

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
Ushers: John Christopher, Jen 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 flower bowl is given by Merrill
in loving memory of her mother, Retha.

The vases are given by Cecelia
in honor of her daughter Kirsten's birthday, January 4.

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 Mr. John Famini.

PRESENCE: Christmas Eve, 4 PM Service: 40
Christmas Eve, 11 PM Service: 57
December 29, 2019: 78

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, 301-379-4616 cell, PastorWinkfield@gmail.com
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ORGANIST: Patricia Gould
CHILD CARE PROVIDER: Amy Price

Epiphany Sunday

January 5, 2020

10:00 AM



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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.

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *We Three Kings of Orient Are* arr. Keveren

Lighting of the Altar Candles

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Arise, shine! Your light has come.

People: **The glory of the Lord shines like the sun.**

Leader: Behold, the nations have come to witness God's light.

People: **Kings have come to behold Christ's brightness.**

Leader: Lift up your eyes and look around.

People: **The glory of the Lord is all around.**

All: **Arise, shine! Your light has come.**

*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, clothes our feet of clay in walking shoes and send us on our way. At this season of light, help us sine your light in darkness to honor the King of kings. Open our shut-up hearts to those in need, that the gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh might not be the last gifts offered to the one who brings light into our lives. Amen.

*GUEST WELCOME/HOLY WAVE

*HYMN OF PRAISE *We Three Kings* UMH 254

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Traditional Version* UMH 881

INVOCATIONAL PRAYER/PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

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

HYMN OF PREPARATION *The First Noel* UMH 245

SERMON Rev. George Winkfield

PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Away in a Manger* arr. Sjolund
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

Merciful God, may your justice roll down like waters, your righteousness like an ever-flowing 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.

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 TFWS (black book) 2257

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

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

*CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE *Song for a New Day* Paxton

**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 December 29

Jane (*Myra's mother*)

Lee and Jeannette (*Gladys' parents*)

Judy

Recent Prayer Requests

Family of John (*Mary Lou's brother – 12/22*)

Denise (*Linda's sister – 12/22*)

Family of Eugene (*12/15*)

Gregory (*Rebecca's friend – 12/15*)

Jane (*req. by Judy – 12/15*)

Family of Christian (*Dolores's nephew – 12/15*)

Peggy (*Isabelle's friend – 12/15*)

RJ (*12/15*)

Family of Willard (*req. by Cheryl Wagner – 12/15*)

Kobi (*Adelaide's brother – 12/8*)

Virginia (*req. by Nancy – 12/8*)

Brian (*12/8*)

JoAnn (*Judy's neighbor – 12/8*)

Rick (*11/24*)

Venetia (*Marcia's sister – 11/10*)

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

NEXT WEEK – SPIRE DEADLINE The deadline for the February Spire is **Sunday, January 12**. Please place all articles in the Spire box in the church office or email your articles directly to Nancy Williams. **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@lrunc.org.

PASTOR GEORGE'S BIBLE STUDY on the book of Romans begins **Thursday, January 16 at 10:30 AM** and **Tuesday, January 21 at 7 PM**. The sessions will continue on **Tuesdays and Thursdays through May**. Please sign up on the bulletin board downstairs. Books are available in the office.

THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE WILL SPONSOR A BOOKBAG GIVEAWAY Saturday, January 11, 2020 from 11:00 AM to 12:15 PM in Fellowship Hall. The first 50 students to arrive will receive a free bookbag with supplies.

YOU MAY PICK UP YOUR 2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES IN THE ARCADE.

THE FLOWER CHART FOR 2020 has been posted in the arcade. Prices are listed on the chart. Sign up to reserve your date. Thank you to everyone for your participation in 2019.

DON'T FORGET TO CHECK THE CARD RACK in the Arcade for Christmas cards from others in your Church Family.

THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE wishes to thank all who gave to Lifewater Canada this year. Take time to read the cards from your church family!

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.

MONTHLY COLLECTION FOR ACTC: Canned Tomatoes, Canned Fruit
Please place your items in the box labeled "Missions Collections" outside Fellowship Hall.

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR JANUARY 5, EPIPHANY SUNDAY

Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17

Church Calendar for the Week of January 5

Today	9:00 AM	Sunday School	
	10:00 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
	11:15 AM	Fellowship Time	Fellowship Hall
	12:30 PM	St. Paul's Ghana Methodist Church	Sanctuary

Monday – Friday

7:00 – 9:00 AM	IMPROVE Before-School Care	Room 208, Hall
3:00 – 6:45 PM	IMPROVE After-School Care	Rooms 119, 208, 214, Hall

Upcoming Events

Monday	9:15 AM	Aerobics	Auditorium	Jan. 12		Spire Deadline	
	10:00 AM	Phyllis Downes Circle	Fellowship Hall/Parlor				
	7:00 PM	Women in Christ Circle	Room 202	Jan. 15	7:00 PM	Church Council	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	11:00 AM	Food Pantry	Fellowship Hall	Jan. 16	10:30 AM	Pastor's Bible Study	Room 128
	6:15 PM	Aerobics	Auditorium				
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Trustees Meeting	Parlor				
Thursday	9:15 AM	Aerobics	Auditorium				
	6:15 PM	Aerobics	Auditorium				
	7:00 PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal	Bell Room				
	8:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room				
Friday	10:30 AM	Al-Anon	Fellowship Hall				
	7:00 PM	St. Paul's Prayer Meeting	Room 210				
Saturday	10:00 AM	St. Paul's Choir Rehearsal	Room 210				
	11:00 AM	Bookbag Giveaway	Fellowship Hall				
	12:00 PM	St. Paul's Prayer Meeting	Room 210				