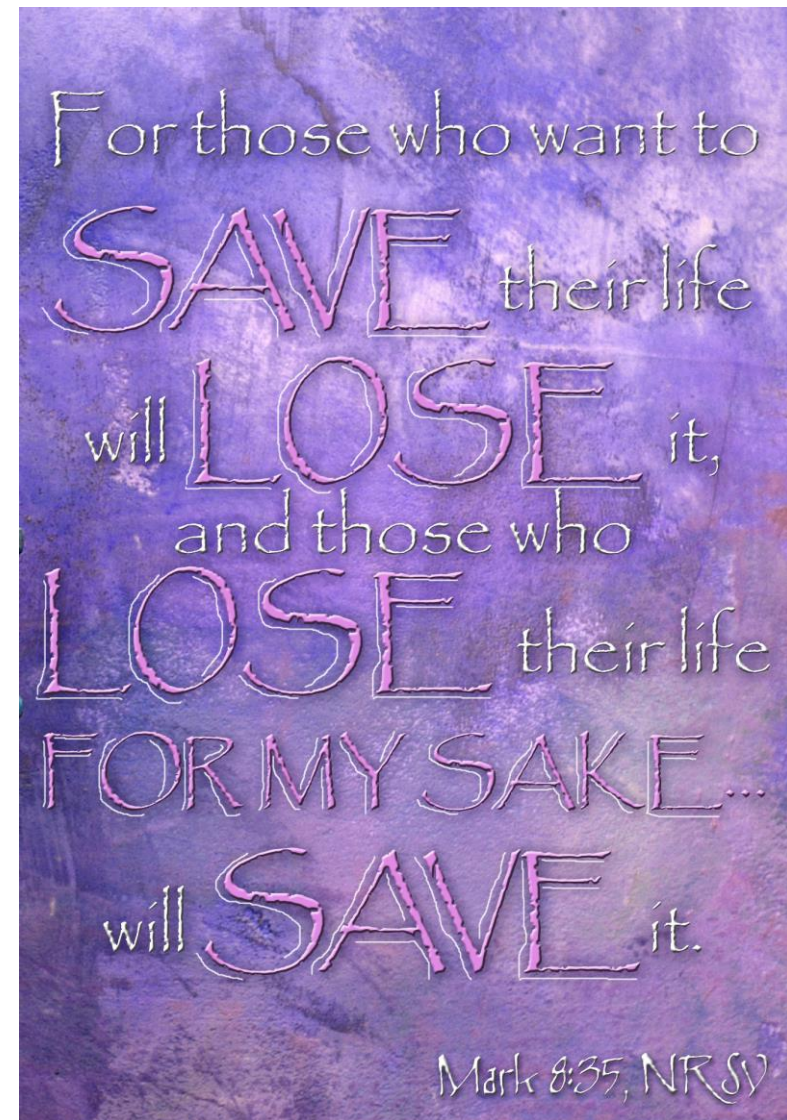
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Samuel Chin

ORGANIST: Patricia Gould

CHILD CARE PROVIDER: Amy Price

Second Sunday in Lent

February 25, 2018



Loch Raven United Methodist Church

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The Order of Worship

CENTERING WORDS: God's voice calls to us, naming us in holy love. Christ's voice chastens us, correcting us when we lose our way. The Spirit's voice sounds within us, drawing us back to the paths of righteousness. God's voice heals us, naming us as God's own.

ENTRANCE

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Prelude Aria*

Haydn, arr. Spong

Lighting of the Altar Candles

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: From generation to generation, God names us and claims us.

People: Let heaven and earth praise God's holy name.

Leader: From our earliest steps, Christ guides our wayward feet.

People: Let all who draw breath come back to the Lord.

Leader: From death to life, the Spirit sets us free.

People: Let the faithful rejoice in God's holy covenant.

Leader: From generation to generation, God names us and claims us.

People: Let heaven and earth praise God's holy name.

*HYMN OF PRAISE *Come, Now Is the Time to Worship* W&S 3176

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Ecumenical Version* UMH 882

OPENING PRAYER *(seated and in unison)*

Spirit of the ages, as you called to Abram and Sarai, renaming them according to your purposes, call to us this day. Open our ears to the sound of your voice, that we may respond to your call and pick up our cross to follow you. Name us anew this day, and raise us to newness of life, that we may be children of your promise, people of your covenant, and disciples of your grace. Amen.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Theresa Alaeze

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Pew Bible p. 11, 12

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.

PRAYER RESPONSE *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* TFWS 2193

PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *El Shaddai* Card and Thompson
Chancel Choir; 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

Bless us this day, Eternal God, that we may be a blessing to a world in need. Bless our gifts and our offerings in your name, that they may light the way home for those who have wandered far and lost their way. As these gifts go forth to do your work, may they help others hear you call their names and bring them peace. Amen.

SECOND LESSON Mark 8:31-38 Pew Bible p. 820

*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Be Thou My Vision* UMH 451

SERMON Rev. George Winkfield

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT *We Will Follow* W&S 3160

*CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*POSTLUDE *Rise Up, O Saints of God* Smith

*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

New Prayer Requests

Family of Suzanne DiMartino (*Cheryl Wagner-Koogler's friend*)

Dave Jackson

Family of Vesta Williams

Recent Prayer Requests

Mary Arrington and Family (*by Maria Stockton-Porter – 2/11*)

Family of Jeff Braun (*Jane Ferguson's great nephew – 2/11*)

Family of Patrick DiMartino (*Cheryl Wagner-Koogler's friend – 2/11*)

Family of Crystal Fuhman (*by Jennifer Weaver – 2/11*)

Janie Lindsey-Johnson (*by Maria Stockton-Porter – 2/11*)

Rita Rosenberger (*Jennifer Weaver's aunt – 2/11*)

Linda Silverman (*mother of Marcia Thomas-Smith's friend – 2/11*)

Family of Joyce Weyland (*by Merrill Harrison – 2/11*)

Steve Carrigan (*friend of Yvonne and Gary Horn – 2/4*)

The family of Kenneth Sinkler (*2/4*)

Jo Thomas (*2/4*)

Elias Beck (*Brian & Cecelia Miller's grandson – 1/28*)

Tom Gayer & Tom Judy (*Myra Wagner's brothers-in-law – 1/28*)

Gary and Shirley Messman (*1/28*)

Carmen Spencer (*Beverley Mignott's mother – 1/28*)

Prayer requests will be held for one month, unless requested otherwise.

Sharing, Caring, and Studying Opportunities

PASTOR GEORGE'S BIBLE STUDY WILL RESUME THIS WEEK, Tuesdays at 7:00 PM and Thursdays at 10:30 AM.

MANY OF THE EVENTS FROM PALM SUNDAY TO EASTER SUNDAY ARE FAMILIAR TO YOU. But you may find it helpful to study them in order, gaining a bit of perspective from each of the four Gospel writers. To help you attain a more well-rounded perspective of what God was doing in that week that changed our world, the **Becomers Adult Class** is studying *Jesus' Final Week*. Please join us at **9:00 AM in Room 202**.

INSERTS TODAY:

- 1) THERE WILL BE A FUNDRAISER FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT CHICK-FIL-A, 2008 E. JOPPA ROAD, FROM 5 - 8 PM THIS WEDNESDAY.** You must present the insert to have your order count towards our VBS.
- 2) IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PLACE A LOVELY PLANT IN THE SANCTUARY FOR EASTER SUNDAY** in memory and/or in honor of a loved one, see the insert for ordering information. **Orders are due no later than March 4.** You may place your order forms with payment in the offering plate.
- 3) UMW GENERAL MEETING/COVERED DISH LUNCHEON – Sunday, March 4 following Worship.**
- 4) The UMW will be selling CANDY EASTER EGGS again this year.** See insert for ordering information.
- 5) LRUMC ANNUAL FISH FRY will be Friday, March 23.** See the insert for more information.

MARCH/APRIL 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.

FOOD COLLECTIONS - During March, donations of **spaghetti sauce** are needed for ACTC. Place items in collection boxes outside Fellowship Hall.

LECTIONARY READINGS for Sunday, March 4, 2018:

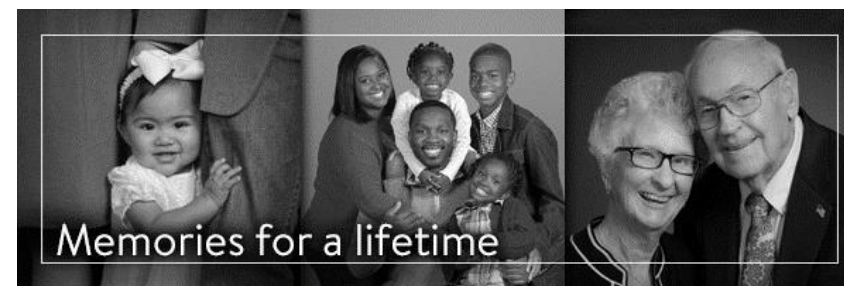
Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22

Church Calendar for the Week of February 25

Today	9:00 AM 10:00 AM Following Worship Following Worship 12:30 PM	Sunday School for all ages Sunday Worship Fellowship Time Membership Team Meeting St. Paul's Ghana Methodist Church	Sanctuary Fellowship Hall Parlor Sanctuary
Monday – Friday		IMPROVE Before & After Care	Rooms 208, 214
Monday	9:15 AM 6:30 PM	Aerobics IMPROVE Step-Dance Class	Auditorium Auditorium
Tuesday	9:30 AM 6:15 PM 7:00 PM	Sandwich-making for Essex UMC Aerobics Pastor's Bible Study	Kitchen Auditorium Room 128
Wednesday	5-8 PM	Spirit Night VBS Fundraiser	Chick-fil-A 2008 E. Joppa Road
Thursday	9:15 AM 10:30 AM 6:15 PM 7:00 PM 8:00 PM	Aerobics Pastor's Bible Study Aerobics Handbell Rehearsal Choir Rehearsal	Auditorium Room 128 Auditorium Bell Room Choir Room
Friday	10:30 AM 6:30 PM	AI-Anon IMPROVE Step-Dance Class	Fellowship Hall Auditorium
Saturday	10:00 AM	St. Paul's Choir Rehearsal	Room 210
Upcoming Events			
March 5	7:30 AM	Women In Christ Circle	Room 202
March 6	10:00 AM	Phyllis Downes Circle	Hall/Parlor
March 7	7:30 PM	Trustees Meeting	Parlor
March 10	9 - 4	Baltimore Region Leadership Day	Bel Air UMC

Fostering a Sense of Community at LRUMC

Do you know the names of the people sitting around you? Would you like to be able to put names with faces? Contact them directly? Be a part of our new family directory program – we need YOU to make it complete!



LRUMC has contracted with Lifetouch for a new directory. Photos will be taken from 2:00 PM through 9:00 PM on March 26th, 27th and 28th in Fellowship Hall. Each family will receive a complimentary 8x10 photograph and a free directory for participating. In addition, there will be a \$10 discount on each order, a 20% discount for seniors and active military members and an opportunity to give back to the community by bringing canned goods to your photo shoot. Lifetouch will donate money to the organization of our choice for every food item received!

Families may sign up online at: <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/y9y7hr5k/>. You may connect to this site directly from the home page of the LRUMC website – www.lrumc.org. We will also be holding in-person sign-ups in Fellowship Hall after each Sunday service through March 18th.

Invite other family members/loved ones to join your photography session – even if they're not members. Please contact Cheryl Wagner, Judy Zahren, or Myra Wagner if you have questions.