



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

October 11, 2026

†Please stand as you are able

Prelude

Aria

John Dixon

Announcements and Greetings

Gary Chiverotti: Worship Leader

†Passing the Peace

†Processional Hymn

Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine

No. 606

†Bringing in the Light of Christ

Mikey Levow, Acolyte;
Thomas Shearin, Crucifer

†Call To Worship

Layla Garcia

Leader: We bring ourselves to God today who is already in our midst.

People: We will not simply conform to the world, but will be transformed by God's Spirit.

Leader: With open hearts and renewed minds,

People: Let us worship the Lord!

Call To Prayer

Come, Let Us Reason

Ken Medema

"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

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Lesson

Proverbs 16:9

Mikey Levow, Reader

Romans 12:1-2

Thomas Shearin, Reader

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Anthem

If Ye Love Me

Tallis/arr. Ralph Ingham

*If ye love me, keep my commandments and I will pray the Father,
and he shall give you another comforter
that he may bide with you forever,
with you forever, ev'n the spir't of truth.*

Sermon

"When Our Agendas Meet Up with God's Truth"

Pastor Fran Cooper

SERIES: Come, Let Us Reason Together

†Hymn

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

No. 381

Celebration of Confirmation for Layla Garcia, Mikey Levow, and Thomas Shearin

Congregational Response

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

Reception of New Members

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

Celebrating Our Offerings

Offertory

Blessed Are Ye Faithful Souls

Johannes Brahms

THIS WEEK AT LARCHMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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 -Brats, Beer & Oompah Band

Monday October 12, 2026

- 6:30 p.m. Women’s Bible Study at the Wetzel’s
- 7:00 p.m. Trustee Committee Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. SPRC Meeting

Tuesday October 13, 2026

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

Wednesday, October 14, 2026

- 10:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. 835LIVE Band Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Prayer Group
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday October 15, 2026

- 12:00 p.m. Sip and Play

Saturday, October 18, 2026

- 11:00 a.m. Judge Robert (Bob) Stewart Funeral
- 6:00 p.m. Women’s Fellowship Supper Club

Sunday, October 18, 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

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 11, 2026

We welcome our guest organist Mr. Jack Levick. Thank you, Jack.

Pumpkins Are Here!



PUMPKINS, PUMPKINS, PUMPKINS!

Thank you to everyone who has helped out. Already, we have sold over \$11,000 worth of pumpkins. Yay! We are still looking for volunteers to help with the Pumpkin Patch booth, especially on 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!

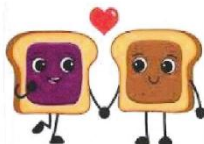


- October 11th:** Night with the Anchor Men at Oktoberfest. The women sponsor desserts.
- October 15th:** **Women’s Supper Club** at Chicken Salad Chick 6 pm.
- October 24th:** Love Petals at LUMC 12- 2 pm.
- November 1st:** Women's Fellowship Lunch at Taste Unlimited 11:45 am. Please contact Traci for reservations at andrew.shepard1@cox.net .

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.



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

SPRC Staff Spotlight



The Staff Parish Relations Committee will be highlighting a member of the LUMC staff each month in 2026. Our staff is very important to the ministries of our church and the committee felt it was important to recognize them.

In October we are recognizing Monica Levow our Assistant Youth Director. Monica is one of those people who seems to be everywhere at Larchmont UMC – and for good reason. She serves as our Youth Assistant, usher, worship leader, and is involved in Women’s Ministry, Administrative Council, missions, and the occasional small group. As she puts it, there is “never a dull day around Larchmont!”

One of Monica’s favorite parts of working with our children and youth is simply listening to them – their stories, what is happening in their lives, and the way they think about their faith. After years of teaching preschool, she once thought she might have a hard time relating to older kids. She quickly discovered just how wrong she was. She loves spending time with our middle and high schoolers and believes adults sometimes underestimate just how much young people already understand about their own faith.

Church has always been an important part of Monica’s life. She still fondly remembers her own close-knit youth group at Christ UMC in Norfolk. These days, one of her favorite Sunday moments is watching her son, Max, serve as a “junior usher.” She also gets the unique experience of working alongside her mother – complete with occasional shared laughter across the pulpit when something funny happens.

Outside of church, Monica loves relaxing with her family, planning trips, visiting Florida, cruising, collecting sea glass and children’s books, eating Mexican food and collard greens, and keeping up with *General Hospital*. She is also exceptionally good at quoting movies and TV shows and describes herself as an excellent multitasker – which, considering everything she does at LUMC, seems very believable.

And since October is Monica’s month, we had to ask about fall. She is definitely “all in”: pumpkin-spice coffee, Snickers, Thanksgiving with family, the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade, and even dressing as the Joker for Halloween more than once.

We are so grateful for the energy, warmth, humor, and care Monica brings to the children, youth, families, and many ministries of Larchmont UMC.

†Doxology

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

No. 94

†Response Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

No. 451

†Benediction

†Benediction Response

Choir

Heart of my own heart, whatever befall;

Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

†Postlude

Toccata on "O For a Thousand Tongues"

Robert Hobby



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.

Assisting in Worship

	This Sunday October 11, 2026	Next Sunday October 18, 2026
Worship Leader	Confirmands	
Media Tech	Sara Morris Wina Giddens	Wina Giddens
Sound Tech	Stephen Croffie Djan	Stephen Croffie Djan
Camera Tech	Richard Affram	Richard Affram
Security Trustee	Gene Levow	Ben Hatcher
Sunday Stewards	Robert King Sandra Clark	Linda Dunn Brian Casey
Monday Counters	Robert King Watt Jones	Pris Peake Gary Chiaverotti
Bus Driver	Jonathan Clark	Michael King
Ushers	Ben Hatcher Jonathan Clark Gary Chiaverotti Dave Lannetti	Ben Hatcher Brian Casey Jonathan Clark Traci Shepard

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