

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: Judy Zahren
Ushers: John Christopher, Rebecca Mickey, Jennifer Webster

Children's Activity Sheets are available in the Narthex.

Large print bulletins are available. See an usher.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers are given in celebration and appreciation
of the Loch Raven Music Ministry.

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. Albertha Sinkler.

PRESENCE: Christmas Eve 10:00 AM: 152	Offering: \$8976.00
Christmas Eve 11:00 PM: 72	Offering: \$595.00
December 31, 2017: 82	Offering: \$4268.04

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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ORGANIST: Patricia Gould

CHILD CARE PROVIDER: Amy Price

Epiphany

January 7, 2018



**ARISE,
SHINE;
FOR YOUR LIGHT
HAS COME,
AND THE GLORY
OF THE LORD
HAS RISEN
UPON YOU.**

ISAIAH 60:1, NRSV

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The Order of Worship

CENTERING WORDS: Light shines in the darkness and the darkness fades like a passing dream. Will we turn in reverence to the light, or will we turn away, distracted by other things? Follow the light of the world.

ENTRANCE

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *To Follow the Star* Ritter

Lighting of the Altar Candles

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Holy One rules.

People: Let those who oppress the poor tremble.

Leader: The God of heaven and earth is righteous.

People: Let those who stray return to the Lord.

Leader: The Eternal Judge is seated in the judgment chair.

People: Let those who love justice shout for joy.

Leader: The Holy One rules.

People: Let us worship.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, following only a star in the sky, kings of old left their families and their lands to find a child whose birth was so profound, it was proclaimed in the heavens above. When we would rather sit comfortably in our homes than make spiritual pilgrimages of our own, clothe our feet of clay in walking shoes and send us on our way. At this season of light, help us shine your light in the darkness to honor the King of kings. Open our shut-up hearts to those in need, that the ancient gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh might not be the last gifts offered to the one who brings light into our lives. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE *Joy to the World* UMH 246

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed, Traditional Version* UMH 881

OPENING PRAYER *(seated and in unison)*

Glorious God, grant us the courage to follow Christ's natal star, wherever your light would lead us; grant us the wisdom to follow the kings of old, as they left the safety of their homes to find the infant Jesus; grant us the purity of heart, to forsake the glitter of things that do not endure, and embrace the brightness of your glory. Amen.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON *Isaiah 60:1-6* Pew Bible p. 602

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*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

Merciful God, may your justice roll down like waters, your righteousness like an ever-lasting stream. May these gifts and offerings be an answer to your call – a call to deliver the needy, rescue the weary, and defend the poor and the defenseless. In the holy light of your redeeming love, we pray. Amen.

SECOND LESSON *Matthew 2:1-12* Pew Bible p. 783-784

*HYMN OF PREPARATION *We Three Kings* UMH 254

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 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

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT *Go Tell It on the Mountain* UMH 251

*CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*POSTLUDE *The Opening Year* Smith

*GOING FORTH

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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 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*)

Peggy Kelly (*12/21*)

Nancy Lacy (*12/21*)

Doris Ndlovu and Family (*12/21*)

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

Recent Prayer Requests

James Edmonds and Family (*12/13*)

Family of Betty Hess (*by Peggy Kelly – 12/8*)

Gary Messman and Family (*12/10*)

Chuck Ridgeway (*by Judy Zahren – 12/12*)

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

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

Sharing, Caring, and Studying Opportunities

THE DEADLINE FOR THE FEBRUARY SPIRE IS NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 14. 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.

PASTOR GEORGE BEGINS HIS BIBLE STUDY THIS WEEK of *Mark for Everyone* by N. T. Wright. Please sign up on the bulletin board downstairs for Tuesday evenings or Thursday mornings.

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.

DON'T FORGET TO CHECK THE CHRISTMAS CARD RACK in the arcade for Christmas cards addressed to you. If you see cards for a homebound member(s) who lives close to you, please take their cards to them. **And read the lovely cards posted on the Lifewater Canada Board.**

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.

LECTIONARY READINGS for the January 14, 2018:

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20); Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:4

Church Calendar for the Week of January 7

CHILI COOK OFF: On January 21, we will come together after worship for The First Annual Loch Raven Chili Cook Off!! Contact Cheryl Wagner-Koogler if you wish to enter your chili. Prizes will be awarded!

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.

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.

Today	9:00 AM 10:00 AM Following Worship 11:15 AM 12:30 PM	Sunday School for all ages Sunday Worship Fellowship Time Fundraising 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 Women in Christ Circle	Auditorium Room 202
Tuesday	6:15 PM 7:00 PM	Aerobics Pastor's Bible Study – <i>Mark</i>	Auditorium Room 128
Wednesday	6:30 PM	Improve Step-Dance Class	Auditorium
Thursday	9:15 AM 10:30 AM 6:15 PM 7:00 PM 8:00 PM	Aerobics Pastor's Bible Study – <i>Mark</i> Aerobics Handbell Rehearsal Choir Rehearsal	Auditorium Room 128 Auditorium Bell Room Choir Room
Friday	10:30 AM	AI-Anon	Fellowship Hall
Saturday	10:00 AM	St. Paul's Choir Rehearsal	Room 210

Upcoming Events

January 14	Spire Deadline	
January 15	Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday Church Office Closed	
January 20 10:00 AM	LRUMC Leadership Day	Fellowship Hall