

# The Spire



September 2018

Loch Raven United Methodist Church



**Loch Raven United  
Methodist Church  
1953 - 2018**

**Celebrating and  
Sharing in  
Thanksgiving for  
65 years**

Gather with your Loch Raven  
Church Family on  
Sunday, September 16  
for this special  
65th Homecoming Celebration

*See details on page 7.*

## Membership as a Celebration of Discipleship

On September 16, 2018 we will celebrate the 65th Anniversary of Loch Raven United Methodist Church. As I was thinking about all the wonderful people over the years at Loch Raven who have given of their time, talent and resources for the glory of God, I began to think about what it means to be a member in the United Methodist Church. Membership in the UMC isn't just signing your name to a piece of paper or a contract that bestows benefits. Instead Membership is a celebration of discipleship. It is a covenant that we will live together in a certain way.

When a person becomes a member of the Church they denounce the forces of spiritual wickedness, accept the freedom and power God gives to resist evil, injustice and oppression, and confess Jesus Christ as Savior of their life. They confess that they will put their whole trust in God's grace and promise to serve him as Lord. The Book of Discipline informs us that, "Christ constitutes the church as his body by the power of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:13, 27). The church draws new people into itself as it seeks to remain faithful to its commission to proclaim and exemplify the gospel."

Being a member of the church declares a commitment to live a life of faith in community and to grow in grace as a disciple of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. The Book of Discipline informs us that "Faithful membership in the local church is essential for personal growth and for developing a deeper commitment to the will and grace of God. As members involve themselves in private and public prayer, worship, the sacraments, study, Christian action, systematic giving and holy discipline, they grow in their appreciation of Christ, understanding of God at work in history and the natural order, and an understanding of themselves."

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## Special Thank You to All Who Made This Year's Vacation Bible School A Success!

We would like to thank Maria Stockton-Porter who coordinated this year's Vacation Bible School. Our special volunteers played a tremendous role: Maria (Opening and Closing Activities), Merrill Harrison (Bible Story and Missions), T.J. Greene (Music and Dance), Ms. Aryn and Ms. Cameron (Arts and Crafts Classes), Pete McGinnes, Bilen Dereje, and Theresa Alaeze, (Imaginations/Science Experiments), and Sandra Edmonds and Rebecca Mickey (Snack Preparers), Edy Pratt and Jan Hoener (Decorations), Miriam Roehl with help from Talia Roehl-Jacobs (Arts and Crafts designer), Rick Neumann and the Coast Guard (gift bags), Rev. George Winkfield, Myra Wagner, Amy Price, R.J. Stockton-Porter, the director of IMPROVE – Viola Watson-Bean, her teachers and aides: Ms. Clay, Desmond, and their youth workers: Antwanh, Donnae, Niyah, Janyia, Nevaeh, Khalil, Osbourne, Xiresse. AND an extra special thank you to all the LRUMC members who supported us with your many donations and prayers. If we forgot anyone, please forgive us, we do value your support.

## Upcoming and Ongoing Mission Opportunities

- 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. 13 (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

## Schedule Change for the Church Council Meetings

The meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of the month beginning in September. The dates are as follows:

September 12  
November 14  
January 9  
March 13  
May 8

Please note that all members of the congregation are invited to attend.

*Marcia Thomas-Smith*  
Chair, Church Council



## IN TOUCH MINISTRY

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

We also like to celebrate our church family's BIRTHDAYS. If we don't have yours, please let us know.

### September Birthdays

- 1 Rowland Nworgu
- 2 Norma Roehl  
Olayinka Olufidipe
- 3 Charles Cloud
- 9 Nicholas Webster
- 10 Rebecca Gansert
- 11 Doris Therit  
Gary Horn  
Lashawn Maddox
- 13 Caitlin Webster
- 14 Yvonne Horn
- 16 Elsie Chang
- 17 Mike Palazzi  
Joshua Alaeze
- 18 Claudine Lyttle  
Gavin Stewart
- 19 Tyler Castle
- 21 Marcia Smith  
Richard Dawson
- 22 James Harvill  
Sarah Jones
- 24 Joycelyn Williams
- 25 Jon Cuthbert
- 29 Olaseinde Akerele
- 30 Rhoda Wilson  
Joseph Scruggs

## Membership Updates

### New Member:

Janet Gaver  
Transferred from  
Texas UMC, Baltimore County  
July 1, 2018

### Transferred:

Elaine Lindsay  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
July 19, 2018

### Withdrawn:

Dorothy Kirsch  
July 20, 2018

Sandra Woode-Cohn  
July 21, 2018

### Baptisms:

Zachary Joseph Starin  
May 20, 2018  
Parents: Robert and  
Danielle Starin  
Grandmother: Edy Pratt

### Deaths:

Carl Perkins  
June 15, 2015

Charles Chilcoat  
June 27, 2018

JoAnn Patry  
August 3, 2018

### Address Unknown:

*(Please let the office know of any current addresses of which you are aware.)*

Cathy Gansert

## Membership as a Celebration of Discipleship

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Every Sunday after the sermon, I ask if anyone feels called to accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior, and if already saved any individuals who do not have a church home and feel a call to become members of Loch Raven UMC. This is not the only way to join the church. It is merely a statement that you feel a call to be a part of the Loch Raven UMC faith community. Church membership holds us accountable to one another and God. It is not about rights and privileges but about responsibilities and an acknowledgement of our shared beliefs and commitments to God and one another. Loch Raven has been a vital part of this community since 1953 and I believe as we follow God the church has many more years as a beacon of hope in the community.

Grace and Peace,  
*Pastor George*

### UMW September Schedule

#### Phyllis Downes Circle

Tuesday, September 4  
10 a.m.—Parlor  
Study: *Journey into Meaningful Living*, Chapter 8

#### “Women in Christ” Circle

Monday, September 10  
6:30 p.m.—Yvonne's Home  
Dinner and Planning Session

**NO GENERAL MEETING**

## What Did You Do This Summer?

By: Merrill Harrison

The 40 children and Vacation Bible School staff were shipwrecked for 5 days! Along the way we discovered several truths:

When you are lonely...	<b>Jesus rescues!</b>
When you worry...	
When you struggle...	
When you do wrong...	
When you're powerless...	



We listened to some special Bible stories. Would you like to read them? Check them out in your Bible:

Jesus tells parables about lost things. *Luke 15*

Martha worries and complains. *Luke 10:38-42*

Jesus' friends try to rescue him in the garden of Gethsemane. *Luke 22:39-54; Matthew 26:36-56*

Jesus welcomes a criminal before dying and coming back to life. *Luke 23:26-24:12*

Peter and John heal a lame man in Jesus' name. *Acts 3:1-2*

Our daily Bible verses gave us great comfort while we were shipwrecked:

The Lord will hold me close. *Psalms 27:10*

The Lord comes to the rescue each time. *Psalms 34:19*

Be still, and know that I am God! *Psalms 46:10*

Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world. *John 16:33*

This is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead. *Ephesians 1:19-20*

We learned lots of songs and dances—one of our shipmates even wrote a rap song! Did you see us perform on Sunday, July 29? We made great art objects, and we used our imaginations and took part in lots of exciting science experiments. We survived on the island by eating delicious snacks.

Even though we were shipwrecked, we managed to reach our mission goal of \$100 to help get a 3-D printer so children in Africa could receive a prosthetic limb in as little as a day and a half—at a much lower cost.

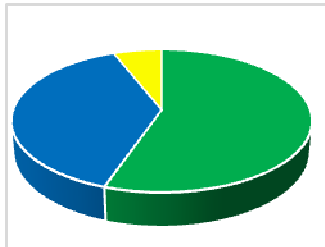
We celebrated our rescue Friday with a Chick-fil-A lunch! We got workbooks and stickers from the Coast Guard and learned how we can prevent water pollution. The police and firemen showed up and talked with us and let us explore their fire truck. Sgt. Pushup showed us how to stand up to bullies. Talk about excitement! And last, but not least, we all had snow cones and got two books: Notes from Jesus and The Bible Storybook—Miracles of Jesus.

Hope you can join us next year on our next exciting journey.

# Missions In Action: Your Dollars in Action

By: Merrill Harrison

You may not be able to serve on the mission field, but the giving of your tithes, offerings, talents and service are just as important. Your mission dollars support a number of worthwhile projects locally, nationally and internationally. Here are some of the many projects you help support:



Local 58%

International 36%

National 6%

<p><b>Local Missions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Abbottston Elementary</li> <li>Assistance Center of Towson Churches</li> <li>Board of Child Care Auxiliary</li> <li>Breakfast Club (Manna House)</li> <li>Chesapeake Habitat for Humanity</li> <li>Deaf Interfaith Camp</li> <li>Halstead Academy</li> <li>Healthcare for the Homeless</li> <li>Manna House</li> <li>Table of Grace &amp; Sandwiches</li> </ul>	<p><b>National Ministries</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Society of St. Andrew</li> <li>The Samaritan Women</li> </ul> <p><b>International Missions (including U.S.)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Doctors Without Borders</li> <li>Heifer International</li> <li>Lifewater Canada</li> <li>Ludhiana Medical College</li> <li>N.E. Zaire Dispensary Program</li> <li>Warne Baby Fold</li> </ul>
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In addition, the Missions Committee also sponsors the following monthly activities which you so generously support through your gifts, time and prayers:

<p><b>February or March</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Blanket Sunday</li> </ul> <p><b>April</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Food Drive for the ACTC</li> </ul> <p><b>June – August</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collection for Christian Blind Mission</li> </ul> <p><b>November</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Samaritan’s Purse Shoeboxes</li> <li>ACTC Thanksgiving Baskets</li> </ul> <p><b>December</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Angels for Abbottston Elementary School and Halstead Academy</li> </ul>	<p><b>Every Month</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sandwiches for Essex UMC</li> <li>Toiletries for Essex UMC</li> <li>ACTC Food Collection</li> </ul> <p><b>Quarterly</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Manna House Breakfast Club</li> </ul> <p><i>and other events as needs arise.</i></p>
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## UMC Lectionary Calendar

Month of September:  
Season of Creation

### September 2

#### 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Church Color: Green

Song of Songs 2:8-13

Psalms 45:1-2, 6-9 or Psalm 72  
(UMH 795)

Jeremiah 1:17-27

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

### September 9

#### 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Church Color: Green

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

Psalms 125 or 124 (UMH 846)

Jeremiah 2:1-10 (11-13), 14-17

Mark 7:24-37

*Hispanic Heritage Month*  
*September 15–October 15*

### September 16

#### 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Church Color: Green

Proverbs 1:20-33

Psalms 19 (UMH 750)

Jeremiah 3:1-12

Mark 8:27-38

### September 23

#### 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Church Color: Green

Proverbs 31:10-31

Psalms 1 (UMH 738)

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

Mark 9:30-37

### September 30

#### 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Church Color: Green

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

Psalms 124 (UMH 846)

Jeremiah 5:13-20

Mark 9:38-50

## VBS Shipwrecked Rap

*Xiressa West-Owen, a youth worker at our Vacation Bible School this year, wrote the following rap song using our Bible Point Words (see bold type). We hope you enjoy it as much as we did.*

Sometimes I feel **lonely**, sometimes I feel **powerless**, sometimes I really give up on this. Sometimes I **worry** I'm doing things **wrong**. But **Jesus rescues!** So I'm saying this song so I never feel **lonely**, I never feel sad—Jesus by my side—so I feel glad. I remember the **struggles** I have to go through, the **worry** came and the **loneliness**, too. I sat on my bed doing things **wrong**. I felt **powerless**, so I read a Psalm: **Rejoice in the Lord o' ye righteous**—Psalm 34. Go read some more 'cuz **Jesus rescued!** Yeah! You'll get saved. Put your hands in the air and just say, "OK". If you ever feel **lonely**, if you ever feel sad, **Jesus loves you**, and always be glad.



## United Methodist Women's Annual Flea Market (being held inside this year)

**Saturday, October 6**

**8 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

To reserve a space for \$20 contact

Nancy Gillotti - 410-823-5187

or

Nancy Harvill - 410-828-8271

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Thanksgiving for 65 years**

**Honoring the Past-Engaging the Future**

**65 Years of Sharing God’s Love  
65 Years of serving local and world missions  
65 years of Christian fellowship**

Gather with your Loch Raven Church Family  
on Sunday, September 16, for this special  
65th Homecoming Celebration

10 AM Worship Service

The Worship Service will be followed by a catered lunch  
and Anniversary Program in the auditorium

Lunch Tickets \$10

(Children 11 and under are free, reservations are needed)

RSVP Lunch Attendance by 9/10/18 by returning this attendee slip with check to the  
office. Please mark envelope “Anniversary”, LRUMC 6622 Loch Raven Blvd 21239

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**RSVP for the September 16 lunch: Planning to attend**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

# of Adults \_\_\_\_\_ # of children \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Year you first came to LRUMC \_\_\_\_\_

Special memory \_\_\_\_\_

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