

The Spire



October, 2012

Loch Raven United Methodist Church

Missions Yard Sale

The 3rd annual Indoor Yard Sale will be on **Saturday, October 20**, from 8 am to 1 pm. It's not too early to start looking around your house for items to donate to the sale. Some of the items we use are clothing in very good condition, shoes, purses, jewelry, books, DVD's, CD's, toys, kitchenware, household linens, collectibles, tools, small appliances that work. We cannot accept computers, televisions, baby car seats. We will begin collecting donations in early October.

Thanks for all your support. All proceeds go to a mission project.



Board of Child Care Plans for Thanksgiving Baskets

The Board of Child Care Auxiliary is planning for Thanksgiving.

Baskets will be prepared again this year for the families of the children receiving the services of the Board of Child Care. The goal is to fill 225 baskets.

The Baltimore Metropolitan District has been asked to donate cranberries and green beans (15 oz. cans) this year. A collection box will be located in Fellowship Hall from October 14 until November 11 for donations.

Thank you for your continued support of the children at the Board of Child Care.

Leslie Christopher
Keyperson

Charge Conference

Charge Conference is **Monday, October 22** at 6:30 PM. This is an opportunity for you to meet our new District Superintendent and hear about the various ministries of Loch Raven UMC.

Community Health Fair

Saturday, October 13
10 am—1 pm

Location—Northwood Ap-
pold Community Academy
4417 Loch Raven Blvd.
Parking available in lot
across the street on Cold
Spring Lane

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The deadline for the November issue is **Sunday, October 14, at 11:00 a.m.** *Electronic Submission:* You may send articles by e-mail to: njk.williams@yahoo.com or place articles in the Church Office's newsletter box.

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United Methodist Women October Schedule

“Women in Christ” Circle
Monday, October 1
7:30 p.m.—Room 202
Study: *Great People of the Bible*
Lesson 8: David
Study/Devotion: Nancy
Hostess: Sharon and Linda

Phyllis Downes Circle
Tuesday, October 2
10 am—Parlor

Executive Meeting
Thursday, October 11
10 am—Parlor

GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday, October 17
6:30 p.m.—Covered Dish
Bring a dish to share.
Everyone is invited to hear a speaker discuss Samaritan's Purse and the shoebox project (Operation Christmas Child).

Operation Christmas Child

This year you can help Operation Christmas Child surpass the 100 million shoe box gifts which have been packed and distributed since 1993.

Be sure to bring your filled shoe box to the church by **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH**. Additional information will be in the November *Spire*.

Yvonne Horn

About Our Members

Loch Raven UM Church has a new United States Marine on its roster. James Ferguson, a 2012 graduate of Towson High School, son of Patti and Ron Ferguson, grandson of church members Jim and Jane Ferguson and Elizabeth and Joseph Wynn, is now officially a Marine, having earned that title when graduating from Parris Island, South Carolina recruit training on September 7, 2012. His parents, grandparents, aunts, and girlfriend attended graduation week events at Parris Island supporting Jamie and sharing with families of 500 other recruits in this once in a lifetime ceremony honoring an amazing achievement for these new Marines. After a short home leave, Jamie heads to the Marine School of Infantry for the next phase in his training.



Cliff's Note

Now unto Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us. -- Ephesians 3:20

Which is the most precious verse in the Bible? That's a pretty tough question---right? It really depends on what situation you are in. If you are experiencing some kind of trouble, then you would probably pick a Scripture passage that spoke to that. On the other hand, if you are dealing with a joyful experience then you would probably choose a verse which dealt with that situation.

The Scripture says, "Now unto Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us." This passage from Ephesians 3:20 stretches beyond any human thought or situation. It reminds us that God is able—no matter what our situation is in life. Often in life we make mistakes. Many times we fail. Sometimes we are ready to give up on ourselves, or on another person, or on God because of our circumstances. This passage tells us that God is able no matter what our situation.

Think about what God has already brought you through in your life. Now think about all that the Bible promises that God can do with and for you. Now think about everything that we could ask God to do for us or with us and still we have not exhausted God's resources. Isn't it good to have a God like that? Next time you find yourself in a hard place, remember that our God is able to do far more than we can even imagine or think.

Grace and peace,
Cliff

From the Mailbox

Dear Church Family,

Thank you very much for the love and kind expressions of sympathy shown to me and my family at the passing of my beloved husband Lou. The warmth and outpouring of love shown to each of us with your prayers, cards and visits at the funeral home was really appreciated.

Pastor Cliff, thank you for your time with me, and support of me, during this most difficult time in my life. It was a real shock to me and to all who knew and loved him. I thank God that he did not suffer! He is now at peace in his heavenly home with Jesus!

Many thanks, also, to the ladies of the UMW who prepared the lovely reception for our friends and family. It was very comforting and relaxing—a time to reminisce and bring back memories. Lou loved his church family—what would we do without them!

Peace and God Bless!

Audrey Moltz and Family



*There is
NO
FAILURE
in GOD!*

Life can only be
understood
backwards;
but it must be
lived forwards.

—Søren Kierkegaard

Birthdays and Anniversaries

October Birthdays:

- 1 Anne Palazzi
- 2 Adelaide Wilson
- 2 Doris Ndlovu
- 3 Gary Messman
- 4 Jen Dorsey
- 5 Harriet Williamson-Taylor
- 7 Jo Thomas
- 8 Molly Shock
- 11 Larry Smith
- 14 David Brown
- 15 Dorothy Jackson
- 17 Hazellene Milligan
- 21 Chidozie Osuwa
- 22 Donna Welsh
- 23 Ardith Luttrell
- 30 Sue Halley
- 31 Dorothy Layton

Belated Birthdays:

Caitlin Webster - 9/13
Jennifer Webster - 9/22

Anniversaries:

Cliff and Carole Webner - 10/7
Nancy and Owen Williams - 10/11

Belated Anniversaries:

Helen and Bob Fringo - 9/9
Jim and Nancy Harvill - 9/12,
Ruth and Stan Kriel - 9/17
Sandra and James Edmonds - 9/22
Sandy and Jon Cuthbert - 9/25

Countdown to Creativity for the 2012 Arts Festival

Are you an artist in search of a showcase opportunity? Do you enjoy a hobby of artistic expression? Did you win an art exhibit prize at the State Fair and wish to share your work with your church family? Registrations of art works are now being accepted October 1 - November 23 for the church's 2012 Loch Raven Festival of the Arts on December 1. To showcase your creativity with your church community, complete the form on page 5 and join in this event to kick off the holiday season. Each artist may submit up to five pieces in one category of artistic expression. All submissions must be family-friendly viewing appropriate. Paintings and hangings must not exceed 4 feet in width, sculpture not to exceed 60 lbs. All two-dimensional works must be wired with screw eyes or other hanging devices. The work must have been created during the 2010 - 2012 period. This art showcase is open to 5 - 18 years old in the Youth Gallery and 19 years of age and older for the adult artist exhibit area. Award certificates will be issued for each of the themes.

Art pieces should be labeled with artist name and title of piece and delivered to the church during one of the following delivery times:

Sunday, November 25, 9:30 am - 1pm

Monday, November 26, 6 - 8pm

Tuesday, November 27, 6 - 8pm

If none of those three delivery times are doable for Loch Raven UM Church members, contact the Festival Arts Committee to arrange another time. The works will be on display Saturday, December 1 through Sunday worship on December 2. Following the event, art can be picked up on Sunday or on Tuesday, December 4 and Thursday, December 6 from 6 - 8pm and on Sunday, December 9 from 9:30 am - 12:30pm.

For artists interested in selling their art, there will be a special Holiday Gift Shop Gallery where artists can set up a table for selling their works on December 1 from 3 - 8pm. The sales exhibit space is \$15. Space with one table is \$25. Artists in the Holiday Gift Shop Gallery must remove their works on Saturday evening. All space proceeds will benefit community missions during the holiday season.

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Registration Application for the 2012 Loch Raven Arts Festival

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____
 Email Address _____

If Youth Gallery submission: Age _____ School _____

There will be three categories for submitting art and all submissions must be family-friendly for viewing. Please check your theme and art category of entry:

Theme:

Community heritage: "Loch Raven" _____

The holidays: "Tis the Season" _____

The Open Themed Category: "In the Eye of the Beholder." _____

Art Categories: All submissions must be family-friendly viewing appropriate

Paintings (oils, acrylics, watercolor) _____

Drawing (Art works of charcoal, pastels, pencil, wax crayon, inks, etc.) _____

Ceramics: (original clay and porcelain art pieces) _____

Fiber: (basketry, embroidery, weaving, leatherwork, and tapestry) _____

Jewelry: (Only handmade pieces created without the use of commercial casts or molds) _____

Metalworks _____

Photography (artist's original images) _____

Sculpture _____

Go Green - Art created out of recyclable materials _____

Misc. art _____

Holiday Gift Shop Gallery

I do want to participate as an art vendor during this event.

\$15 space only _____ or \$25 Space with table and 2 chairs _____

To reserve your space for this sales gallery, please submit a check for the amount, payable to Loch Raven United Methodist Church.

The Loch Raven United Methodist Church does not insure individual works of art for this event. Artists who wish to insure against damage or loss will do so at their own expense.

Artist Name (Please Print) _____

Artist Signature _____ Date _____

Mail this completed form to: 2012 Arts Festival Registrations, Loch Raven United Methodist Church,
6622 Loch Raven Blvd, Baltimore, MD 21239