

January 29, 2017 Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany 10:00 a.m.

Gathering Thought: "Evangelism is the unrelenting responsibility of every person who belongs to the company of Jesus." --Elton Trueblood

ENTRANCE

**Gathering
Welcome and Announcements**

Prelude *Spirit Song* arr. John Carter

Lighting of the Altar Candles

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Bless our God, O people, let the sound of God's praise be heard.

People: **Come and hear, all you who worship God.**

Leader: Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,

People: **or removed his steadfast love from me.**

***Hymn of Praise** *I Sing the Almighty Power of God* UMH 152

***The Passing of the Peace** *Take time to greet someone in the name of Jesus Christ.*

Opening Prayer (*seated and in unison*)

**Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth:
Mercifully hear the supplications of your people,
and in our time grant us your peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Children's Message Myra Wagner

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson *Deuteronomy 29:1-6* Pew Bible p. 162

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.

Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory *Fairest Lord Jesus* -- Gelbert M. Martin
Chancel Choir
UMH 94

***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!

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Eternal God, you shine light on the path of life,

so that we may align ourselves with your saving purposes.

Strengthen us by the power of your Holy Spirit.

Help us to reach out to show your kindness to our neighbors.

Give us courage to become more generous in every realm of our lives.

We pray this in your holy name. Amen.

***Hymn of Preparation** *Sofly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling* UMH 348
Second Lesson *Matthew 13:1-9* Pew Bible p. 794

Sermon *Being Faithful Sowers* Rev. Cliff Webner

SENDING FORTH

***Hymn of Commitment** *Now Thank We All Our God* UMH 102

***Carrying the Light of Christ into the World**

***Dismissal with Blessing**

***Postlude** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* arr. Emma Lou Diemer

***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

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 Gillotti
Acolyte: Usher
Liturgist: Sandi Cuthbert
Ushers: Jon Cuthbert, John Christopher, Rebecca Mickey, Jen Webster
Organist: Judy Zahren

Children's Activity Sheets are available in the Narthex.

Large print bulletins are available. See an usher.

Altar Flowers

The 2017 chart for giving Altar flowers is up in the Arcade (downstairs hallway).

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: Ms. Ressie Dovel.

Presence: 100 **January 22, 2017** **Gifts:** \$4,526.00

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."

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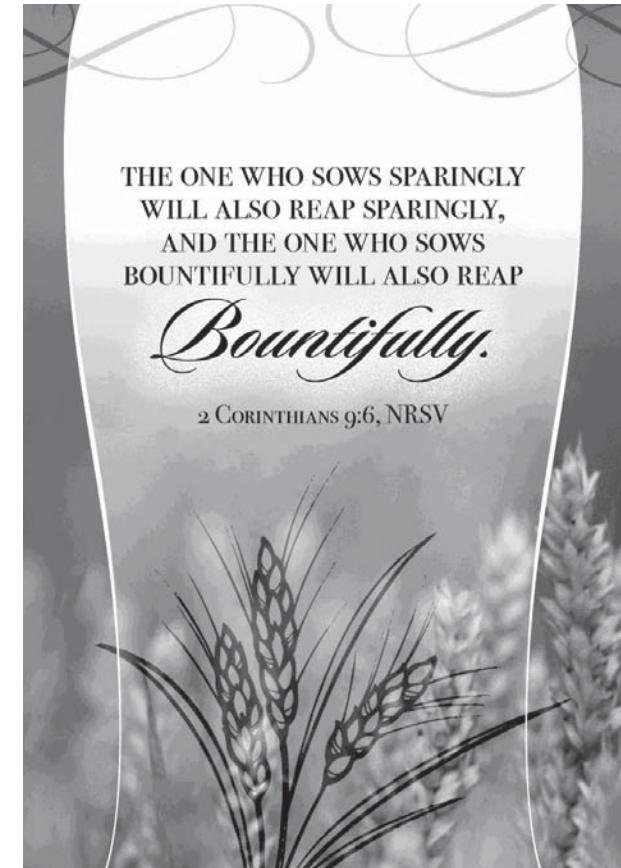
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THE ONE WHO SOWS SPARINGLY
WILL ALSO REAP SPARINGLY,
AND THE ONE WHO SOWS
BOUNTIFULLY WILL ALSO REAP

Bountifully.

2 CORINTHIANS 9:6, NRSV



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Sharing, Caring, and Studying Opportunities

The **2017 Flower Chart** is up in the Arcade (hallway). Please sign up to beautify our altar to honor or celebrate a loved one.

The **2017 LRUMC Officer Lists** are available in the Narthex.

The **2017 Offering Envelopes** are on the table in the Narthex and on a table in the Arcade (downstairs hallway). Please pick yours up today!

The **Assistance Center of Towson Churches** needs **plastic grocery bags**. They can be dropped off at the Center Monday through Friday from 10 am to 3 pm.

Cookies are needed for the **Board of Child Care**. There will be a box outside Fellowship Hall for donations from Feb 5 until Feb 26. Thank you for helping.

Food Collections

During this January missions season, donations are needed for ACTC of canned pasta meals. Please place items in collection boxes outside Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your support.

Inclement Weather Policy

In the event of inclement winter weather, you may call the church office on Sunday morning to determine whether church services remain scheduled for the day. The telephone number is 410-825-0900.

The January/February Upper Room

is available in the Narthex on the History Cabinets and by the 2nd floor entrance to the Sanctuary. These daily devotional booklets may be obtained for a \$1 donation.

The Baltimore-Washington Conference will once again be offering **college scholarships** for the Fall 2017 semester. **Students can apply January 3 – March 1, 2017 through an online application system.** For additional information and to apply, visit <http://www.bwcumc.org/administration/finance/local-church-resources/scholarships>.

Church Calendar for the Week

Sunday	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. after worship after worship 12:30 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages Worship Fellowship Time Worship Team St. Paul's Ghana Methodist Church	Sanctuary Fellowship Hall Choir Rm. Sanctuary
Monday – Friday	6:30 AM – 6:00 PM 6:30 AM – 6:30 PM	The Learning Garden Preschool IMPROVE Before- & After-School Care	Rooms 122, 116 Rooms 208, 214
Monday	9:15 AM	Aerobics	Auditorium
Tuesday	6:15 PM	Aerobics	Auditorium
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Trustees	Parlor
Thursday	9:15 AM 6:15 PM 7:00 PM 8:00 PM	Aerobics Aerobics Handbell Rehearsal Choir Rehearsal	Auditorium Auditorium Bell Room Choir Room
Friday	10:30 a.m.	Al-Anon	Room 128
Saturday	9 to 12 10:00 a.m.	Fundraising Cmte. St. Paul's Choir Rehearsal	Kitchen Room 210

Upcoming Events

February 5		Super Bowl Subs	
February 6	7:30 p.m.	Women in Christ Circle	Room 202
February 7	10:00 a.m.	Phyllis Downs Circle	Parlor
February 11		Leadership Day	Bel Air UMC



New Prayer Requests

Brian Dorsey *(by Jenny Dorsey 1/23)*
The Reverend Tom Umbel *(by Cheryl Umbel 1/23)*
Jim Wagner *(by Myra Wagner 1/22)*

Recent Prayer Requests

the Reverend Ann Adams *(by Debi Wynn 1/17)*
the Malone family *(by Myra Wagner 1/15)*
safety for un-named friends *(by Jan Hoener 1/15)*
Beth Harting *(1/15)*
Ruth Kriel *(by Stan 1/8)*
Georgia Fredette *(by Cecelia & Brian Miller 1/8)*
Megan Harpel, granddaughter *(by Nancy & Jim Harvill 1/8)*
The family of Shawn Johnson *(by Myra Wagner 1/1)*
Dawn Oster, sister *(by Cheryl Wagner-Koogler 1/1)*
David Pearce *(by Sharon Neumann 1/1)*
Wes Courtney *(by Dolores Courtney 1/1)*
Debby Henschen, sister *(by Linda Cole 1/1)*
Dontae Pendleton *(by Jan Hoener 1/1)*
Roy Danforth *(by Karen Danforth 1/5)*
Michael Koogler *(by Cheryl Wagner-Koogler 1/3)*
Jenn & Justin Byrd's family on the loss of her mother *(by Maria Stockton-Porter 1/1)*

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