

The Spire



Summer 2018

Loch Raven United Methodist Church

Save the date! Loch Raven UMC is Celebrating its 65th Anniversary!

Sunday September 16, 2018
with a special 10 AM worship
service followed by anniversary
lunch and its Share the Memo-
ries/Celebrate the Spirit
presentation.

Help is being recruited to make this day a memorable one. Please review the following responsibilities and consider coordinating one of these first three needs: accept an area, recruit assistance for your team, and share in the joy of celebrating 65 years of sharing God's Word, missions at home and around the globe and 65 years of creating a memorable fellowship family. See Rhoda Wilson or Debi Wynn to volunteer.

1. Lunch Coordinator

Select caterer and menu and direct the set up on 9/16.

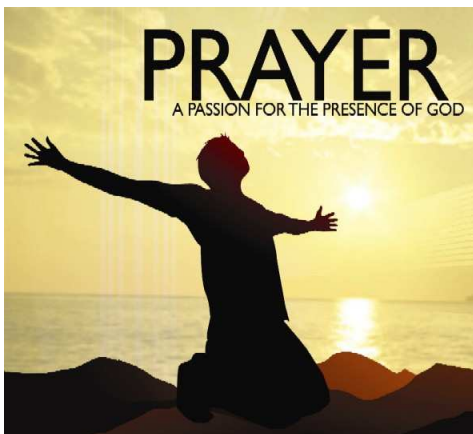
2. Welcome Coffee and Tea reception for Alumni Staff Coordinator.

3. **Printed Anniversary Memory Book Coordinator** (History is written through June 2017).

4. Lunch Presentation Participant.

A House of Prayer

Wow, how times flies. The summer is upon us and come July, I will celebrate my first year with you. It has been a great year getting to know you and the Loch Raven Community. I am humbled to be here and I am excited for what I believe God is calling us to do and what God has in store for us. As I was praying about the upcoming year and for direction, I read a book, *The Prayer*



Saturated Church by Cheryl Sacks. In the book, Sacks argues that churches should not just have prayer ministries but should be houses of prayer. Sacks states that "In a true house of prayer, we see prayer saturating every aspect of individual and corporate church life. Communication with our Father is the lifeblood of the Church—and indispensable pillar—without

which God-given dreams, giftings, and spiritual power lie dormant. In a house of prayer, talking and listening to God characterize worship services, business meetings, and even informal social gatherings. The whole congregation is involved in drawing near to Him." As we journey together I pray that we become a house of prayer where prayer saturates every aspect of Loch Raven UMC.

In the upcoming months, we will put more emphasis on prayer throughout the church. This does not mean that we are not praying now. Of course we are. Prayer is already a vital and important part of our life together and we have incredible prayer

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Membership Team News

By: Debi Wynn

Your Membership Team recognized the moms, grandmothers, aunts and all women who serve in the life of a child on Mother's Day with a special booklet of Mother-themed pages. The cover's verse was suggested by Adelaide Wilson, which the Team accepted. Many thanks to Adelaide for discovering the perfect verse recognizing the special day.

Career Day: Volunteers are needed for August's Career Discovery day to serve as greeters, man the church information table and share your work experiences. Please see Debi or Pastor George to volunteer.

Name That Tree – Thanks to Edward Smith the Earth Day pine tree is now in the ground and growing. We need a name for this tree as it will be serving as a community gathering place, a cornerstone for LRUMC. Place your suggestion in the Name that Tree Suggestion Box in the lower level entrance hallway.

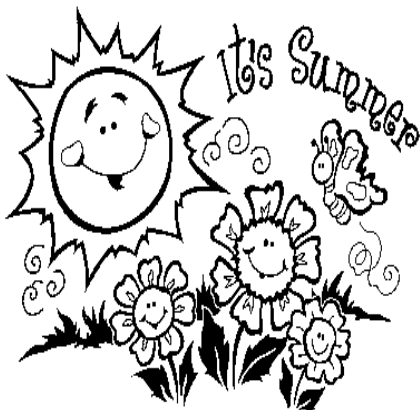
A House of Prayer

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ministries that are such a blessing to the church. This is to augment what we are currently doing to prayerfully get more people involved. I see us having prayer walks, corporate prayer meetings, and many other things to increase the centrality of prayer here at Loch Raven UMC.

I believe that we are about to see the blessings of God in this church in a whole new way. One of my favorite hymns is *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* and the refrain of the hymn reads, "Great is thy faithfulness, great is thy faithfulness, morning by morning new mercies I see. All I have needed thy hand has provided, great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me." God's grace is sufficient and I am hopeful that God will continue to bless us as we seek a greater relationship with God. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 declares, "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." I wish you grace, peace, and a joyous summer.

Grace & Peace,
Pastor George



Music Ministry Spotlight

By: Sam Chin, Music Director

This month's spotlight member is Doris Ndlovu. I am especially pleased to spotlight her this month because all the hard work and love she puts into our church often goes without recognition. Doris is often behind the kitchen counter when there are special events at LRUMC, which we greatly appreciate because she is an excellent cook. Everything she makes is always not only delicious but filled with love and care. I honestly have not had the opportunity to have many in-depth conversations with her over these years but I do notice that every time she speaks her words fill you with her warmth. I am always inspired by her kind spirit and her love for the Lord and it is a joy to have her in the choir.

When did you start attending Loch Raven UMC and when did you get involved with the Music Ministry?

I started attending Loch Raven United Methodist Church on June 9, 1992. My music ministry began right after I joined the church. Judy Zahren invited me into the choir and although this was all new to me I accepted her invitation.

What is your most memorable experience in LRUMC's Music Ministry?

The most memorable experiences at Loch Raven UMC were the Cluster Choir Festivals, which combined choir members from other local churches. Praising God with all the different spiritual songs is especially memorable.

What are your favorite hymns?

There are no particular favorite hymns for me, rather, I love them all! Each song brings special meaning to our life. I believe we show our gratitude by singing these songs to praise God and His glory.

Three adjectives to describe LRUMC?

LRUMC is Jesus Christ's Church. We are doing what He asks us to do.

LRUMC is a Family Member Church. We pray for each other and all our life's problems.

LRUMC is a Gracious Community Church. We reach out to strangers, poor and homeless people throughout the community. The church has done a lot for my own personal cause.

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The Play's the Thing...

From Off Broadway to On Boulevard, the Loch Raven Troupe will present *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl on Friday, August 17, at 7PM. Only thing is we have to rally the troop. There will be open auditions for the 19 speaking parts plus an assortment of Oompa-Loompas on:

Wednesday June 12: 4:30 PM

Friday June 15: 6:30 PM

Saturday June 16: 10:30 AM

This will be a neighborhood production. Parts may be cast as adults or children from the church, community, and nearby schools. Rehearsals are expected to begin on Wednesday, June 20, roughly 7 PM. A complete schedule will be posted after casting.

However, we need support behind the scenes in the form of co-director, set designer, property manager, and potential audio and lighting. No experience needed as there are sketches and suggestions in the play-book. These backstage hands will primarily need to assist during the week prior to the performance (Aug.13-16) which may include multiple rehearsals. If you are available to help with one of these roles, please send an email to weimheart@aol.com or call me at 410-444-6139. Marching forward to a sweet success.

Helen Blakey

UMC Lectionary Calendar

June 2018

June 3—2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Church Color: Green

1 Samuel 3:1-20

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
(UMH 854)

2 Corinthians 4:5-12

Mark 2:23-3:6

June 10—3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Church Color: Green

1 Samuel 8:4-20 (11:14-15)

Psalm 138 (UMH 853)

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Mark 3:20-35

June 17—4th Sunday after Pentecost

Church Color: Green

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

Psalm 20 or Psalm 72
(UMH 795)

2 Corinthians 5:6-10 (11-13),
14-17

Mark 4:26-34

June 24—5th Sunday after Pentecost

Church Color: Green

1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23)
32-49

Psalm 9:9-20 (UMH 744)

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Mark 4:35-41

July 2018

July 1—6th Sunday after Pentecost

Church Color: Green

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27

Psalm 130 (UMH 848)

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Mark 5:21-43

July 8—7th Sunday after Pentecost

Church Color: Green

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

Psalm 48 (UMH 782)

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Mark 6:1-13

July 15—8th Sunday after Pentecost

Church Color: Green

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

Psalm 24 (UMH 755)

Ephesians 1:3-14

Mark 6:14-29

July 22—9th Sunday after Pentecost

Church Color: Green

2 Samuel 7:1-14a

Psalm 89:20-37 (UMH 807)

Ephesians 2:11-22

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 29—10th Sunday after Pentecost

Church Color: Green

2 Samuel 11:1-15

Psalm 14 (UMH 746)

Ephesians 3:14-21

John 6:1-21

August 2018

August 5—11th Sunday after Pentecost

Church Color: Green

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a

Psalm 51:1-12 (UMH 785)

Ephesians 4:1-16

John 6:24-35

August 12—12th Sunday after Pentecost

Church Color: Green

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33

Psalm 130 (UMH 848)

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

John 6:35, 41-51

August 19—13th Sunday after Pentecost

Church Color: Green

1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14

Psalm 111 (UMH 832)

Ephesians 5:15-20

John 6:51-58

August 26—14th Sunday after Pentecost

Church Color: Green

1 Kings 8:(1, 6, 10-11) 22-30,
41-43

Psalm 84 (UMH 804)

Ephesians 6:10-20

John 6:56-69



Missions *In Action*: Christian Blind Mission *No Child Should be Forgotten!*

For the past three summers, the Missions Committee has asked you to donate your spare change to Christian Blind Missions to help prevent childhood blindness. This year we are again asking you to donate your spare change—dollars—or a check! (*payable to LRUMC and indicate CBM on the memo line*), but the funds will be used to set up an early adopter hospital to connect 3D printing technology with the children and families who most need it (see separate article on page 6).

Christian Blind Mission (CBM) is the largest international development organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with disabilities.

For more than 100 years, CBM has worked with children and families with disabilities to deliver a holistic approach to care, including prevention, treatment, education, and economic empowerment programs. CBM offers long-term, sustainable solutions versus short-term fixes. They not only empower those with disabilities, but ensure their communities and, most importantly, future generations are able to break the cycle of poverty.

CBM's work is founded on the core values of Christianity, internationalism, professionalism, stewardship, honest communication and inclusion:

- Christianity—aspire to follow the teachings of Jesus.
- Internationalism—is an international organization.
- Professionalism—aim for quality in what they do.
- Integrity—are good stewards of their resources.
- Communication—communicate honestly and respectfully.
- Inclusion—promotes and practices inclusion and endeavors both within the organization and externally to identify barriers and implement solutions which lead to a more inclusive society.

CBM strives:

- To improve the quality of life of persons with disabilities.
- To reduce occurrence of preventable impairment.
- To educate persons with disabilities to be aware of their human rights and help exercise them.
- Full inclusion of persons with disabilities in all aspects of life (societal, political and economic).
- To encourage an accessible and inclusive development cooperation.

How is the money allocated? 0.2% – administration, 0.3% – fund raising,
99.3% – programs and services
Charity Navigator – **4 star rating**.

For more information on the **3D printing project**, see: <https://cbmus.org/3Dprinting/>



Special Mission Collection:

Be a game *CHANGER* in the life of a child with your spare *CHANGE*.

In resource-poor countries, only 1 in 10 people have access to the mobility devices they need. Many of those people are children who are missing a limb.

Without the ability to walk, the children are sidelined. Most can't attend school or help with chores. They are unable to participate in social activities with other children.

3D printing of prosthetic sockets is a game changer. What once took 5 days to create can now be produced in 1½ days.

During June, July, and August, the Missions Committee is asking everyone to pick up a prescription bottle and fill it with your spare change—*dollars—or a check!* (payable to LRUMC and indicate CBM on the memo line) to help Christian Blind Missions set up an early adopter hospital to connect 3D printing technology with the children and families who most need it.

Please help us change a child's life with 3D printing!



Upcoming and Ongoing Mission Opportunities

To help better serve food-starved individuals in our community, we will be collecting specific, non-perishable food items monthly for ACTC. Watch the Sunday Worship Bulletin for the most critical need.

We are also collecting books for ACTC—primarily for two age groups: children six and under and six and up. Books for teens and adults are also welcomed, including Bibles and devotionals.

Manna House Breakfast Club – July 14 and Oct. 13. If you would like to volunteer to help prepare or serve breakfast, contact Linda Cole: 410-666-5222.

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 3rd or 4th Tuesday of every month.





Back to School!

*will be here
before we know it*

Even though school is not yet out for the summer, we are already gearing up for the 2018-2019 school year.

In August Missions will start collecting school supplies for our partner schools:

Halstead Academy
Abbottston Elementary

Be on the lookout for back-to-school sales.

Membership Updates

Address Changes:

Claire Simms
2017 Knotty Pine Drive
Abingdon, MD 21009-2787

Withdrawn:

Andrew Cole
Robert Cole
April 27, 2018

Timothy Shelton
April 30, 2018

Baptisms:

Daniella Marie Ayoka Roman
May 6, 2018

Parents:

Daniel & Verna Roman

Grandparents: Jonathan &
Adelaide Wilson

Deaths:

Olevia Steimel
April 17, 2018

Address Unknown:

(Please let the office know of any current addresses of which you are aware.)

Jermaine Carter
John Daniels
Kingsley & Linda Ngameduru
Erin Olsen
Gregory Olsen
Doris Passley
Virginia Skelly
Scott & Beatrice Welsh

Music Ministry Spotlight

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How do you envision the Music Ministry and LRUMC growing in the future?

My vision for the Music Ministry and LRUMC is to continue to have a strong belief that God is in control and everything will work out in His way. The songs we sing every Sunday will open doors for more members to join and praise God for His love. LRUMC is a GOOD CHURCH; its doors are open for everybody. When I came here the church told me: "Welcome to LRUMC!"

United Methodist Women June Schedule

"Women in Christ" Circle

Monday, June 4
6:30 p.m.—Dinner at
Bowman Restaurant

Phyllis Downes Circle

Tuesday, June 5
12 Noon—Lunch at
Peppermill

No General Meeting

Note that the UMW FLEA MARKET has been changed from June to Saturday, October 6 (more information to come).

Summer Birthdays

June Birthdays

- 1 Spencer Allan Shelton
- 3 Merrill Harrison
- 4 Judy Zahren
- 5 Jonathan Yeich
- 9 Nancy Harvill
- 10 Karen Mooney
- 11 Megan Eshelman
- 12 Deborah Olewe
Milo Coyle Gould
- 15 Karen Danforth
Minnie Webster
- 18 Olu Okerele
- 23 Michele Brown
- 25 Dorothy Thompson
- 26 Londa Lee
- 29 Justice Christine Clampitt

July Birthdays

- 1 Jackson Lee Eklund-Mader
Nolan Thomas Stelz
- 4 Sarah Aidoo
- 9 Debbie Shelton
- 10 Shirley Messman
- 11 Luciana Margaret Roman
- 17 William Shock (Will)
- 18 Pauline Graves
- 19 Ellen Underwood
Evan Horn
- 22 Adaeze Alaeze
Christopher Palazzi
Erica Teresa Haas
- 23 Erin Olsen
- 24 Kristopher Seets
Jennifer Byrd
Rachel Lee Magill
- 28 Scott LaCompte
Kirsten Scott
- 30 Ruth Weygand
- 31 Jane Cullum
Edward Smith

August Birthdays

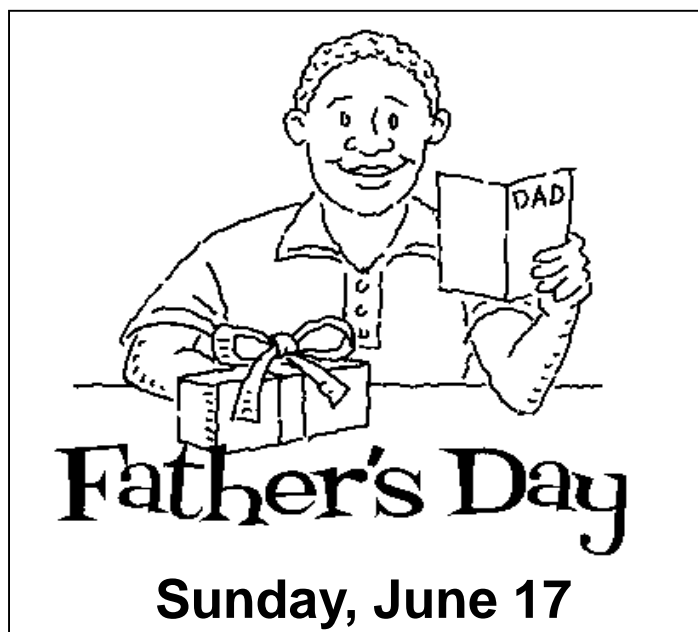
- 3 Grace Boner
Lynn Jean
- 4 Jean Oberia
- 5 Russell Thompson
- 6 Brian Miller
- 7 William Bratton
- 9 Janae Edwards
- 12 Betty Shock
- 14 David Frazier
- 16 Betty Cox
- 17 Emily Larrimore
- 18 Jennifer Weaver
- 19 Isabelle Burrell
Albertha Sinkler
Mack Briscoe
- 22 Phil Lee
Pamela Williams
- 23 Erica Mink
- 24 Maria Stockton-Porter
- 26 Cheryl Wagner Koogler
- 27 Matthew Cuthbert
- 28 Jeanne Amberman
- 31 Harold Gowie, Jr.

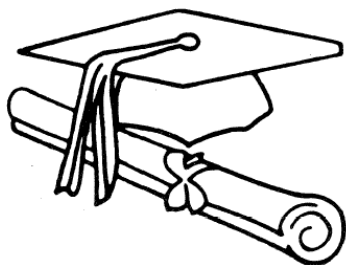
Heart Matters

A relationship between two or more of Christ's followers is simply a heart-to-heart matter.

Methodism founder John Wesley said: "If your heart is as my heart, give me your hand." In other words, when two (or more) people know Christ, they have something wonderful in common. Therefore, they should embrace one another as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Attending worship and being involved in church activities draws us closer to Jesus and to each other. As Christians, we are called to be hospitable toward strangers, not just our friends and acquaintances. Remember Christ's words: "I was a stranger and you welcomed me..." (Matthew 25:35, NRSV).





Congratulations 2018 Graduates!

Elementary School

Morgan Winkfield

Westowne Elementary

To attend Sudbrook magnet Middle School
 Daughter of Rev. George & Mary Winkfield
 Granddaughter of Bruce & Kate Beveridge

Middle School

Isabelle Ann Stone

St. Joseph's School

Cockeysville, MD

To attend Mercy High School
 Granddaughter of Isabelle Burrell

High School

Corey Burton

Archbishop Curley

To attend Salisbury University
 Grandson of Peggy Kelly

Haven M. Essien

Salem High School

Plymouth, MI

To attend University of Michigan
 Granddaughter of Adiaha Essien

College

Sabrina Dorsey

Towson University

B.S. in Animal Behavior and Psychology
 Granddaughter of Dan & Jen Dorsey

Hannah Feustle

Susquehanna University

Bachelor's Degree in English
 Niece of Judy Feustle

Molly Harpel

Penn State

B.A. in Political Science & Criminology
 Minor in German
 Granddaughter of Jim & Nancy Harvill

Taryn K. Mackey

University of Colorado - Boulder

Degree in Sociology

Daughter of Hilary Geyton
 Granddaughter of Jean Oberia

Abigail Reed

Northern Virginia Community College
 R.N.

Granddaughter of Dan & Jen Dorsey

Etan M. Stone

University of Texas - Austin

B.A. in History

Grandson of Isabelle Burrell

Chad Kriel VanCutsem

Towson University

B.F.A. & B.S. in Art Education

Grandson of Stan & Ruth Kriel

Graduate School

Shian Williams

North Carolina Central University

M.S. in Communication Disorders

Granddaughter of Al & Beverley Mignott

Dominique Youngblood

Georgetown University

M.P.S. in Journalism

Niece of Rebecca Mickey



Share A Loch Raven Memory

Loch Raven's 65th Anniversary is September 16 and we are in search of church memories. Share your memories and deposit this sheet in the Memory Box in the narthex.

Name (optional) _____

If member, year you joined _____

Memories _____

Save the Dates, Attend and Participate LRUMC 2018 Special Events

By: Debi Wynn

Music Sunday—Sunday, June 3, 10 AM

Loch Raven's Chancel Choir and Children's Choir under the direction of Sam Chin, with organist Patricia Gould and the Memorial Handbell Choir directed by Cathy Miles.

Father's Day—Sunday June 17, 10 AM

Bring your dad to church Sunday.

Free Vacation Bible School—July 23 – July 27, 9 AM to 12:30 PM

Career Discovery Workshop—August 25, 10 AM to 1 PM

- * Discover career experiences from a panel discussion with participants sharing their workplace stories.
- * Explore job opportunities available in the area from participating employers.
- * Be inspired for the job experience with motivational speaker Rev. George Winkfield.
- * Review entrepreneurial opportunities.
- * Resume workshop.

Loch Raven United Methodist Church Celebrates its 65th Anniversary Sunday, September 16, 10 AM

As it began in a little white cottage on the property, the life and service of the church is celebrated.

Indoor Flea Market—Saturday, October 6, 9 AM to 1 PM

Sell no longer needed items or shop the displaying vendors for bargains.

Loch Raven's Festival of the Arts presents Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 27, 5 – 7 PM

A fun evening for the church, its neighboring communities and area businesses to come together for an evening of family activities. Get creative and transform your vehicle into a kid-friendly themed engaging art piece with treats. Design and create your costume for welcoming young visitors to your trunk of treats. The evening will come to a close beginning at 6:30 PM with the return of dancing under the stars, a mix of holiday music, exercise and fun for all ages. To RSVP a space for your vehicle call 410-825-0900. Use the summer to develop your car theme!

Veterans Day Sunday—November 11 at 10 AM

A recognition of veterans during the church service followed by a lunch in their honor. Veterans are requested to RSVP at 410-825-0900.

Christmas Tree Lighting—Saturday, December 1 at 6 PM

The return of a holiday tradition! Join us on the corner of Glendale and Loch Raven Blvd for lighting the new church evergreen tree and welcoming in the holiday season with carol singing, jingle bell ringing, craft making and refreshments.