

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: Dolores Courtney
Acolyte: Usher
Liturgist: Melvin Miles
Ushers: Adrian Palazzi, Amanda Brown, Jen Dorsey, Al Mignott

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 to wish a happy birthday to Shannon Larrimore and many blessings to come, from Dad and Cecelia Miller.

The vases are given in celebration of Peggy Kelly's birthday by Karen, Greg, Stephanie and Kevin.

The bud vase is given in memory of my son Brian Johnston by Margaret Tracey.

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. Norma Jones, celebrating her 92nd birthday on March 14. (Send cards c/o Ms. Patricia Jones, 8216 Bon Air Road, Baltimore, MD 21234.)

PRESENCE: March 4, 2018: 90

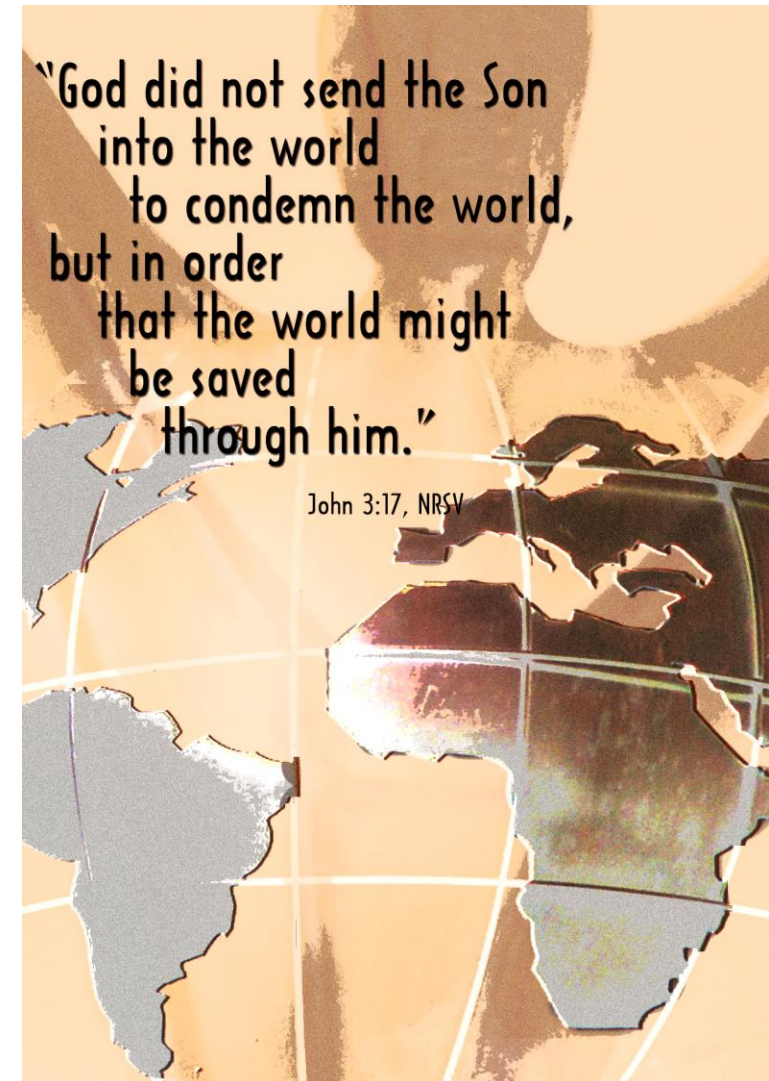
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LRUMC MISSION STATEMENT

"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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ORGANIST: Patricia Gould
CHILD CARE PROVIDER: Amy Price

**Fourth Sunday in Lent
UMCOR Sunday
March 11, 2018**



Loch Raven United Methodist Church

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The Order of Worship

CENTERING WORDS: When we were lost in our wrongdoing and as good as dead, God sent the Human One into the world to bring us eternal life. God's will is not to condemn, but to save.

ENTRANCE

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Amazing Grace* Smith
Sam Chin, saxophone

Lighting of the Altar Candles

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

People: **God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: Let those redeemed by the Lord say:

People: **God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: When we cried out to God in our distress,

People: **God saved us in our hour of need.**

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

People: **God's steadfast love endures forever.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE *God Hath Spoken by the Prophets* UMH 108

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Ecumenical Version* UMH 882

OPENING PRAYER *(seated and in unison)*

God of light and love, shine upon your people this day. Meet us in our brokenness, and heal our errant ways. Take from us our spirit of disobedience, and save us with your grace. Lead us into your truth, that we may live as children of light, and act as children of the Most High. Amen.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Jan Hoener

SPECIAL MUSIC *Tell Am Tenkey* See insert
Jonathan Wilson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON *Numbers 21:4-9* Pew Bible p. 122

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.

PRAYER RESPONSE *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* TFWS 2193

PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Be Still, My Soul* 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

God of light and love, shine through our offerings this day. May they bring light to the darkness and help lead others from death into life. Transform these gifts into your glory, that they may reflect the joy of your saving grace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SECOND LESSON *John 3:14-21* Pew Bible p. 864

*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Majesty* UMH 176

SERMON Rev. George Winkfield

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT *Grace Alone* TFWS 2162

*CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*POSTLUDE *Toccata in G Minor* Pasquet

*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

Dan Dorsey

Family of Betty Ford

Maxine Smith (*Edward Smith's sister-in-law*)

Recent Prayer Requests

Denise Malloy (*by Judy Zahren – 2/25*)

Shirley Messman (*2/25*)

David Ratcliff (*Maria Stockton-Porter's stepfather – 2/25*)

Carmen Spencer (*Beverley Mignott's mother – 2/25*)

Family of Suzanne DiMartino (*Cheryl Wagner-Koogler's friend – 2/18*)

Dave Jackson (*2/18*)

Family of Vesta Williams (*2/18*)

Mary Arrington and Family (*by Maria Stockton-Porter – 2/11*)

Family of Jeff Braun (*Jane Ferguson's great nephew – 2/11*)

Family of Patrick DiMartino (*Cheryl Wagner-Koogler's friend – 2/11*)

Family of Crystal Fuhman (*by Jennifer Weaver – 2/11*)

Janie Lindsey-Johnson (*by Maria Stockton-Porter – 2/11*)

Rita Rosenberger (*Jennifer Weaver's aunt – 2/11*)

Linda Silverman (*mother of Marcia Thomas-Smith's friend – 2/11*)

Family of Joyce Weyland (*by Merrill Harrison – 2/11*)

TELL AM TENKEY

Tell am tenkey, tell am
Tell Papa God tenkey
Tell am tenkey tell am
Tell Papa God tenkey

Wet-ii do for me,
Argo tell am tenkey
Wet-ii do for me,
Argo tell am tenkey

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

Sharing, Caring, and Studying Opportunities

TODAY IS THE APRIL SPIRE DEADLINE 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 if you would like to receive the newsletter by email, please notify Myra Wagner at office@lrunc.org.

PASTOR GEORGE'S BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES THIS WEEK, Tuesdays at 7 PM and Thursdays at 10:30 AM.

MANY OF THE EVENTS FROM PALM SUNDAY TO EASTER SUNDAY ARE FAMILIAR TO YOU. But you may find it helpful to study them in order, gaining a bit of perspective from each of the four Gospel writers. To help you attain a more well-rounded perspective of what God was doing in that week that changed our world, the **Becomers Adult Class** is studying *Jesus' Final Week*. Please join us at **9:00 AM in Room 202**.

MARCH/APRIL 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.

MARCH COLLECTION FOR ACTC: SPAGHETTI SAUCE (Please place your items in the box labeled “Missions Collections” outside Fellowship Hall.)

LECTIONARY READINGS for Sunday, March 18, 2018:

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-12; Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33

INSERTS TODAY:

- 1) **TODAY IS A UNITED METHODIST SPECIAL SUNDAY. UMCOR SUNDAY** is a way for our congregation to join a denominational-wide effort to lay the foundation for the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) to share God's Love with communities everywhere. See enclosure. Thank you.
- 2) **WE ARE PREPARING FOR OUR PICTORIAL DIRECTORY!** Free 8x10 photo and church directory for everyone who signs up. FREE!!! You only pay if you decide to purchase pictures. Sign up online (link is on our website) or in Fellowship Hall following the service. Pictures will be taken March 26 – 28.
- 3) **TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO ORDER EASTER EGGS FROM THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN.** See insert for ordering information.
- 4) **LRUMC ANNUAL FISH FRY will be Friday, March 23.** See the insert for more information.

Church Calendar for the Week of March 11

Today

9:00 AM
10:00 AM
Following Worship
Following Worship
Following Worship
12:30 PM

Spire Deadline
Easter Egg Order Deadline
Sunday School for all ages
Sunday Worship
Fellowship Time
Blood Pressure Screening
Rays of Light Rehearsal
 St. Paul's Ghana Methodist Church

Sanctuary
Fellowship Hall
Education Office
Sanctuary
 Sanctuary

Monday – Friday

IMPROVE Before & After Care

Rooms 208, 214

Monday **9:15 AM**
6:30 PM
7:00 PM
7:00 PM

Aerobics
 IMPROVE Step-Dance Class
Missions Meeting
SPRC Meeting

Auditorium
 Auditorium
Parlor
Room 202

Tuesday **6:15 PM**
7:00 PM

Aerobics
Pastor's Bible Study

Auditorium
Room 128

Thursday **9:15 AM**
10:30 AM
6:15 PM
7:00 PM
8:00 PM

Aerobics
Pastor's Bible Study
 Aerobics
Handbell Rehearsal
Choir Rehearsal

Auditorium
Room 128
 Auditorium
Sanctuary
Choir Room

Friday

10:30 AM
6:30 PM

Easter Egg Candy Making
 Al-Anon
 IMPROVE Step-Dance Class

Kitchen/Hall
 Room 128
 Auditorium

Saturday

10:00 AM

Easter Egg Candy Making
 St. Paul's Choir Rehearsal

Kitchen/Hall
 Room 210

Upcoming Events

March 18

11:15 AM

Easter Egg Pick-up
Finance Committee Meeting

Fellowship Hall
Parlor

March 21

9:00 AM

Spire Assembly

March 23

2-8 PM

Fish/Chicken Fry

Fellowship Hall