

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: Helen Blakey
Ushers: John Christopher, Rebecca Mickey, Jennifer Webster

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 in honor of Patti Gould, LRUMC organist.

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. Doris Therit.

PRESENCE: January 7, 2018: 101

Offering: \$92,597.00

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
PASTOR OF CONGREGATIONAL CARE: Rev. Wayne Harting, 443-966-0244 cell
ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY: Myra Wagner office@lrumc.org
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Samuel Chin
ORGANIST: Patricia Gould
CHILD CARE PROVIDER: Amy Price

Second Sunday After the Epiphany Human Relations Day

January 14, 2018

**".... you will see
heaven
opened
and
the angels
of God
ascending
and descending
upon the**



**Son
of
Man."**

John 1:51, NRSV

Loch Raven United Methodist Church

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The Order of Worship

CENTERING WORDS: God is far beyond human understanding, yet God knows us intimately.

ENTRANCE

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts/If With All Your Hearts* Dykes

Lighting of the Altar Candles

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus calls to us:

People: "Follow me."

Leader: We have questions:

People: "How do you know us? Will we be okay?"

Leader: Jesus sees us as we are.

People: And through Jesus' eyes, we see love.

*HYMN OF PRAISE *I Am Thine, O Lord* UMH 419

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed, Ecumenical Version* UMH 882

OPENING PRAYER *(seated and in unison)*

Creator God, you know us better than we can know ourselves. You understand our thoughts, our desires, our joys, and our struggles. You call to us, inviting us to listen to your word. You speak your word, calling us into a deeper relationship with you. Open our hearts, that we may hear you clearly. Strengthen our spirit, that we may have the courage to answer your call. Be present in this time of worship and draw us closer to you. Amen.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Jan Hoener

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON *1 Samuel 3:1-10* Pew Bible p. 215

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 *Here I Am, Lord* arr. Courtney
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

Holy God, you create us and love us still. You call us by name and give us all that we need. May we honor you with the gifts that we bring. Use them to share your love with a broken world, and use us as agents of your grace. Amen.

SECOND LESSON *John 1:43-51* Pew Bible p. 863

*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Step by Step* W&S 3004

SERMON Rev. George Winkfield

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT *Lead Me, Guide Me* TFWS 2214
(Sing 3 times)

*CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*POSTLUDE *A Morning Trumpeting* Ritter

*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 Ernest McRae (*Marcia Thomas-Smith's uncle – 1/9*)

Family of Tessa Roberts (*Mother of Marcia Thomas Smith's friend – 1/9*)

Vicki Shorter (*by Judy Zahren – 1/9*)

Laura Stinemire (*Marcia Thomas-Smith's co-worker – 1/9*)

Recent Prayer Requests

Family of Janet Nelson (*by Linda Cole and Sandi Cuthbert – 12/31*)

Naon Harris and Husband (*by Debi Wynn – 12/24*)

Dave Jackson (*12/24*)

Gregory and Albertha Sinkler (*12/24*)

Nancy Lacy (*12/21*)

Doris Ndlovu and Family (*12/21*)

Thames Brown (*Myra Wagner's uncle – 12/21*)

Carol & Al Kennedy (*by Judy Zahren – 12/18*)

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

Sharing, Caring, and Studying Opportunities

TODAY IS THE DEADLINE FOR THE FEBRUARY SPIRE. 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 email, please notify Myra Wagner at office@lrumc.org.

TODAY IS A UNITED METHODIST SPECIAL SUNDAY. HUMAN RELATIONS DAY is a way for our congregation to join a denominational-wide effort to support neighborhood ministries through Community Developers, community advocacy through United Methodist Voluntary Services and work with at-risk teens through the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program. See enclosure. Thank you.

PASTOR GEORGE'S BIBLE STUDY WILL NOT MEET THIS WEEK. We will continue our study of *Mark for Everyone* by N. T. Wright next week.

LRUMC LEADERSHIP DAY: Everyone is welcome to come learn about the church, how committees fit together, and how to move forward. We will meet this Saturday, January 20 in Fellowship Hall from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Please RSVP to the office (410-825-0900 or office@lrumc.org).

PLEASE JOIN US AFTER WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY IN FELLOWSHIP HALL FOR OUR 1ST CHILI COOK-OFF! You will be able to taste and vote from a variety of chilis and then, for just \$5.00, enjoy a lunch of chili and homemade cornbread. Please see Cheryl Wagner to enter.

SHROVE TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13 AT 6:30 PM: Come out to have Breakfast for Dinner and learn about Shrove Tuesday.

BILL THOMAS AND PASTOR GEORGE ARE interested in the possibility of getting a group together for a HISTORIC TRIP OF THE METHODIST CHURCH TO LONDON, ENGLAND for the spring or fall of 2018. If you are interested in this trip, please sign the sign-up sheet on the downstairs bulletin board.

THE FLOWER CHART FOR 2018 IS IN THE ARCADE. Please sign up to beautify the altar. **The Altar Guild will prepare them for you to take home immediately following the service.** If you wish to donate your flowers, please let Judy Zahren know ahead of time. Thank you.

YOUR 2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available in the Arcade. Please pick up your envelopes. If you see envelopes for a homebound member(s) who lives close to you, please take their envelopes to them. Thanking you and Blessings.

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 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 January, donations of **canned pasta meals** are needed for ACTC. Place items in collection boxes outside Fellowship Hall.

LECTIONARY READINGS for the January 21, 2018:

Jonah 3:1-5; Psalm 62:5-12; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

Church Calendar for the Week of January 14

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| Today | | Spire Deadline | |
| | 9:00 AM | Sunday School for all ages | |
| | 10:00 AM | Sunday Worship | Sanctuary |
| | Following Worship | Fellowship Time | Fellowship Hall |
| | 12:30 PM | St. Paul's Ghana Methodist Church | Sanctuary |
| Monday | | Martin Luther King's Birthday | |
| | | Church Office Closed | |
| Tuesday – Friday | | IMPROVE Before & After Care | Rooms 208, 214 |
| Tuesday | 6:15 PM | Aerobics | Auditorium |
| Wednesday | 6:30 PM | Improve Step-Dance Class | Auditorium |
| Thursday | 9:15 AM | Aerobics | Auditorium |
| | 6:15 PM | Aerobics | Auditorium |
| | 7:00 PM | Handbell Rehearsal | Bell Room |
| | 8:00 PM | Choir Rehearsal | Choir Room |
| Friday | 10:30 AM | Al-Anon | Fellowship Hall |
| | 6:30 PM | Improve Step-Dance Class | Auditorium |
| Saturday | 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM | LRUMC Leadership Days | Fellowship Hall |
| | 10:00 AM | St. Paul's Choir Rehearsal | Room 210 |

Upcoming Events

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| January 21 | | Leadership Sunday | |
| | 11:15 AM | Chili Cook-off | Fellowship Hall |
| January 24 | 9:30 AM | Spire Assembly | Fellowship Hall |
| | 7:00 PM | Church Council | Fellowship Hall |