

We appreciate the services today of:

Acolytes: An Usher
Liturgists: Nancy Williams
Greeters: Mary Lou Bryan
Ushers: Ken & Linda Cole, Jen Dorsey, Karen Seets

Infants & Young Children are cared for during Worship in Room 209

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God.

MINISTRIES OF LOCH RAVEN CHURCH

PRAYERS: Please pray daily for our brothers and sisters in Christ and those on the Prayer list.

The person to remember this week is: Ms. Ruth Weygand 615 Chestnut Ave. Rm. 358
Baltimore, MD 21204

PRESENCE: December 18, 2011 8:30 – 121: 11:00 - 132; Total - 253; Offering: \$8,381.00

Boiler Fund: Received December 18, 2011 -0-
Total Received \$50,781 toward \$73,000 goal

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Merry Christmas!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, January 1, 2012 10:00 AM **(One Service)** New Year's Day Service
Holy communion
Tuesday, January 3, 2012 10:00 AM Phyllis Downes Circle
Tuesday, January 3, 2012 7:00 PM Worship Committee Meeting,

Sunday Worship Services Hours: 8:30 & 11:00 AM

Sunday School 10:00 AM

Children's Activity Sheets may be found in the Narthex

LRUMC VISION STATEMENT

"We believe Loch Raven United Methodist Church is called by God to be a living witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ by serving as stewards of God's gifts and blessings. As a multicultural church, we minister through worship, learning, fellowship and mission to the community."

MINISTERS & EVANGELISTS:
THE PEOPLE OF LOCH RAVEN CHURCH
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**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
 CHRISTMAS DAY**

December 25th, 2011

10:00 AM

Gathering Thought: “The Word became flesh and lived among us.” –John 1:14

ENTRANCE

GATHERING

- Welcome and Announcements
- Prelude
- Lighting of the Candles

***CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT** Hymnal p. 204
 “Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.
 God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.”

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
 Leader: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
 People: **And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE** “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” Hymnal, p. 240

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Hymnal, p. 881

OPENING PRAYER (Seated and in unison)
 O God our Father, you have brought us again to the glad season when we celebrate the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that his Spirit may be born anew in our hearts this day and that we may joyfully welcome him to reign over us. Open our ears that we may hear again the angelic chorus of old. Open our lips that we, too, may sing with uplifted hearts. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, goodwill toward all; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 52:7-10 Pew Bible, p. 596

***HYMN OF PREPARATION** “The First Noel” Hymnal p. 245

SECOND LESSON John 1:1-14 Pew Bible p. 862

SERMON

“Christmas”

Brian Miller

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
 Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Sam Chin, soloist

***DOXOLOGY** Hymnal p. 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
 Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
 Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

SENDING FORTH

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT** “Go, Tell it on the Mountain” Hymnal p. 251

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

[Please be seated and listen to the postlude]

***CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD**

***GOING FORTH**

*Please Rise in Posture or Spirit

TFWS = The Faith We Sing
 W&S = Worship and Song

Welcome! Warm greetings and love in Christ are extended to all members and guests ...
 Thank you for signing the pew registration book located at each end of the pews. (*Addresses and phone numbers help us to personally thank you for your visit.*) Please call the Church Office 410-825-0900, if you have any questions or if we can be of assistance to you.

SPIRE DEADLINE: The deadline for the February Spire is Sunday, January 8.

Please place all articles in the Spire box in the church office or email your articles directly to Nancy Williams at njk.williams@yahoo.com. Committee chairpersons may submit monthly newsletter articles so that the congregation is aware of your activities and hard work. Also, if you would like to receive the newsletter by email instead of snail mail, please notify Michele Brown at Mbrown@lrumc.org.

PLEASE HELP support the children at the Board of Child Care by **filling a "stocking"** with quarters. Stockings will be available in the Narthex until Christmas Day. Filled stocking can be placed in the offering plate. Thank you for your continued support of the Board of Child Care.

THE CHRISTMAS CARD RACK is in the Arcade for all those who would like to exchange Christmas greetings.

WEEKLY OFFERING ENVELOPES for 2012 are available in the Arcade for members and those who regularly attend service. Those who do not see their name on the envelopes may contact the Church Office at (410) 825-0900.

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed on Monday Dec. 26th for the Christmas holiday. The office will operate on a flex schedule the 27th-30th. If you call, please leave a message and someone will get back to you.

HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE: We will be collecting food for ACTC from December 18 to January 8. You may have seen the center on the news recently discussing how difficult it has been for them to keep the food shelves stocked. The number of families who need assistance has dramatically increased. The following list indicates some of the items needed.

peanut butter and jelly
 spaghetti sauce & noodles
 chunky or hearty canned soup
 cereal
 pasta meals
 canned meat
 tuna
 instant potatoes

PLEASE, NO EXPIRED FOOD - Thanks for caring!

Circle of Concern Prayer List

Most Recent Prayer Requests

Debbie and Dean req Cheryl & Michael Koogler
 David Ayers req Cheryl & Michael Koogler
 Eva Wagner req Myra Wagner
 Morgan Adle req Erin Mellott
 Catrina Polk req Brian Miller
 Lenora & Sebastian
 Katie Carnegie req Jen Weaver
 Debbie Mayes req Jean Oberia
 Doris Ndlovu
 Charles Baker and Family
 Joseph Barker
 Harbans Batra
 Harriet Cole
 Ed Custer
 Sandra Diaz req Hilary Geyton
 Zora & Walter Edmonds
 Debbie Griffin
 David K.
 Dorothy Layton
 Hannibal Mickens req Michele Brown
 Beth Nardone req Patti Ferguson
 Sammy req Adelaide Wilson
 Nancy Scheeler
 Lorraine Arnold req Linda Cole
 Kelly, Lemons & Brown Families req Maria Stockton-Porter
 Family of Ike Johnson req Melvin Miles
 Family of Napoleon Knight req Jen Byrd
 Family of Doris Wilson