

The Spire



Summer 2015

Loch Raven United Methodist Church

Sizzlin' Summer Nights Schedule

June 24

Kick Off Cookout and Trivial Pursuit

July 1

Bowling at Parkville Lanes

July 15

Bocce Ball and Popsicles

July 29

Putt-Putt Golf at Perry Hall Minigolf

August 5

Iron Birds Game

August 19

Close Out Cookout and Movie on the Lawn

Worship Service Time

Last June, 34 of our church leaders met to brainstorm ways to achieve our congregational goals for the year. One of the focus areas was to *Grow Worship*, and the most frequently suggested idea was to *explore and implement one worship service*. Toward that end, we conducted a church-wide survey last fall.

As noted in last month's *Spire*, 73% of the respondents recommended moving to one service. In March, the Church Council met to discuss the results of the survey. After much prayer and a thoughtful discussion, we decided to move to a single service, where all members can worship together.

Beginning September 13, the following schedule will go into effect:

8:30—9:30 Sunday School for all ages
9:30—10:00 Coffee/Fellowship
10:00—11:00 Worship Service

This was not an easy decision; we know change is not easy, but we hope you will be blessed by worshipping together.

This is just the beginning. Both the Worship Committee (Patti Ferguson, chair) and the Grow Worship Team (Judy Zahren, team leader) will continue to explore other opportunities, and to reach out into the community. Please keep the church in your prayers; may God's will be done.

Merrill Harrison
Church Council Chair



Worship Service—10:00 AM

Going His Way Sunday School Class

9 AM, Room 128

Plug In/Power Up Class

9 AM, Room 202 (2nd and 4th Sundays)

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God's LOVE has
 been poured
 into our
 HEARTS
 through
 the
 HOLY SPIRIT
 that has been
 given to us.



Romans 5:5, NRSV

United Methodist Women Annual Flea Market

Saturday, June 6
 8 am—1 pm

To reserve a space for \$20
 contact:

Nancy Gillotti
 410-823-5187 or

Nancy Harvill
 410-828-8271

Finance Committee Report of Income and Expenses for the First Four Months of 2015

Plate and Envelope Offerings:	\$ 85,985.52	
Sunday School Offerings:	626.05	
Special Offerings:	1,618.00	
Rentals:	9,320.00	
Gifts:	15,045.00	
Salaries:		\$ 54,926.42
Apportionments/Conference		16,972.10
Church Home/Trustees:		39,153.64
Worship:		4,184.33
Office:		3,098.67
Financial Expenses:		2,698.29
Total Income (Loss)		(8,438.58)



Who of you by worrying can add one inch to your height....or subtract one day from your age? — Matthew 6:25-31

Satchel Paige once asked the question: “How old would you be if you didn’t know how old you were?” An honest answer to that question depends on an honest admission of one’s attitude. It has nothing to do with one’s age. As someone young at heart has written:

“Remember, old folks are worth a fortune---silver in their hair, gold in their teeth, stones in their kidneys, lead in their feet, and gas in their stomachs.

I have become a little older since I saw you last, and a few changes have come into my life since then. Frankly, I have become quite a frivolous old gal. I am seeing five gentlemen every day.

As soon as I wake up, Will Power helps me get out of bed. Then I go to see John. Then Charlie Horse comes along, and when he is here he takes a lot of my time and attention. When he leaves, Arthur Ritis shows up and stays the rest of the day. He doesn’t like to stay in one place very long, so he takes me from joint to joint. After such a busy day I’m really tired and glad to go to bed with Ben Gay. What a life!

P.S. The preacher came to call the other day. He said at my age I should be thinking about the hereafter. I told him, ‘Oh, I do all the time. No matter where I am---in the parlor, upstairs, in the kitchen, or down in the basement---I ask myself what am I here after?’”

Chuck Swindoll, in his book *Laugh Again*, says “The longer I live the more I become convinced that our major battle is not with age but with maturity. All of us are involuntary victims of the former. There is no choice in growing older. Our challenge is the choice of whether or not to grow up.” It was Jesus who asked, “Who of you by worrying can add one inch to your height....or subtract one day from your age?” (Matt. 6:25-31) In other words, don’t waste your time worrying about how old you are getting. Age is a matter of fact. Maturity, on the other hand, is a matter of choice.

Grace and Peace,
Cliff



**Hey, Kids! Get Ready
to Gear Up!!!**

Mark your calendar for Vacation Bible School to be held Monday, July 13 through Friday, July 17, from 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM. Become a member of our G-Force. Explore how you can put your faith into *action*.

Discover how to fuel up and move in and through life with God.

See how God is at work around the world and how we, as God’s people, are on the *move*.

*In God we live, move,
and exist.—Acts 17:28a, CEB*

To register, go to our website: www.lrumc.org or contact the church office: 410-825-0900
info@lrumc.org

**Move! Act! Care!
Follow! Share!**

Help Us Gear Up for Vacation Bible School *Volunteers Needed*

We are very excited about this year's Vacation Bible School which will be held July 13 to 17, from 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM. The theme is **G-Force: God's Love in Action**.

To make this year's school a success we are looking for:

- A Coach / Assembly Leader
- Bible Storyteller (*found!*)
- Preschool Teacher
- Two Preschool Helpers
- Craft Leader
- Two Craft Helpers
- Music Leader
- Recreation Leader
- Mission Leader
- Snack Leader
- Two Snack Helpers
- Greeter / Time Keeper

If you are not able to volunteer your time, we welcome monetary contributions to help defer the costs of supplies and/or your contributions of snacks and craft items. Watch the church bulletin for specific items or contact Maria Stockton-Porter 410-435-1724 or e-mail: Stockton.maria007@gmail.com

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Did You Know We Have Paper Recycling at LRUMC?



We have this brightly colored bin at the parking lot entrance ready to accept your paper recycling any day or time. We receive cash for every ton of paper collected.

You **MAY** drop off newspapers, shopping catalogs, mail, magazines, envelopes, office & school papers, colored paper, and fax & copy paper.

Please DO NOT put cardboard, phone books, plastic, glass or metals in the recycling bin!

On The Road Again!

The Loch Raven UMC Road-runners have booked a trip to Myrtle Beach for September 21 (Monday) through September 25 (Friday), 2015. The cost of the trip for 5 Days / 4 Nights is \$479.00 per person based on Double Occupancy.

The Trip includes:
Motorcoach transportation

4 Nights Lodging

8 meals including:
4 Breakfasts & 4 Dinners

3 Evening Shows:
Legends in Concert, Carolina Opry & Alabama Theatre

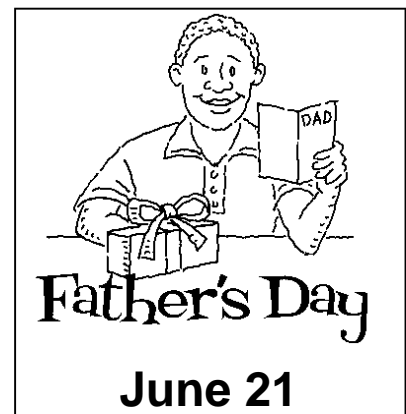
The Hot Jersey Nights Show at the Palace Theatre

Visit to Broadway at the Beach

Visit to the amazing Brookgreen Gardens

Guided tour of Charleston

If you have any questions and would like to join us on this trip, please contact Sharon E. Neumann – 410-882-0431.



Missions *In Action*: Christian Blind Mission International

CHANGE a child's life with your CHANGE.

You can help prevent children from going blind for pennies a day!

Let's see how much we can collect over the summer.

On May 24, the Missions Committee issued a challenge to the congregation to fill up a prescription bottle or other container with their pennies or loose change (*Checks are also welcome!*) to help prevent blindness or restore sight to children.

According to Christian Blind Mission International (CBM), *there are many reasons children go blind in the world's poorest countries. Lack of Vitamin A, cataracts, and river blindness are among some of the main causes. Many children also live with extremely low vision...unable to see to walk, read, go to school, or help with household chores.*

Every penny counts; here's what your spare change can do:

75 cents gives a dose of medicine to a child so he or she won't go blind from river blindness

55 cents a day for a year can give a child cataract surgery and the ability to see again

10 cents a day for a year can provide a pair of special high-powered glasses to a child with low vision so he or she can read, write and go to school again!

CBM has provided services for over 100 years to the world's most vulnerable and forgotten children, women and men. They serve millions of people annually through their holistic approach, which includes prevention, treatment, education/rehabilitation, and economic empowerment.

They are the world's largest international non-governmental organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with disabilities living in the world's most disadvantaged societies. Their work is founded on the following six core values:

Christianity – To follow the teachings and examples of Jesus Christ

Inclusiveness – To promote and build an inclusive society

Internationalism – To do our work throughout the world

Professionalism – To maintain quality in all that we do

Integrity – To be good stewards of the resources entrusted to us

Communication – To communicate honestly and respectfully

For more information on this organization and their many financial accreditations, see:

www.cbmus.org/site/PageServer?pagename=a_about_us

Upcoming and Ongoing Mission Opportunities:

Collection of hotel-size toiletries for Essex UMC.

There is a box for the items on the hospitality desk. This is an on-going collection.

Sandwich making for Essex UMC 4th Tuesday of every month.

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

June Birthdays

- 2 Kerry Webner
- 3 Merrill Harrison
- 4 Judy Zahren
- 5 Tim Shelton
- 9 Nancy Harvill
- 10 Karen Mooney
- 11 Megan Eshelman
- 12 Deborah Olewe
- 15 Elsie Barker
Karen Jones
Minnie Webster
- 18 Olu Okerele
- 23 Michele Brown
- 25 Dorothy Thompson
- 26 Londa Lee

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
Evan Horn
- 22 Christopher Palazzi
- 24 Kristopher Seets
Jennifer Byrd
Rachel Lee White
- 25 Dellroy Harrison
- 26 Ann Mason Jackson
- 28 Scott LaCompte
Kirsten Scott
- 30 Ruth Weygand
- 31 Jane Cullum
Edward Smith

August Birthdays

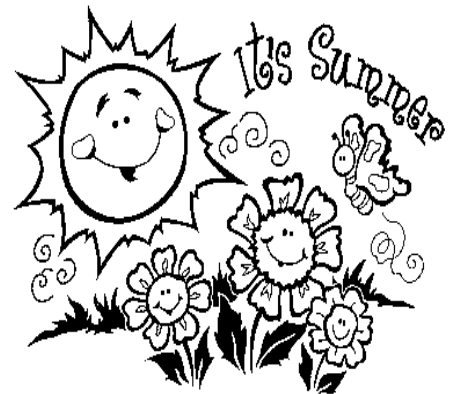
- 3 Grace Boner
Lynn Jean
- 4 Jean Oberia
- 5 Russell Thompson
- 6 Brian Miller
- 7 Robert Lacy
- 12 Betty Shock
- 14 David Frazier
- 16 Betty Cox
- 17 Linda Davis
- 18 Jennifer Weaver
- 19 Del Lloyd
Isabelle Burrell
Albertha Sinkler
Mack Briscoe
- 22 Phil Lee
Pamela Williams
- 23 Ericka Mink
- 24 Maria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

Membership Updates

Address Unknown:

If you know the current address for the following members, please contact the church office.

Joseph & Tammy Caleb
 Jermaine Carter
 John Daniels
 Mary Foster
 Frances Fraling
 Grace Hilton
 Paul Hively
 Jessica Lautenschlager
 Susan Morgan
 Kingsley & Linda Ngameduru
 C. Rowland Nworgu
 Gregory Olsen
 Erin Olsen
 Charles Per Dieu
 Karla Stewart
 Beatrice Welsh
 Scott Welsh



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Gabrielle Schwartz

Villa Cresta Elementary School
June 18, 2015
To attend Loch Raven Academy
Daughter of Buddy and Judy
Schwartz
Granddaughter of Jane Ferguson

Evan Welsh

Hampton Elementary School
June 18, 2015
To attend Ridgley Middle School
Grandson of Peggy Kelly

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Alec Welsh

Ridgley Middle School
June 17, 2015
To attend Loch Raven High
School
Grandson of Peggy Kelly

HIGH SCHOOL

Jonathan Edward Cuthbert

Perry Hall High School
May 28, 2015
Grandson of Jon and Sandi
Cuthbert

Braeden Dorsey

Perry Hall High School
May 28, 2015
To attend Community College
of Baltimore County
Grandson of Dan and Jen Dorsey

Nick Webster

Perry Hall High School
May 28, 2015
To attend Towson University
Son of Steve and Jennifer
Webster
Grandson of Nancy Gillotti

COLLEGE

Nicole Dorsey

Suffolk University
Boston, Massachusetts
May 17, 2015
B.F.A in Interior Design
Granddaughter of Dan and
Jen Dorsey

Megan Leigh Harpel

University of Delaware
May 21, 2015
B.S. in Elementary and Special
Education
Granddaughter of Jim and
Nancy Harvill

Stephanie Mooney

California Baptist University
May 2, 2015
Masters in Athletic Training
Granddaughter of Peggy Kelly

Tim Price

Mount St. Mary's University
May 10, 2015
B.S. in Sports Management
Minor in Communication and
Business
Son of Allan and Amy Price
Grandson of Nancy Gillotti

Verna Wilson Roman

University of Maryland
December 2014
M.S. in Anesthesia
Daughter of Jonathan and
Adelaide Wilson



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Holy,
HOLY
is the
LORD
OF HOSTS;
the whole
EARTH
IS FULL OF HIS
GLORY.”
ISAIAH 6:3, NRSV

United Methodist Women June Schedule

Phyllis Downes Circle

Tuesday, June 2
12 Noon—Lunch at
Peppermill

“Women in Christ” Circle

Monday, June 8
6:30 p.m.—Dinner at
Michael’s in Timonium