

Welcome! Warm greetings and love in Christ are extended to all members and guests ...
Thank you for signing the pew registration book. (*Addresses and phone numbers help us to personally thank you for your visit.*) Please call the Church Office 410-825-0900, if you have any questions or if we can be of assistance to you.

WE APPRECIATE THE SERVICES TODAY OF:

Greeters: Merrill Harrison (Downstairs); Ushers (Upstairs)

Acolyte: Usher

Liturgist: Patti Ferguson

Ushers: Richard Neumann, Stan Kriel, Beverley Mignott

Infants & Young Children are cared for during Worship in Room 209.

Children's Activity Sheets are available in the Narthex.

Large Print Bulletins Available – See an usher.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar bowl is given by the Wilson family in celebration of Rhoda's birthday.

*The vases are given by Phil Scott
in loving memory of the birthday of his mother, Linda Scott.*

*The pedestal bowl is given by the Wilson family, with much love,
in celebration of Adelaide's birthday*

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: Ms. Doris Therit, 7812 Aiken Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21234.

PRESENCE: September 25, 2016: 93 Offering: \$5697.10

LRUMC VISION 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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Gathering Thought: “Can we follow the Savior far, who have no wound or scar?”

– Amy Carmichael

ENTRANCE

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

“Welcome”

Miller

Chancel Choir

Lighting of the Altar Candles

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Almighty God, you have gathered us around Christ’s table from the ends of the earth.

People: We come to feast together.

Leader: Have mercy on your church, troubled and divided.

People: Renew us and make us one.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

UMH 64

OPENING PRAYER (Seated in unison)

O God, we join with our sisters and brothers around the world in remembering Christ’s sacrifice for us. For the opportunity to eat and drink together and for the life we have received, we give you thanks and praise. In the abundance of your many gifts, grant us grace to fill one another’s lives with love. Redeem, restore, and remold us until we are made new. Transform our daily bread into the bread of life, and the cup that we drink into the cup of salvation. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Hebrews 6:1-3

Pew Bible p. 973

SPECIAL MUSIC

“The Lord is My Shepherd”

Un Young La

Sam Chin, soloist

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“Good Good Father”

Barrett & Brown

Praise Band

Praise God, from whom all blessings 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**

Gracious God, we praise you! You have entrusted to us a priceless treasure, the good news of Christ who conquered death. In him, we have the promise of new and everlasting life. Empower us by your Spirit to spend our days working for your purposes. As our church shares the gospel with friends and neighbors, may we all draw closer to you. We dedicate our lives and these offerings in Jesus’ name. Amen.

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

“Jesus Loves Me”

UMH 191

SECOND LESSON

Philippians 3:12-14

Pew Bible p. 955

SERMON

“The Forward-Thinking Follower”

Rev. Cliff Webner

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

UMH p.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**

“One Bread, One Body”

UMH 620

***CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD**

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

“Serenity”

arr. Smith

***GOING FORTH**

*Please Rise in Posture or Spirit



**LRUMC
NOTICES - 10/2/16**

DISCIPLESHIP ---It's not an easy subject in today's world when so many things are competing for our time. **THE "FOLLOW" SERIES CONCLUDES TODAY.**

NEXT WEEK – SPIRE DEADLINE The deadline for the November Spire is **Sunday, October 9.** 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 instead of snail mail, please notify the church office.

THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN would like to invite everyone to our covered dish luncheon and program next Sunday, October 9, following the worship service. Bring a dish to share.

A REMINDER TO UMW MEMBERS: If you have not paid your 2016 Pledge, please bring your check to the luncheon-meeting.

Pastor Cliff will be teaching a four-week Bible study called "Follow" on Mondays at 7:00 PM in the Parlor beginning October 10. No sign up is necessary.

ON OCTOBER 16, LRUMC WILL BE CELEBRATING EVERYONE'S BIRTHDAY, following the worship service in Fellowship Hall. We will have a "Guess the Baby" contest. Please submit your baby photo to Cheryl Wagner or Jen Weaver next Sunday, October 9. (Please write your name on the back of the photo.)

If you are **INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER** of LRUMC, we will be having a **MEMBERSHIP CLASS** on **OCTOBER 30 FOLLOWING WORSHIP** in the downstairs Parlor.

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

TODAY IS A UNITED METHODIST SPECIAL SUNDAY. WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY is a way for our congregation to join a denominational-wide effort to fund racial-ethnic World Communion Scholarships, with at least one-half of the annual amount reserved for ministries beyond the United States. See enclosure. Thank you.

BOARD OF CHILDCARE THANKSGIVING BASKETS: We have been asked to donate **cans of green beans and cranberry sauce (15 oz.) and sweet potatoes (29 or 40 oz.)** this year. The collection box will be outside Fellowship Hall from October 2 through October 30. Thank you for your support.

OCTOBER COLLECTION FOR ACTC: 18 – 20 oz. jars of Jelly; Macaroni and Cheese (Please place your items in the box labeled "Missions Collections" on the table outside of Fellowship Hall.)

LRUMC WILL BE HOSTING A "PAJAMARAMA" FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22 – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22 AS A FUNDRAISER FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL. (Please see the insert for more information. Permission slips and pledge forms are in the Narthex.) Volunteers are needed. Also, donations of snacks (cookies, chips, fruit, muffins, popcorn, soda and juice) have been requested. Please see Maria Stockton-Porter if you are able to volunteer your time or donate snacks.

*Please join us downstairs following the service
for a reception celebrating World Communion Sunday.*

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Today		World Communion Sunday	
	11:15 AM	World Communion Reception	Fellowship Hall
	12:30 PM	St. Paul's Ghana Methodist Church	Sanctuary
Tuesday – Friday			
	6:30 AM – 6:00 PM	The Learning Garden Preschool	Rooms 122, 116
	6:30 AM – 6:30 PM	IMPROVE Before- & After-School Care	Rooms 208, 214
Monday	9:15 AM	Aerobics	Auditorium
	7:30 PM	Women In Christ Circle	Room 202
Tuesday	10:00 AM	Phyllis Downes Circle	Fellowship Hall/Parlor
	6:15 PM	Aerobics	Auditorium
Wednesday	8:30 AM – 5:30 PM	LifeLine Screening	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	Trustees Meeting	Parlor
Thursday	9:15 AM	Aerobics	Auditorium
	6:15 PM	Aerobics	Auditorium
	7:00 PM	Handbell Rehearsal	Bell Room
	8:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
Friday	10:30 AM	Al-Anon	Room 128
Saturday	10:00 AM	St. Paul's Choir Rehearsal	Room 210

Prayer Requests from September 25

Sonya Hughes (*Beverley Mignott's niece*)

Suzanne DiMartino (*Cheryl Wagner-Koogler's friend*)

Scott Lilly (*sister of Marcia Smith's friend*)

Recent Prayer Requests

Bob Lacy (*9/18*)

Jim Wagner (*9/4*)

Darice Claude (*Jenn Byrd's mother – 9/4*)

Puber Lee Cox, Jr. (*Alfonso Cox's brother – 9/18*)

Tara Gray (*Alfonso Cox's daughter – 9/18*)

Family of Virginia Wilson (*Dave Jackson's sister-in-law – 9/11*)

Carl and Phil (*9/11*)

Family of Vickie Dunsen (*Wynn Family's friend – 9/4*)

ITT Students (*req. by Joyce Dixon – 9/11*)

Mary Jo Lindemann (*Cecelia Miller's friend – 9/4*)

Carol Munroe (*Cecelia Miller's friend – 9/4*)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 9		Spire Deadline	
	11:15 AM	Blood Pressure Screening	Education Office
	11:30 AM	UMW General Meeting and Covered Dish Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
Oct. 10	7:00 PM	Pastor's Bible Study "Follow"	Parlor
Oct. 12	7:00 PM	Nominations Meeting	Parlor