

The Spire



June, 2010

Loch Raven United Methodist Church

Church Office Transition

On May 16, we gathered to celebrate Lin Jones' 13 years of ministry in our church office with food, gifts, laughter, tears, and words of appreciation and thanksgiving. If you weren't able to be there that day, please let Lin know of your appreciation of her ministry to you when you see her around in worship or church activities. LRUMC is still her church, even if she has retired from working here!

The previous week, Lin and our new secretary, Michele Brown, worked together as Lin tried to teach Michele everything she needed to know, a daunting task! Please welcome Michele warmly to our office, and be patient as she learns all that she needs to know to enable our ministry here. You may reach her Monday – Friday, 9-5 in our office.

Summer Worship Hours

June 6 – August 29
Worship at 8:30 and 10 a.m.

July 4 (Independence Day) and September 5 (Labor Day weekend)
One service at 10 a.m.

Family Ministries Presents Sizzlin' Summer Nights

Summer is just around the corner and with hopes of better weather this year than last, you may be wondering what to do with yourself on those warm summer evenings. Well, here's the answer.....Sizzlin' Summer Nights! Once again, the Family Ministries Committee will be sponsoring a variety of Wednesday night events designed to bring our church family together for food, fun, and socializing. Events are designed for all ages, so bring yourself, bring your neighbor, bring your friends, or bring your family, just come out and enjoy our schedule of events:

June 16—6:30—Kick-Off Cook Out & Pot Luck. Please bring a side dish/dessert to accompany hamburgers and hot dogs. Games for all ages!

June 23—7:00—Movie Night. Keep yourself entertained after dinner with a viewing of "The Blind Side." Popcorn will be available.

June 30—6:30—Bowling Night—duckpin and 10 pin, dinner included, no experience necessary, \$13/per person.

July 7—6:30—Holiday in July—to be determined.

July 14—7:00—Ice cream social & Jeopardy! Save room for dessert and stop by to make a refreshing ice cream sundae, then stick around for LRUMC Jeopardy!

July 21– 6:30—LRUMC Carnival—food, snacks, drink, and carnival games—cost to be determined, proceeds will go to the LRUMC Boiler Fund.

July 28—Vacation Bible School—NO EVENT

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**FATHER'S
DAY**

Sunday, June 20

Sizzlin' Summer Nights

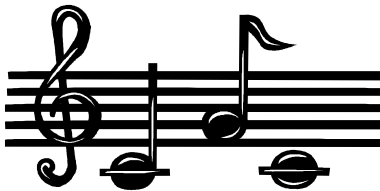
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August 4—6:30—Softball

August 11—6:30—Closing Cookout & Pot Luck

August 18—Softball rain date

Many events require advanced preparation, so please sign up ahead of time so we can ensure enough food and space for all! Look for more details weekly in the bulletin and a reminder of upcoming events!



Music Sunday June 13

Make sure you're in worship on June 13 for music Sunday. The Chancel Choir and Handbell Choir are practicing, two folks are preparing to share with us about how music brings them close to God, and we will welcome a special guest musician for the service. This is a particularly festive day in our worship life at Loch Raven UMC. Invite a friend to join you that day at 8:30 or 10 a.m. for joyful praise to God!

Loch Raven Early Responders

Six Loch Raven UMC folks have received Early Responder Training through UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) and are now certified to serve in the earliest stages of disaster recovery. When the flooding occurred in Nashville, the Tennessee Annual Conference called for help, and the Baltimore-Washington Conference responded. Michael and Cheryl Wagner Koogler from LRUMC were part of that team. Others trained for early disaster response are Theresa Alaeze, Rhoda Wilson and Dick and Gayle Annis-Forder. We are all grateful to be part of a church which responds to the needs of others in the name of Jesus.

Request for Volunteers

Vacation Bible School Galactic Blast – July 25th – 29th

Volunteers are needed to assist for whole or part of the week.

If you are willing to assist, please contact Jen Byrd at 443-756-4000 or birdie21234@aol.com.



Dear Friends,
 Prophets are those who speak a message from God. Sometimes

they are perceived as odd people, out of step and out of touch. Perhaps they seem that way because they are more attuned to God's desires than they are to the world as it is.

Beginning the Sunday after Music Sunday, June 20, we'll be considering prophets and their messages in worship this summer. Some will be biblical prophets and others will be contemporary prophets. My hope is that we'll all come away with knowledge, inspiration, and a glimpse of God's vision for our human community and our planet.

While there are some who are called to prophetic ministry as a vocation, all of us, as those committed to following Jesus, have times when we, too, are called to speak a message from God. It could be speaking up when someone is bullied at school, or refusing to take part in unethical practices in the workplace. It could be something as simple as insisting on civil discourse in a world in which hate speech is increasingly prevalent.

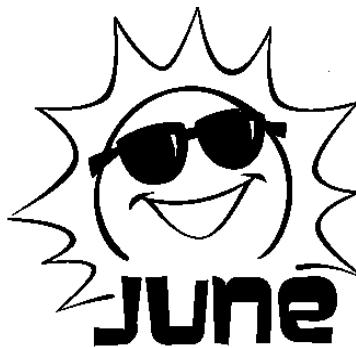
Sometimes sharing a message from God is non-verbal. The old adage that actions speak louder than words is true. A prophetic message is shared when we pick up the litter that someone else drops, when we comfort someone who is hurting, especially when they look different than we do, when we offer our

time or our treasure to someone in need instead of increasing our own creature comforts.

As we hear of the prophets of old and those of late this summer, perhaps each of us will be encouraged to nurture our own prophetic voice and witness, all to the glory of God.

I am so thankful for each of you, and count it a privilege to be your pastor.

Pastor Gayle



Membership Updates

Address Change:

Jill Eckenrode
 10 Capella Court
 Rosedale, MD 21237

Grace Hilton
 45 Washington Road Unit 15
 Westminster, MD 21157-5640

Withdrew Membership:

Lisa Olsen, 4/29/2010

Member Deceased:

Ruth Kiessling, 5/7/2010

Thelma Whisenand, 4/16/2010

Address Unknown:

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

Jermaine Carter
 Mark Formwalt
 Mary Foster
 Nancy Hart
 Charles Per Dieu
 Beatrice Welsh

BOILER FUND UPDATE:

These gifts have been received since the last *Spire*:

3/21/2010	= \$	5.00
3/28/2010	= \$	120.00
4/04/2010	= \$	105.00
4/11/2010	= \$	120.00
4/18/2010	= \$	295.00
4/25/2010	= \$	35.00
5/02/2010	= \$	95.00
5/09/2010	= \$	00.00

Total Received: \$35,118.00 towards \$73,000

The Board of Trustees offers their appreciation for every gift received and sends their blessings and a heartfelt thank you!

From the Mailbox

Dear Pastors Gayle & Fringo and Loch Raven Congregation:

Thank you so much for your home and hospital visits. The number of "Get Well" cards was amazing. With your prayers and God's healing hands, I am recuperating more each day. Our daughter is also doing well, and reads and appreciates you "well wishes" too. At times with 9 months of dialysis and several postponements to surgery, it seemed like the transplant would never occur. We learned again that God does things in his own time. Once again, thank you all for your support and prayers for our family. **PRAYERS DO WORK!**

*Ruth & Stan Kriel and
Beth Van Cutsem*

Dear Church Family,

It is with much gratitude and appreciation that I thank everyone for their prayers, cards and words of encouragement during my recovery from surgery. I could not have made it through without the support of my church family. I am still on the mend and pray that I'll be back to the 'old Jen' very soon.

Peace and Blessings,
Jen Byrd

United Methodist Women June Schedule

Prepared by Betty Shock

"Women in Christ" Circle
Monday, June 7
Meet for dinner at Macaroni Grill—6:30 p.m

Phyllis Downes Circle
Tuesday, June 1
Out to lunch

Ellen Hoover Circle
No meeting

NO GENERAL MEETING

**Reminder: Please support
the Flea Market on June
5th**

Education News

Sunday, May 23rd will be the last Sunday school class for Children and Youth classes.

Sunday, May 30th there will be one worship service at 10am and adult Sunday School will be held at 9am.

Beginning Sunday, June 6th, the following adult Sunday School classes will be offered:

10am – *Going His Way*
Room 126

11:15am – "Younger Adult"
class – in the Parlor



On May 16, Lin Jones was honored for her 13 years of service

ministry as our church secretary. She was presented with a mosaic cross plaque with an inscription commemorating her years of service to the church and a monetary love gift from a grateful congregation. We wish her well in the next phase of her life. We know Lin will never retire from serving the Lord. Thank you, Lin.

We would also like to thank all of you who contributed to the love gift and helped make Lin's celebration a success. I would particularly like to thank **Pastor Gayle, Pastor Bob, Sandra Edmonds, Miriam Roehl, Doris Ndlovu, Vernon Davies, Sharon Neumann, Gayle and Don Webb** for their efforts.

And although we say goodbye to Lin as our church secretary, we welcome **Michele Brown** into this role and a new chapter in her life. Michele received a Master's degree from Morgan State University and brings to the job over 25 years of diverse management and administrative experience.

Please note our new church office hours will be from 9 am to 5 pm.

Merrill Harrison
Staff Parish Relations

Youth News

Special Event and all are invited!!!!

May 23rd - 7:30 – 8:30pm - A special guest, Mr. Charles Johnson – An African Folk Story Teller from the Griot’s Circle of Maryland. The Youth are encouraged to bring a friend for this event.

The Story of the Griots

African griots (pronounced gree' o), the historians and storytellers for their community, inspired Maryland's afrocentric storytellers to create the Griots' Circle of Maryland, Inc. The primary goal of the association is to educate and enrich the storytelling knowledge and abilities of the members and the community. This non-profit organization is dedicated to uplifting the folklore and traditions of our Af-

rican heritage through storytelling, poetry, music, and other educational activities.

Calendar:

May 23rd—7 – 8:30pm
African Folk Story Teller, Ms. Jen’s Back!!!

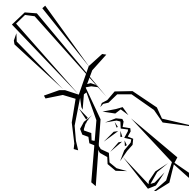
June 13th—7 – 8:30pm
Regular youth Meeting

June 27th
Youth Pool Party and the last regular meeting until August.

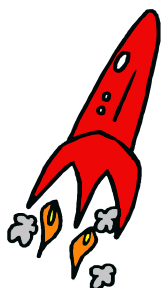
All Youth in grades 6th – 12th or ages 12 – 18 are invited to attend any Youth meeting or event. Hope to see you there!

There are several film canisters that have not yet been returned. Please return to any Youth or place in the offering plate Thank you for your support of our ministry!!!

Song Yi Park Graduates!



Song Yi Park, our wonderfully talented organist, received her Graduate Performance Diploma from Peabody in May, and her mother traveled from Korea to be with her for that special occasion. Song Yi has now completed two graduate degrees, one in Sacred Music and one in Organ Performance, and will be taking a year off before pursuing further music education. Thank you, Song Yi, for your ministry here at Loch Raven and for blessing us each week with music that helps us all to worship God with full hearts!



Vacation Bible School Registration Form Galactic Blast July 25th —29th

Full Name: _____

Birth Date: ____/____/____

Any allergies/medications: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Are you or your parents members of Loch Raven UMC: ____YES* ____NO
(*If yes, no need to complete the rest of the form)

Address: _____

Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

Home Church: _____

May we add your address and/or email to our church news mailing lists: ____Yes ____No