

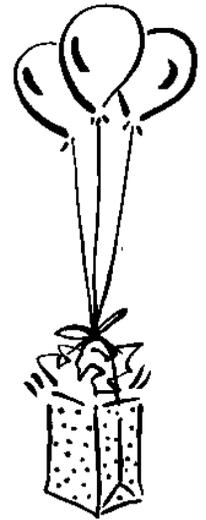
The Spire



Summer 2013

Loch Raven United Methodist Church

Join in Celebrating 60 Years of Service, Worship and Fellowship Save the Date!



On September 13, 1953, Charter Sunday for the church was celebrated in a little white cottage at which time 102 persons out of 175 in attendance were taken into membership. The members chose a name for themselves: Loch Raven Methodist Church.

Join us on Sunday, September 15, 2013 at 9:30am, as the church will hold its 60th charter anniversary service. Rev. Carroll Doggett, the church's founding pastor, will be presenting the morning message. Plan to attend with family and friends and bring with you a past member and/or a potential new member and help to fill the pews for this special service. Join us for this special worship experience to celebrate the achievements, to celebrate the journey.

Following the service, lunch will be served in the auditorium. Tickets for this special anniversary dining event are \$12 for adults and \$8 for children 5 to 12 years old. Tickets will be available on Sunday mornings beginning in July or you can mail in the form below to order your tickets.

Anniversary Luncheon Ticket Order

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City and Zip _____

of adult tickets @ \$12 _____ subtotal for adult tickets \$ _____

of child tickets @ \$8 _____ subtotal for children tickets \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed _____

Summer Worship Schedule



We will have one worship service at 9:30 AM through September 15th. After September 15 we will resume our regular worship times of 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM with Sunday School at 10:00 AM.

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All Chairpersons of Committees/Ministries Mark Your Calendars

We are in the process of preparing the Church Calendar for the remainder of 2013 through August 2014. It would be very helpful if you would establish your meeting dates and calendar of events at your first Fall 2013 meeting. You may email any information to mbwagner@lrumc.org

Sizzlin' Summer Nights Is Heating Up For The Summer!

Family Ministries is gearing up for another great summer full of fun, family-friendly, fellowship activities. This is a tentative schedule, so please watch the Sunday Bulletins each week for complete details. Hope to see everyone come out and have some fun!

Here is the schedule:

Wed June 19—Kick Off Cookout and Movie on the Lawn

Wed June 26—Bowling

Wed July 3—No activity scheduled because of holiday.

Wed July 10—Hymn Sing

Wed July 17—no activity scheduled

Wed July 24—tentative activity is a Scavenger Hunt (maybe start a little earlier (5:30) and end with ice cream social)

Wed July 31—no activity scheduled

Wed Aug 7—Activity to be determined

Iron Birds? or other activity? Salsa Dancing?

Wed Aug 14—Closing Cookout

may include Jeopardy Game—everyone really liked this in the past



Church Anniversary Trivia:

September 20, 1953 was the first session of Sunday School with 28 attendees.

On September 24, 1953 the Women's Society of Christian Service organized with 23 women attending.

October 11, 1953 was the first Methodist Youth Fellowship meeting with 12 teens attending.

The first church budget was \$2,787.00

On February 11, 1954, 8414 Loch Raven Blvd was purchased for the parsonage.

On May 30, 1954, ground was broken for the first church building.

1954 closed with 235 church members and 175 Sunday school attendees.



The length of our days is seventy years---or eighty, if we have the strength...for they quickly pass and we fly away. Psalm 90:10

Summertime is on its way. It's usually a time when things slow down a little. It's a time when many people choose to take vacations and relax. Summertime is a great time to be a little introspective about life. It provides us with an opportunity to think about what we've been through and where we are headed.

I remember a conversation about birthdays that I had with my daughter Kerry when she was about to turn fourteen. She said, "Dad, some birthdays seem more important than others." When I asked which ones she thought were the most important she replied, "Well, your first one is a big one. The next one would be when you turn five, then ten, then thirteen, sixteen, and twenty-one. The next important one would have to be thirty, then forty, fifty, sixty, and seventy. Then every one after that is important!"

That's a pretty interesting perspective on life from my then fourteen year-old daughter. It got me thinking about how we spend our years here on this earth. Have you ever noticed how sometimes a day will just get away from you? You sit down in the evening and wonder where it went.

August 20, 2013 is the 268th birthday of Francis Asbury, the first Bishop of American Methodism. This Methodist preacher from Birmingham, England traveled 264,000 miles by horseback in North America from 1771 to 1815, preaching 16,000 sermons. That's quite an investment of life.

Moses prays in Psalm 90, "The length of our days is seventy years, or eighty if we're strong...they quickly pass and we fly away." That's just how it is. We really don't get too many years on this earth. So it makes sense to invest each and every one of them wisely.

Grace and Peace,
Cliff

Memories Hunt

Do you have a special Loch Raven memory, photos of past events or memorabilia you would consider sharing for an anniversary display such as a brick from the little white cottage, a program from the Tom Thumb Wedding, a project made in Sunday School or other church items stored in your attic or basement. If so, please contact Debi Wynn with details.

Father's Day is June 16

For our fathers, who have given us life and love,
that we may show them respect and love,
we pray to the Lord...

For fathers who have lost a child through death,
that their faith may give them hope, and their family and friends support and console them,
we pray to the Lord...

For men, though without children of their own,
who like fathers have nurtured and cared for us,
we pray to the Lord...

For fathers, who have been unable to be a source of strength,
who have not responded to their children and have not sustained their families,
we pray to the Lord...

God our Father, in your wisdom and love you made all things. Bless these men, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect.

Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen

*Faith is not believing
that God can—
it is knowing that He will.*

Congratulations Graduates!



Kenneth Cuthbert

Perry Hall High School
Grandson of Jon and Sandi
Cuthbert

Shelby Cuthbert

Lees Summit High School,
Missouri
May 2013
Granddaughter of Jon and
Sandi Cuthbert

Rachel Guthall

Hereford High School
Grandaughter of
Ardith Luttrell

Jennifer A. Harvill

Virginia Tech
May 17
B.A. in History and Political
Science
Granddaughter of Jim & Nancy
Harvill

Chad Kriel

Loch Raven High School
June 4, 2013
To attend Towson University
Grandson of Stan and Ruth
Kriel

Thomas Briscoe Kriel

North Carroll High School
June 8, 2013
To attend Carroll Community
College
Grandson of Stan and Ruth
Kriel

Stephanie Mooney

University of MD/College
Park
May 19, 2013
Bachelor of Science in
Kinesiology
To attend graduate school in
California
Granddaughter of
Peggy Kelly

Grace Price

St. Ursula's PreK
To attend Carney Elementary
Daughter of Allan and Amy
Price
Granddaughter of Nancy
Gillotti

Matt Price

Eastern Tech High School
May 28, 2013
To attend West Virginia
University
Son of Allan and Amy Price
Grandson of Nancy Gillotti

Abigail Reed

Potomac Falls High School
Potomac Falls, VA
To attend Northern Virginia
Community College
Granddaughter of
Dan & Jen Dorsey

Richard Shock

Loyola University
May 2013
Masters of Education
Son of Molly Shock
Grandson of Bill and Betty
Shock

Tonya A. Sinkler

Morgan State University
Bachelor of Science in Nursing
May 18, 2013
Granddaughter of
Albertha Sinkler

Seth Thomas

Towson University
Bachelor of Science in
Mathematics—May 24
Son of Bill and Jo Thomas

Caitlin Webster

Seven Oaks Elementary School
To attend Pine Grove Middle
School
Daughter of Steve and
Jennifer Webster
Granddaughter of Nancy
Gillotti

Board of Child Care Report on Label/Box Top Project

Since last October, the Loch Raven congregation collected a combined total of 529 soup labels and box tops for the Board of Child Care. Between September 2012 and April 2013, the Board of Child Care received checks totaling \$3,300.00 from box tops they redeemed and sent 60,000 soup labels to be used to purchase equipment at a later date.

Thank you for helping with this project.

Leslie Christopher
Keyperson

Youth News

By: John Mayden

On April 28, 2013, the youth visited longtime church member Vesta Williams at Edenwald Retirement Community. We prayed and read Scriptures with Mrs. Williams. The visit went really well.

We would like to thank the congregation for dining at Gino's on April 28, 2013. Gino's gave Loch Raven United Methodist Church Youth Ministry 20% back for each purchase. We earned \$75.76. Thanks for your continued support.

The youth are selling "The World's Finest Chocolate Candy Bars" for \$1. Candy bars will be sold in the narthex and the church office. Half of the proceeds will go to the Youth Ministry. Please continue to support the youth in their fundraising efforts.

Calendar of Events

June 1

8am-9:30am
Flea Market

10:15am-1pm
Helping Up Mission

June 14-15

7pm-10am
Lock Inn/ Talent Show

July 12

Time is TBA
Habitat for Humanity
Volunteer

All Youth in grades 6th-12th or ages 12-18 are invited to attend any youth meeting or event. The youth meet every second and fourth Sunday from 7pm-8:30pm. Hope to see you there!



Imagine! Design! Create!

Engage your creative spirit this summer and work on something to exhibit at the 2013 Loch Raven Festival of the Arts on Saturday, November 30th held at our church. A family-friendly project of painting, knitting, weaving, photography, sculpting, recycle art, writing, or whatever art form you enjoy working with can be showcased at this second year event. For additional information contact Debi Wynn at 410-583-0270.

Evangelism and Outreach

From: Katherine McKinney, Chair

Symptoms of Inner Peace

By: Susan G. Jacobson, MMH, LCW-C

A tendency to think and act spontaneously rather than on fears based on past experiences.

An unmistakable ability to enjoy each moment.

A loss of interest in judging other people.

A loss of interest in judging self.

A loss of interest in interpreting the actions of others.

A loss of interest in conflict.

A loss of the ability to worry. (This is a very serious symptom.)

Frequent, overwhelming episodes of appreciation.

Contented feelings of connectedness with others and nature.

Frequent attacks of smiling through the eyes from the heart.

An increasing tendency to let things happen rather than make them happen.

An increased susceptibility to the love extended by others as well as the uncontrollable urge to extend it.

United Methodist Women June Schedule

"Women in Christ" Circle

Monday, June 3

6:30 p.m.—Dinner at

Basta Pasta in Timonium

Phyllis Downes Circle

Tuesday, June 4

12 Noon—Lunch at Pappas

NO GENERAL MEETING

Anniversary Remembrances

Imagine an anniversary celebration displaying large outdoor banners beginning in July announcing to the community the 60th milestone Loch Raven United Methodist Church has reached.

Imagine the church building and sanctuary decorated with special worship banners.

Imagine that during the September 15th anniversary service, each attendee would be provided with a full colored extended bulletin with church photos....or imagine the addition of brass or string or other instrumentalists for this service.

Imagine a permanent exhibit of church history in the building that tells the story of the church throughout the years. This can be an expansion of the two cases in the Narthex but placed in a location of more access to the general public going in and out of the building each day.

Or imagine something bigger that would impact not only the anniversary service but also last throughout another ten years.

These are some of the ideas being shared as possible ways to celebrate. These and other ideas are all wonderful and would assist in raising the level of a regular Sunday service memory up a notch. Although a 60th is not a major half century or century celebration, it does provide the opportunity for sharing with the community that Loch Raven Church remains an active congregation. It has made it through ten more years of service.

A challenge currently present for utilizing special resources for a celebration is that there is no anniversary funding in the church's budget. So the Church Council suggested asking for donations. Following up on the suggestion of the Council, an opportunity is now being provided for a tribute donation. This 60th anniversary is an opportunity to honor a past or present church member, to remember a family member, or to give thanks for all of God's guidance received throughout the church's 60 year journey. These recognitions can be made through a gift to the 60th Anniversary Fund. Donations received will be used for items celebrating the anniversary. Please consider donating at one of the following levels:

The Anna B. Warner Gift (She wrote *Jesus Loves Me*) — \$10 and under

The Isaac Watts Gift (He wrote *Marching to Zion*, *Joy to the World* and other hymns and is considered the Father of Hymnody.) — \$11 - \$25

The Charles Wesley Gift (He wrote words for over 6,000 hymns including *O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing* and *Rejoice the Lord is King*) — \$25 - \$50

The Susanna Wesley Gift (The Mother of Methodism) - \$51 - \$100

The Robert Strawbridge Gift (He founded the first class of Methodism in Maryland and America in 1768 at his log cabin near New Windsor.) — Up to \$250

The John Wesley Gift (He was co founder of the Methodist Church) — Over \$250

Please complete and submit with your donation:

Name _____ Phone _____

Address with zip _____

Gift Amount \$ _____

In Honor Of _____

In Memory Of _____

If you would like to include a note regarding this person's association with the church or a special memory:

Thank you for your donation to the 60th Anniversary Fund

Summer Birthdays and Anniversaries

June Birthdays

- 2 Kerry Webner
- 4 Judy Zahren
- 5 Tim Shelton
- 9 Nancy Harvill
- 10 Karen Mooney
- 11 Megan Eshelman
Deborah Olewe
- 15 Elsie Barker, Karen Jones
and Minnie Webster
- 18 Virginia Frey, Lois Uram,
Olu Okerele
- 25 Dorothy Thompson,
Lou Kiessling and
Londa Lee
- 27 Thomas Graves
- 28 Helen Fringo

June Anniversaries

- 16 James and Hideko Manley
1st anniversary
- 19 Charles and Jeanette
Chilcoat—65 years
- 28 Gary and Marcia Smith
28 years

July Birthdays

- 4 Wendy White Doyle
- 8 Robert Cole
- 10 Shirley Messman
- 17 William J. Shock
- 18 Pauline Graves
- 19 Ellen Underwood and
Evan Horn
- 22 Christopher Palazzi
- 24 Kristopher Seets, Jennifer
Byrd and Rachel Lee
- 25 Delroy Harrison and
Merrill Harrison
- 26 Ann Mason Jackson
- 28 Scott LaCompte and
Kirsten Scott
- 30 Ruth Weygand
- 31 Jane Cullum and
Edward Smith

August Birthdays

- 3 Grace Boner
- 4 Jean Oberia
- 5 Russell Thompson
- 6 Brian Miller
- 7 Robert Lacy
- 12 Betty Shock
- 14 David Frazier
- 16 Betty Cox
- 17 Linda Davis
- 18 Jennifer Weaver
- 19 Del Lloyd, Isabelle Burrell,
Albertha Sinkler and
Mack Briscoe
- 22 Phil Lee
- 23 Ericka Mink
- 24 Maria Stockton-Porter
- 26 Estelle Batra and
Cheryl Koogler
- 27 Matthew Cuthbert
- 28 Jeanne Amberman

Correction:

Justin Thompson's correct birthday is May 13th



Membership Updates

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Baltimore, MD 21218

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c/o Susan Johnson
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Baldwin, MD 21013

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We are missing addresses for the following members. Please contact the church office if you have any information about them so that we can stay in touch.

Mary A. Foster
Nancy T. Hart
Linda and Kenneth Johansen
Marcia Meehan
Charles B. Per Dieu

From the Mailbox

My dear friends,

How blessed I am to be a member of LRUMC. Thanks for remembering me during my "time out" with your prayers, cards, visits and phone calls. This is what brought me back to church.

Thank you very much for your concern.

With love,
Vesta Williams