

The Spire



April 2013

Loch Raven United Methodist Church

Be An April Fool

English essayist and poet Charles Lamb (1775-1834) once joked, "Here cometh April again, and as far as I can see the world hath more fools than ever."

April Fools' Day is best known as a day for practical jokes, but it can be used in more beneficial ways. It can be a day of faith and fun—a day to thank God for the joyous times of life, for the days of laughter, for funny stories, for the antics of children and for other things that bring smiles to our faces.

There is an opportunity for laughter every day. Laugh! Laugh heartily and often. You will find healing in mirth and levity. And remember, "He who sits in the heavens laughs..." (Psalms 2:4, NRSV).



Loch Raven Celebrates 60 Years of Service

Save the date:

Beginning Sunday, April 14, memories of the church over the years will be recorded in small groups during the Sunday School hour. We are looking for stories dating back to the little white cottage years as well as memories from last year and all the years in between that are special to folks. To share your memories of Loch Raven experiences call Debi Wynn to schedule a recording time. A light breakfast will be served.

Many thanks to those *Spire* readers who have already shared memories of their days at Loch Raven.

A 1950's/60's hat and glove display is in development for Mother's Day Sunday. If you have items for use in the display, please contact Debi Wynn.

We are also in search of old bulletins or other church papers and photos collecting in your attic for a special Sunday display.

Do you know former Loch Raven members who are now members at other churches? Invite them to return for a Sunday during this anniversary year.

And if you know folks looking for a church home, invite them to attend and discover the special fellowship and worship experiences of our church. Let's fill the pews during this anniversary year!

Sunday, September 15, 2013, beginning at 9:30am is the date for the anniversary church service and celebration. Save the date!

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Deaths:

March 5
Charles O'Carroll

March 8
Dorothy Layton

Board of Child Care Join or Renew Your Membership

During April, you will have the opportunity to join or renew your membership in the Board of Child Care Auxiliary. Why join the Auxiliary? Proceeds from the membership drive help the children of the Board of Child Care by providing amenities not covered by the Board's government funding. Auxiliary projects include Easter baskets, birthday cards and gifts, gifts for high school graduates, field trips and arts and recreation activities. The Auxiliary hopes to provide driver education for eligible students, college visits for graduating seniors and assistance with prom costs.

A one-year Membership is just \$2.00 per person, but the funds raised make a big difference to the children. Envelopes will be in the pews during the month of April. Please consider helping the children by joining the Auxiliary.

Thanks to the congregation for your continued support of the children of the Board of Child Care. The cookie collection was successful again this year with almost 90 pounds of cookies and snacks donated.

Leslie Christopher
Keyperson



He "was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead...." --- from the Apostles' Creed.

Have you ever looked at the semicolon in the Apostles' Creed? The Creed informs us that Jesus was crucified, that he died as a result of that crucifixion, and that he was buried after his death. These are the facts of the Christian faith. Then comes the semicolon.

I am always amazed at how many Christians' faith stops at that semicolon. That's how some people live their lives. They say, "I'm in pain" and their faith stops. They say, "I have a problem" and it ends. But what is the promise and the truth that Christians have been declaring for thousands of years that comes after that semicolon? We declare in the Apostles' Creed, that on "the third day he rose from the dead..."

I think about that semicolon and how we live out our lives here on this earth. Our faith can't stop there. Our faith can't stop because we're fighting unknown odds or something unfair. This world is full of unfair odds and injustice. But the truth of the Christian faith is that Jesus has risen from the dead. He has given us the ultimate victory over sin which causes pain, suffering, poverty, disease, and other evils. During this Easter season let's assert ourselves so that our lives will bear witness to this truth.

Grace and peace,
Cliff

United Methodist Women April Schedule

"Women in Christ" Circle

Monday, April 1
7:30 p.m.—Room 202
Study: *Great People of the Bible*—Lesson 13—Peter
Study Leader—Amy
Devotions—Yvonne
Hostess—Amy & Jen

Phyllis Downes Circle

Tuesday, April 2
10 am—Parlor
Study: Acts—Chapter 11

UMW APRIL GENERAL MEETING

Open to the Congregation
Sunday, April 21
One service at 10 am followed by covered dish luncheon and program on Habitat for Humanity.
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Circle Assignments:

Set-up: WIC
Main Dish: N—Z
Vegetables: A—C
Salad: D—I
Dessert: J—M
Clean-up: P.D.

No General Meeting in May

*Faith doesn't get you
around trouble;
it gets you through it.*




United Methodist Women Annual Flea Market

Saturday, June 1
8 am—1 pm

To reserve a space for \$15 contact:
Nancy Gillotti—410-823-5187 or
Nancy Harvill—410-828-8271




From the Mailbox

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your prayers, cards, phone calls and expressions of concern during Bill's recent hospitalization and recovery at home. Your concern meant a lot to us.

Love,

Bill and Betty Shock



April Birthdays

- 2 James Edmonds
- 7 Vesta Williams
- 8 Andrew Cole
- 9 Ruth Kriel
- 14 Peggy Kendzierski
- 18 Sheila Wyche
- 26 Verna Wilson
- 28 Sarah Roehl
- 29 Bill (Fran) Shock

February and March belated birthday wishes:

Adiaha Essien— Feb. 6

Jeanette Chilcoat— March 1
Jonathan Wilson— March 15

Evangelism and Outreach

From: Katherine McKinney

Heaven's Grocery Store

I was walking down life's highway a long time ago.
One day I saw a sign that read, "Heaven's Grocery Store."
As I got a little closer the door came open wide,
and when I came to myself I was standing inside.

I saw a host of Angels, they were standing, everywhere.
One handed me a blanket and said, "My Child shop with care."
Everything a Christian needs is in that grocery store,
and all you can't carry, come back the next day for more.

First, I got some Patience, Love was in the same row.
Further down was Understanding, needed everywhere you go.
I got a box or two of Wisdom, a bag or two of Faith,
I just couldn't miss the Holy Ghost, it was all over the place.

I stopped to get some Strength and Courage to help me
run this race. But then my blanket was getting full, and I
remembered I needed Grace.

I didn't forget Salvation, which like the other was free,
so I tried to get enough of that to save both you and me.

Then I started to the counter to pay my grocery bill,
for I thought I had everything to do my master's will.
As I went up the aisle, I saw Prayer and had to put it in,
for I knew when I stepped outside, I would run right into sin.
Peace and joy were plentiful, they were on the last shelf.
Song and Praises were hanging near, so I just helped myself.

Then I said to the Angel, "How much do I owe?"
The Angel smiled and said, "Just take them everywhere you go."
Again, I politely asked "How much do I really owe?"
The Angel smiled again and said,
"My Child, Jesus Paid Your Bill a Long Time Ago."





How well do you know..... Roy and Evelyn Dorfler?

By: Marcia Smith

This is the first installment of interviews on some of our long-time members.

Evelyn Noyes was born on January 29, 1920 in Newberry Port, Massachusetts where she lived until the age of 9 with her parents and younger brother. As a result of the stock market crash of 1929, Evelyn's family moved to Baltimore to live with her grandmother. (Ask her about the plumbing in Baltimore County during those days). She initially attended Towson High School, but graduated from

Western High School when her family moved to Baltimore City for her senior year.

After high school, Evelyn worked at Hutzlers Department Store as a waitress for 5 years and Western Electric as a tool and gage inspector for another five years until it was time to start their family.

Roy Dorfler was born on March 17, 1920 in Baltimore, Maryland. Roy is the oldest of three children with two younger sisters. Roy attended school in Baltimore County and although he and Evelyn were at Towson at the same time, they would not meet until a few years later.

After high school, Roy worked at the Glen L. Martin Company and in his spare time he liked to box. He was an amateur boxer on the YMCA's boxing team and in 1940 he won the Middle Weight Class Boxing Championship at 160 lbs. When he wasn't working or boxing, he, like Evelyn, enjoyed dancing. In 1941, they would meet at a dance hall, Tuttle's on North Avenue in the city. And so began the romance.

This was not the most peaceful of times in our country, so Roy would enter the Armed Forces in 1942 where he would serve until 1945. His unit was stationed in England where he worked as an airplane mechanic. Roy continued to box at several airbases during his time in the service.

Roy and Evelyn were married on July 13, 1945 and are the proud parents of two sons, Thomas and Ronald, and one daughter, Darlene. Their family also includes 15 grandchildren, 11 girls and 4 boys, 6 great granddaughters and four great, great grandchildren.

Roy would return to Glen L. Martin where he would work for 17 years. During that time he would attend the University of Baltimore at night where he earned a degree in Industrial Engineering, Class of 1954. He would also work at Bendix for 17 years and CGR Medical for 9 years. He has been a member of the Civil Air Patrol since 1970 where he has logged over 1000 hours of flying time.

Evelyn enjoys Genealogy; she has been able to trace her family back to 1066. She also enjoys gardening and reading books about nutrition. They both still enjoy dancing and swimming and are on the treadmill every day. And as a result, Evelyn is 93 and pain and medication free.

The Dorflers joined Loch Raven UMC in 1958. Their children were in high school and the church offered a variety of Youth Programs. They also offered dancing classes; ballroom dancing was taught by a professional dance instructor. On special occasions, they would have square dancing, (a Dorfler favorite), called by Loch Raven's founding minister, Reverend Carroll Doggett. There was also a camping club started by Martha Vohrer which was so popular that they had to limit it to 100 families.

During their time at Loch Raven UMC, the Dorflers have served on various committees, have served as ushers and counted offerings. They love the church and the people in it and would love to see more people in attendance.

They are regulars at the 11:00 a.m. service, so if you see them be sure to ask Roy about Clark Gable and Charles Lindburg and ask Ev to tell you about her first real estate investment.