



LARCHMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Vision of Larchmont Church is to be a vibrant, engaging, and inclusive church that follows Jesus Christ.

October 4, 2026

World Communion Sunday

†Please stand as you are able

Prelude

World Communion Anthem

James Michael Stevens

Announcements and Greetings

Pastor Fran Cooper

†Passing the Peace

†Processional Hymn

Blessed Jesus at Thy Word

No. 596

†Bringing in the Light of Christ

Anna Guirlinger, Acolyte; Owen Guirlinger, Crucifer

†Call To Worship (from Psalm 19)

Worship Leader, Brian Casey

Leader: We lift our hearts and give thanks, for the heavens are telling the glory of God.

People: Day to day the earth pours forth the goodness of God.

Leader: God's law revives our souls, and God's commands enlighten our eyes.

People: Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to our God.

All: Let all God's people around the world lift our hearts and praise the Lord!

Introduction to the Worship Series

Call To Prayer

Come, Let Us Reason

Ken Medema (insert)

"Come let us reason together;" that's what God says.

"Come let us reason together," says the Lord.

Tho' your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow.

Tho' they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

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Prayers of the People

Scripture Lessons Genesis 3:8-9; Isaiah 1:18; John 37, 44 Worship Leader

Leader: The Word of the Lord **People: Thanks be to God**

Anthem ***Music in the Air*** Arr. Ryan Murphy

*Over my head, I hear music in the air.
Over my head, I hear music in the air.
Over my head, I hear music in the air.
There must be a God somewhere.*

*And when I'm alone, I hear music in the air.
And when I'm afraid, I hear music in the air.
And when I'm weary, I hear music in the air.*

Sermon ***"When God Wants a Conversation"*** Pastor Fran Cooper
SERIES: Come, Let Us Reason Together

Invitation to Communion

Confession and Pardon

Celebrating Our Offerings

Offertory ***Selection from Variations on Nkosi Sikelel' iAfrika*** David Neff

†Doxology ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*** No. 94
TUNE: LASST UNS ERFREUEN

†Communion Hymn ***Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart (vv. 1, 4,5)*** No. 500
(Elements are brought forward during this hymn)

Great Thanksgiving (with hymn phrases from *Bread of the World*) UMH 624

Pastor: Patiently, God plants seeds of faith in each one, trusting growth in each of us to full and fruitful lives. God grinds the grains of our lives' experiences, calling each of us to bring the Church to life.

SUNG: ***Bread of the world, in mercy broken.***

Pastor: We lift our hands in thanksgiving for the strength which comes as we call to mind the shared witness of sisters and brothers around the world who join us in communion. Make us bold to seek justice and quick to act in compassion, believing each person receiving these emblems will be shaped by God into the Bread of Life for this day and this hour.

SUNG: ***Wine of the soul in mercy shed;***

Pastor: We rejoice in God as we feast, praying for this cup to spark our imaginations, inspiring us to allow Christ's healing love to flow into a parched and thirsty world.

SUNG: *And be thy feast to us the token,*

Pastor: We eagerly anticipate finding sustenance here at Christ's table. Help this bread and this cup nourish us so we might work together as the Body of Christ around the world: preaching good news, restoring health, and proclaiming God's year of Jubilee!

SUNG: *That by thy grace our souls are fed.*

Communion Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

Receiving the Bread and the Cup

Music During Communion

Eternal Life

Music by Olive Dungan

(A Prayer by St. Francis of Assisi)

LORD, make me an instrument of Thy peace;

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

To be consoled as to console,

To be understood as to understand,

To be loved as to love;

For it is in giving that we receive;

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

It is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Music During Communion

Selection from Variations on Nkosi Sikelel' iAfrika

David Neff

†Response Hymn

Christ for the World We Sing (vv. 3, 4)

No. 568

†Benediction

†Benediction Response

Christ for the World We Sing

With us the work to share, with us reproach to dare,

With us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.

†Postlude

Toccata on McKee

Yasmin Phillip

THIS WEEK AT LARCHMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, October 4, 2026

8:15 a.m.	Heavenly Grounds
8:30 a.m.	Nursery
8:35 a.m.	835LIVE Worship Service
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
11:30 a.m.	Women's Fellowship Lunch

Monday October 5, 2026

6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study at the Wetzel's
7:00 p.m.	Education Committee Meeting
7:00 p.m.	Lay Leadership Meeting

Tuesday October 6, 2026

2:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting
7:00 p.m.	Legacy Giving Meeting

Wednesday, October 7, 2026

10:00 a.m.	Wednesday Morning Bible Study
12:00 p.m.	Red Cross Blood Drive
5:30 p.m.	Confirmation Rehearsal
6:00 p.m.	835LIVE Band Rehearsal
6:30 p.m.	Wednesday Night Prayer Group
7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday October 8, 2026

6:00 p.m.	Anchor Men's Fellowship
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Sunday, October 11, 2026

8:15 a.m.	Heavenly Grounds
8:30 a.m.	Nursery
8:35 a.m.	835LIVE Worship Service
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service- Confirmation
5:00 p.m.	Oktoberfest

Use this QR code to give online using your phone. →



Love Oktoberfest? So do the residents at Ghent Health Center (Nursing Home). Missions sponsors this annual event and the residents truly look forward to it. **We need people** to help cook at the church and then several people to help serve at the Center. On October 13th, we will start cooking at noon and start serving at the Center at 2pm. Please consider helping. For more information, contact Claudia Wade (WADECJL@Verizon.net).

LARCHMONT UMC NOTICES

October 4, 2026

Scripture this Sunday: Genesis 3:8-9, Isaiah 1:18, John 6:37; 44

Pumpkins Are Here!

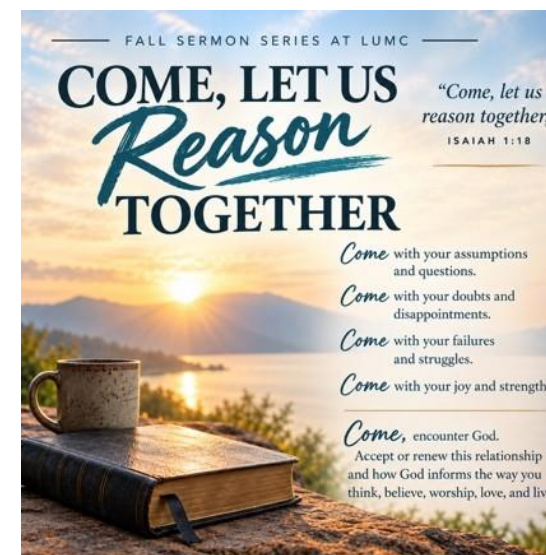


The pumpkins have arrived! Church members and volunteers unloaded nearly 4,000 pumpkins and gourds this past Saturday and sold just under \$3,000, a record-breaking first day of sales! **Thank you to everyone who helped out**, including the Sigma Nus, ODU Wesley Center, Scouts, and the Maury High School Baseball Team. **We're still looking for volunteers** to help with sign-ups, especially for weekday shifts.



You can sign up for two-hour selling shifts using the QR code or the link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4DA9AC2BA0FAC43-65527385-pumpkin> or contact Tori Lannetti at 757-419-7117.

Don't forget we also need baked goods!



COME, LET US REASON TOGETHER

God invites us all- "Come, let us reason together" (Isaiah 1:18).

The first relationship in the Bible is between humankind and God, our Creator. All other encounters in scripture flow from relationship. Have you answered this call to relationship? God says, "Come."

This fall we renew this personal relationship from which all others flow. God is inviting us as we are-

**Come with your assumptions and questions.
Come with your doubts and disappointments.
Come with your failures and struggles.
Come with your joy and strength.**

Come, encounter God. Accept or renew this relationship and how God informs the way you think, believe, worship, love, and live.

Women's Fellowship

October 4th: Women's Fellowship Lunch and program at 11:30 after Worship in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch is \$5.

October 11th: Night with the Anchor Men at Oktoberfest. The women are sponsoring desserts.

October 15th: **Women's Supper Club** Join us at Chicken Salad Chick at 6 pm.



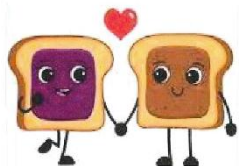
Anchor Men's Fellowship News. Out next Anchor Meeting is Thursday, October 8th in the Fellowship Hall. We start at 6:00 with a short meeting, followed by dinner and a guest speaker. Our speaker this month will be Mark Perryman, who will discuss the "Transform Norfolk International Airport" vision and work being conducted.

For dinner reservations (\$10) contact Gary Chiaverotti (chiaverotti@aol.com) or Jonathan Clark (clark1058@gmail.com) by Tuesday, October 6th. **Our guest speaker's presentation, which starts at 6:45pm, is open to the public.** We ask you let Gary or Jonathan know you will be coming so we'll have enough seats set up.

LUMC Food Locker needs your help!

Let's fill the shopping cart.

The LUMC Food Locker has been very busy helping our neighbors in need. Please bring packaged or canned food to support our Food Locker the **2nd Sunday each month**. If you prefer to donate funds rather than food, please write a check made out to LUMC and enter "Food Locker" on the memo line. We use cash to buy food from the Foodbank.



This month the **LUMC Food Locker** is asking for **donations of Peanut Butter and Jelly**.

Over the next 2 Sunday's help us to **COMPLETELY** fill the shopping cart with Peanut Butter & Jelly for the Food Locker. This is a staple meal for many of our neighbors in need.



Larchmont UMC is hosting a **Blood Drive on Oct 7th from 1pm-6pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Please contact Traci at andrew.shepard1@cox.net to make an appointment. Walk-ins are welcome.



It's All About Jesus!

Operation Christmas Child is a program sponsored by Samaritan's Purse where churches and other organizations fill shoe boxes full of Christ's joy and love. These shoe boxes full of tangible gifts are sent to children around the world which is often their first gift of any kind. Given together with the Good News of Jesus Christ, it communicates God's love to a boy or girl in need.

Boxes and labels are available in the Commons area of the church. Please consider adding a traveling Jesus (located at display) to your shoebox.

Our goal this year with your help is to fill 50 shoeboxes.

Suggested gifts where you can select gender and age are available from <https://sampur.se/3OSM3pN?r=qr>

Please return boxes to display area NLT 15 November 2026.
Any questions or feedback can be directed to jackmesurvey@gmail.com or suemesurvey44@gmail.com

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