

March 5, 2017

First Sunday in Lent

10:00 a.m.

Gathering Thought: During these 40 days, let me put away all my pride. Let me change my heart and give up all that is not good within me. Let me love God with all that I am and all that I have.

ENTRANCE

**Gathering
Welcome and Announcements**

Prelude *Take My Life, and Let It Be* - traditional, arr. Keveren

Lighting of the Altar Candles

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Blessed are those whose transgression is forgiven.
People: **Blessed are those in whose spirit there is no deceit.**
Leader: Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous;
People: **Shout for joy, all you upright in heart!**

***Hymn of Praise** *Holy, Holy, Holy* UMH 64

Opening Prayer (*seated and in unison*)
Gracious God, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world; Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination
First Lesson *Psalm 32:1-5* Pew Bible p. 440

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns and Pastoral Prayer
Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings**

Offertory *Call to Remembrance* - J. Martin

***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!**

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**
**Forgiving God, we are grateful that you nurture us with your Word.
By your Spirit, help our congregation draw closer to you,
even as we reach out to share your good news with our neighbors.
We dedicate our tithes and offerings
in the name of your faithful Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

***Hymn of Preparation** *In Christ Alone* W&S 3105
Second Lesson *Matthew 26:17-19* Pew Bible p. 808

Sermon *Served by the Best* Rev. Cliff Webner

The Sacrament of Holy Communion UMH 17
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

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** *Amazing Grace (My Chains are gone)* W&S 3104
***Carrying the Light of Christ into the World**

***Dismissal with Blessing**
***Postlude** *Air from Water Music* - G.F. Handel

***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: Ruth Kriel
Acolyte: Usher
Liturgist: Theresa Alaeze
Ushers: Adrian Palazzi, Al Mignott, Amanda Brown, Jenny Dorsey

Children's Activity Sheets are available in the Narthex.

Large print bulletins are available. See an usher.

Altar Flowers

The bowl is given by the Phil and Londa Lee
in celebration of Briana Lee's thirtieth birthday and
in memory of Phil's mother, Mrs. Wong Sleen Lee.

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 Mrs. Albertha Sinkler

Presence: 98

February 26, 2017

Gifts: \$5,812

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

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*You are a
hiding place for me,
you preserve me from trouble ...*

Psalm 32:7, NRSV



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Sharing, Caring, and Studying Opportunities

Confirmation classes continue at 9:00 AM. We will be meeting in **room #126**, for twelve weeks. The class is for students in the sixth through twelfth grade.

Pastor's Spring Bible Study will be a four-week study about what it means to follow in Jesus' footsteps. It will be on consecutive Mondays beginning March 6th @ 7:00 PM and ending on March 27.

The **March/April Upper Rooms** are available in the narthex and sanctuary hallway. The cost is \$1.00.

This year's **Lenten Sermon Series** is called "**Lessons from the Cross.**" It begins on March 12 and runs through March 26.

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

Bulletins – Submissions for items to be included in the bulletin would be greatly appreciated by Tuesday. They can be e-mailed to Office@LRUMC.org or dropped off in the Office mailbox in the downstairs hallway.

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 March missions season, donations are needed for ACTC of spaghetti sauce. 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.

Church Calendar for the Week

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| Sunday | 9:00 a.m. | Sunday School for all ages | |
| | 9:00 a.m. | Confirmation Class | Room 126 |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Worship | Sanctuary |
| | after worship | Fellowship Time | Fellowship Hall |
| | 12:30 a.m. | St. Paul's Ghana Methodist Church | Sanctuary |

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| Monday – Friday | | | |
| | 6:30 AM – 6:00 p.m. | The Learning Garden Preschool | Rooms 122, 116 |
| | 6:30 AM – 6:30 p.m. | IMPROVE Before- & After-School Care | Rooms 208, 214 |

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| Monday | 9:15 a.m. | Aerobics | Auditorium |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Pastor's Lenten Bible Study | Parlor |
| | 7:30 p.m. | Women in Christ Circle | Room 202 |

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| Tuesday | 10:00 a.m. | Phyllis Downes Circle | Parlor/Hall |
| | 6:15 p.m. | Aerobics | Auditorium |

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| Wednesday | 7:00 p.m. | Trustees Meeting | Parlor |
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| Thursday | 9:15 a.m. | Aerobics | Auditorium |
| | 6:15 p.m. | Aerobics | Auditorium |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Handbell Rehearsal | Bell Room |
| | 8:00 p.m. | Choir Rehearsal | Choir Room |

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| Friday | 10:30 a.m. | Al-Anon | Room 128 |
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| Saturday | 10:00 a.m. | St. Paul's Choir Rehearsal | Room 210 |
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Upcoming Events

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| March 12 | | April Spire deadline | |
| | After worship | Blood Pressure Screening | Parlor |
| | | Worship Team | Choir Room |
| | | Egg making | Kitchen |



New Prayer Requests

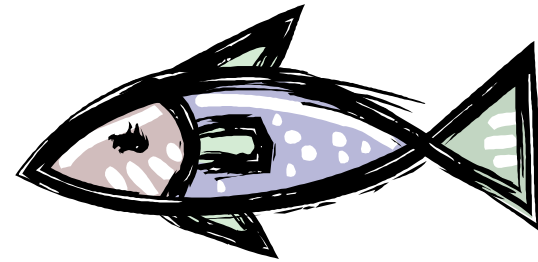
June Jordan (*by Debi Wynn 2/27*)
 Vesta Williams (*by Owen Williams 2/26*)
 Caregivers who are struggling with their own health problems. (*2/26*)

Recent Prayer Requests

Brian Myers (*by Marcia & Gary Smith 2/19*)
 Katie and Joe Kirby (*by Marcia Smith 2/19*)
 Carol McCorkle (*by Anne McCorkle Garrett 2/19*)
 Brian Miller (*by Cecelia Miller 2/19*)
 The Maynard-Smith family (*by Maria Stockton-Porter 2/19*)
 Alfonso Cox (*by Dana Cox 2/12*)
 Jersey Ann (*by Amanda Brown 2/5*)
 Iris (*by Dan & Jen Dorsey 2/5*)
 Carol Bair (*by Linda Cole 2/5*)

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

Loch Raven United Methodist Church
invites you to our
Annual Lenten Event



**Chicken & Fish Fry
with potato salad,
green beans, & cornbread**

Friday, March 24, 2017
6:00 p.m.

Adults \$12

Children \$10

Tickets available Sunday mornings
in Fellowship Hall following Worship
and

weekdays in the Church Office 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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Chocolate Covered Easter Eggs

Individually Wrapped Easter Eggs
\$12.00 per dozen

**Vanilla Cream, Chocolate Cream,
Coconut Cream, Peanut Butter**

Deadline for ordering: Sunday, March 26, 2017

Pick-up Order: Sunday, April 2, 9 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Payment due when placing the order
checks payable to: Loch Raven United Methodist Women

Submit order(s) with payment via the offering plate,
Church Office or give to Nancy Gillotti

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

____ dozen – Vanilla Cream (dark chocolate) # ____ dozen – Peanut Butter (dark chocolate)

____ dozen – Coconut Cream (dark chocolate) # ____ dozen – Peanut Butter (milk chocolate)

____ dozen – Chocolate Cream (dark chocolate) # ____ dozen – Assorted (three of each kind)

Total Amount Due: \$ _____