

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:** Adelaide Wilson  
**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 flowers are given to celebrate Theresa Alaeze's birthday by her family.

**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. Ruth Weygand.

**PRESENCE: January 28, 2018:** 109

**Offering:** \$5619.00

**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  
**LEAD PASTOR:** Rev. George Winkfield, 301-379-4616 cell, PastorWinkfield@gmail.com  
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**ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY:** Myra Wagner office@lrumc.org  
**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:** Samuel Chin  
**ORGANIST:** Patricia Gould  
**CHILD CARE PROVIDER:** Amy Price

## Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany

February 4, 2018

He came and took her  
by the hand and lifted  
her up. Then the fever  
left her ....

Mark 1:31, NRSV



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## The Order of Worship

**CENTERING WORDS:** The Holy One renews our bodies with strength, and fills our longing hearts with peace. Our mighty God opens our hands to share love with the world. May our ears be full of Christ's story, and may our lips proclaim God's praises and amazing deeds.

### ENTRANCE

#### GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Hour of Communion* Paxton

Lighting of the Altar Candles

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Leader:* Praise the Lord! How good it is for us to gather and sing praises to our God.

*People:* **Great is our Lord, who understands us, lifts us up, and strengthens us.**

*Leader:* Sing with joy and thanksgiving to the Lord,  
who fills our lives with steadfast love.

*People:* **Praise the Lord!**

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we often forget the glory of creation and everything you have done for us. We ignore the beauty you place all around us. We brush aside the ways you strengthen us. We sing songs of lament instead of songs of praise and thanksgiving. We lose ourselves in the business of life, and forget that we are only found in you. Forgive us. Fill our hearts and our lips with your praises, and turn our lives toward you. Amen.

\*HYMN OF PRAISE *Praise to the Lord, Almighty* UMH 139

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Traditional Version* UMH 881

#### OPENING PRAYER *(seated and in unison)*

Gracious God, as Jesus spent time with you in prayer, we come before you in prayer this day. Renew our spirits, that we might tell your story with passion and purpose. Fill us with a hope that transcends worldly values. Fill us with a love that knows no bounds. Fill us with a compassion that leads to love and service. Free our lips to proclaim words of praise, as we share your good news with others. Guide, empower, and encourage us with your Spirit, as we seek to minister to the world. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

### PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON *Isaiah 40:21-31* Pew Bible p. 582

#### SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

## PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *On Eagle's Wings* UMH 143  
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

God of all, as Jesus spent with you in prayer, we come to you in prayer, asking you to bless these gifts, that they might proclaim your message of love, grace, and peace. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

SECOND LESSON *Mark 1:29-39* Pew Bible p. 813

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION *There Is a Balm in Gilead* UMH 375

SERMON Rev. George Winkfield

### 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 UMH 23

#### 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.**

#### Breaking the Bread

#### Giving the Bread and Cup

### SENDING FORTH

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT *Everlasting God* W&S 3021

#### \*CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

#### \*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE *Wherever I May Wander (New England)* Curtis

#### \*GOING FORTH

*\*Please rise in posture or spirit*

TFWS: *The Faith We Sing*

UMH: *U.M. Hymnal*

**Bold print: in unison**

W&S: *Worship and Song*

## Upcoming Events

Feb. 11	<b>Transfiguration Sunday</b>	
	<b>Spire Deadline</b>	
<b>11:15 AM</b>	<b>Blood Pressure Screening</b>	<b>Education Office</b>
<b>11:15 AM</b>	<b>UMW Executive Committee Meeting</b>	<b>Parlor</b>
Feb. 13	<b>Shrove Tuesday</b>	
<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Breakfast for Dinner</b>	<b>Fellowship Hall</b>
Feb. 14	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	
<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday Worship Service</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
<b>Following Worship</b>	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b>	<b>Choir Room</b>

## *Prayer List*

### *New Prayer Requests*

Elias Beck (*Brian & Cecelia Miller's grandson*)  
Tom Gayer (*Myra Wagner's brother-in-law*)  
Tom Judy (*Myra Wagner's brother-in-law*)  
Gary and Shirley Messman  
The Sinkler Family  
Carmen Spencer (*Beverley Mignott's mother*)

### *Recent Prayer Requests*

Darryl Brown (*David Brown's son – 1/21*)  
Doreen Brown (*by Joyce Johnson – 1/21*)  
Alfonso Cox (*1/21*)  
Danielle and Zachary (*Edy Pratt's daughter and yet to-be-born grandson – 1/21*)  
Lynn Fleming (*Amy Price's godfather – 1/21*)  
Danielle Oster (*by Cheryl Wagner-Koogler – 1/21*)  
Family of Grace Davies (*1/14*)  
Cheryl Dickens (*by Marcia Thomas-Smith – 1/14*)  
Jane Ferguson (*1/14*)  
Family of Ernest McRae (*Marcia Thomas-Smith's uncle – 1/14*)  
Family of Dane Phillips (*by Reynold Small – 1/14*)  
Family of Tessa Roberts (*mother of Marcia Thomas-Smith's friend – 1/14*)  
Vicki Shorter (*by Judy Zahren – 1/14*)  
Laura Stinemire (*Marcia Thomas-Smith's co-worker – 1/14*)  
Donald Trump (*1/14*)  
Rob Weaver (*1/14*)  
Family of Robert Wagoner (*by Judy Zahren – 1/14*)  
Young people returning to college (*by Jean Oberia – 1/14*)

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

## Sharing, Caring, and Studying Opportunities

**TODAY IS BLANKET SUNDAY.** Your donations will help people around the world recover from disasters and get a fresh start. See inserts.

**PASTOR GEORGE'S BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES THIS WEEK.** We are studying *Mark for Everyone* by N. T. Wright. Feel free to join us Tuesdays at 7:00 PM or Thursdays at 10:30 AM.

**NEXT WEEK – SPIRE DEADLINE** The deadline for the March Spire is Sunday, Feb. 11. 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 by mail, or if you would like to receive the newsletter by email, please notify Myra Wagner at office@lrumc.org.

### LENT ACTIVITIES:

- 1) **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** will study *Jesus' Final Week* beginning **Sunday, February 11.** Please join us at **9:00 AM in room 202.**
- 2) **SHROVE TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13 AT 6:30 PM:** Have Breakfast for Dinner and learn about Shrove Tuesday. Please sign up outside Fellowship Hall.
- 3) **ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14: Worship Service at 7:00 PM.**

**COOKIES ARE NEEDED FOR THE BOARD OF CHILD CARE.** There will be a box outside Fellowship Hall for donations until February 25. Thank you for helping.

**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.

**FOOD COLLECTIONS** - During February, donations of **potatoes (canned or boxed)** are needed for ACTC. Place items in collection boxes outside Fellowship Hall.

### LECTIONARY READINGS for February 11, 2018:

2 Kings 2:1-12; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15

## Church Calendar for the Week of February 4

Today		<b>Blanket Sunday</b>	
	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Sunday School for all ages</b>	
	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Sunday Worship</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
	<b>Following Worship</b>	<b>Fellowship Time</b>	<b>Fellowship Hall</b>
	12:30 PM	St. Paul's Ghana Methodist Church	Sanctuary
Monday – Friday		IMPROVE Before & After Care	Rooms 208, 214
Monday	9:15 AM	Aerobics	Auditorium
	<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>Women in Christ Circle</b>	<b>Room 202</b>
	6:30 PM	IMPROVE Step-Dance Class	Auditorium
Tuesday	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Phyllis Downes Circle</b>	<b>Hall/Parlor</b>
	6:15 PM	Aerobics	Auditorium
	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>Directory Meeting</b>	<b>Office</b>
	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Pastor's Bible Study</b>	<b>Room 128</b>
Wednesday	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Trustees Meeting</b>	<b>Parlor</b>
Thursday	9:15 AM	Aerobics	Auditorium
	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Pastor's Bible Study</b>	<b>Room 128</b>
	6:15 PM	Aerobics	Auditorium
	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Handbell Rehearsal</b>	<b>Bell Room</b>
	<b>8:00 PM</b>	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b>	<b>Choir Room</b>
Friday	10:30 AM	Al-Anon	Fellowship Hall
	6:30 PM	IMPROVE Step-Dance Class	Auditorium
Saturday	10:00 AM	St. Paul's Choir Rehearsal	Room 210