



JULY 2010

NEWS CLIP

LRPC NEWS AND EVENTS

Come Away and Rest

LOCH RAVEN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH P.C.A.

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It was hardly the time to cut back with all that was going on. At last, wonderful, exciting things were happening! People were coming to the Lord; many were being healed; new leaders were finally stepping out in faith and being used greatly by God. There was such an explosive excitement in the air, with so many people coming and going, who had the time to eat? Yet Jesus knew the real danger of the good times in ministry. As John's disciples came with the sad report of the beheading of John the Baptist, Jesus tells His disciples, ***"Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest"*** (Mark 6:31).

Ministry can be very exciting, especially when new faces come into the church, new ministries started which seem to bring renewed spiritual vitality and new facilities proposed which indicate both the great satisfaction of God's blessing and a sense of real progress in our church's history. Who has time to come away and rest? Why stop now? There's just too much to do! But this is exactly when we must listen to our Lord's advice not to neglect times of solitary reflection and prayer with Him.

Ministry can be very exhilarating, but also can get very discouraging at times. We see good people die. Who among Jesus' disciples would have imagined John the Baptist being killed? Ministry can also get discouraging because crisis never makes an appointment with us, and those who serve our Lord are not exempt from trials. Ministry can get discouraging because circumstances often do not tell the whole story of what is really going on spiritually. John the Baptist probably wondered, before his death, "If Jesus was really the Christ, then why am I in prison?"

Ministry can be very fulfilling, but can also become very tiring. Sooner or later the disciples would become physically exhausted because they had not rested or eaten. Excitement in ministry can tempt us to think that we can do things that God doesn't want us to do – that is, to exceed our physical or emotional capabilities. We don't like to admit it, but we cannot do everything. We need rest. While the world will tell us that we should sacrifice our own health and family in the name of ambition, even 'Christian ambition', God doesn't want us to burn out and neglect our families. Christian ministries are littered with the wreckage of burned out believers with scarred families who thought they were doing "God's work."

Come Away and Rest (continued)

Finally, ministry can be rewarding, but only if we are doing exactly what God wants us to do. And we cannot know that for sure what that is unless we come away with Him to a solitary place and seek His face in prayer. God is most often heard in the quiet place, not in the busy place. The solitary place is not glamorous, but it is the only place where we can receive real power for ministry. We need to be alone with Jesus to receive fresh vision and strength for ministry, keeping in mind that apart from Him, we can do nothing (John 15:5).

Therefore, as your pastor I have asked your Session to set aside the month of July as a 'Sabbath month' of rest. To get alone with Jesus and seek His will for our church. To recharge their 'spiritual batteries' and come away with Jesus to a solitary place. There will be no scheduled Session meetings and ruling elders will not be participating in the worship service. I also would like to invite all church boards also to 'take a Sabbath' away from the normal activities of the church calendar. Perhaps some of you can volunteer to teach a Sunday school class, even for a Sunday, in the nursery or children's department. This will enable faithful teachers to spend some quality time alone with Jesus. I would also like to invite you, the member of Loch Raven Presbyterian Church, to spend the seventh month of this year waiting upon God; to come away with Jesus to a solitary place and rest a while.

The people of Israel looked to the presence of God contained in the cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night. Only when that cloud, or fire, moved did they pack up their belongings and move out. We should do no less. While there may be many ministries we can do for God, only those ministries which He wants us to do will matter eternally. Let us 'come away to a quiet place' and hear His sweet voice to get ourselves ready for them.

- ***Pastor Lou***

BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE



The Building Committee has begun its work and held two meetings to date. The Committee is comprised of Ken Goon and Ralph Reed representing Session, Charles Lewis and Sandy Magsamen representing the Board of Deacons, Jo Ann Beck and Kathy Fagan representing the Board of Trustees, and Trish Spicer, Paul Lee and Chet Whitekettle representing the Congregation as at-large members.

The Building Committee is interested in any comments/suggestions/questions that you may have. A Comment/Suggestion Box has been placed in the Church Narthex. Please submit, in writing, any input or questions on Building expansion at your earliest convenience. Deadline for comments is Sunday, July 25, 2010.

SESSION SPEAKS

The Session met on three (3) occasions in the month of May, 2010 for a stated meeting, and two (2) called meetings, and met twice in the month of June, 2010 for a stated meeting and a called meeting.

The Session had the pleasure of meeting and approving Mr. William Bradford Robson (“Brad”) for the position of Assistant Pastor – Youth and Young Families, pending the completion of the background check. We are quite excited about Brad and his lovely wife, Ashley, joining LRPC family and look forward to a great future together.

The Session also had the privilege of interviewing and admitting Mr. & Mrs. Edward Keith Wawrzyniak and Marlene Wawrzyniak, Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Bernard Marsheck and Claire Janice Marsheck, Ms. Patricia Lee Grieve, Ms. Carol Marie Elliott and Mr. Brian Wesley Oswinkle as communing members of LRPC by reaffirmation or profession of faith. We joyfully welcome them into our church family. It is great to see our church continue to grow. Let us continue to pray for our church and for each other.

Christian Education Committee reported that Vacation Bible School would be held from July 19, 2010 to July 23, 2010, during the hours from 9:00 AM – 12 PM. The Committee is still looking for more volunteers and we encourage many to join in the worthwhile effort. It is noted that Sunday, June 13, 2010 was celebrated as “Graduation Sunday” acknowledging those who were graduating from various schools.

The Consolidated Balance Sheet and Income/Expense Statements for the Church finances were reviewed. LRPC is continually being blessed by God and financially very secure and sound.

The Evangelism and outreach committee reported that there was a great need to do more in terms of outreach to attract more people to LRPC community. The Session encourages each and every organization within the church to organize and plan an outreach event during the year.

The Session approved Youth Committee’s recommendation that Ms. Laura Master serve as the youth intern for the summer of 2010. With the addition of new Assistant Pastor, we look forward to continued growth of our youth group.

Young Adult Group (YAGS) will use its own Bible track to attract more young people to LRPC and continue to develop YAGS website, www.youngadultsmd.org. YAGS plan to have a barbecue/picnic in July to bring more young people to Church.

During the April Congregational meeting, Ruling Elders Kenneth A. Goon, S Ralph Reed, Deacons Charles Lewis, Sandy Magsamen, Trustees JoAnn Beck, Kathy Fagan, Congregational representatives Paul Lee, Trish Spicer and Chet Whitekettle were chosen as the members of the Building Committee. The Building committee will be meeting twice a month to plan for the future building projects.

As LRPC is attempting to take the next step forward in God’s ministry, we do realize the need for more prayers. The Session would like to encourage all to pray on, and join in Wednesday Night Prayer Meetings as much as possible.

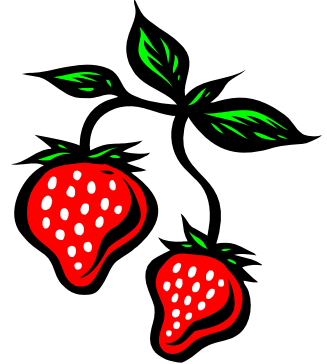
Respectfully submitted,
David B. Woo— Clerk of Session



LRPCA WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

Dear LRPC Family,

I am writing this article on June 11th, 12 hours before 10 volunteers are to cut-up strawberries for our Annual Strawberry Festival. But as of now—9:00 a.m.—I have no guarantee as to how many strawberries my suppliers can give me, for strawberries came in early this year. When they shared this information with me two weeks ago with a “wait and see” response, I went into a very “twitter-pated” state (translated VERY anxious and unhappy).



I am sharing this “inside” information because God in His infinite wisdom used “strawberries” to once again patiently teach me that He is in control; and yes, in this world we will have troubles, fears and doubts. (I had attached much fear and doubt to a possible lack of needed quantities of strawberries.)

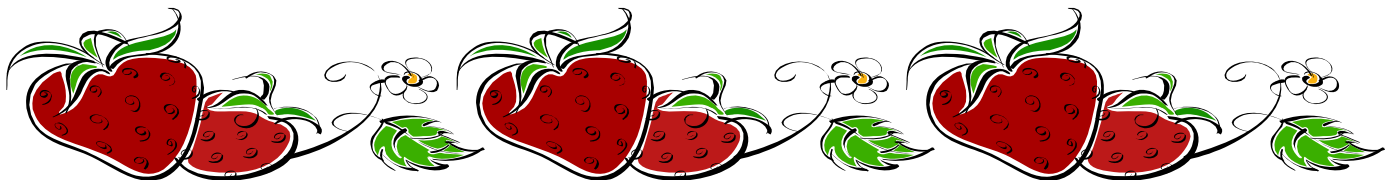
In His amazing love, the Lord (via a women’s breakfast) gave me His word (written on a place card at each attendees setting). I have pondered and memorized it over these past two weeks and claimed His promise.

Psalm 37:5, 7

“Commit everything you do to the Lord. Trust Him, and He will help you....Be still in the presence of the Lord, and wait patiently for Him to act.”

So, whatever the outcome regarding quantities of Strawberries, I know God’s plan will be the best and I praise Him for using “strawberries” as a gentle reminder to me of the great love and desire for me to trust and rest in Him and His plan for **every** need in my life. I will savor this sweet berry (Psalm 37:5, 7) for a long time!

Trusting and resting in Him,
Debbie Soukup
WIC President

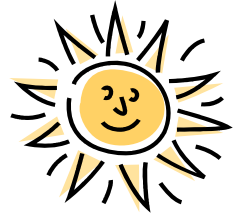


Editor’s Note: *God did provide plenty of Strawberries...not as Debbie had planned, but in His perfect way. If you see Debbie, ask her to share the “rest” of the story.*

Youth NEWS

Greetings to All!

School is now out and vacations are coming on fast! It promises to be a full and fun summer. Here at LRPC, we are hoping to provide many opportunities throughout the summer for the youth for fellowship, outreach and just to relax!



One of the ways we hope to maximize reaching out to our youth is with a very pleasant addition! Laura Master will be serving with us this summer as our Summer Youth Worker! She will officially start on Friday, June 25th and be with us through the summer. She will have 5 primary responsibilities: (1) To assist at Youth Fellowship every Friday evening, (2) To organize a small group Bible study for middle and high school girls (details will be coming!!), (3) taking youth from church to the "Teen Night" on Tuesday evenings at Beachmont Christian Camp, (4) To spend one-on-one-time with the girls who attend our youth events, and finally (5) To assist in the office in planning and organizing the summer's activities. I'll take a break for a moment and let Laura introduce herself!

Hello!

As many of you found out a few weeks earlier, I will be working this summer as the youth intern. Stating my excitement for this would be rather difficult—the work God has done in the youth in the past and the seeds He has planted make me rather enthusiastic to see how they're going to grow and flourish this summer. I was told to give a brief overview of who I was and what I might be doing—so here's my attempt to cover it.

Over the past several months I finished up my degree at Hood College, the Lord continually showed me one particular aspect of His nature—His relentlessness. It's an intoxicating thought that our God chases after us without giving up, isn't it? With all our flaws and with all our baggage, He sees something worth chasing in us (THANK GOODNESS!). I have been praying over the past couple weeks that He would help me to show that quality to young people...hopefully through all of the Beachmont trips, Bible studies, Friday night meetings, and various other summer events, with His help I'll be able to do that. Your prayers are most welcome! Thank you and I hope this month of July isn't too hot and humid!

Laura Master

I am pleased to report that we just finished studying the book of Esther and was highlighted by watching the movie, "One Night with the King", on Friday, June 18th. What a powerful book that shows the sovereignty of God, from the smallest of details to the grand scheme of life's events. Also, in May the ladies proved they have the edge on putting. Congratulations to the youth champion, Jen Quievryn, and to Kathy Shields, our senior tour champion!

Looking forward into August, we have started to plan for a camping weekend on Friday, August 6th and Saturday the 7th. Three campgrounds have been considered, all within a two hour drive from church. A decision will be made in the next couple of weeks as to the location and we will try to reserve 10 to 12 campsites. If you are interested in attending this weekend, please contact Lynn or Dan Master, 410-252-4756 or Carol and Brian Sweeney, 410-665-2728, so that we can better plan for this trip. We should have many activities that youth and families...even couples of ALL ages and YAG's...could enjoy! And we would look forward to a time of fellowship and worship together.

And, one important final note: The Youth Program is going to be going through some BIG changes in the next few weeks and months. For quite a while now, there has been no Youth Committee to offer guidance and support for the Youth Program. That is more my fault, than anything else. However, with changes coming to the youth program, NOW would be an important time to pull together and offer the support and direction that would strengthen our program, and the lives of our youth! If you would be interested in serving on a Youth Committee, I would sincerely welcome the opportunity to speak with you how you might be able to serve in this area. Please call me or email me anytime!

Respectfully,

Carol and Brian Sweeney

410-665-2728 or bsweeney0897@gmail.com

Church Family Picnic

**Saturday,
August 14, 2010
1:00 to 8:00 p.m.
BEACHMONT CHRISTIAN CAMP
6433 Mt. Vista Road, Kingsville**

A free will offering will be taken to help defray expenses.

We will have a modified Pot Luck Dinner.

**Bring your own meat, beverage and a salad or a dessert to share
(coffee and charcoal will be provided).**

Dinner is at 5:30 p.m. and Vespers at 6:30 p.m.

The pool will be open from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. and after the Vesper service. You can swim, hike the trail, play basketball, volleyball, horseshoes or sit and relax.

This is a good time to just sit and visit, so come on out!

**Everyone is invited—members, friends,
and relatives.**

**(This will be a joint Picnic with
Aisquith PCA.)**



The Trustees' Toolbox



The Board of Trustees met for their monthly meeting on Monday, June 14th. A new Konica Minolta bizhub C220 copier has been purchased and installed in the church office. This single unit can now do the work that was formally done by three separate machines. Two of the old copiers have been reassigned to other duty stations in the library classroom and the church house and the third donated to the Christian Community Center.

We are now in the process of soliciting bids to replace our failing nineteen year old air conditioning units for the church. The replacement of the faulty reversing valve would cost around \$2,000.00. Although previous repairs made by BGE Home bought us some time, the Trustees feel that the best course of action would be to be proactive and replace the system with a new, energy efficient model. We feel that replacing the faulty valve would be similar to installing a new motor into a car that has been driven 250,000 miles and not provide the best return dollar or service wise. BGE Home did complete their regular air conditioning service check list and replaced all filters, some belts and lubricated bearings. Hopefully it will get us through the summer.

At this writing, Jack Royce has completed painting the portico, columns and doors at the front church entrance and will be doing the same at the rear church entrance.

The new playground sign has arrived and will soon be installed.

Trustee Kathy Fagan is now our liaison with our cleaning company. She will be monitoring the services provided, completed and supplies used and respond to any concerns or special needs.

Sue Freeman has been working on taming and improving our garden next to the Church sign on old Harford Road. Also, a radical trimming of trees was completed to maximize the visibility of our sign to drivers coming from Joppa Road.

On June 8th, a large tree branch fell from a tree that lines our driveway. It fell into our neighbors yard, breaking a section of their white fence. The trustees removed the debris and repaired the fence. When the homeowners were notified, they requested that the tree to which the chain barrier is attached also be trimmed. This was done along with other trimming along the entire lane.

Thanks to Trustee Bob Fagan for re-painting the lines in the parking lot and crosswalks. Bob also trimmed the monster hedge along the back edge of the lower parking lot.

Because of a tip from an observant congregant, the bulbs in all seven of the exit signs have been replaced and the lights are now functioning properly. Five new handicapped parking signs have been put up and these spaces will soon be getting a special paint job.

Several Trustees were involved with various aspects of our very successful Strawberry Festival. I would like to thank them and all of the other congregants who worked so hard. A special thanks to Debbie Soukup and Lee Goon for their efforts and leadership.

We value your input. so please feel free to question any Trustee about more information on anything in this report or any other matter.

In His service,

Curt Soukup—Head Trustee

LRPCA FAMILY AND OTHER NEWS

Loch Raven Presbyterian Church,

To thank you for your kindness and sympathy at a time when it was deeply appreciated.

Thank you for your prayers, cards, flowers and support towards my family through our difficult time.

I could feel the love and God's peace during it all. I am blessed to be a part of LRPC.

Don Grooms

Laurie, John & Matt Calka

Dear LRPC Family,

Please accept our sincerest thank you for the tremendous out pouring of Christ's love you have demonstrated to our family on the passing of my brother, Dennis.

All the many cards, beautiful flowers, and the visitations at the funeral home were felt deep in our hearts.

We are so glad to be part of this family that so naturally comes alongside and loves those in need.

In Christ's love,

Betty Roche

Steve and Kathy Kreyling

ESL (English as a Second Language)

TEACHER TRAINING AT CHAPELGATE PCA THIS SUMMER (Trainer: Julie Baugh)

Friday night: July 23rd, 6:00 p.m. to 9:45 p.m.

Saturday: July 24th, 8:45 a.m. to 6:15 p.m.

You must attend both sessions.

Training Manual and Lunch on Saturday provided.

Cost: \$45

Questions: Call Nancy Booher at 410-465-0154 or e-mail her at nbooher@pcanet.org

Registration forms are available in the Narthex.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

95.1 SHINE FM

Webmaster/Graphic Designer

95.1 SHINE-FM is seeking a webmaster and graphic designer to develop and integrate graphic and multi-media components into its websites, coordinate and maintain website content, and coordinate all print graphics. Applicants should be highly creative and artistic, strong in design and possess excellent organizational and communication skills. Must have well-developed knowledge of HTML, CSS, Javascript, editing/graphic design software (Illustrator, Dreamweaver, etc.) and print design. Must have 3+ years of experience in the web development/graphic design field and be knowledgeable and enthusiastic about the mission of 95.1 SHINE-FM. Email Erin Branham at jobs@WRBS.com. No phone calls. Must be received by July 7, 2010. EOE.

Benjamin L. England & Associates, LLC

Lawyer

We are looking for an Associate, to join our practice, who has recently been admitted to any state bar. The associate must have strong academic credentials, and preferably law review experience. Attorneys who are hard-working, entrepreneurial, and client-focused do best in our practice. We are committed to training and are looking for a new attorney who can 'hit the ground running.' Foreign language skills a strong plus. Since the area of law is specialized, we are looking for someone who is eager to learn, and who is looking for a long-term position with the firm.

We are a small law firm located outside Washington, D. C., composed of Christian attorneys focused on administrative law, particularly: FDA, Customs, USDA, and EPA law regulations. The firm also performs general business law and provides litigation consulting. The practice is very busy, innovative, and challenging. The work environment is casual and friendly.

Interested candidates should submit their resume, transcript, a writing sample, and a list of references to fdalawjob@gmail.com. Incomplete application packages will be not considered.

Rick D. Quinn

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MISSION POSSIBLE

Clay and Darlene Quarterman MTW in Odessa, Ukraine
Pete and Ruth Mitchell MTW in Marseille, France

Clay and Darlene began as MTW church planters in Lisbon, Portugal. It was there that a LRPC short term missions group met and worked with them. After the USSR separated into several smaller countries, opportunities opened up for mission work in Ukraine. Clay and Darlene attended language school to learn Russian and went to Odessa with four small boys under Co-Mission. They were actively involved in the development and organization of a Presbyterian church in Odessa and another one in Belgorod-Dnestrovsky.

Ten years ago, Clay was involved in developing ERSU (Evangelical Reformed Seminary of Ukraine) and has been serving as president as well as teacher. Currently there are 45 students taking classes at the seminary. Clay is also called upon to help with other church plants – one in North Odessa and another in Karlovka, a city in central Ukraine.

This summer they are taking their HMA and are traveling to visit family, friends and supporters. They **plan to visit Loch Raven on Sunday, August 1.** The Missions Committee is planning a **pot luck supper at 5:30 p.m.** for a time of fellowship followed by a time of sharing by Clay and Darlene concerning their work. Mark your calendar and plan to attend. This will be a great opportunity to meet and/or further your acquaintance with the Quartermans.

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Pete and Ruth have been ministering in Marseille, France, since 1992. They too attended language school to learn the local language. Since that time they have been working to plant a church and then to form a presbytery with several other churches. They also have four children, three boys and a girl. One of their goals has been to train/find French pastors to serve the church. During a current pastoral search, Pete has had the responsibility of preaching and doing much of the work of the pastor.

This church along with other churches of the area supported a city-wide evangelistic outreach with Louis Palau in May. More than 2000 Christians from their region “met to worship God.” This was an encouragement to the people of the church.

Other activities recently included holding a church retreat, preparing for three summer interns, and understanding how the pastoral search is conducted. There will soon be an English camp for the junior high youth.

During their travels this summer, they will visit Loch Raven. There will **be a pot luck supper on Saturday, August 21, at 5:30 p.m.** for a time of fellowship followed by a time of sharing by Pete and Ruth. **On Sunday, August 22,** they will be speaking **during the 9:30 a.m. hour.**

Youth Pastor Search Committee

To the Members of LRPC:

The Search Committee is pleased to announce that Brad Robson has accepted the offer of Session to join us as Assistant Pastor for Youth and Young Families. Brad is 25 years old, a native of St. Louis, Missouri and graduated last month from Covenant Theological Seminary in Orlando, Florida. Brad's acceptance of this position is the culmination of fifteen months of service by the Search Committee. We began in February 2009 and during that time reviewed approximately seventy resumes.

Brad and his wife, Ashley (also a St. Louis native) have been married approximately eight months and have been attending Good Shepherd PCA in St. Louis where Brad served as a Pastoral Intern. Ashley and Brad enjoy hiking in the great outdoors, often accompanied by a "spunky" English Setter named Cedar. The Robson family expects to join us at LRPC on July 1, 2010, and Brad is scheduled to deliver his first sermon to the congregation on Sunday, August 1st.

Ashley and Brad's ministry with us is a blessing from our Lord Jesus, and we give thanks to Him for His generous gifts. We ask that you join with us in a hearty and loving welcome to Ashley and Brad. Also, I would especially like to thank all of the Committee members for their faithful service over these past fifteen months.

Respectfully submitted for the Search Committee,

Ted Shields, Chairman

Youth Pastor Search Committee Members:



Pastor Lou Quievryn

Laurie Calka

Diana Knight

Carol Sweeney

Suzanne Woo

Elder Brian Sweeney

Elder Austin Kenly



July 2010



Sun

Mon

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7:00 p.m.
Praise Team
Rehearsal

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7:00 p.m.
Youth Fellowship
"Stitches of Love"
Knitting Group

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HAPPY 4TH
OF JULY



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6:15 p.m.
TOPS

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7:30 p.m.
Congregational
Prayer Meeting

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7:00 p.m.
Praise Team
Rehearsal

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7:00 p.m.
Youth Fellowship



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6:15 p.m.
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7:30 p.m.
Congregational
Prayer Meeting

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7:00 p.m.
Youth Fellowship
"Stitches of Love"
Knitting Group

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9:00 a.m. to
12:00 noon
VBS

20 NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE

9:00 a.m. to 12:00
noon
VBS
6:15 p.m.
TOPS

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9:00 a.m.
to 12:00 noon
VBS
7:30 p.m.
Congregational
Prayer Meeting

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to 12:00 noon
VBS

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9:00 a.m. to 12:00
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VBS
7:00 p.m.
Youth Fellowship

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COMMUNION
SUNDAY



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6:15 p.m.
TOPS

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7:30 p.m.
Congregational
Prayer Meeting

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7:00 p.m.
Praise Team
Rehearsal

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7:00 p.m.
Youth Fellowship



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Sunday Worship
9:30 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Loch Raven Presbyterian Church
exists to glorify God and make known
His eternal and unchanging purpose,
fulfilled through a living relationship
with Jesus Christ.

Rev. Lou Quievryn, Senior Pastor
Rev. Ralph Kidwell, Pastor of Visitation
Suzanne Woo, Music Director
Pei-Hsin Kao, Accompanist
Lee Goon, Church Secretary
Austin Kenly, Church Treasurer

Church Office Hours

*Monday, Tuesday and Thursday—9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday and Friday—The Office is Closed*



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
July 19—July 23, 2010
9:00 a.m. to Noon