



LARCHMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

**May 31, 2026**

**First Sunday after Pentecost**

†Please stand as you are able

Prelude

*A Song of Hosea*

Karen Beaumont

Announcements and Greetings

†Passing the Peace

†Bringing in the Light of Christ

†Processional Hymn      *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* (vv. 1,2,4)

No. 479

†Introit      *You Are Mine* (Refrain)

No. 2218

*Do not be afraid, I am with you; I have called you each by name.*

*Come and follow me, I will bring you home,*

*I love you, and you are mine.*

†Call To Worship based on Hosea 2

Brian Casey, Worship Leader

Leader: Beloved of God, come into this place with open hearts.

**People: The Lord speaks tenderly to His people, calling us out of wilderness and into grace.**

Leader: Once we wandered far from Him,

**People: Yet God never ceased pursuing us with steadfast love.**

Leader: The One who turns valleys of trouble into doors of hope

**People: now calls us to rejoice in His faithfulness.**

Leader: God says, "I will betroth you to Me forever;  
I will betroth you in righteousness and in justice,

**People: in steadfast love and in mercy."**

Leader: Come, people of God, for the Lord restores what was broken, renews what was barren, and plants His love deep within our hearts.

**People: We are no longer forgotten.**

**ALL: We are called beloved. We are God's people, and He is our God.**

Prayer for the Day

**Gracious and loving God, you are the One who calls us into the wilderness not to abandon us, but to speak tenderly to our hearts. In places of uncertainty and struggle, remind us that Your mercy still surrounds us and Your promises still stand. Betroth our hearts to You in righteousness, justice, mercy, and compassion. Remove from us all that distracts us from Your will and help us to live as Your beloved people – marked by grace, humility, and faithfulness. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

Scripture Lesson

Hosea 2:14-23

Worship Leader

Leader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

Anthem

*Immortal, Invisible*

Eric H. Thiman

*Immortal Invisible God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes;*

*Most blessed most glorious the ancient of days, almighty, victorious thy great name we praise.*

*Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light, nor wanting nor waiting thou rulest in might,  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above, thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.*

*To all life thou givest, to both great and small, in all life thou livest the true life of all,  
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, and wither and perish but nought changeth thee.*

*Great father of glory pure father of light, thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight,  
all laud we would render, O help us to see, tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.*

Sermon ***"The God Who Will Not Give Up on Us" (Hosea)*** Rev. Fran Cooper

WORSHIP SERIES: Minor Prophets – Major Truths

†Response Hymn

***O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go***

No. 480

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrating Our Offerings

Offering Prayer (unison)

Offertory

***Improvisation on St. Anne***

Will Pearson

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## THIS WEEK AT LARCHMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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### Sunday, May 31, 2026

8:15 a.m. Heavenly Grounds  
8:30 a.m. Nursery  
8:35 a.m. Worship Service  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School Classes  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
5:00 p.m. Beacon Youth Middle School Meet Up

### Monday, June 1, 2026

6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study at the Wetzel's

### Tuesday, June 2, 2026

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting  
5:15 p.m. Norfolk Historical Society (FH)

### Wednesday, June 3, 2026

6:00 p.m. 835LIVE Band Rehearsal  
6:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Prayer Group  
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

### Friday, June 5, 2026

8:00 a.m. Tidewater Basketry Guild

### Saturday, June 6, 2026

8:00 a.m. Tidewater Basketry Guild

### Sunday, June 7, 2026

8:15 a.m. Heavenly Grounds  
8:30 a.m. Nursery  
8:35 a.m. Worship Service  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School Classes  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
11:30 a.m. Women's Fellowship (FH)  
1:30 p.m. Tidewater Basketry Guild

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Online Giving

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## LARCHMONT UMC NOTICES!

May 31, 2026

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### SPRC Staff Spotlight

The Staff Parish Relations Committee will be highlighting a member of the LUMC staff each month in 2026. Our staff is important to the ministries of our church and the committee feels we should all recognize their service. For May, we recognize **Will Pearson**, our wonderful **organist**.



Will is responsible for organ and piano performance during LUMC services and works in close collaboration with Karla, Pastor Fran, and the Worship Committee. Will is also an Instructor & Area Coordinator for Music Theory and Aural Skills at the Diehn School of Music at ODU. Will grew up singing in a professional boys choir in Albany, NY and was recently able to play on the cathedral organ where his interest in music started at the Cathedral of Saint Albany (see picture). Outside the organ, Will enjoys playing online chess, following NBA basketball, and cooking and traveling with partner Carly and dog Carlydog.

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**Acolytes and Crucifers:** Children in 2nd grade - High School are invited to become Acolytes and Crucifers. Training will be provided at your convenience. We schedule Acolytes and Crucifers for Communion Sundays (the first Sunday of each month). They may also be scheduled for special services during Lent and Advent. We look forward to your participation. Please contact Cathy Hickman, 757-286-5671 or [education@larchmontumc.org](mailto:education@larchmontumc.org).

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### LUMC Sanctuary Task Force Update

SAVE THE DATE - Sunday, June 14th! After the 10:30am worship service everyone is invited to meet in the Fellowship Hall and see the latest revisions to the plans for our Sanctuary renovation. The changes are based on the congregation's constructive survey feedback. There will be pizza pie involved, so please do join us!

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### Women's Fellowship: June 7 11:30

Join in for a talk with author Phyllis Ollson after the 10:30 service on June 7<sup>th</sup>. Lunch is \$5. Reach out to Traci by **Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>** to [andrew.shepard1@cox.net](mailto:andrew.shepard1@cox.net).

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Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God  
and in loving memory of Allen Lewis LeHew  
by Bill LeHew and the LeHew Family.



### THANK YOU TO ALL OUR MEMORIAL DAY PARADE VOLUNTEERS!

We cooked over 1000 hot dogs, served nearly all of them, and gave some leftovers to the first responders. We couldn't have done it without your help with traffic control, setting up, cooking, feeding, and cleaning up!

### HELP WANTED: Part-Time Children's Director

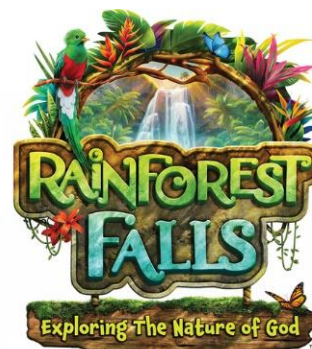
Larchmont United Methodist Church in Norfolk, VA is seeking a part-time (20 hours/week) Children's Director to provide planning, oversight, and support for all activities related to our children and their families. This will include but is not limited to, attending Sunday worship services, coordinating Children's Sunday School, organizing Special seasonal Events (such as Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter programs, and Vacation Bible School), recruiting volunteers, and publicizing all events and activities. For a complete Job Description, interested candidates should direct questions or send a resume and cover letter to Rev. Fran Cooper, [francooper@vaumc.org](mailto:francooper@vaumc.org).

### Upcoming Anchor Men's Fellowship Meeting.

Our next Anchor Men's Fellowship meeting will be on **Thursday, June 11th**. This is our Annual Meeting at a Brewery! We will meet **at the Wasserhund Brewing Company, 2411 Granby Street, 6:00pm**. Food will be provided. Drinks are on the individual. Bring a friend (a small fee of \$5 for food). If you plan on coming, let either Gary Chiaverotti ([chiaverotti@aol.com](mailto:chiaverotti@aol.com)) or Jonathan Clark ([clarkjon1058@gmail.com](mailto:clarkjon1058@gmail.com)) know by **Monday, June 8th**.

## 2026 Vacation Bible School

Larchmont United Methodist Church  
1101 Jamestown Crescent  
Norfolk, VA 23508  
757-286-5671



**Sunday, July 12, 5:00-6:30pm**  
**Family Event: Supper and Study**

**Monday, July 13-16, 9 am-Noon**  
**Children age 3 (potty trained) – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Cost: \$20.00 per student, or \$40.00 per family**  
**Volunteers: \$5.00 or \$10.00 reduction**  
**in cost for each day you volunteer.**

Please use the QR code below to register. You may also complete the registration form through fliers in the Narthex and the Church Office.



VBS Registration



### VBS 2026: Supplies and Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for adult size shoe boxes for craft activities. Any that you can donate would be greatly appreciated.

Additionally, adults and youth are needed for Crew Leaders, Monday - Thursday, July 13-16, 9:00-12:00. You will be responsible for leading a group of 6-8 children to their different Stations (crafts, games, story, memory verse, experiments, and snacks). Contact Cathy Hickman: 757-286-5671.

## MISSIONS OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Food Locker

Bring packaged or canned foods to support our Food Locker, or donate funds by writing a check made out to LUMC and noting "Food Locker" on the memo line.

### Ghent Health Care Nursing Home Ice Cream Social

Join us for our July "Ice Cream Social" at Ghent Healthcare. The residents enjoy cool treats on a hot summer day. Help serve ice cream and all the toppings, enjoy some conversation and spread some cheer. Stay tuned for day and time.

### Bingo Day

In August the Missions team will also sponsor "Bingo Day" at Ghent Healthcare. Be on the lookout in August bulletins for the exact date and time. Help call out letters and numbers or pass out prizes. Some of the residents need a little help with their Bingo cards. It's fun! Contact Claudia Wade (wadecjl@verizon.net) for more information.

### El Salvador Mission Trip

Please be in prayer for members of our church traveling with a District Missions Team to Ahuachapan, El Salvador, July 21<sup>st</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> to engage with the Inglesia Evangelica Metodista Church, its community, churches, and school.



### Red Cross Blood Drive

Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, 1-6 p.m., Fellowship Hall  
Give the gift of life!

### James Monroe Elementary School

In August, Missions will be meeting with the principal of Monroe Elementary to plan the year's missions opportunities. Be on the lookout for dates in the bulletin and eLight.

**PUMPKINS ARRIVE SEPTEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>**

## MUSIC

### *Music on the Greenspace is Back!*

Bring your lawn chairs, picnic blankets,  
your family and friends.  
Free hot dogs and chips, free popsicles!  
FREE and open to all  
Come join us for summer fun!

Sunday, June 28

*Caribbean Steel Band* with sounds of the  
islands featuring steel drums!

Sunday, July 26

*Symphonic Artistry*  
40-piece brass/woodwind band  
whose music ranges from John Phillip Sousa  
to jazz standards

Sunday, August 23

*The Doorway Singers*  
a professional vocal quartet singing  
"Golden Oldies," R&B, Surf Rock and Pop

September 27

*The Brickhouse Band*  
performing folk and bluegrass music

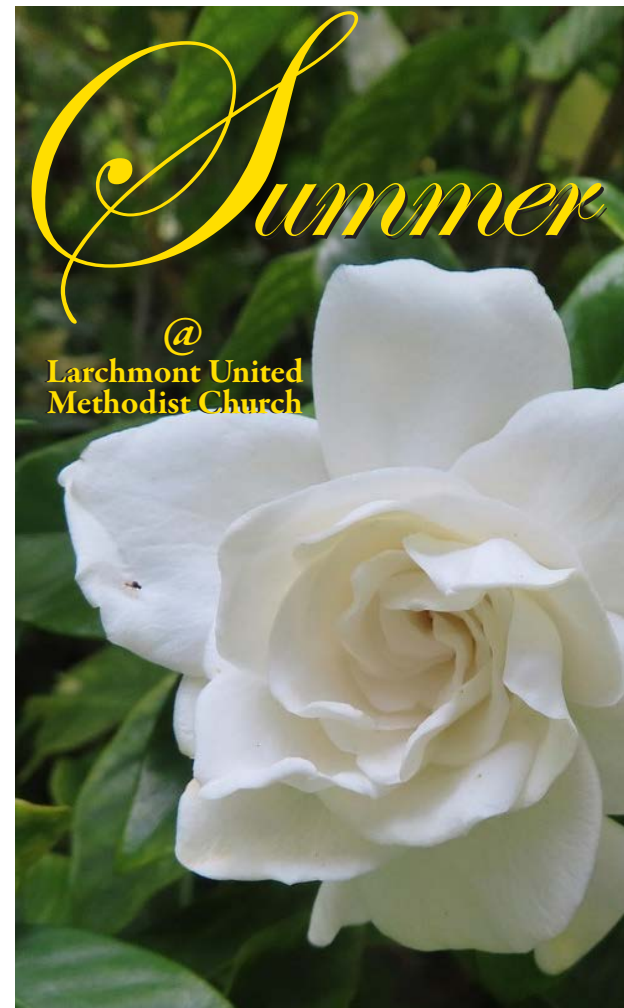


### Chancel Choir

While the loft may look full, we have lots of room for you in the Chancel Choir. Come join us any Wednesday from 7:30-9 p.m. up in the choir room and see what a great time we have. All we need are willing hearts to join in singing praises.  
Music@Larchmontumc.org

### 8:35 LIVE Band

All instruments welcome. Rehearsals each Wednesday, 6-7:30 p.m. Reading music or knowing chords is a plus. We especially welcome percussionists. Contact Dai, worshipleader@larchmontumc.org for more info.



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Sunday Worship: 8:35 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

**HELP SEEKERS TO BEGIN IN FAITH  
HELP BELIEVERS TO GROW IN FAITH  
HELP THE COMMUNITY TO THRIVE IN FAITH**

## CHILDREN

Nursery, Education Wing Room E105,  
8:25-11:45 a.m.  
Preschool, Room 103, 9:30-10:15 a.m.  
Elementary, Room E201, 9:30-10:15 a.m.

### Larchmont Kids Sunday School

Preschool Lessons:

June: Baby Moses, David and the Lost Sheep

July: The Lost Sheep and David, Jonah and the Whale

August: The Boy Who Shared his Lunch, David and Goliath, Daniel and the Lions

Elementary Lessons:

June: Pentecost, Philip and the Ethiopian, Spiritual Gifts, Fruit of the Spirit, David Dances

July: Shout with Joy, Praise the Lord, Mary's Song, Salt and Light

August: Wise Writings, Everything Has a Season, Paul Writes to the Corinthians, Paul Writes to the Philippians

### Vacation Bible School

#### RAINFOREST FALLS

Exploring the Nature of God

Beginning Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 5 p.m.,  
Family VBS Supper, Creation Lesson  
and Water Play for Everyone!

Bring a swim suit and a towel.

Continuing July 13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m. noon



VBS Registration

### Celebrate the Beginning of School

Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>

Worship Services 8:35 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Bring your school backpack  
for a prayer with Pastor Fran  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School

Students who have completed  
Kindergarten will join the  
Elementary Class.

Preschool and Elementary  
class students will be encouraged to begin a  
positive school year.



LUMPS is now enrolling for the 2026-2027 school year! Share with your friends and neighbors. We'd love to have new families join our sweet school. Email Meg Ditty at [lumpschool@gmail.com](mailto:lumpschool@gmail.com) to schedule a tour.

## WORSHIP

### Summer Worship Series Minor Prophets- Major Truths Lasting Truths from the Old Testament

For many Christians, the Minor Prophets can seem distant and incomprehensible. *Twelve Voices for Truth* shows how these ancient prophets still speak to believers today. By exploring each book's theme in the context of history and revelation, you'll learn how the prophets speak to you today. Though the books may be minor in length, they are major in the truths they teach, including: the majesty of God, courage and hope, injustice and judgment, trusting and loving God, and many other spiritual precepts. This study helps you discover Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi.



## BEACON YOUTH HAPPENINGS

Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>

Middle School (rising 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) 5-6:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>

Noon Crew (rising 9<sup>th</sup>-Senior High)

Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>

Night at the Ball Park

Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>

All Youth Activity

Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>

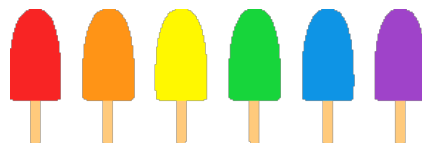
All Youth Activity

Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>

Pumpkin Day (11:30 a.m.)

Confirmation Classes:

For rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders and up, will be held from June through September. Email Pastor Fran for more information at [francooper@vaumc.org](mailto:francooper@vaumc.org).



## ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School Classes begin at 9:30 a.m.  
Upper Room Class, Room A201  
Coffee Talk Class, Parlor

The Coffee Talk and Upper Room adult Sunday school classes will host a combined study this summer entitled *The Art of Hospitality*. Engaging worship and intentional follow-up processes are important, but what compels guests to return to our churches is the warmth of our welcome and hospitality that goes beyond their expectations. Join us to learn how our church can create radical hospitality that infiltrates the heart and culture of our entire congregation. Complete with key principles and proven techniques and strategies, this compelling and practical program promises to transform the way we do church, leaving guests surprised, delighted, and eager to return.

### Wednesday Night Prayer Group

Meets via Zoom, Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.  
Communion Prayer Service, every third  
Wednesday of the month

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/513320290>

### Anchor Men's Fellowship

Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup>

Social at the Wasserhund Brewery

Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>

Family Day at the Ball Game

July & August

Saturday Breakfast Social (date/place TBA)  
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or Jonathan Clark, [clarkjon1058@gmail.com](mailto:clarkjon1058@gmail.com)

### Women's Fellowship

Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 a.m.

Lunch with author Phyllis Olson, \$5  
Thursdays, June 18<sup>th</sup>, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, August 13<sup>th</sup>  
Chicken Salad Chick Supper Club, 6 p.m.  
Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup>  
Love Petals (Jordan Newby Library) 12p.m.

### Wills, Trusts and Advanced Directives

Coming in August! Contact Gary Chiaverotti  
[chiaverotti@aol.com](mailto:chiaverotti@aol.com)

Doxology

*Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

No. 94

TUNE: LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia. Alleluia.*

*Praise God, the source of all our gifts; Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts,*

*Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

†Closing Hymn

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

No. 140

†Benediction

†Benediction Response

*You Are Mine (Refrain)*

No. 2218

*Do not be afraid, I am with you; I have called you each by name.*

*Come and follow me, I will bring you home,*

*I love you, and you are mine.*

†Postlude

*Postlude on St. Denio*

Jason Payne



### **Worship Series - Minor Prophets- Major Truths:**

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# Assisting in Worship

## This Sunday

May 31, 2026

Brian Casey

Sara Morris

Betsy McFarland

Bill Huber

Stephen Croffie Djan

Gene Levow

Jonathan Clark

Brian Casey

Demi Wheeler

Laura Fitzwilliam

Rob Baxter

Jonathan Clark

Rob Baxter

Dave Lannetti

Gary Chiaverotti

## Next Sunday

June 7, 2026

Gary Chiaverotti

Wina Giddens

Lucas Seymour

Bill Huber

Stephen Croffie Djan

Chris Calvert

Trisha Coulson

Robert King

Julie Etheridge

GM Ziller

John Fitzwilliam

Jonathan Clark

Monica Levow

Laura Calvert

Chris Calvert

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Preschool Director

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