



August 2010

NEWS CLIP

LRPC NEWS AND EVENTS

LOCH RAVEN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH P.C.A.

Transitioning with Prayer

INSIDE THIS

ISSUE:

August is a time of transitions. Some people are finally going on vacation, while others are coming back from theirs. Students will be ending summer break while others who have graduated will be entering the workforce for the first time. Some may be considering a career change, further schooling or perhaps even relocation to pursue new employment.

- MISSION POSSIBLE

Our church is also in a time of transition. With a new Youth Pastor now on staff, many new programs and relationships are being formed. Our Building Committee continues to consider the possibility of new facilities. New members are seeking to find their places of ministry within our church, while existing members are reevaluating theirs. Transitions are not always easy, but there is one thing we can do to make them easier, and that is to pray.

- TECH BYTE

- CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The wisest king who ever ruled on this earth, Solomon, knew much about transitions and starting new ventures. He describes many of them in his book of Ecclesiastes, as ***“meaninglessness, like chasing after the wind” (Eccl. 1:14)***. Perhaps that is why he later wrote in Proverbs 16:1-3, ***“To man belong the plans of the heart, but from the LORD comes the reply of the tongue. All a man's ways seem innocent to him, but motives are weighed by the LORD. Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and your plans will succeed.”*** Solomon knew that while it is often common to try many things, ultimate success comes from God alone. Therefore we need to be ‘in tune’ with what God wants us to do in order to succeed.

- DEACONS’ CORNER

- TRUSTEES’ TOOLBOX

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This is why prayer in our church’s life is so important. If we begin building, either spiritually or physically, new programs or facilities, unless they are what God desires for us, they will not succeed. I have always found that the most fulfilling and fruitful ministries are the ones where I found out what God was doing, and jumped on “His bandwagon” for the ride. But what is God’s passion for our church?

- YOUTH NEWS

- CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC

First, I believe that God’s passion for our church is prayer. He promises us that if we seek him, we will find him, IF we seek him with all our hearts (Jeremiah 29:13). Jesus encourages us to seek, ask and knock on heaven’s door until we receive an answer. If God knows the plans He has for us, and we know that God loves us, it is reasonable to expect that He will let us know what those plans are. But have we sought them out from Him in prayer?

- LRPC FAMILY NEWS

- CALENDAR

Transitioning with Prayer (continued)

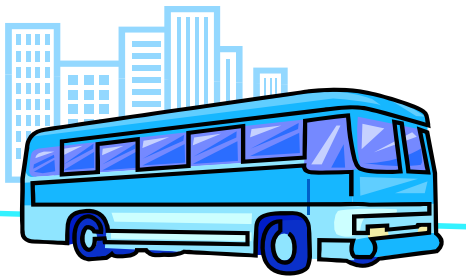
Second, I believe God's passion for our church is relationships. God is more concerned about our relationship with Jesus Christ and our relationships with one another than with our church size or building facilities. While some may measure 'success' in terms of 'noses and nickels', God measures success in terms of faithfulness and fruit.

Finally, I believe God's passion for our church is maturity in Christ. God has appointed me, as your pastor, according to Ephesians 4:11-13, to "***equip the holy ones for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of faith and knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the extent of the full stature of Christ***". Jesus wants those at LRPC to become grown-up disciples, not just bible scholars or novices.

In order to 'put first things first,' we need to stop and pray. Before considering a new direction or ministry, have we prayed about it thoroughly so as to be certain? Do we really want to be a part of God's plans, or do we simply want God to bless our plans? I would like to encourage each one of you to consider a more devoted prayer life, not only individually but also corporately in the life of our church. What would happen if every church member came to Wednesday night prayer meeting at least once a year? Would we become more united, more powerful, and more certain of God's direction? We will never know unless we pray! Brothers and sisters, in all your decisions, in all your transitions, pray!

- ***Pastor Lou***

SIGHT AND SOUND BUS TRIP TO SEE "JOSEPH"



Patty De Rosa is sponsoring a trip to Sight and Sound to see "Joseph", on Friday, October 1. (Flyers are available on the bulletin board outside the restroom in the church narthex.)

The cost is \$98 per person which covers:

bus, show and family style lunch meal at Hershey Farm. The bus will be leaving at 2:00 p.m. (lunch will be at 4:30 p.m.; the show is at 7:30 p.m.) and returning at 11:30 p.m.

You need to have all reservations and money in to Patty De Rosa by Sunday, August 29, by mail:

**2924 Putty Hill Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21234**

Make checks payable to:

Patty De Rosa

Any questions, please call Patty at 443-804-6199.

TECH BYTE

AUGUST, 2010

WE THANK THE CONGREGATION FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE TECH TEAM. WE APPRECIATE YOUR PRAYERS AND ENCOURAGEMENT CONCERNING THE WORK WE ARE DOING. WE WANT TO NOTE THAT WE WELCOME YOUR QUESTIONS ABOUT THE USE OF THE SOUND EQUIPMENT (MICROPHONES AND SPEAKERS) THAT IS LOCATED OUTSIDE OF THE TECH BOOTH. SINCE THIS EQUIPMENT IS SPECIALIZED, WE WOULD ASK THAT PEOPLE NOT MOVE OR TRY TO ADJUST THIS EQUIPMENT WITHOUT CHECKING WITH THE TECH TEAM FOR DIRECTION.

RECENTLY THE TRUSTEES MADE ADJUSTMENTS TO THE PROJECTORS TO ELIMINATE MOST OF THE KEYSTONING OF THE PROJECTED SLIDES ON THE FRONT WALLS AND TO RAISE THE FOCUS IN ORDER TO MAKE THE WORDS OF THE HYMNS AND SONGS MORE VISIBLE.

WE HAVE ALSO PURCHASED A NEW WIRELESS MICROPHONE SYSTEM WITH MEMORIAL FUNDS. THE OLD MICROPHONE TRANSMITTER HAD BROKEN INSULATION ON THE WIRES TO THE ANTENNA, AND WE WERE CONCERNED THAT IT WOULD STOP FUNCTIONING.

THERE IS STILL A NEED FOR AT LEAST ONE WOMAN TO TRAIN AS A SOUND OPERATOR SO THAT SHE CAN TAKE CARE OF SOUND NEEDS AT WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES, AND THERE IS NEED FOR OPERATORS WHO ARE AVAILABLE DURING THE DAY AND/OR ON SATURDAYS. **TRAINING IS PROVIDED FOR ANYONE WHO VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE IN THIS WAY.**

PLEASE CONTACT BARBARA REED IF YOU WOULD BE WILLING TO SERVE THE LORD BY TRAINING TO OPERATE THE SOUND SYSTEM.

Christian Education



Hello All,

I hope all of you are enjoying the "nice" summer weather. I am finally warm! I would like to thank each of you for your desire to serve the children at LRPC and so faithfully. You have made my responsibility as a Sunday School Coordinator much easier to fulfill.

I am sure that all of us pray for the growth of our church, in numbers but especially spiritually. God has provided us with many loving people to take on this blessing of teaching. I pray that all of you will continue to serve the Lord in this way.

Would you please prayerfully consider whether you feel lead to serve in the coming year in the same capacity as you have this past year. I know that there are some of you who have expressed a change of duty, hopefully you will be serving in some way.

It is time to begin to organize the calendars of volunteers for next year. Once you know of your intentions to serve, would you let me know.

Due to the recent deaths of my mother and mother-in-law, my responsibilities at home have increased. I am also dealing with a personal health issue. After much prayer, I must step down as the Sunday School Coordinator. I would be willing to assist someone else in this position, but I cannot continue in the same capacity as in the past.

If anyone feels that they could continue this much needed position — please contact Jim Fox or myself. Thank-you again for all that you do!

In His service, Laurie Calka



LRPCA WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

2010 WOMEN'S RETREAT

"You also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ." 1 Peter 2:5

Speaker: Elaine Bonds

"Passionately sharing the transforming work of God's Word with women of today."



Elaine teaches Bible study at Centreville Baptist Church, where she served as Women's Ministry Director from 2003-2007. As part of her messages, she loves to challenge women to be real before God and each other, and to enrich their lives through Bible study, mentoring and prayers. Elaine uses honesty, transparency and humor to communicate how God has radically changed her life. She is a graduate of the Proverbs 31 Ministries "She Speaks" Conference and is pursuing her Women's Ministry Certificate from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

After living internationally for a number of years, Elaine and her husband have made Northern Virginia their home since 1994. They have 2 adult sons, and are enjoying the "empty nest" phase of life.

Elaine grew up in a small town in Texas and gave her heart to Christ as a preteen. While she strayed from her faith in her late teens and early adult years, God remained faithful. He used a series of difficulties to bring her back to close intimacy with the One she gave her heart to as a child. In God's Word she found forgiveness, healing and freedom. Anything good you see in her is purely evidence of a loving God who never gives up on His children.

Deadline to Register:

Sunday, September 19, 2010

Please complete the registration form (available in the Church narthex) and give to Lee Goon, Church Secretary, along with your non-refundable check payable to Loch Raven Presbyterian Church, or mail to:

Loch Raven Presbyterian Church

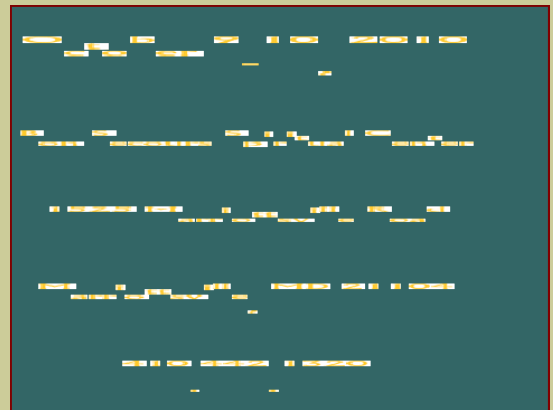
9318 Old Harford Road

Baltimore, MD 21234

Attention: Lee Goon

Registration Fee: \$165.00

(includes lodging - private room and bath,
4 meals, snacks, materials, honorarium)



Youth NEWS

Greetings to All!

First, I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have been praying for Ashley and me as we made the big move from St. Louis to our new home in Parkville. We have felt your prayers throughout the past few weeks and months and are joyful that we have been welcomed into such a loving church family and youth group. We look forward to getting to know you all in the coming weeks, months and years! THANK YOU!



Ashley and I also wanted to thank the youth group for warmly welcoming us on Friday, July 9 at our first official youth fellowship. It was great to see all of the parents who came out for this special welcoming night, and we had a great time taking on the youth in a volleyball game (sad to say it, but the youth won). After the volleyball match, we all cooled down with some ice cream sundaes. To end the night, the youth group showered many Baltimore gifts upon us: Ravens and Oriole T-shirts (we will forever be Cardinals fans, but we will also root for the new home team as well), a Basic Baltimore Book, Caramel Cremes, Berger Cookies, Old Bay, Crab Mallets, and a Maryland-Baltimore Atlas. Ashley and I were so surprised to receive so many wonderful gifts, and we wanted to thank the youth group and especially Brian and Carol Sweeney for planning such a wonderful party!

In the month of July the youth group had many exciting events. We have enjoyed attending Summer Teen Night at Beachmont Christian Camp on Tuesday nights. We usually play volleyball and then head off to a time of worship and listen to a message from the Word. We also went bowling at Timonium Lanes, where we had 20 free bowling passes (thanks to Ted Shields!), and it was Ashley's and my first time Duck-pin Bowling! It was a great time for all the youth and families that attended. In August, we plan on taking a day trip to Rocks State Park, going camping for a weekend, and cooling off from the summer heat with a pool party at Sandy Magsamen's house. Please pay close attention to the bulletins and sign up sheets in the sanctuary for these important events!

Also, since I have begun teaching at youth fellowship on July 16, I have been planning lessons from the book **Crazy Love** by Francis Chan. This book really challenges us, and specifically the youth, to think about the greatness and glory of their God and how we can love and serve Him in an authentic and passionate way. The first three weeks focus on the character of God, and how we should focus on his power, majesty, and holiness before we think about ourselves. The next seven weeks are where we will do some heavy self-analyzing to see how we might have missed really understanding what the mission of God and the Gospel really are all about. After doing a short lesson, we have watched a video series about the topics found in the book, and have taken a time for group discussion. If you are interested, you can learn more out about this book at www.crazylovebook.com.

Finally, it is my desire, like Brian mentioned in the last newsletter to get together a Youth Committee to discuss the vision and mission of the youth group. If you are interested in being on such a committee, please contact Brian or myself and express your desire to us! Realistically, it would be nice to begin meeting sometime in September (once the craziness of summer has passed) to discuss the future of our youth group.

Kind Regards,

Brad Robson

Office: 410.661.5777 | Cell: 314.732.5624

Email: Bradford.Robson@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 July 12th. Bob Fagan has had five companies visit our church to provide estimates to replace all three HVAC units. So far, most of the bids received are in the 35,000 to 40,000 dollar range. We are also getting information and estimates for the possible replacement and upgrading of most of our lighting fixtures in the church. This possible move towards more energy efficient green fixtures could save the church a significant amount of money by reducing energy costs. The government is also offering rebates to offset the initial installation expense. All of this is still in the information gathering stage and the bottom line will, no doubt, be key to any actions taken.

Along with the installation of the new copier, Bob Fagan and Lee Goon conducted an evaluation and re-organization of all the equipment in the church office. This not only maximizes the more efficient use of the space but improves knowledge and access for service.

Brad has been provided with a new Apple personal laptop computer. Thanks to Tim Freeman and Lee Goon for their input and assistance.

Kathy Fagan has had several contacts with our cleaning service and is addressing some issues that have come to our attention. Please inform Kathy of any concerns that you may have.

The Trustees installed the new playground information sign. If you need the keys to open the doors, see Curt Soukup or Lee Goon.

Jack Royce has finished his paint job on both the front and rear porticos on the church. Thanks to Jack for doing a great job!

Please remember to turn the gas off when using the kitchen at the outside tank. We know that it is a pain, but until another alternative is found, it must be turned off when not in use.

On a personal note, I would like to thank our church family for the outpouring of prayers, support and love to our family during Debbie's brother Ken's two year ordeal and recent death. His transformation was truly remarkable and a privilege to behold. Praise be to God!

In His service,
Curt Soukup
Head Trustee

LRPCA FAMILY AND OTHER NEWS



CALLING ALL WHO LIKE TO SING!

HAMILTON COMMUNITY CHORUS

NOW FORMING!

Auditions Being Held Now

All Voices Needed!

(Simple Audition—No sight-reading required.)

Please contact Kathryn Pendergrass, Music Director,

To set up an audition or for more information.

Email: kmastermusic@aol.com;

Telephone: 410-340-2212.

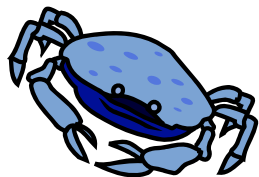
Meetings begin in September, 2010

Monday Evenings from 7:00—9:00 p.m.

At

HAMILTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

5532 Harford Road, Baltimore, MD, 21214



ST. ISAAC JOGUES PARISH CRAB FEAST

9215 Old Harford Road, Baltimore, MD 21234

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28—6:30 TO 11:00 P.M.

CHURCH HALL

(Everyone in the Community is welcome!)

Catered by Bill's Seafood—Menu Includes:

#1 steamed crabs, homemade Maryland crab soup; corn-on-the-cob; hot dogs and baked beans; hot roast beef; sloppy Joes; cole slaw; potato salad; Italian tomato salad; fresh watermelon; pretzels and potato chips; sheet cakes; beer, soda and iced tea.

Music by Music Man & Son DJ

All this for only **\$35 per person** in advance; \$37 per person at the door; and **\$340 for table of ten!**

Call **Joe Lamantia at 410-661-3569** for tickets or information.



MISSION POSSIBLE August, 2010

The State Board of Child Evangelism Fellowship® of Maryland is pleased to announce that

Dr. Martha J. Wright



has been called as the
State Leader.

On June 14, 2010, Dr. Martha Wright was called to be CEF®'s State Leader after a unanimous decision by the State Board. Dr. Wright will begin serving in this role on August 1, 2010.

“We are excited that someone of Martha Wright’s qualifications and experience has decided to join our ministry in Maryland. For this time in CEF® of Maryland’s history, Dr. Wright’s commitment and passion as well as her vast leadership experience on an international level will have a great impact as we partner together with churches and Christian organizations to reach children for Christ.”

Wright earned her Ed.D. from Nova Southeastern University (Ft. Lauderdale, FL) in Children and Youth in 2001. She holds an M.A. in counseling from Liberty University (Lynchburg, VA) and a B.A. in Biblical Literature from Simpson University (Redding, CA). In addition, she holds a diploma from the prestigious Instituto de Lengua Española (Spanish Language Institute) in San José, Costa Rica.

Wright has extensive experience as a leader in children’s ministry as well as a leadership trainer. Previous positions include Missionary to Venezuela (5 years), Director of Education for Latin America (9 years), Vice President of Publications (CEF® Press 4 years) and Vice President of Education for CEF® worldwide (20 years).

DEACONS' CORNER

“Bear one another’s burdens...”

Galatians 6:2

SUMMER, 2010 ACTC FOOD DRIVE

The Board of Deacons will sponsor its summer food drive for the Assistance Center of Towson Churches (ACTC) in August. This organization provides a much needed service to the poor and needy of **our** communities. The Center serves 500-600 individuals a month—**you** can be part of this ministry.

ACTC has recommended we conduct “theme” drives. Please note the themes below for the 3-week collection of donations. The collection boxes will be in the narthex on **August 1, August 8 and August 15**. If you prefer, you may give a monetary donation—checks payable to ACTC.

August 1 *Canned vegetables
 (green beans, peas, corn, carrots)

August 8 *Peanut butter and jelly

August 15 *Soup and Saltines

PLEASE,

No perishables, home canned foods, or institutional size cans

ACTC and the people it helps greatly appreciate your generosity. You are serving the Lord as you serve your county neighbors.

THE LAST DATE TO DONATE IS AUGUST 15, 2010.

August 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 ACTC FOOD DRIVE 5:30 p.m. Pot Luck Dinner with the Quartermans	2 10:30 a.m. Rocks State Park for the Youth 1:30 p.m. Missions Committee Meeting	3 6:15 p.m. TOPS 6:45-10:00 p.m. Summer Teen Night at Beachmont	4 5:30 p.m. 8th-12th Grade Girls Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Congregational Prayer Meeting	5	6 FAMILY CAMPING TRIP 7:00 p.m. "Stitches of Love" Knitting Group Youth Fellowship	7 FAMILY CAMPING TRIP
8 ACTC FOOD DRIVE	9 7:00 p.m. Deacon's Meeting Session Meeting	10 6:15 p.m. TOPS 6:45-10:00 p.m. Summer Teen Night at Beachmont	11 5:30 p.m. 8th-12th Grade Girls Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Congregational Prayer Meeting	12 7:00 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal	13 7:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship	14 1:00-8:00 p.m. CHURCH PICNIC AT BEACHMONT
15 ACTC FOOD DRIVE Youth Pool Party at Sandy Magsamen's	16	17 6:15 p.m. TOPS 6:45-10:00 p.m. Summer Teen Night at Beachmont	18 5:30 p.m. 8th-12th Grade Girls Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Congregational Prayer Meeting	19	20 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 7:00 p.m. "Stitches of Love" Knitting Group Youth Fellowship	21 5:30 p.m. Pot Luck Dinner with the Mitchells
22 9:30 a.m. Sunday School Hour with the Mitchells	23	24 6:15 p.m. TOPS	25 5:30 p.m. 8th-12th Grade Girls Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Congregational Prayer Meeting	26	27 7:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship	28
29 COMMUNION SUNDAY	30	31 6:15 p.m. TOPS				

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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
Brad Robson, Assistant to the Pastor for
Youth and Young Families

Rev. Ralph Kidwell, Pastor of Visitation
Suzanne Woo, Music Director
Pei-Hsin Kao, Accompanist
Lee Goon, Church Secretary

Church Office Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday—9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Monday and Friday—The Office is Closed



Saturday,

August 14, 2010

1:00 to 8:00 p.m.

BEACHMONT CHRISTIAN CAMP

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