

**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:** Jen Dorsey (Downstairs); Ushers (Upstairs)  
**Acolyte:** Usher  
**Liturgist:** Judy Feustle  
**Ushers:** John Christopher, Myra Wagner, Joycelynn Williams

**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 Jim and Nancy Harvill  
in celebration of their 57<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.*

*The vases are given by Marcia Smith in memory and celebration of her Dad,  
Theodore Thomas, who would have celebrated his 85th birthday today.*

**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, c/o Patricia Jones, 8216 Bon Air Road, Baltimore, MD 21234.

**PRESENCE:** September 4, 2016: 74    Offering: \$9539.12

**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:** We have to learn to follow before we can actually lead.

**ENTRANCE**

**GATHERING**

Welcome and Announcements

**Prelude** *“Andante Cantabile”* Tchaikovsky

**Lighting of the Altar Candles**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: I will remember your deeds, O God. I will remember your wonders of old.

**People: I will meditate on your work and muse on your deeds.**

Leader: Your way is holy; there is no god so great.

**People: Let us worship God.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** *“Christ for the World We Sing”* UMH 568

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** UMH 885

**\*THE GLORIA PATRI** UMH 70

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

**OPENING PRAYER** (Seated in unison)

**Great and wonderful are your works, O God. You display your dominion  
unto the ends of the earth; your glory shines beyond the reaches of the heavens.  
Hear our praises as we gather for worship. Receive our confession when we fall  
short of your glory through your mercy and grace. We discern your goodness as we  
open your Word. Your way is holy, great God of all. Amen.**

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

**VBS PRESENTATION**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE** Patti Ferguson

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST LESSON** James 1:2-8 Pew Bible p. 980

**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** *“Here I Am, Lord”* Schutte  
*Chancel Choir*

**\*DOXOLOGY** UMH 94

**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, you desire our steadfast love and commitment. We offer  
ourselves, and what we have. Accept our gifts as signs of commitment to love you  
more fully. Receive our response to your love as a symbol of our dedication to serve.  
Amen.**

**\*HYMN OF PREPARATION** *“Blest Are They”* TFWS 2155

**SECOND LESSON** Luke 13:22-24 Pew Bible p. 848-849

**SERMON** *“The Choice of Discipleship”* Rev. Cliff Webner

**SENDING FORTH**

**\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT** *“Where He Leads Me”* UMH 338

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

**\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

**\*POSTLUDE** *“Toccata in E Minor”* Palchelbel

**\*GOING FORTH**

Please Rise in Posture or Spirit



**LRUMC  
NOTICES - 9/11/16**

**CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK**

**DISCIPLESHIP** ---It's not an easy subject in today's world when so many things are competing for our time. We will talk about it in worship. **THE "FOLLOW" SERIES BEGINS TODAY AND RUNS FOR FOUR SUNDAYS.**

**TODAY IS THE DEADLINE FOR THE OCTOBER SPIRE.** 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.

**LOCH RAVEN UMC'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES HAVE BEGUN!**

Children ages 3 thru Kindergarten meet in Room 115 with their teacher, Carole Webner.

Children in grades 1 and up meet in Room 119 with their teacher, Merrill Harrison. They will be studying people of the Old Testament this year.

We offer 3 adult classes:

- 1) Becomers – Owen Williams, leader; Room 202; currently studying "Heaven"
- 2) Daughters of the King – Joyce Dixon, leader; Parlor; meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month; currently studying "A New Life" (Romans)
- 3) Going His Way – Jonathan Wilson, leader; Room 128; currently studying "Life with a Capital L – Embracing Your God-given Humanity"

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.

**ADELAIDE WILSON is appealing to members for support of her high school, THE FREETOWN SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR GIRLS (FSSG).** Adelaide is the interim president of her alumni chapter, Visit their link [www.fssgianalumnidmv.org](http://www.fssgianalumnidmv.org). Checks may be mailed to FSSGian Alumni Association, P.O. 1643, Rockville, MD 20849

**SEPTEMBER COLLECTION FOR ACTC: Powdered Milk** (Please place your items in the box labeled "Missions Collections" on the table outside of Fellowship Hall.)

**SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER UPPER ROOMS** are available in two places in the Church – in the Narthex on the History Cabinets and by the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor entrance to the Sanctuary. These bi-monthly daily devotional booklets may be obtained for a \$1 donation.

*Please join us downstairs following the service  
for a time of fellowship and refreshments.*

Today	12:30 PM	<b>October Spire Deadline</b> St. Paul's Ghana Methodist Church	Sanctuary
Monday – 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
	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Women in Christ Circle</b>	<b>Yvonne's Home</b>
Tuesday	6:15 PM	Aerobics	Auditorium
Thursday	9:15 AM	Aerobics	Auditorium
	6:15 PM	Aerobics	Auditorium
	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Handbell Rehearsal</b>	<b>Bell Room</b>
	<b>8:00 PM</b>	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b>	<b>Choir Room</b>
Friday	10:30 AM	Al-Anon	Room 128
Saturday	10:00 AM	St. Paul's Choir Rehearsal	Room 210

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Sept. 18	<b>11:15 AM</b> <b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>Blood Pressure Screening</b> <b>Finance Meeting</b>	<b>Education Office</b> <b>Parlor</b>
Sept. 22	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Spire Assembly</b>	<b>Fellowship Hall</b>

### **Prayer Requests from September 4**

Jim Wagner

Darice Claude (*Jenn Byrd's mother*)

Family of Vickie Dunsen (*Wynn Family's friend*)

Mary Jo Lindemann (*Cecelia Miller's friend*)

Carol Munroe (*Cecelia Miller's friend*)

### **Recent Prayer Requests**

Jeannette Chilcoat (*8/14*)

Karen (*Steve Webster's sister – 8/28*)

Ardith Luttrell (*8/14*)

Buddy Schwartz (*8/14*)

Chris Dennsteadt (*Dolores Courtney's nephew – 8/21*)

Denise Hedges (*Linda Cole's sister – 8/21*)

Deborah Henschen (*Linda Cole's sister – 8/21*)

Margaret Tarbert (*Dave Jackson's sister – 8/28*)

Jen Burch and Family (*Maria Stockton-Porter's co-worker – 8/28*)

Suzanne DiMartino (*Cheryl Wagner's friend – 8/21*)

Friends of Jan Hoener (*8/21*)

Matthew (*Jan Hoener's friend – 8/21*)