

# The Spire



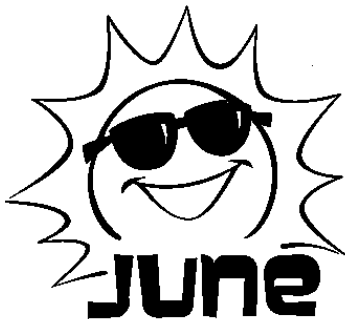
Summer 2014

Loch Raven United Methodist Church

## Sizzlin' Summer Nights

Family Ministries will once again be hosting Sizzlin' Summer Nights. The opening activity will be a cookout on **Wednesday, June 18th, at 6pm.** Hamburgers, hotdogs and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Watch summer bulletins for upcoming summer activities.



## 2014 Church Planning Session Saturday, June 14 9 am—12 Noon

Please pray for God's guidance and wisdom as we share and brainstorm ways to achieve the church's goals for the year and ways to re-energize the church.

## "What a Wonderful Church We Have"

We can create a good atmosphere by speaking the right words. We can also destroy our surroundings by using negative words. Negativity can be lethal. It's all in the words we choose. Misery does love company. Whether we speak positively or negatively about something or someone can, over time, get into the DNA of a place or a person.

The spoken word *is* a powerful force. Words can be used to wound as well as to heal. King Solomon once said, "A word aptly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver" (Proverbs 25:11). When we offer the right word at the right time it can make all the difference in the world.

Words can be earth shattering. Maybe you remember some of these words? "Mr. Watson, come here, I want you." These were the first intelligible words sent by telephone. Or how about "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." Neil Armstrong spoke these words as he stepped onto the moon. Some words will be remembered forever because of the circumstances in which they were spoken.

God used words to create the world. God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

This creative force took on human form in John 1:1. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." Later we read, "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14). We discover that God's creative Word in human form was Jesus. God has put great emphasis on the point that words have the ability to create.

Let me offer these most important words to you ---"**WHAT A WONDERFUL CHURCH WE HAVE.**" They are for us to use

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## United Methodist Women June Schedule

### Phyllis Downes Circle

Tuesday, June 3

12 Noon—Lunch at Peppermill

### "Women in Christ" Circle

Tuesday, June 10

6:30 p.m.—Dinner at

Peppermill

## Congratulations Graduates!

We wish to congratulate our graduates this year:

Michaela Jones  
Sparrows Point High School  
June 3

To attend Cornell University  
Daughter of Charles and  
Karen Jones

Taryn Mackey  
Towson High School  
May 30

To attend University of  
Colorado, Boulder  
Daughter of Hillary Geyton  
Granddaughter of Jean  
Oberia

Corey Burton  
Perry Hall Middle School  
To attend Curly High School  
Grandson of Peggy Kelly

Sabrina Dorsey  
Liberty High School  
Eldersburg, MD  
June 5

To attend Carroll County  
Community College  
Granddaughter Dan and Jen  
Dorsey

Jens Johansen  
McDaniel College  
B.A. in Sociology/Criminal  
Justice  
May 24

Grandson of Bob and Nancy  
Lacey

Molly Harpel  
Upper Dublin High School  
Fort Washington, PA  
June 9

To attend Penn State  
Granddaughter of Jim &  
Nancy Harvill

We would like to congratulate all other graduates in a future bulletin and in the September Spire. Please contact the office with the graduate's name, school graduating from, degree (if applicable), future plans, and relationships.



## Save the Date for the Loch Raven Festival of the Arts

The third annual Loch Raven Festival of the Arts is scheduled for Saturday, November 15. Set aside time over these next six months to be creative with any type of artistic expression and develop an entry or two or more for display. Share this date with family, friends, your neighborhood association and PTA. If you would like to help with the planning of this event and for additional information, contact Debi Wynn at: [tnhedutainment@aol.com](mailto:tnhedutainment@aol.com). Pick up a paint brush, aim your camera, start your needlepoint, and be creative!

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around the church, and other places, to create a good atmosphere. Say them to yourself. Say them at home to your family. Say them to your friends. Say them to your business associates. Say them to a stranger. Say them in the grocery store and doctor's office. Say them wherever you are. Challenge yourself through the month of June to say them to at least one person every day. You might be surprised at the atmosphere you will create.

Grace and peace,  
*Cliff*

## Teeing Off in the Race to End Malaria

The United Methodist Men of the Baltimore-Washington Conference are sponsoring a golf tournament Monday, June 9, at the National Golf Club in Fort Washington. Proceeds will go to the Imagine No Malaria Initiative to eradicate malaria in Africa, to address hunger in the United States and build leaders through Scouting. The award for a hole-in-one contest is a BMW 435i. For more information, call 888-870-7171 or visit [www.bwcumm.org](http://www.bwcumm.org).

## Early Childhood Educators Conference

The Early Childhood Educators Conference is for childcare providers in local churches who wish to obtain the necessary credentialing they need each year for their MSDE Credentials. If interested, the conference will be held:

August 14, 2014  
at Wesley Freedom UMC  
961 Johnsville Road  
Sykesville, MD 21784

8 am – 4 pm  
COST - \$55 per person  
includes all workshops and lunch

Keynote Address: "Reflect, Not Deflect"  
Rev. Dr. Michelle Holmes Chaney

Eighteen Workshops are available for each of the three Workshop Periods. Participants will receive 6 clock hours of training and 2 Professional Activity Units for MSDE Credentialing. Workshops are available in areas of Curriculum, Child Development, Special Needs, Health, Safety & Nutrition, Professionalism and a lunchtime Workshop "Walk Yourself Wonderful" presented by Mary Winkler, B.S., E. S.

Please register today!

For additional information, contact Pam Bowen at [pbowen@bwcumc.org](mailto:pbowen@bwcumc.org)

## Membership Updates

### Address Changes:

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Room change to Room 482

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## United Methodist Women Annual Flea Market

Saturday, June 7  
8 am—1 pm

To reserve a space for \$15 contact:

Nancy Gillotti  
410-823-5187 or

Nancy Harvill  
410-828-8271

## 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.

### Summer Birthdays and Anniversaries

#### June Birthdays

- 2 Kerry Webner
- 4 Judy Zahren
- 5 Tim Shelton
- 6 Delroy Harrison and Merrill Harrison
- 9 Nancy Harvill
- 10 Karen Mooney
- 11 Megan Eshelman
- 12 Deborah Olewe
- 15 Elsie Barker, Karen Jones and Minnie Webster
- 18 Virginia Frey, Lois Uram, Olu Okerele
- 23 Michele Brown
- 25 Dorothy Thompson
- 26 Lou Kiessling and Londa Lee
- 27 Thomas Graves

#### June Anniversaries

- 16 James and Hideko Manley
- 19 Charles and Jeanette Chilcoat
- 28 Gary and Marcia Smith

#### July Birthdays

- 4 Wendy White Doyle
- 8 Robert Cole
- 9 Debbie Shelton
- 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 White
- 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

### Notes of Thanks

We would like to take this time to thank our church family for their support and prayers during Jon's recent surgery and now during his recovery. The love and multiple cards he received was overwhelming! Many thanks to Pastor Cliff and Carole for sitting with Sandi and her son during the surgery. We are so blessed to have you all in our lives and we thank God for each and every one of you. And Lin, the cookies were delicious!

Our love to all,

*Jon and Sandi Cuthbert*

Thank you to all who shared their "spare change" with our "Imagine No Malaria" collection. At the end of Mother's Day we had collected over \$300. Our collection will go with me to Annual Conference in May and together with our brother and sister churches we can make a difference in people's lives. Thank you again for your support.

*Carole Webner*

Lay Member to Annual Conference

Dear Friends of Loch Raven Church,

What a joy it was to arrive back yesterday from India and the Ludhiana Christian Medical College and receive word from the General Board of Global Ministries about your \$500 donation for this wonderful educational and healing ministry. I travel to Ludhiana each year and sometimes twice a year to attend the

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Governing Body meetings of the institution and to meet with students, staff and patients. The Governing Body is made up of most all of the various Christian denominations and health-related Christian agencies in the country.

One of the highlights of this trip as always was worshiping on Sunday morning in the historic college chapel with students and staff. One evening we had the opportunity to worship with dental students. Three of them had been on what we call "mission trips" to outlying rural hospitals of India. During the service they told of their experiences much the same as the young people in so many of our congregations share such experiences.

I was asked to share information about our Ludhiana Christian Medical College US Board at an outdoor dinner for Governing Body members and the heads of the various departments and colleges that make up the institution. After I spoke a number of department heads told how our donations from the United States had strengthened their departments. It was gratifying to hear their thanks and I pass them along to you.

We are so very thankful for your interest and support of the ministry in Ludhiana.

With our prayers and best wishes,

*Max Marble*

Executive Director  
Ludhiana Christian Medical  
College Board, USA, Inc.  
P.O. Box 1327  
Columbia, MO 65205

## Join the Wesley Guild for *Drinking Habits (a nun's story)*

At the Rainbow  
Dinner Theatre  
Thursday, September 11

Don't miss the award-winning food and critically-acclaimed productions at America's only All Comedy Dinner Theatre. Located just outside Lancaster in the heart of Paradise, Rainbow offers fine restaurant quality cuisine and spacious tiered seating. All of the comedy shows are done as family entertainment and you'll hold your sides as you laugh out loud at the antics in these shows. *Drinking Habits (a nun's story)* is no exception! The nuns as the Sisters of Perpetual Sewing have a secret. Even Mother Superior doesn't know. They turn their grape juice into wine to keep the convent's doors open, but two reporters are about to blow the story wide open. Wine and secrets are spilled as everyone tries to save the convent. Call now to book your seat. You don't want to miss this show.

### YOUR TRIP INCLUDES:

A delicious buffet luncheon  
Reserved seats for *Drinking Habits (a nun's story)*  
Taxes and included meal gratuities  
Round trip transportation  
COST: \$80.00 per person

For information and reservations, contact: Pat Nardone,  
38 Orthoridge Road, Lutherville, MD 21093, telephone number  
410-823-5377

### Travel Schedule:

9:30 a.m.	Depart from the Towson United Methodist Church Hampton Lane & Dulaney Valley Road
11:30 a.m.	Arrive at the Rainbow Dinner Theatre for luncheon buffet
1:00 p.m.	The show begins
3:00 p.m.	The show ends
3:15 p.m.	Depart
4:00 p.m.	Stop at Brown's Market in Loganville, PA
5:00 p.m.	Depart
6:30 p.m.	Tour ends at the church