

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: Judy Zahren
Ushers: John Christopher, Myra Wagner, Joycelyn Williams

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 to the glory of God.

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. Doris Therit, 7812 Aiken Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21234. (Doris will be celebrating her birthday on September 11.)

PRESENCE: August 26, 2018: 87

Offering: \$4823.36

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

PASTOR OF CONGREGATIONAL CARE: Rev. Wayne Harting, 443-966-0244 cell

ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY: Myra Wagner office@lrumc.org

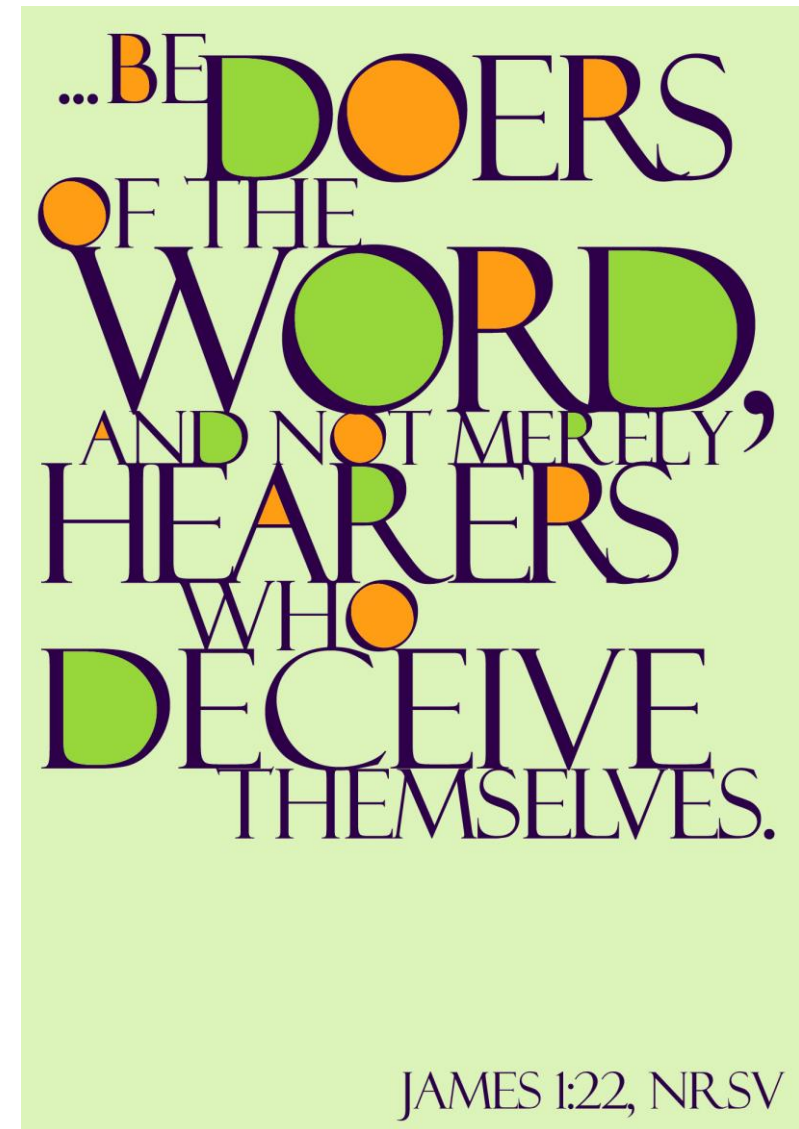
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Samuel Chin

ORGANIST: Patricia Gould

CHILD CARE PROVIDER: Amy Price

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 2, 2018



Loch Raven United Methodist Church

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The Order of Worship

CENTERING WORDS: Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit take control of our lives. May our actions show to the world that your love abides in us and through us. Amen.

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* Mason/Mozart; arr. Page
with "Ave Verum" (Jesu, Word of God)

Lighting of the Altar Candles

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Receive life as a gift from God.

People: **We will give generously to others from the gift of our lives.**

Leader: Hear the words of your faith and rise to act.

People: **We will be doers of the word, acting out of faith and love.**

Leader: Arise and come away.

People: **We rise to serve with hearts overflowing with love.**

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgiving God, there are many times when we are content to rest in your word – your words of assurance, your words of comfort, your words of abundant grace. Guide us to the places most in need of your love. Guide us to the opportunities most in need of our actions of care. Forgive us for our times of inaction. Forgive us when we quote the words of faith but fail to live them. For your mercy and grace, we thank you. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE *He Has Made Me Glad* TFWS 2270

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Traditional Version* UMH 881

OPENING PRAYER *(seated and in unison)*

Creating God, Giver of life and love, open our hearts to your loving call, that we may hear your voice and rise to follow you. We give you thanks for the gift of life, and pledge to live this gift with love and gratitude. Guide us, Holy One, to respond to those in need: the widows and the orphans, the tired and the weary, the lost and the lonely. We pray in the name of Christ, who taught us how to love. Amen

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON *Song of Solomon 2:8-13* Pew Bible, p. 544

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Days of Elijah* Mark
Praise Band

*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

Receive our offering, O God, as our commitment to give from our lives to the work of your church. We offer ourselves and these gifts as our promise to be doers of the word, and not hearers only. Amen.

SECOND LESSON *James 1:17-27* Pew Bible p. 980-981

*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Lamb of God* TFWS 2113

SERMON Rev. George Winkfield

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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 UMH 15

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

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT *This Is My Song* UMH 437

*CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*POSTLUDE *Toccata* L. Smith

*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

Prayer Requests from the Week of August 26

Mildred Anderson (*mother of Hillary Geyton's co-worker*)

Alfonso Cox

Dawn Oster (*Cheryl Wagner-Koogler's sister*)

Jo Thomas

Recent Prayer Requests

Patti Ferguson (8/19)

Family of Aretha Franklin (8/19)

Mike Ransom (*req. by Gary & Marcia Smith – 8/19*)

Family of Grace Miller (*Beverley Mignott's friend – 8/12*)

Dawn Oster (*Cheryl Wagner-Koogler's sister – 8/12*)

Kathy Rawlings (*req. by Peggy Kelly – 8/12*)

Gregory Sinkler (8/12)

Matthew (*Jan Hoener's cousin – 8/5*)

Jasmine Collins and Family (*req. by Sheila Messman – 8/5*)

Shirley Messman (8/5)

Family of Grace Miller (*Beverley Mignott's friend – 8/5*)

Family of Joann Patry (8/5)

Family of Vaughn Kent Roper (*req. by Hilary Geyton – 8/5*)

Carmen & Victor Spencer (*Beverley Mignott's parents – 8/5*)

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

Sharing, Caring, and Studying Opportunities

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS NEXT WEEK, SEPT. 9 AT 9:00 AM.

CLASSES FOR CHILDREN:

- 1) **Ages 3 - 6 – Room 115 – Caitlin Webster, leader**
– Studying “At Home with God”
- 2) **Ages 7 and up – Room 119 – Merrill Harrison, leader**
– Studying “Walk Through the Bible”

CLASSES FOR ADULTS:

- 1) **Becomers – Room 202 – Owen Williams, leader**
– Studying “The Ten Commandments”
- 2) **Going His Way (Meets at 8:45) – Room 128 – Jonathan Wilson, leader**
– Studying “Ten Men of the Bible”

NEXT WEEK – SPIRE DEADLINE: The deadline for the October Spire is Sunday, **Sept. 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, please notify Myra Wagner at office@lrumc.org.

CHANGE IN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING DATES THIS YEAR:

Church Council will be moving to the 2nd Wednesdays for meetings this coming year. New dates are September 12, November 14, January 9, March 13, and May 8.

LRUMC WILL BE CELEBRATING ITS 65TH ANNIVERSARY ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 WITH A SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICE, LUNCH AND ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM. See the insert for more information.

SEPTEMBER COLLECTION FOR ACTC: Powdered Milk

Please place your items in the box labeled “Missions Collections” outside Fellowship Hall.

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 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.

LECTIONARY READINGS for Sunday, September 9, 2018:

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Psalm 125 (or Psalm 124);

James 2:1-10 (11-13), 14-17; Mark 7:24-37



Loch Raven United Methodist Church

United Methodist Women's Annual
Flea Market (**Being held inside this year**)

Saturday, October 6, 2018

8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

6622 Loch Raven Boulevard

To reserve a space for \$20, contact

Nancy Gillotti - 410-823-5187

OR

Nancy Harvill - 410-828-8271

Church Calendar for the Week of September 2

Today	10:00 AM Following Worship 11:30 AM 12:30 PM	Worship Service Fellowship Time Sign Language Class St. Paul's Ghana Methodist Church	Sanctuary Fellowship Hall Parlor Sanctuary
Monday		Labor Day Office Closed	
Tuesday – Friday	6:30 – 9:00 AM 3:00 – 6:30 PM	IMPROVE Before-School Care IMPROVE After-School Care	Room 119, 208 Room 119, 208, 214
Tuesday	10:00 AM 6:15 PM	Phyllis Downes Circle Aerobics	Hall/Parlor Auditorium
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Trustees Meeting	Parlor
Thursday	6:15 PM 7:00 PM 8:00 PM	Aerobics Children's Message Meeting Choir Rehearsal Begins	Auditorium Parlor Choir Room
Friday	10:00 AM 10:30 AM	UMW Executive Meeting Al-Anon	Parlor Room 128
Saturday	10:00 AM	St. Paul's Choir Practice	Room 210

Upcoming Events

Sept. 9	9:00 AM 11:15 AM 3:00 PM	Spire Deadline Sunday School Blood Pressure Screening Pastor George Preaching at Heritage Run	Education Office Stadium Place
Sept. 10	6:30 PM	Women in Christ Circle	Yvonne's Home
Sept. 12	7:00 PM	Church Council	Fellowship Hall
Sept. 14	6:00 PM	Birthday Party	Auditorium
Sept. 16		LRUMC's 65th Anniversary Worship Service and Luncheon	