

The Spire



November, 2009

Loch Raven United Methodist Church

All Saints Day

November 1 is All Saints Day, and this year we are particularly blessed that Nov. 1 is a Sunday. Our services that day will focus on this special occasion in the life of the church. We will name the names of those of our church family who have gone home to God since last All Saints Day. Will we mark their home-going with the sounding of the bell and the lighting of a candle. We will also have the opportunity to light candles and name names of other people through whom God has blessed and touched our lives. This is a holy and precious time of worship for us. Please come and join in offering comfort to those who mourn and celebrating the blessing of the lives of God's saints in our midst.



Just a reminder that the Thanksgiving bags handed out by the Missions Ministry on October 25th can be returned to the Church Office any time up to and including **Sunday, November 15th**. If you missed getting a bag to fill, see Lin in the Church Office. Thank You!



Thanksgiving Eve Service Wednesday, November 25 at 7:30 p.m.

Come and join your heart and voice with others in giving thanks to God for all of God's goodness to us. The service will include special music, communion and a message for the season. It's always good to pray before you eat!

Charge Conference Scheduled for November 23

Our annual Charge Conference will be held on **Monday, November, 23 at 7 p.m.** with the Rev. Rod Miller presiding. Many of you have met Rod, either when he led a visioning seminar with us last Spring, or when he preached at LRUMC in April. All are invited to this meeting, and members of the Church Council are particularly urged to attend.

We will piggyback this meeting with our November Church Council meeting, which will begin at 8 p.m. when the Charge Conference is scheduled to conclude.

WORSHIP  WITH US!

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Veterans in the Faith

Regional Worship Service
With
Bishop John R. Schol

**Wednesday, November 11
7:30 p.m.**

Towson United
Methodist Church
501 Hampton Lane

Come and join us for a
wonderful celebration!

A Letter From Bishop John R. Schol

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

What a great joy and honor it is to serve as a leader in the United Methodist Church. You, who have been called, ordained, elected, commissioned, licensed and blessed to serve as pastor, lay leader, chairperson or committee member, make up a vast network of leaders throughout the Baltimore-Washington Conference. You serve in the local church, in your community, and at the conference level. In all, we have more than 15,000 leaders, like you, seeking to be like Christ as you lead spiritually by calling, equipping, sending and supporting disciples to make new disciples and grow Acts 2 congregations for the transformation of the world.

We look forward as conference staff in serving you and I am glad to have this opportunity to share with you as key leaders within the life of the Baltimore-Washington Conference. We are making healthy progress here in the Baltimore-Washington Conference, growing on biblical imperatives, following a vision/mission that is guiding our commitments and actions, and using best practices.

Our leadership grows out of a firm scriptural base that supports and challenges us in how we serve as spiritual leaders. Here in the Baltimore-Washington Conference, we have four key biblical imperatives that invite us to be a great conference made up of life-changing congregations and ministries.

1. The Great Commandment/Disciple

Matthew 22:37-39

Great Disciples love God completely and love their neighbor as themselves.

2. The Great Church

Acts 2

Great Churches are filled and led by the Spirit, welcome all people, and engage in holistic ministry of worship, fellowship, faith development, service and faith sharing. These congregations bear fruit.

3. The Great Leader

Ephesians 4:11-12

Great Leaders recognize their giftedness from God and use their gift to build up the congregation for ministry in the world.

4. The Great Commission/Mission

Matthew 28:19

The Great Mission for congregations and disciples is to make new disciples and engage all disciples in the transformation of the world.

Here is one example of our acting on these biblical imperatives.

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A Letter From Bishop John R. Schol

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In New Mexico, there is a Navajo reservation located on a uranium mine. For a number of years, Navajo men have been working in the uranium mine. These men, along with others who live near the mine, have a high incidence of cancer. Recently 20 Navajo women who lost their husbands to cancer traveled to Washington, DC to meet with legislators so that something would be done to address the issue. Some of the women had never been far from the reservation.

When we learned from a United Methodist pastor who serves on the reservation that this group was coming, Sandy Ferguson, our mission/social justice coordinator, organized a time to meet and pray with the women at our DC office and to help them navigate the halls of power. Also, Rev. Kay Albury and her church members of Asbury Town Neck provided transportation and hosted the women during their stay in our conference. It was a deeply moving experience to hear their story and to experience their deep gratitude to the Baltimore-Washington Conference. It was the Great Disciple, Leader, Church and Mission of the Baltimore-Washington Conference in action.

How is your leadership embodying these biblical imperatives? What is your church doing to be live these passages?

This past Sunday, I celebrated World Wide Communion with Franklin Church in Southern Maryland. Their congregation has been exploring these passages in worship and committee meetings as they engage in the Discipleship Adventure. Through these conversations they have made commitments on how to serve and over the past several years they are bearing Acts 2 fruit.

As bishop and conference staff, we are here to support you in leading within the congregation, community and conference. We will continue to pray for you, develop training to equip and support you for spiritual leadership and be available to work with your congregation. If you would like support or training for your congregation, through your church council or pastor, request that one of our staff adventure guides come and meet with your congregation. This fall, you will have a chance to meet with your adventure guide at your charge conference. I invite you to engage in conversation with your guide about the biblical imperatives and how they are working through you to help transform your church and community.

Thank you for serving and striving to be a great spiritual leader. You are part of a great movement that is making a difference.

Your brother and bishop in Christ, *John*

John R. Schol, Bishop
The United Methodist Church
The Washington, DC Area
Baltimore-Washington Conference

United Methodist Women November Schedule

Prepared by Betty Shock

“Women in Christ” Circle

Monday, November 2

7:30 p.m.—Room 202

Study: *Growing Through Life’s Challenges*

Lesson 2: Growing Through Overwhelming Responsibilities (Joshua)

Phyllis Downes Circle

Tuesday, November 3

10 a.m. - Parlor

Study: *Knowing Jesus*

Ellen Hoover Circle

Wednesday, November 11

9:30 a.m.—Room 202

Study: *Women of the Old Testament*

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, November 18

Covered Dish—6:30 p.m.

Speaker—To Be Announced

Circle Assignments:

Set-up—P. Downes

Main Dish—D-I

Vegetable—J-R

Salad—S-Z

Dessert—A-C

Clean-up—Ellen Hoover



New Boiler On The Way

On Sunday, September 13th, a special Church Council meeting was held to consider the Trustees' recommendation for a new boiler. The recommendation was unanimously approved and work has begun. We have \$15,300 on hand designated for this project, but will have to borrow the remainder of the funds from ourselves, depleting our investments until the money can be replaced. The total cost of the project is \$73,000. The new system will be much more efficient than the existing system, and we will realize savings in our utility bills immediately. Please consider a special gift to this project. Finances are a challenge for many of us at this time, but anything we can collect now will reduce our depletion of current resources, as well as reducing the amount we need to replace. **Please mark all contributions "Boiler Fund."** We give thanks for the generosity of Jean Fraunfelter, who left LRUMC \$10,000. We received this bequest just as this critical need surfaced, and our coming warmth will be part of Jean's legacy.

BOILER FUND UPDATE:

Received: 9/20/2009 \$ 1,165.00
 9/27/2009 365.00
 10/4/2009 1,370.00
 10/11/2009 1,100.00

Plus Jean Fraunfelter gift of \$10,000
 and \$5,600 in the Boiler Fund

Total Received: \$19,600.00 towards \$73,000

We appreciate the gifts so far towards the Boiler Fund. Here are a couple of neat things:

Rev. Carroll and Nan Doggett sent a gift with the following note: "You'll reach the goal! Have faith!"

Another member gave a generous gift on behalf of other family members whose funds are tight at this time. Please continue to give as you are able, every little bit helps towards the goal.

Education News

New Adult Sunday School class is forming: Are you a "younger" adult looking to fellowship with other "younger" adults on Sunday mornings? If so, we would like to know who you are. Please contact Jen Byrd at 443-756-4000 or email: birdie21234@aol.com.

We'd like to congratulate, **Aaron Larrimore, Sarah Jones and Eron Smalls** on receiving their Bibles. We pray that they continually grow and discover GOD's word.

Outreach/ Evangelism

Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it.

—William Arthur Ward

October 16 was World Food Day. According to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), approximately 923 million people in the world are under-nourished.

Blessings,

Katherine McKinney



**Daylight Savings Time
Ends November 1**



**Let's Raise The Roof
Saturday, November 14
7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium**

Come join us for a night of food, fun and entertainment to support Theresa Alaeze's mission project in Nigeria.

Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Ministry Shining God's Light Around the Globe

It's hard to believe that shoe box collection time is just around the corner. In 2008, nearly 8 million shoe box gifts were collected in the United States and 10 other sending nations.

A simple shoe box filled with age-appropriate toys, school supplies, and hygiene items can bring joy and hope to children who have endured poverty, disease, and disaster. After these boys and girls have received their shoe boxes, they are invited to a follow-up discipleship program that introduces them to God's Word through a series of Bible lessons. Upon completion of the program, graduates receive their own copy of a New Testament Bible. Let this be the year YOU become part of this life-changing ministry by packing a shoe box!

Pack a shoe box in honor or memory of someone.

Plan a special shopping day with your children or grandchildren to pick out shoe box items. (Dollar Store is great.)

Youth Group or Sunday School classes may want to consider getting together for a shoe box packing activity.

Brochures will be available in the narthex. The brochure includes specific instructions on what to pack in your box, a boy/girl label to attach to your box, and a detachable donation envelope. **COLLECTION SUNDAY IS NOVEMBER 22ND.** All boxes must be brought to church by that date.

Together, we can bring the exciting message of Christmas to needy children around the world.

Yvonne Horn
Missions Committee

Attention Shoppers and Diners

ON NOVEMBER 29TH the UMW (United Methodist Women) will be raising money for Mission projects. Come and support them by buying gift cards to many of your favorite restaurants, stores and specialty shops. These cards make great gifts or you can use them like cash. **They will be taking orders only on Sunday, November 29th, between the 8:30 and 11 am Worship Services in Fellowship Hall.**

Youth Group News

We have been busy and active. We wrote back to our pen pals in Vanuatu and plan on sending a package of soccer balls and Frisbees by the end of the month.

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, Oct. 24—7 – 9pm
Christian Fright night.

Sunday, Oct. 25— 7 – 8:30pm
Youth meeting—Scott and Meghan Eshleman are coming to share about their visit to Israel. The youth are encouraged to bring a friend.

November Youth meetings:

Sunday, Nov. 8—12:30pm
Youth meeting. (PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE)

Sunday, Nov. 22—7pm
Youth meeting

Sunday, Nov. 29—12pm
Lunch and Laser Tag

All Youth in the congregation between the 6th grade and 18 years old are invited to join the group. Hope to see you soon!

Mark your Calendars – Youth Sunday, November 29th – one service at 10am.



Membership Updates

Address Change:

Grace Hilton
4474 Woodsman Drive
Unit 922
Hampstead, MD 21074-3198

Ruth and Lou Kiessling
8810 Walther Blvd, Apt 1501
Baltimore, MD 21234
410-882-5017

Jason Myers
10010 Hill Green Circle
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Cockeysville, MD 21030-3883

Donald Vohrer
6431 Walther Avenue, Unit C
Baltimore, MD 21206-1734

Robert Steele
Sommerford Place
8820 Snowden River Pkwy
Room 35
Columbia, MD 21045
410-313-9744

Rev. Umbel & Family
6447 Sunny Meadow Street
Colorado Springs, CO 80922-4429

Address Correction:

Jonee Wilson
920 Woodmont Blvd, Apt R10
Nashville, TN 37204

Deceased:

Leo Barczak
October 10, 2009
former member of Loch Raven

John Shock & Family
on the death of
John's wife, Helen
on October 4, 2009

Address Unknown:

If you know the current address
for the following members,
please call the Church Office:

Pauline Ahalt
Charles Biemiller
Jermaine Carter
Amanda Diaz
Mark Formwalt
Mary Foster
Nancy Hart
Charles Per Dieu
Marion Redd-Roberts
Beatrice Welsh

From the Mailbox

Dear Church Family and
Friends,

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and support during my recovery from surgery. I was so pleased that Pastor Gayle came to the hospital prior to surgery and prayed with me. My Mom and Aunt had a great time talking with Pastor Gayle while waiting for me to come out of surgery.

Thanks for everything!

Peace and Blessings,

Jen Byrd

Maryland Bible Society 200th Anniversary Lunch & Lecture

You are invited to share lunch with Dr. Barclay Newman, Retired Senior Translation Officer of the American Bible Society and Distinguished Scholar

**Wednesday, November 4
12 Noon—Loch Raven UMC**

Sense and Sensitivity in Bible Translation

Dr. Barclay M. Newman, Senior Translation Officer (retired) for the American Bible Society, was Chair of the Contemporary English Version (CEV) of the Bible in 1995. Previously he was a United Bible Societies Translation Consultant in the Far East for 20 years. He established the Department of Translation at the University of Malaysia. He has written extensively on issues of translation. Dr. Newman has a PhD from Southern Seminary and graduate studies at Hebrew Union, Cincinnati, the Hartford Seminary Foundation and others. He and his wife Jean live in Springfield, MO; they have two daughters, three granddaughters, and one great granddaughter.

For reservations, please call the Bible House at 410-685-4040 and ask for Mrs. Melanie Williams. No cost for lunch, but you must reserve your lunch by October 30th. Limited Reservations—call now.

ON THE ROAD AGAIN

A Roadrunner of Loch Raven United Methodist Church decided it was time to go running on the road again. So the Roadrunner met with a few other Roadrunners and decided the place would be **Niagara Falls, Canada**. After contacting **White Star Tours** it was decided a trip to **Niagara Falls** would be the best place to go, staying on the **Canadian Side**. The Roadrunners would like for you to **get your passport ready** and join some of the Loch Raven Church Family and their friends on the road. The cost of the trip is **\$529.00 per person, double occupancy, for 4 nights and 5 days**. Heading up the road on **Monday, October 4, 2010**, the Roadrunners (beep, beep) will stop for lunch. So bring a sandwich and drinks will be provided along with some snacks.

The Roadrunner will make some side trips,

- beep, beep **All day tour of Niagara, including Niagara-on-the-lake;**
- beep, beep **All day tour of Toronto, Featuring Casa Loma;**
- beep, beep **Famous Maid of the Mist Boat Ride and tour of the Falls;**
- beep, beep **Visit to the Welland Canal and the Beautiful Floral Clock;**
- beep, beep **Visit to Niagara Fallsview Casino;**
- beep, beep **Rossi Glass.**



The Roadrunner will also get hungry so the trip will include **4 Breakfasts and 4 Full Course Dinners**. The Roadrunner will eventually get tired and will head back home on **Friday – October 8th**.

If you would be interested in traveling with the Roadrunners to **Niagara Falls, Canada**, please fill out the bottom portion of this page and return it to Sharon E. Neumann. The Roadrunner needs a **deposit of \$25.00 per person by March 31, 2010**. If you have a traveling Roadrunner you would like to stay with please list his/her name.

Niagara Falls, Canada

Monday – October 4 through Friday – October 8, 2010

Yes, I am interested in traveling with the Roadrunners to Niagara Falls, Canada.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Traveling Friend: _____

Please return to: Sharon E. Neumann
7830 Daniels Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21234
410-882-0431

