

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: Helen Blakey
Ushers: Adrian Palazzi, Beverley Mignott, Amanda Brown

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 thankfulness to Jesus
for his great love and sacrifice for us.

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. Ruth Weygand, 615 Chestnut Avenue, Room 482, Baltimore, MD 21204.

PRESENCE: March 24, 2019: 105

Offering: \$4126.25

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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ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY: Myra Wagner office@lrumc.org

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Samuel Chin

ORGANIST: Patricia Gould

CHILD CARE PROVIDER: Amy Price

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 31, 2019

10:00 AM

...this brother of yours was

DEAD

and has come to

LIFE;

he was

LOST

and has been

FOUND

Luke 15:32, NRSV

Loch Raven United Methodist Church

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The Order of Worship

CENTERING WORDS: You are welcome here. No matter where you have been, no matter what you have done, you are welcomed in love and grace. May you find rest and renewal; may you find hope and peace. This is what God offers to us all.

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)* arr. McDonald/Shackley

Duet – Judy Zahren, piano and Patti Gould, organ

Lighting of the Altar Candles

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: To those who eagerly came to worship God,

People: **you are welcome here.**

Leader: To those who grumbled about coming,

People: **you are welcome here.**

Leader: To those who are not sure why they are here,

People: **you are welcome here.**

Leader: In the name of the One who loves and forgives us,

People: **you are welcome in this place.**

All: **Thanks be to God!**

*HOLY WAVE

***HYMN OF PRAISE** *Lord God, Your Love Has Called Us Here* UMH 579

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *A Modern Affirmation* UMH 885

OPENING PRAYER *(seated and in unison)*

Almighty, creating God, you have called us to this place. You breathe life into us each day. You welcome us just as we are, with all of our hopes and fears, all of our faults and talents. As we worship, may we rest in your Spirit, and may we remember that you alone renew our lives. Help us shake off all that weighs down, that we may be free to hold fast to you, the One who fills our lives with unmerited grace and abounding love. In the name of Christ, your Son, we pray. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON *Joshua 5:9-12* Pew Bible, p. 171

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 *All Good Things* Becton
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 One, you provide for us in all ways and at all times. We offer these gifts to you, asking for your blessing upon them, that they bring comfort and healing to your children around the globe. We offer our lives to you, asking for your blessing upon us, that we might be faithful to you, and to one another. In your precious and holy name, we pray. Amen.

SECOND LESSON *Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32* Pew Bible p. 850-851

HYMN OF PREPARATION *My Life Flows On* TFWS 2212

SERMON Rev. George Winkfield

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT** *My Life Is in You, Lord* TFWS 2032

*CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE *There's Not a Friend* Prentiss

*GOING FORTH

**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 March 24

Laura and Family (*Patti Ferguson's co-worker*)

Melvin Braun (*Jane Ferguson's nephew*)

Gary Horn

Randy Martin (*Jo Thomas' brother*)

Family of Delsey Rose (*req. by Audrey Moltz*)

Recent Prayer Requests

Sydney Brewer (*Cecelia Miller's granddaughter – 3/17*)

Debbie Hedges (*Linda Cole's sister – 3/17*)

Ernestine Miles (*Melvin Miles mother – 3/17*)

Miss Rose (*req. by Reynold Small – 3/10*)

Theresa Alaeze (*3/10*)

Phil Brach (*brother of Marcia Smith's friend – 3/10*)

John Christopher (*3/10*)

Gordon Williams (*Joycelyn's husband – 3/10*)

Erik Brewer (*Cecelia Miller's son – 3/3*)

Family of Dave Jackson (*3/3*)

Mr. Mason (*req. by Jean Oberia – 3/3*)

Barbara Sheffert (*req. by Marcia Smith – 3/3*)

Family of Don Webb (*former member – 3/3*)

Kathy Rawlings (*req. by Peggy Kelly – 9/16*)

Mike Ransom (*req. by Gary & Marcia Smith – 9/9*)

Prayer requests will be listed for one month unless requested otherwise.

Sharing, Caring, and Studying Opportunities

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.

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY RESUMES THIS WEEK:

Tuesday, 7:30 PM and Thursday, 10 AM.

INSERTS TODAY:

- 1) **THE BALTIMORE REGION'S LEADERSHIP DAY** will be held **Saturday, April 6 at Towson UMC**. See the insert for registration information.
- 2) **LAST DAY TO ORDER CANDY EASTER EGGS MADE BY LRUMC MEMBERS**. See the insert for flavor choices and ordering info. (If you would like to assist with the candy-making, please see Nancy Gillotti or sign up downstairs.) **Eggs will be ready for pick up next Sunday during Fellowship Time.**
- 3) **ORDER FLOWERS IN MEMORY OR IN HONOR OF A LOVED ONE TO BEAUTIFY THE SANCTUARY EASTER DAY**. See the insert for more information.
- 4) **CHICKEN AND FISH FRY WILL BE FRIDAY, APRIL 12**. Please sign-up using the enclosed insert.
- 5) **COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT – SATURDAY, APRIL 20 AT 10:30 AM, RAIN OR SHINE.**

ADVANCE NOTICE: Loch Raven UMC Talent Showcase – June 8 at 7 PM

Start thinking about a talent you would like to share with others! Auditions will be held May 11, beginning at 10 AM (to assist with screening acts and planning the flow of the program). Contact Judy Zahren at jzahren@comcast.net or 410-933-0936 to sign up.

COLLECTIONS:

- 1) **MONTHLY COLLECTION FOR ACTC: Boxed potato mix** Please place your items in the box labeled "Missions Collections" outside Fellowship Hall.
- 2) **GRACE PRICE IS COLLECTING THE FOLLOWING FOR HER GIRL SCOUT TROOP TO FILL BACKPACKS FOR GIRLS AGED 9-10 IN FOSTER CARE:** Stuffed animals, toys, coloring books, crayons, hygiene products, and books. **Items may be placed in the box outside Fellowship Hall.**
- 3) **ABBOTTSTON ELEMENTERY IS IN NEED OF KLEENEX TISSUES AND CLOROX WIPES.**
- 4) **PLASTIC EASTER EGGS AND/OR CANDY (PREFERABLY NOT CHOCOLATE SO IT DOES NOT MELT) ARE NEEDED FOR THE EASTER EGG HUNT APRIL 20.** Please place donated eggs and candy in the box in Fellowship Hall.

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR APRIL 7, 2019:

Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8

Church Calendar for the Week of March 31

*Join us for the following worship
and fellowship opportunities during Lent:*

Today	UMCOR Sunday Deadline for Candy Easter Egg Orders					
	9:00 AM 10:00 AM Following Worship 12:30 PM	Sunday School Worship Service Fellowship Time St. Paul's Ghana Methodist Church	Sanctuary Fellowship Hall Sanctuary	Friday, April 12	Fish and Chicken Fry 2 – 6 PM Adults: \$12; Children \$10 Tickets available from Church Office	Fellowship Hall
Monday – Friday	6:30 – 9:00 AM 3:00 – 6:30 PM	IMPROVE Before-School Care IMPROVE After-School Care	Room 208, Hall Room 208, 214	Sunday, April 14	Palm Sunday Worship Service 10:00 AM	Sanctuary
Monday	9:15 AM 6:30 PM 7:30 PM	Aerobics IMPROVE Dance Class Women in Christ Circle	Auditorium Auditorium Room 202	Thursday, April 18	Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 PM	Fellowship Hall/ Sanctuary
Tuesday	10:00 AM 11:00 AM 6:15 PM 7:00 PM	Phyllis Downes Circle Food Pantry Aerobics Pastor's Bible Study	Room 202 Fellowship Hall Auditorium Room 128	Friday, April 19	Good Friday Service/Cantata 7:00 PM	Sanctuary
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting	Parlor	Saturday, April 20	Community Easter Egg Hunt 10:30 AM – Rain or Shine	Church Lawn
Thursday	9:15 AM 10:30 AM 6:00 PM 6:15 PM 7:00 PM 8:00 PM	Aerobics Pastor's Bible Study Sign Language Class Aerobics Bell Choir Rehearsal Choir Rehearsal	Auditorium Room 128 Parlor Auditorium Bell Room Choir Room	Sunday, April 21	Easter Sunrise Service 6:30 AM Followed by Breakfast in Fellowship Hall	Front Steps
Friday		Candy Easter Egg Making 10:30 AM 6:30 PM	Hall/Kitchen Room 128 Room 214		Sunday School 9:00 AM (all ages)	Classrooms
Saturday		Candy Easter Egg Making 10:00 AM 12:00 PM	Hall/Kitchen Room 210 Room 210		Easter Worship Service 10:00 AM	Sanctuary