

# The Spire



October 2014

Loch Raven United Methodist Church



## October Events

**Awujoh  
Multicultural Dinner**  
Sunday, October 5  
12:30 p.m.  
Sign-up sheets are on  
church bulletin boards.

**Missions Indoor  
Yard Sale**  
Saturday, October 18  
8 a.m.—1 p.m.  
All proceeds go to a  
missions project.



## It's Countdown to the Arts Festival!

Ways you can participate for this November 15th event:

- If you create art as a hobby, profession or relaxation, share your art works at the third annual Loch Raven Festival of the Arts. If you have previously entered your art pieces in year one or two, showcase it again for year three visitors. Sharing creations and showcasing your creative energies will assist the Festival to see year four.
- Volunteer to lead a 20 minute workshop on an art form, from drawing to dancing, to drum or bell playing. Share your skills and talents and inspire other folks to engage in the arts.
- Volunteer one or more hours at the Festival to serve as hosts for visitors.
- Donate an item for the silent auction, a new addition to the Festival which will assist the Church with fundraising goals.
- Share Arts Festival information with family, friends, neighbors and help to bring the Church alive with art experiences on November 15.
- Don't hide your talent under a bushel, let it shine at the Third Annual Loch Raven Festival of the Arts!

For information, contact Debi Wynn at 410-583-0270 or at [tnhedutainment@aol.com](mailto:tnhedutainment@aol.com).

### *Inside This Issue ...*

Shoe Box Ministry	Page 2
Musical Notes	Page 2
Pastor's Message	Page 3
Abbottston Elementary Support Committee	Page 5

*The Spire* is published monthly (except July and August) by Loch Raven United Methodist Church, 6622 Loch Raven Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21239.

All signed articles, letters, announcements, and other information of interest are welcomed and considered for publication.

The deadline for the November issue is **Sunday, October 12, at 11:00 a.m.** *Electronic Submission:* You may send articles by e-mail to: [njk.williams@yahoo.com](mailto:njk.williams@yahoo.com) or place articles in the Church Office's newsletter box.

**Editor** - Nancy Williams

**Children's Page and Address Page Editor** - Peggy Kelly

**Pastor** - Cliff Webner

**Church Office Hours:**

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

*Phone:* 410-825-0900.

*Fax:* 410-825-2600.

*E-mail:* [Info@LRUMC.org](mailto:Info@LRUMC.org)

**Change of Name/Address** - Call, mail or e-mail church office

**Website:** [www.LRUMC.org](http://www.LRUMC.org)

## Shoe Box Ministry (Shining God's Light Around The Globe)

Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes and brochures will be available in early November. 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 23TH.** All boxes must be brought to church by 11:00 a.m. on or before that date.



As you pack your box, please keep in prayer the children who will be receiving your gifts and learning about Jesus. Together we have

the opportunity to share the love of Jesus and the joy of Christmas with children around the globe. Let's spread the "Good News"!

*Yvonne Horn*

Missions Committee

## Musical Notes

By: Sam Chin

Every year World Communion Sunday signifies two very special things for me. One, this day marks my anniversary at Loch Raven United Methodist Church. It was on September 26, 2011 Judy Zahren sent me an e-mail welcoming me on board as the music director to begin my tenure the following Sunday. Second: Awujoh. Awujoh represents all the great things about LRUMC. To break bread with brothers and sisters of "All Nations," sharing our different cultures and customs, and embracing each other for our unique differences are some of the things I imagine Christ had in mind when he gave The Great Commission (Matthew 28:16-20). As we experience the change of seasons I hope we are reminded of all the great works God has done here at LRUMC. At the same time I hope we can be energized to continue God's ministry here for many more Awujohs to come.

Our Music Ministry is always looking for new members to join one of our vibrant musical groups: Chancel Choir, Hand Bell Choir, and Praise Band. If interested, please contact me at [doochin@gmail.com](mailto:doochin@gmail.com)



# Autumn



*In the land of Uz there lived a man named Job. — Job 1:1*

The surgeon walked into my hospital room and said, "I bet you're starting to feel like Job." I stammered, trying to respond, and said, "No, I think Job had it way worse than this." Although if the truth be told Job had entered my mind

a few times along the way.

It was about a month ago. I was watching the Orioles' game. It was late because they were out on the West coast. The pain in my upper back was getting worse, but I wanted to see the end of the game. They won and I said to Carole, "I think I need to go to the hospital." One thing I learned—if you are a 58 year old man don't say anything about chest pain to anyone in the hospital. Twelve hours later, after a barrage of heart tests, the doctor comes in and tells me I have a gallstone problem, but there is something else having to do with my bile duct that runs through the pancreas.

About a week goes by and I go into St. Joseph's hospital for an outpatient endoscopy to explore this bile duct. What should have been a half hour procedure took two hours. When I wake up the doctor says we got stuck in the bile duct. We're keeping you overnight and I want to go back in. I was supposed to have my gallbladder out the next day, but now there were complications. He goes back in with the scope and puts a stent in the bile duct to keep it open. I go to my hospital room. That night I'm standing in the middle of the room and I get this awful pain in my stomach. It was like a bomb went off inside of me. I turned to Carole and the nurse and said, "Something's wrong. I feel awful." I had developed pancreatitis. I was in the hospital for another week.

They let me out after nine days. A few days later my right arm starts hurting. My hand is swollen. My arm is red. My shoulder hurts. We call the doctor. He says go to the E.R. So back we go. They do an ultrasound and tell me I have a blood clot. They keep me for two more days.

Now I am waiting for the pancreatitis to completely heal before I can have surgery. Eventually they want to take out my gallbladder and part of the bile duct.

When I think about Job and all he went through he always held onto his faith in God. Even when his friends weren't so helpful. Yes, there were conversations with God when he argued some. But ultimately he held strong in his faith. When the trials were over he made out pretty well too. You can read that for yourself.

Through it all I have to say that I am happy with the faith I have and have held strong as well. I am happy with the people

that God has around me. Carole and the kids have been incredible through all of this. People have been very good to me at Loch Raven Church. The nurses and doctors have been great with me. So, for all of that, I am very grateful. I hope before the year is over that I can get back to normal and put this behind me. When you think about some of the things we go through in life having the faith of Job is a pretty good goal to shoot for.

Grace and Peace,  
Cliff



## United Methodist Women October Schedule

### **"Women in Christ" Circle**

Monday, October 6

7:30 p.m.—Room 202

Study: *Moments That Take Your Breath Away*

Lesson 3

Study: Myra

Devotions: Myra

Hostess: Joann

### **Phyllis Downes Circle**

Tuesday, October 7

10 am—Parlor

Study: *If You're Going the Wrong Way . . . Turn Around*

### **GENERAL MEETING**

Wednesday, October 15

6:30 p.m.—Covered Dish

Program: To be announced  
Bring a dish to share.

## Board of Child Care News

### Thanksgiving Baskets

The Board of Child Care Auxiliary is preparing Thanksgiving baskets again this year. We have been asked to donate canned green beans (14.5 or 15 oz.), cranberry sauce and low sugar powdered drink mix. There will be a box in Fellowship Hall from October 5 until October 26 for donations.

### Christmas Store

Another annual project for the Auxiliary is the Christmas Store where the children have the opportunity to select gifts for their family members. Gifts for men are especially needed. Suggested items are toiletries (non-aerosol, please), handkerchiefs, playing cards, socks, wallets, ties and small gadgets. Baby items are also popular including bottles, baby powder, rattles, onesies, bibs, electric outlet covers, baby shampoo and lotion. The donation box will be in Fellowship Hall from November 2 to November 16 for Christmas Store items.

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

*Leslie Christopher*

## An Invitation from United Methodist Women

We would like to extend an invitation to all the women of Loch Raven UMC to come and join our United Methodist Women. The purpose of the UMW is:

*The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ, to develop a creative, supportive fellowship, and to extend concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.*

We currently have two circles. One meets the first Monday of each month at 7:30 PM and the other meets the first Tuesday of each month at 10 AM. Each group has a Bible study and the fellowship is wonderful.

Please come and join us. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me at 410-561-2488.

Blessings,  
*Isabelle Burrell*  
Membership Chairperson

## The Wesley Guild Begins the Holiday Season at the Allenberry Playhouse

**Saturday, November 22**

The trip includes:

A delicious buffet luncheon  
Reserved seats for the Allenberry Christmas show  
A stop at Brown's Market  
Taxes and meal gratuity  
Roundtrip transportation

Cost: \$80.00

For reservations, contact:  
Pat Nardone, 410-823-5377

## Save Box Tops and Labels for Board of Child Care

Fall is coming! Eat more cereal and soups. Not only are they good for you, the box tops and labels help the children at the Board of Child Care obtain supplies to help them in school and with non-provided activities. During the past year, the congregation has collected 967 box tops and labels for the children at the Board of Child Care. Thank you and please continue with your healthy eating habits.

*Betty Shock*



## 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.

### Notes of Thanks

Dear Church Family,

Being a member of this church for many, many years has meant a lot to me, but the kindness that everyone has shown through my time of sorrow, words can't express.

I would like to take this time and thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers and also the wonderful foods that have been made for me.

You are all very special people and I will hold that very close to my heart.

God Bless You All!  
*Grace Boner*

### 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
- 10 Carol Everhart
- 14 David Brown
- 15 Dorothy Jackson
- 17 Hazellene Milligan
- 21 Chidozie Osuwa
- 22 Donna Welsh
- 23 Ardith Luttrell
- 31 Stephanie Houston

### Membership Updates

Hortense Fauntleroy  
1080 E. 33rd Street, Apt. 101  
Baltimore, MD 21218

Samuel Chin and  
Seong Ah A. Shin  
2413 Kemper Road  
Crofton, MD 21114

Doris Blottenberger  
1391 Ridge Road  
York Springs, PA 17372-9310



### Abbottston Elementary Support Committee

A big thank you to the congregation for supporting our Back to School Extravaganza. We collected 55 school kits plus over \$150 worth of additional supplies for our community and Abbottston Elementary. We are currently collecting **Kleenex** for the month of September. During the month of October, we will be collecting **“healthy” snacks**. Look for the school box in the Arcade.

Other happenings at Abbottston Elementary include the need for volunteers:

#### **October 3—11:15 - 12:45**

Volunteers are needed to participate in Student-Led Conferences

Ongoing volunteers are needed as:

**“teacher angels”** to help grade papers, make copies, etc.

**“teacher assistant”** to help with small groups, bathroom trips, etc.

**“office helper”** to make copies, help with computer, organize supplies, etc.

If interested, contact me at 410-665-6156 or Cathy Miles at 443-388-6096.

*Amy Price*

Captain of the Abbottston Elementary Support Committee