

# The Spire



September 2015

Loch Raven United Methodist Church

## Year Number 5 for the Arts Festival

It's the 100 day countdown to the 5th Annual Loch Raven Festival of the Arts! This expanding event of art showcasing performances, an auction and refreshments takes place on Saturday, November 14. Contribute to making this 5th year a break out fun raiser for fundraising success for the church:

\* Begin your creative projects now for showcasing at the Festival or go into your attic and find something you previously have done: painting, needlecraft, photography, poetry, recyclable art, whatever art form you have used as a creative expression.

\* Spread the word to creative folks you know that this is an event for creativity sharing.

\* Volunteer to lead an arts workshop, work with the children's crafts, coordinate the auction, prep and serve refreshments, be a door greeter, design and print the program of events for handing out, decorate a Christmas tree (tree provided).

Contact Debi Wynn for submitting your art or volunteering at 410-583-0270 or at [tnhedutainment@aol.com](mailto:tnhedutainment@aol.com).

## Pastor's Fall Bible Study

John Wesley's message and his faith continue to speak to 21st-century Christians—calling for a revival of our hearts and souls so that our world might be changed. Join us for a five-week video journey to England, through Wesley's land, life, ministry, and teachings. For Methodists, Wesleyans, and all Christians, Wesley's story is our story, defining our faith and challenging us to rediscover our spiritual passion. The study begins Monday, September 14th @ 7:00 PM in the parlor and runs for five consecutive Mondays ending October 12th.

1. Precursors to Revival
2. A Longing for Holiness
3. A Crisis of Faith
4. The Necessity of Grace and Works of Mercy
5. Preserving to the End

I look forward to seeing you there.

*Cliff Webner*

## Our New Sunday Morning Schedule Begins September 13

8:30 AM Sunday School (for all ages)

9:30 AM Fellowship Time in Fellowship Hall

10:00 AM Worship Service

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## MUSICAL NOTES

By: Sam Chin, Music Director

*Then those who sing as well as those who play the flutes shall say, "All my springs of joy are in you." Psalm 87:7 (NASB)*

The psalmist in this quote paints a vivid picture of joy and celebration as the nation of God prepares to be in God's presence. Likewise here at LRUMC. As Fall is right around the corner, the musicians are hard at work preparing their voices and instruments to once again fill this community with God's Praise. With our recent change to one-service Sundays, you'll be able to hear the Chancel Choir perform every Sunday with combined efforts by the Memorial Handbell Choir and Praise Band performing throughout the month.

Rehearsal schedule for this Fall is as follows:

Memorial Handbell Choir:

Thursdays 7 – 8 PM (Handbell Room)

Chancel Choir:

Thursdays 8 – 9:30 PM (Choir Room)

Praise Band:

Sundays 8:45 – 9:45 AM (Sanctuary)

All our groups are always open to new members. Please contact me, [doochin@gmail.com](mailto:doochin@gmail.com) or (443)569-2006, for more information.

Look forward to an AWESOME season once again!

## A New Church Fundraiser that is a Fun Raiser for the little ones: PreSchoolers Buzz of the Day: See a Show! Meet an Author! Celebrating National Book Month!

On Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at 10 AM – 11:30 AM, for preschoolers and their parents, grandparents and caregivers, Thirst 'n' Howl Musical Productions presents *Mother Goose's Rhyme Time Surprise* and author David Simpson reads his book *The Swan*. The Mother Goose show, a 45-minute musical of new Wynn and Woodward songs and well known nursery rhymes, has lots of audience participation with its four-member cast as it shares the importance of teamwork, friendship and perseverance. Following this theatre presentation for ages 4 to 6 years old, author/photographer David Simpson will read his book *The Swan*, a children's book of beautiful images chronicling a unique experience using his photographs of Loch Raven Reservoir to spin his endearing story for the young and young at heart. David's creativity was featured in the Baltimore Sunday Sun newspaper on February 8. Children will have the opportunity to ask the actors and author questions. Tickets are \$6. Advance purchase of tickets is needed to ensure a seat at this popular children's event. Encouraging children to make discoveries through reading books is the educational goal of this outreach event that takes place at our church. For ticket information see Debi Wynn on Sunday mornings before/after worship services or email her at [tnhedutainment@aol.com](mailto:tnhedutainment@aol.com). Join us for a morning of book reading adventures!

## “What’s Worrying You?”

It occupies our time. It eats up our resources. It even runs our life—Worry. Jesus tells us not to do it, but it’s not easy. We are going to kick off the Fall season with a four-week sermon series called “What’s Worrying You?”

We all suffer from it, but life is tough enough. So why not learn how to put worry in its rightful place. The Worry series begins Sunday, September 6th and runs through the four Sundays of September.

- Sept. 6 *Communing with God*  
Matthew 7:7-11 and Philippians 4:6-7
- Sept. 13 *Why Worry?*  
Psalm 139:1-7 and Matthew 14:22-33
- Sept. 20 *Do Not Worry*  
Matthew 6:25-34 and I Peter 5:6-11
- Sept. 27 *Worrying Never Solved Anything*  
Matthew 6:25-27

Grace and Peace,  
*Cliff*

## “How to Worry Scientifically” (If you must worry, try the guidelines below)

1. Never worry over rumors of what they say. First, get the facts.
2. Know definitely your worry problem. Write it down. Face it with the grace of the Holy Spirit.
3. Worry about only one problem at a time.
4. Set a definite day, afternoon or night for worry.
5. Never worry in bed, in the dining room, in the living room or at church during worship.
6. Select an air-conditioned room. Lean back in the easy chair.
7. Set a time limit. If you must go beyond it, give yourself credit for time-and-a-half.
8. Never worry with a frowning face. Smile, sing, whistle.
9. Never worry when you are tired, sick, angry or depressed.
10. Never worry while you are working, playing, visiting, shopping or gossiping.
11. There are two times never to worry: when you can help the situation and when you cannot.
12. Never worry alone. Take it to the Lord and leave it there.

## 2015 Annual Conference “Dare to Believe”

It was a privilege to attend this year's Annual Conference on May 27th thru May 30th at the Marriott Waterfront Hotel in Baltimore. Once again thousands of United Methodists met to do the work of the church. We attended worship services, plenary sessions, bible studies and broke bread together. One of the tasks before us this year was to elect lay and clergy representatives to General Conference. Our election was aided this year by an electronic voting system that made the process much easier to complete. The elected delegates will represent our Annual Conference at the General Conference in 2016. We were blessed by a visit from the Mayor of Baltimore, Stephanie Rawlings-Blake who shared her gratitude to the churches for their help in the recent conflict that took place in our city this spring. Our budget was presented and approved for the coming year along with welcoming 24 new clergy members, recognizing 17 clergy retirements and several Conference staff retirements. There were 1,708 new books collected to be donated to 12 schools in Baltimore City. Abbottston Elementary received 3 large boxes of books from this collection. These were a few highlights from Conference. If you have any questions or would like to know more about Annual Conference please feel free to contact me.

*Carole Webner*  
Lay Member to Annual  
Conference



## In God We Live, Move, And Exist. *Move! Act! Care! Follow! Share!*

Our overall theme for this year's Vacation Bible School was *In God We Live, Move and Exist* (Acts 17:28a). 67 children (ages 4 – 13) joined the G-Force and experienced an active life with God through Christian service, mission and community.

Our day began with “Coach” Wayne (Rev. Wayne Harting) and Checkers the Cheetah (Blain) leading the worship rally, and Patti Gould leading the children in music. This was followed by our Bible story, missions, and a quick snack. We then split in groups for music and dance (Did you see our performance during Sunday worship, July 19?), art, and got moving! Our day concluded in the sanctuary with a review of the day with Coach and Checkers—and more fun songs with Patti.

Bible stories focused on both the Old and New Testaments and we learned five Bible verses:

1. MOVE: God calls Moses (Exodus 3:1-12)  
*What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?* (Micah 6:8b)
2. ACT: Solomon builds the temple (1 Chronicles 28:20-21 and 2 Chronicles 3:1-17 & 6:1-17)  
*I'll show you my faith by putting it into practice in faithful action.* (James 2:18b)
3. CARE: Four friends help. (Mark 2:1-12)  
*Carry each other's burdens and so you will fulfill the law of Christ.* (Galatians 6:2)
4. FOLLOW: Healing of Bartimaeus. (Mark 10:46-52)  
*Come follow me.* (Matthew 4:19a)
5. SHARE: Women find the empty tomb. (Luke 24:1-12)  
*Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations.* (Matthew 28:19a)

For their mission project, the children joined our congregation in collecting funds for Christian Blind Mission International (CBM) where the money is used to help prevent or cure blindness in children around the world. The children donated an amazing \$66.21!

The program concluded Friday with lots of outdoor fun, visits from special members of the community: the Coast Guard, Fire Department, Police, and the Chick-fil-A cow, Baby Girl, and a lunch featuring chicken tenders from Chick-fil-A, potato chips, juice, and ice cream!

We would like to thank all of our teachers and helpers who lent their many talents to make this year's program such a success: Patti Gould, Merrill Harrison, Rev. Wayne Harting, Lin Jones, Susan Keaton, Rick Neumann (Coast Guard), Edie Pratt, Miriam Roehl, Myra Wagner, Debi Wynn, the directors and teachers of the Learning Garden and the IMPROVE program, the Baltimore County fire and police departments, and the Chick-fil-A organization. And a very special thank you to our VBS Coordinator, Maria Stockton-Porter, who took a week's vacation from her work to guide us! (Please forgive us if we missed anyone,) Finally, **we want to thank YOU, the congregation, for all your prayers and support.**

See you next year!

## 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.

### 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

- To give a Christian home to homeless and needy children.
- To give the children the right start in life with the object of developing the total personality of each child physically, socially, mentality, economically and spiritually.
- To give them the understanding that God loves them and Jesus Christ is the true friend to all and especially little children.
- To provide medical care as required and annual physicals.
- To expose the children to various occupations and careers.
- To provide a wholesome diet for good physical development.
- 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.*

For more information on the Warne Baby Fold, see: <http://www.umcmmission.org/Give-to-Mission/Search-for-Projects/Projects/3021561>

Check out some pictures at: <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.355641897893898.1073741834.140966226028134&type=3>

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### Upcoming and Ongoing Mission Opportunities:

We will continue to collect change for the Christian Blind Mission International (CBM) through September 6; we will report the amount collected in the October *Spire*.

Start collecting items for our Christmas Shoebox donations to Samaritan's Purse.

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 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month.

## IN TOUCH MINISTRY

If you or anyone you know is no longer able to regularly attend worship services, please let the church office know ([info@lrumc.org](mailto:info@lrumc.org) or call 410-825-0900). We want to stay **IN TOUCH**.

We also like to celebrate our church family's BIRTH-DAYS and ANNIVERSARIES. If we don't have yours, please let us know.

## September Birthdays

- 1 Rowland Nworgu
- 2 Norma Roehl  
Donald Webb  
Olayinka Akerele
- 5 Lois Hively
- 9 Nicholas Webster
- 10 Marge Tyler  
Rebecca Gansert
- 11 Doris Therit  
Gary Horn  
Lashawn Maddox
- 14 Yvonne Horn
- 16 Elsie Chang
- 17 Mike Palazzi  
Joshua Alaeze
- 18 Claudine Lyttle  
Gavin Stewart
- 21 Marcia Smith  
Richard Dawson
- 22 James Harvill  
Sarah Jones
- 25 Jon Cuthbert  
Harriet Garner
- 29 Olaseinde Akerele
- 30 Rhoda Wilson

## Notes of Thanks

June 17, 2015

Dear Rev. Webner and the Congregation of Loch Raven UMC:

I am writing this letter to extend a heartfelt thank you for your continued support this school year. Mrs. Stockton-Porter remained diligent in her efforts to rekindle a partnership that began many years ago. I came to Halstead Academy in 2001 and I believe the partnership between your church and our school began 10 years prior to my arrival. We are grateful for Mrs. Stockton-Porter's willingness to come to our school as a representative of LRUMC.

Your congregation's faithfulness in remaining committed to ensuring that our children were prepared for school as well as the other efforts of outreach made to assist our children is awesome. You have consistently called us and asked "What can we do to help...." many times over and it should be noted that we are truly appreciative of all that you have done for our school. Your gestures are truly reflective of the passage Matthew 22:39—*Love your neighbor as yourself*.

On behalf of the Halstead Academy community, I again extend my thanks to you for the rekindled relationship that we have and your presence of mind to care for your

neighbor. I feel as though more should be said, but nothing outweighs the heartfelt appreciation we have for your great deeds. We are truly blessed to have you as our neighbors and friends.

Sincerely,  
Tambra Chisolm  
School Social Worker

Loch Raven U.M.C.,

Thanks for sending the bulletins and monthly newsletter. Also, thanks to Peggy, Merrill, and others who sent cards.

I'm still in a wheelchair but not uncomfortable. Also, I no longer have a car.

Sincerely,  
*Jeannette Chilcoat*



## LABOR DAY

## September 7

## UMC Lectionary Calendar September, 2015

**Church Color: Green**

### Sept. 6 – 15th Sunday

#### After Pentecost

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

Psalms 125 or Psalm 124

James 2:1-10 (11-13) 14-17

Mark 7:24-37

### Sept. 13 – 16th Sunday

#### After Pentecost

Proverbs 1:20-33

Psalms 19 (UMH 750)

James 3:1-12

Mark 8:27-38

### Sept. 20 – 17th Sunday

#### After Pentecost

Proverbs 31:10-31

Psalms 1 (UMH 738)

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Mark 9:30-37

### Sept. 27 – 18th Sunday

#### After Pentecost

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

Psalms 124 (UMH 846)

James 5:13-20

Mark 9:38-50

## UMW

### September Schedule

#### “Women in Christ” Circle

Monday, August 31

Meet for dinner and  
planning session

6:30 p.m. at Yvonne’s home

#### Phyllis Downes Circle

Tuesday, September 1

10 a.m.—Fellowship Hall

**NO GENERAL MEETING**

## Membership Updates

### Address Changes:

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Sarah & Michaela  
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443-425-3401

Roy and Evelyn Dorfler  
Brookdale Assisted Living  
6451 North Charles Street,  
Room 212  
Baltimore, MD 21212

### Phone Number Change:

Pat Miskelly  
443-386-4468

### Births:

Jackson Lee Eklund  
July 1, 2015

Mother: Nicole Eklund

Luciana Margaret Roman  
July 11, 2015  
Parents: Daniel and Verna  
Roman

### Deceased

John B. Shock  
May 14, 2015

Doris Blottenberger  
May 21, 2015

Elsie Barker  
May 22, 2015

Jean Angle  
July 10, 2015

Ruth Tenley  
July 17, 2015

Ann Mason-Jackson  
July 26, 2015

### Address Unknown:

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

Joseph & Tammy Caleb  
Jermaine Carter

John Daniels

Mary Foster

Frances Fraling

Grace Hilton

Paul Hively

Jessica Lautenschlager

Susan Morgan

Kingsley & Linda

Ngameduru

C. Rowland Nworgu

Charles Per Dieu

Karla Stewart

Beatrice Welsh

Scott Welsh

