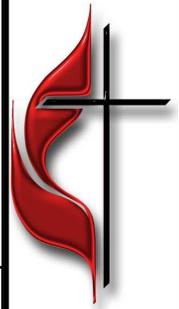


The Spire



October 2017

Loch Raven United Methodist Church

Church Conference October 18, 7 PM

Our Church Conference will be held on **Wednesday, October 18, at 7 PM**. This will be slightly different from the Charge Conference format which we have used in the past. With a Church Conference, all members attending are eligible to vote.



Community Outreach Night Saturday, October 28 6:30 – 8pm

Set up at 5:30pm

Join in this fun night of fellowship and community involvement!

Vehicle participants are responsible for providing treats (no homemade food treats) and trunk decorations.

Vehicle contest for Most Original! Best Themed! Most Interactive!

Sign up on the Fellowship Hall entrance bulletin board to participate!



As we prepare to celebrate World Communion Sunday, I am constantly amazed by the diversity at Loch Raven UMC. The church has made a commitment to hospitality and inclusion. As a result,

a diversity of races and cultures are represented in worship. This is a cause for celebration as we seek to model hospitality, openness, and unity. The Apostle Paul was speaking of this when he declared in Romans 15:5-6, "May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." This radical hospitality, openness, and unity is exemplified by our belief in an Open Table.

In the United Methodist Church, anyone can come for communion and partake of the bread and the cup. John Wesley noted that conversion had occurred at the table so to deny anyone who was seeking God was an affront to the Gospel. As we dine together at God's "heavenly banquet" let us remember that we covenant together to be the body and blood of Christ. As we celebrate World Communion Sunday, let us reflect on our communion ritual which states, "Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on your gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and the blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood."

On October 1st, we gather around the communion table in solidarity with Christians all over the world. Let us think about who

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Spirit Night at Chick-fil-A

Thursday, October 19
5:00 – 8:00 pm

20% of your dinner order will go to the LRUMC Missions Committee. Pick up a flyer or see any member of the committee and present it with you order. Ask your family, friends, and co-workers if they will participate (just give them a copy of our flyer) in this worthwhile fundraiser—and enjoy a nice dinner at the same time.

Location: 2008 E Joppa Rd,
Parkville, MD 21234

Hurricane Harvey Relief

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is providing aid to victims of Hurricane Harvey in Texas. Gifts may be made to LRUMC, with Harvey in the memo, or you may send it directly to the Baltimore-Washington Conference, 11711 East Market Place, Fulton, MD 20759. The check should be made out to UMCOR, with Advance #901670 in the memo for Hurricane Harvey relief.

Loch Raven Cookbook Returns

A new 2017 church cookbook is in the works. Submit your recipe today and if you have a special memory of that recipe, its origin, special time of year or occasion it is



always served, any church covered dish dinners that come to mind, or any church event that was memorable, please include the memory story. Including human interest stories makes the food so much more memorable. And if you have a photo of someone connected with the recipe, include it as a jpeg file. Our last cookbooks, a yellow one and then during the Umbel years a white one (there's an Umbel recipe included in the book), have been go-to books for many of us and it has been over a decade since those books were published. So the Fundraising Committee thought it time to bring back this popular fundraiser. Select your favorite recipe and submit up to 3 recipes by October 22 to Debi Wynn at thnedutainment@aol.com or pass them on to her or Patti on Sunday mornings.

World Communion Sunday

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is at the table with us and who is not. Matthew 28:19 calls us to “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” As we think about diversity on World Communion Sunday, let us think of people of all ages, races, ethnicities, abilities, and socio-economic status. God calls us all to the table to be sustained by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Grace & Peace,
Pastor George

United Methodist Women October Schedule

“Women in Christ” Circle

Monday, October 2
7:30 p.m.—Room 202
Study: *Woman of God*
Lesson 8—Beautiful—The Fabric of Holiness
Study: Cheryl
Devotions: Cheryl
Hostess: Cheryl

Phyllis Downes Circle No Meeting in October

GENERAL MEETING

October 15
Following the morning worship service—
Covered Dish Luncheon
Bring a dish—whatever you wish!
Program to be announced

Children’s Sunday School



We will be learning God’s Word and serving one another in love along with the Deep Blue Kids: Asia, Kat, Edgar, and Caleb. This year Sunday school will be an around-the-world adventure full of new friends and new encounters with God. We’ll hear exciting Bible stories and learn how to live as disciples of Jesus through service—just like Jesus taught! We will “travel” the world to learn about God and what God is doing all over the world through new friends and adventures.

Our first travel stop will be Guatemala where we will meet Carlos and explore his church and community. The children will be given an opportunity to support Purda Vida, an organization that focuses on providing educational opportunities for children in rural villages through scholarships, tutoring, and support of local schools.

Through a comprehensive Bible study which incorporates pillar stories of the Old and New Testament we will discover what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ today.

Our fall lessons include:

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| Hanna prays | David and Abigail |
| God calls Samuel | David dances |
| Samuel anoints Saul | Solomon becomes king |
| Samuel anoints David | Solomon’s wisdom—Proverbs |
| David the musician | Solomon builds the temple |
| David and Goliath | Solomon dedicates the temple |
| David and Jonathan | |

Sunday school begins at 9:00 AM and concludes at 9:45 AM—just in time for church! There are two children’s classes:

1. Ages 3 to 6, Room 115
teacher—Caitlin Webster
2. Grades 2 through 12, Room 119
teacher—Merrill Harrison

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX MINISTRY

Let's Shine God's Light Around The Globe!



Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes have delighted over 146 million children and opened doors for the Gospel in some of the most remote places on earth. After receiving their shoebox gifts, the boys and girls are invited to enroll in "The Greatest Journey" discipleship program. This 12-lesson story-based curriculum, available in over 60 languages, is taught by local volunteer teachers. The guide uses memory verses and engaging activities to teach children how to receive Jesus, follow Him each day, and share their faith in Him with others.

As you shop and pack your shoebox, please keep in prayer the children who will be receiving your gifts. Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes will be available in October. The brochure, *How to Pack Your Shoebox Gift*, will be included inside each box. This pamphlet has **specific instructions** on what to pack in your box, **a boy/girl label to attach to your box**, and a detachable donation envelope. You may also use your own empty cardboard or plastic shoebox (average size). **COLLECTION SUNDAY WILL BE NOVEMBER 19TH. All boxes must be brought to church by 11:15 a.m. on or before that date.**

Together, with Samaritan's Purse, we can share the love of Jesus with children around the globe. Let's spread the "Good News"!

Suggested Items:

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| School supplies | Solar-powered calculator | Small tool kit |
| Puzzles | Jump rope | Marbles |
| Binoculars/Compass | Sewing kit | Soccer ball with air pump |
| Yo-Yo | Etch-A-Sketch | Toy cars/trucks |
| Stuffed animals | Doll & Doll Clothes | Nerf ball |
| Hairbrush/Comb | Toothbrush | Washcloth |
| Bar soap | Colorful band-aids | Water bottle |
| Flashlight (solar-powered or include extra batteries) | Bracelets/Necklaces | Sunglasses |
| Hair bows/clips | Underwear | Flip-flops |
| Socks | Tote bag | Hat/Scarf/Mittens |
| T-Shirt | | Umbrella |

Yvonne Horn
Missions Committee

Missions *In Action*: Warne Baby Fold

Your mission dollars support a number of worthwhile projects locally, nationally, and internationally. Our focus this month is on a mission in India that has been supporting children (primarily girls) for over one hundred fifty years – the Warne Baby Fold. *This mission was very near and dear to Estelle Batra, our long-time committee member who recently went home to the Lord.*

How It All Began

On December 7, 1856, Rev. William Butler and Mrs. Clementine Butler arrived in Bareilly, India and in January started the mission work of what is today the Methodist Church in India. Shortly thereafter a mutiny broke out leaving many children without parents to care for them and love them. The Butlers were instrumental in starting a home for the orphan girls and boys in Bareilly, Lucknow, and elsewhere. In 1919 the Upper India Conference accepted the Baby Fold as their project, and the Lane School of Mother Craft was started for poor and needy girls to care for children and babies.

Goals and Objectives of the Mission

1. To give a Christian home to homeless and needy children.
2. To give the children the right start in life with the object of developing the total personality of each child physically, socially, mentally, economically and spiritually.
3. To give them the understanding that God loves them and Jesus Christ is the true friend to all and especially little children.
4. To provide medical care as required and annual physicals.
5. To expose the children to various occupations and careers.
6. To provide a wholesome diet for good physical development.
7. To see that the Orphans are settled in life by marriage, job, etc.

The Methodist Church has always been concerned for the girls and boys who have been left without the love and security of their mothers and fathers and support this work through Advance #3021561 - *Preparing children for entrance exams at professional schools.*

Upcoming and Ongoing Mission Opportunities

- Start collecting items for our Christmas Shoebox donations to Samaritan's Purse. (National collection date is the third week of November.)
- Instead of sending individual Christmas cards to your church family, considering posting one card on our display, and donate the money saved to Missions for Life Water Canada.
- 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.
- Manna House Breakfast Club – Oct. 14. 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.

Special Mission Collection: CHANGE a Child's Life With Your CHANGE



According to Christian Blind Mission International, 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.

You can help prevent children from going blind for pennies a day! During September and October the Missions Committee is asking everyone to pick up a prescription bottle and fill it with your spare change—or a check (payable to LRUMC and indicate CBM Mission on the memo line) to help prevent blindness or restore sight to children.

Here's what your spare change can do:

- **75 cents** gives a dose of medicine, called Mectizan, to a child so he won't go blind from river blindness
- **55 cents a day for a year** can give a child a 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 can read, write and go to school again!

Please Help Us Prevent Childhood Blindness!

Loch Raven UMC and Greater Hillendale Community Association Job Fair

**Saturday, October 21
10am to 3pm**

This event has the potential to be life changing for attendees. So participate as a volunteer or participate as a job seeker.

For more information, contact Debi Wynn.

UMC Lectionary Calendar October, 2017

Season of Saints Oct 1-Nov 5

October 1

17th Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday

Church Color: Green

Exodus 17:1-7

Psalms 78:1-4, 12-16

(UMH 799)

Philippians 2:1-13

Matthew 21:23-32

October 8

18th Sunday after Pentecost

Church Color: Green

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Psalms 19 (UMH 750)

Philippians 3:4b-14

Matthew 21:33-46

October 15

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Laity Sunday

Church Color: Green

Exodus 32:1-14

Psalms 106:1-6, 19-23

(UMH 829)

Philippians 4:1-9

Matthew 22:1-14

October 22

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Church Color: Green

Exodus 33:12-23

Psalms 99 (UMH 819)

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew. 22:15-22

October 29

21st Sunday after Pentecost

Church Color: Green

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Psalms 90:1-6, 13-17

(UMH 789)

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Matthew 22:34-46

*October 31—500th Anniversary
of Reformation*

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.

October Birthdays

- 1 Anne Palazzi
- 2 Adelaide Wilson
Doris Ndlovu
- 3 Gary Messman
- 4 Jen Dorsey
- 5 Harriet Williamson-Taylor
- 7 Jo Thomas
- 8 Molly Shock
- 10 Carol Everhart
- 14 David Brown
- 17 Hazellene Milligan
- 21 Chidozie Osuwa
- 22 Donna Welsh
- 23 Ardith Luttrell
- 26 Joyce Deitrich
- 29 Edith Pratt
- 30 Lydia Kendzierski
- 31 Stephanie Houston

From the Mailbox

I want to thank all of you for your prayers, calls and cards during my sister Debby's year long battle with breast cancer and her passing. Your love and support mean everything to me.

Linda Cole

Dear LRUMC Family,

Again I wish to thank all of you for your support during my recent knee surgery. At this time I am walking without a cane for short distances and working with my physical therapist on improving flexibility and range of motion. I have a ways to go, but I feel blessed to be on the road to full recovery.

A special thank you to Pastors George and Wayne for their visits and to Sandi for taking my mom and I to the hospital and supporting my mom during my surgery. And thank you to all who sent cards, called, and kept me (and my mom) in your prayers. You are a very special church family!

Blessings to all,
Myra Wagner

Buongiorno from the Gould famiglia!

We are so happy to be home after three months in Vicenza, Italy, where Ben was stationed with the US Army's Africa Command. He spent the spring serving in central Africa and was recently awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for his work there. In Italy, we enjoyed spending time together and traveling around Europe. Simon, Harry, and Milo's favorite place was Disneyland Paris. It's very similar to the Disney Parks here in the US, with more French being spoken. I thought of you all often, especially when I visited many cathedrals and churches, including St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City, St. Vitus Cathedral in Prague, Notre Dame in Paris, Basilica San Marco in Venice, and the Duomo in Florence. In my mom's words, we are "church tourists!" We enjoyed the Italian food and wine very much. Simon's favorite was pizza margherita and Harry always ordered "pasta con burro" - pasta with butter. Yum! Still, there's no place like home, and we are glad to be back.

Patti Gould