

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:** Art Schoelkopf, Joyce Deitrich, 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 altar flowers are 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 Mrs. Ruth Weygand.

**PRESENCE:** January 26, 2020: 93

**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

**INTERIM DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:** Judith Zahren

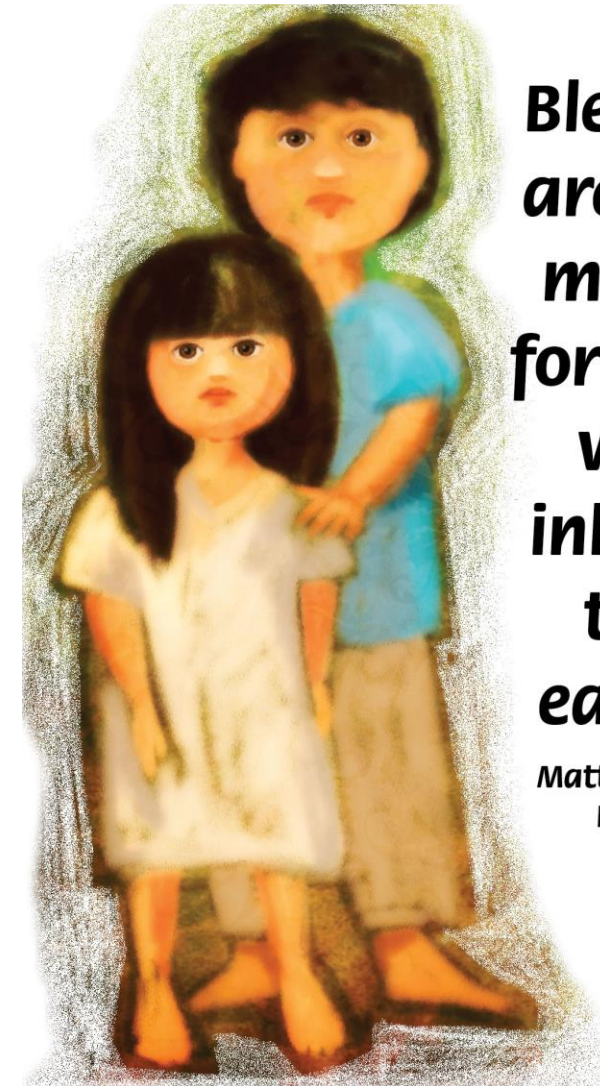
**ORGANIST:** Patricia Gould

**CHILD CARE PROVIDER:** Amy Price

**Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany  
Blanket Sunday**

*February 2, 2020*

*10:00 AM*



**Blessed  
are the  
meek,  
for they  
will  
inherit  
the  
earth.**

**Matthew 5:5,  
NRSV**

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## The Order of Worship

**CENTERING WORDS:** Come as you are, assured that you dwell in the blessings of the Lord.  
Open yourself to holy wisdom. Prepare yourself for humble service.

### GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *His Eye Is on the Sparrow* arr. Sprunger  
Piano/Organ Duet, Judy Zahren and Patti Gould

Lighting of the Altar Candles

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Leader:* The Lord does not require your sacrifice.

*People:* **We will be a people who lives justly.**

*Leader:* The Lord does not need rivers of toil.

*People:* **We will offer loving kindness to the world.**

*Leader:* The Lord does not ask you to ignore your loved ones.

*All:* **We will walk humbly with our God.**

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess, Holy One, that in our human foolishness, we often seek to appear wise. Help us know the wisdom of your ways and the truth of your Word. We confess, Spirit Guide, that we often fail to acknowledge your presence, seeking to go our own way and following our own call. From this centeredness on self, we let you down, we let others down, we let ourselves down. Help us follow your direction, your call, and your guidance. Help us to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Amen.

### \*GUEST WELCOME/HOLY WAVE

\*HYMN OF PRAISE *Be Thou My Vision* UMH 451

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Traditional Version* UMH 881

### INVOCATIONAL PRAYER/PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON *Micah 6:1-8* Pew Bible, p. 757

### SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

SECOND LESSON *Matthew 5:1-12* Pew Bible p. 785-786

HYMN OF PREPARATION *Open Our Eyes (sing twice)* TFWS (black book) 2086

SERMON Rev. George Winkfield

## PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY

*A Classic Communion*  
Chancel Choir

arr. Althouse

### \*THE DOXOLOGY

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!

UMH 94

### \*OFFERING PRAYER

Ever-present and holy God, we offer these gifts in the hope that they will bring justice to those in need; we consecrate these gifts, with the prayer that they will help others learn to love in kindness and to walk in humility. Through these gifts to the world, may those who hunger and thirst for righteousness find blessing, and may those who mourn for the state of the world find 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

UMH 15

### 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

As the Bread and Cup are given, please sing the following:  
TFWS (black book) 2260, 2261, 2264, 2266, 2269

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT *Blest Are They* TFWS (black book) 2155

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

### \*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

### POSTLUDE

*Ye Holy Angels Bright*

Ritter

*\*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 January 26

Carolyn (*req. By Jean*)  
Annette (*Marcia's cousin*)  
Eddie  
Cheryl  
Michael  
Jean Oeria

## Recent Prayer Requests

Alex (*Myra's cousin – 1/19*)  
Laura (*Jane's niece – 1/19*)  
James (*Merrill's brother-in-law – 1/19*)  
Shirley (*1/19*)  
Dawn and family (*Cheryl's sister – 1/19*)  
Angela (*req. by Maria – 1/19*)  
David (*Merrill's brother – 1/19*)  
Franklin and Family (*1/12*)  
Rev. Wayne and Family (*1/12*)  
Zabryah & Lisa (*1/12*)  
(*Gladys' daughter and granddaughter – 1/12*)  
Ronald (*Marcia's friend – 1/12*)  
Gail (*cousin of Patti & Debi – 1/12*)  
Family of Kathy (*director of LRUMC's former preschool – 1/5*)  
Damian (*Merrill's stepson – 1/5*)  
Family of Kobi (*Adelaide's brother – 1/5*)  
Ellie (*Merrill's great-niece – 1/5*)  
Femi and family (*req. by Reynold – 1/5*)  
Ruth (*1/5*)  
Venetia (*Marcia's sister – 11/10*)  
Cassandra & Family (*req. by Maria – 9/15*)  
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 IS BLANKET SUNDAY.** Your donations will help people around the world be protected from the cold, comforted after a disaster and reminded that they're not alone. See inserts.

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

**THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE WILL HOST ITS FIRST FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7 FROM 7:00 – 9:00 PM IN FELLOWSHIP HALL. The 2019 version of "The Lion King" will be shown.** Younger children are asked to bring a blanket or a pillow for seating purposes. Refreshments will be served.

**NEXT WEEK – SPIRE DEADLINE** The deadline for the March Spire is Sunday, February 9. 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.

**JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY FOR WEAR RED SUNDAY, promoting women's heart health.** To recognize that heart disease is the number one killer of women, we ask everyone to wear something red.

**THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE WILL BE COOKING AND SERVING BREAKFAST FOR THE LESS FORTUNATE AT MANNA HOUSE FEBRUARY 15.** If you would like to volunteer to help prepare or serve breakfast or bake a coffee cake, please contact Linda.

**THE FINANCE COMMITTEE wishes to thank all who have returned their 2020 pledge cards.**

**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.

## MONTHLY COLLECTION FOR ACTC: Canned Fruit, Applesauce, and Peanut Butter

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

## LECTIONARY READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 9

Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12); Psalm 112:1-9 (10);  
1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16); Matthew 5:13-20

