

# The Spire



December 2014

Loch Raven United Methodist Church

## December Events

### December 7

2nd Sunday of Advent  
Worship at 8:30 and 11

**UMW Gift Card Sale**  
Fellowship Hall

**Family Ministries**  
Buns on the Run! Fundraiser  
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**Adult Fellowship Group**  
Dinner at Friendly Farms  
1:30 PM

### December 13

**Family Ministries**  
Christmas Party  
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### December 14

3rd Sunday of Advent  
Worship at 8:30 and 11  
Blood Pressure Screening  
10 AM—Parlor

### December 21

4th Sunday of Advent  
Worship at 8:30 and 11

### December 24

Christmas Eve  
7 PM— Family Candlelight  
Service  
10:30 PM—Festival of Music  
11 PM—Candlelight Service

### December 28

One Worship Service at 10 AM



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## INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

In the event of inclement weather, you may telephone the church office on Sunday morning to determine if church services remain scheduled for the day. The telephone number is (410) 825-0900.

## Letter to Loch Raven UMC from UMCOR

Dear Friends in Mission:

Thank you for partnering with the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Through your gift, you are helping to provide humanitarian relief when war, conflict or natural disaster disrupts life to such an extent that communities are unable to recover on their own.

Through the compassion and solidarity of faithful friends like you, UMCOR is able to provide comfort to those impacted by disasters like earthquakes and storms, food for the hungry, and healthcare to those who otherwise would have none. These are just a sampling of the good works that gifts like yours make possible. One hundred percent of your gift through The Advance, the designated giving channel of the United Methodist Church, will go directly to the people who need it most. Thank you for giving so generously.

<u>Project</u>	<u>Project/Missionary Name</u>	<u>Country/State</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Date</u>
901670	Disaster Response, United States	United States	\$ 705.00	10/20/2014
982450	Disaster Response, International Philippines Relief	Global	1,030.00	10/20/2014
982450	Disaster Response, International, Ebola Epidemic	Global	470.00	10/20/2014
982450	Disaster Response, International, Ebola Epidemic	Global	500.00	10/20/2014
3021787	Hurricane 2012 Sandy Storms	Global	200.00	10/20/2014

Please let us know if you have any questions and/or concerns about your gift, as we welcome the opportunity to speak with you. You can reach the Gift Processing Unit at 212-870-3611. You can find out more about UMCOR's work by visiting our website at [www.umcor.org](http://www.umcor.org). To receive weekly updates about UMCOR's work, sign up online for the UMCOR Hotline, a weekly email about the latest happenings at UMCOR.

This gift will bring hope to those who need it most.

Grace and Peace,

Roland Fernandes  
General Treasurer  
United Methodist Committee on Relief  
General Board of Global Missions

Shawn Bakker  
Deputy General Secretary  
Communications and Development

# Eternal Light

Christmas occurred when God invaded the Earth in a strange and marvelous way. A special child was born to improbable parents in an unlikely place at an inconvenient time and in an unwelcoming world. Yet heaven's light pierced the darkness and shone through the life of that unique baby. That light was and is an eternal light. God's light in Christ is a saving light that can keep the world from total destruction, from the ultimate darkness. The message is always true: "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it" (John 1:5, NRSV). And it never will.



## Opportunities available to help beautify the Sanctuary during the Advent/Christmas Season



- \_\_\_\_\_ 10 wreaths
- \_\_\_\_\_ Congregational Candles for Christmas Eve
- \_\_\_\_\_ Window Greens
- \_\_\_\_\_ Advent Wreath
- \_\_\_\_\_ Advent Wreath Candles
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4 Wreaths for front doors and side doors

Please call Audrey Moltz at 410-823-7837 about selection, availability and pricing information. Then send your check made payable to LRUMC along with the information below to the Church Office. All orders and payment must be received by **Friday, December 12th.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

To the Glory: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your participation.  
*The Altar Guild*

## IN TOUCH MINISTRY

### Special Prayer Requests

Please refer to insert in Sunday bulletins for up-to-date information.

**Stay in Touch** with some of our members who are not able to regularly attend church. Contact the church office for up-to-date information.

### Membership Updates

#### Address Changes:

Ardith Luttrell  
8820 Walther Boulevard  
Apt. 2013  
Baltimore, MD 21234  
Phone: 410-870-2549

Joyce Dixon & Erica Dixon  
Call or email for mailing  
address

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Orzolek  
4300 Garland Avenue  
Nottingham, MD 21236-2806

### December Birthdays

- 3 Matt Webner
- 4 Myra Wagner  
Amanda Brown
- 5 Charles Chilcoat
- 7 Nancy Williams
- 8 Judy Feustle  
Carole Webner
- 9 Christian Smith  
Jamie Lee Evans
- 12 Douglas McCrea  
Cliff Webner
- 14 Amy Burton
- 15 Albertha Weah
- 17 Taryn Mackey
- 18 Angela Chatman  
Laura Palazzi
- 20 James Manley
- 21 Grace Price
- 23 Eugene Amberman
- 24 Amy Price
- 25 Paul Njuguna
- 27 Pete McGinnes  
Bernadette Williamson-  
Taylor  
Alexandra Weaver
- 29 Amy Munden
- 30 Nancy Tarr Hart
- 31 Joseph Luke Barker



### Family Ministries Upcoming Activities

#### Buns on the Run!

Sunday, December 7  
The fundraising committee will be selling sweet buns between Sunday morning services. All proceeds go to our church general fund.

#### Christmas Party

Saturday, December 13  
1PM—5PM  
Bring a (neutral gender) gift to exchange (no more than \$10). Refreshments will be served. A sign-up sheet will be posted.

#### Grab-n-Go Super Bowl Subs

February 1, 2015  
More details to follow.

### United Methodist Women

#### December Schedule

#### “Women in Christ” Circle

Monday, December 8  
(Note change of date for this month’s meeting)  
Holiday Dinner and Ornament Exchange at Nancy Williams’ Home—6:30 p.m.

#### Phyllis Downes Circle

Tuesday, December 9  
10 am—Brunch at  
Nancy Gillotti’s

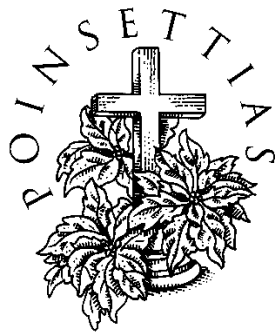
**NO GENERAL MEETING**



## Make a Happy Christmas

How can you make this the happiest Christmas of your life? Simply by trying to give yourself to others. Put something of yourself into everything you give. A gift, however small, speaks its own language. And when it tells of the love of the giver, it is truly blessed.

—Norman Vincent Peale



It's time to be thinking of beautifying our sanctuary for the joyous season of Christmas. If you would like to place a poinsettia in the church in honor or in memory of a loved one, please fill in the form below and return it to the Church Office by Friday, December 12. **We cannot accept orders unless accompanied by full payment.**

**Plants may be picked up after morning worship on Sunday, December 28th.**

### POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor Of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

To The Glory: \_\_\_\_\_

**# of Plants: \_\_\_\_\_ RED —\$10.50 each**  
**Plants are 6" pots—1 plant per pot—5-6 blooms per plant**

**# of Plants: \_\_\_\_\_ RED & WHITE MIX—\$20.00 each**  
**Plants are 6½" pots—2 plants per pot—10-12 blooms per pot**

**Please check one of the following:**

\_\_\_\_ I will donate the plant to the church for a "homebound member"

\_\_\_\_ I will pick up the plant on Sunday, December 28