



LARCHMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

July 12, 2026

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude *Great is Thy Faithfulness/Glorify Thy Name* Chris Rice/Bruce Greer

Announcements and Greetings

†Passing the Peace

†Bringing in the Light of Christ

†Processional Hymn *The God of Abraham Praise* No. 116

†Call To Worship from the book of Habakkuk Chris Burge, Worship Leader

Leader: We gather before the living God with our questions, our hopes, and our faith.

People: We come seeking the One who hears our cries and remains faithful through every season.

Leader: Though injustice may seem to prevail and the future may appear uncertain,

People: We will stand watch for the voice of the Lord and trust in God's promises.

Leader: The Lord declares that the righteous shall live by faith.

People: We choose faith over fear and hope over despair.

Leader: The Lord is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him.

People: We quiet our hearts and open our lives to God's holy presence.

Leader: Though the fig tree does not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines; though the fields yield no food and the flocks disappear,

People: Yet we will rejoice in the Lord; we will take joy in the God of our salvation.

Leader: The Sovereign Lord is our strength. God steadies our feet and leads us through every trial.

People: We come to worship the God who is faithful, just, and worthy of all praise. Let us worship the Lord!

Scripture Lesson Habakkuk 1:1-3; 2:1-4 Worship Leader

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

Sermon *"When Life Doesn't Make Sense" (Habakkuk)* Rev. Fran Cooper
WORSHIP SERIES: Minor Prophets – Major Truths

†Responsive Affirmation of Faith from Habakkuk 3 Worship Leader

Leader: Lord, I have heard of your fame; I stand in awe of your deeds.

People: Renew them in our day; make them known in our time. In your mercy, remember us.

Leader: Your coming fills the earth with splendor; your praise fills the heavens.

People: Your brilliant light flashes like the sunrise; your power is revealed.

Leader: You march across the earth in righteousness and justice.

People: You come to save your people and to rescue those you have chosen.

Leader: The mountains tremble before you, and the deep waters lift their voice.

People: The sun and moon stand still at your command.

Leader: Though our hearts may pound and our bodies tremble,

People: We will wait quietly for the day when you act.

Leader: Though the fig tree does not blossom, and there are no grapes on the vines;

People: Though the olive crop fails, and the fields lie empty and barren;

Leader: Though the flocks die in the fields, and the cattle barns are empty;

People: Yet we will rejoice in the Lord! We will be joyful in the God of our salvation! The Sovereign Lord is our strength. He makes us as surefooted as a deer, able to tread upon the heights.

ALL: Thanks be to God, whose strength and faithfulness never fail. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Rev. Dave Loughery

The Lord's Prayer

†Response Hymn

Rock of Ages

No. 361

Celebrating Our Offerings

Rev. Loughery

Offering Prayer (unison)

**Dear Heavenly Father, as we build for the future today,
may our gifts shine Your light and show Your way.**

Help us to serve as living stones, our work to be your vibrant home. Amen.

Offertory

Largo on "Rock of Ages"

Alice Jordon

Doxology

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

No. 94

†Closing Hymn

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

No. 140

†Benediction

Rev. Loughery

†Postlude

God of Our Fathers

Carlos Staszkeski

From a Distance

Leigh Dandridge, alto

*From a distance, the world looks blue and green
And the snow-capped mountains white
From a distance, the ocean meets the stream
And the eagle takes to flight*

*From a distance, there is harmony
And it echoes through the land
It's the voice of hope; It's the voice of peace
It's the voice of every man*

*From a distance, we all have enough
And no one is in need
And there are no guns, no bombs, and no disease
No hungry mouths to feed
From a distance, we are instruments
Marching in a common band
Playing songs of hope
Playing songs of peace
They're the songs of every man*

*God is watching us, God is watching us
God is watching us, From a distance*

*From a distance, you look like my friend
Even though we are at war
From a distance, I just cannot comprehend
What all this fighting's for
From a distance, there is harmony
And it echoes through the land
And it's the hope of hopes
It's the love of loves
It's the heart of every man*

*It's the hope of hopes; It's the love of loves
This is the song for every man
And God is watching us, God is watching us
God is watching us, From a distance
Oh, God is watching us, God is watching
God is watching us, From a distance*

Larchmont United Methodist Church Foundation 2026 Request for Grant Proposals

The Larchmont United Methodist Church Foundation is an incorporated entity separate from but affiliated with the Church. Our mission is to financially support and enhance the Christian ministries of Larchmont United Methodist Church (LUMC). Each year the Foundation awards grants in support of ministries within and outside of our church for evangelism, community service, education, benevolence, and all forms of Christian outreach. Grants are funded from assets owned by the Foundation.

The Foundation is currently accepting grant proposals from within LUMC as well as community groups and organizations outside the LUMC family. The grant proposal **must** be in writing, for a purpose other than to supplement a regular LUMC budget item, and include the following:

- A clear statement of the purpose(s) of the proposed grant and the specific amount requested.
- A summary of how the requested funds will be spent within the twelve months following approval of the grant proposal.
- For groups outside of LUMC, descriptive information about the requesting group or entity.
- A point of contact, including name, organization, phone number(s), mailing address and email address.

Grant proposals may be submitted electronically or by mail.

- Email submissions are encouraged. Please attach your proposal as a PDF or Word document and send to wina.giddens@gmail.com
- Alternatively, submission may be mailed to:
Larchmont United Methodist Church Foundation
Attention: Grants Committee
1101 Jamestown Crescent
Norfolk, VA 23508

All applications must be received by **July 26, 2026**. Funding decisions are scheduled to be finalized in mid-August. All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application.

For more details, contact Wina Giddens at wina.giddens@gmail.com.

Make a Will Month

August is "Make a Will Month." Question: In addition to a will or trust, what other documents should you have in-place? Answer: Two types of Advance Directives, a Power of Attorney for Health Care and a "Living Will." Informational class will be offered on August 25th, brought to you by your Legacy Giving Committee.

MUSIC ON THE GREENSPACE

4th Sundays Through Sept, 6:00 p.m.

Get out your lawn chairs and coolers, we are back for another season of Music on the Greenspace! Join us for a free outdoor concert. We'll have free hot dogs and all are welcome (even your well-behaved dogs on a leash). On **July 26th**, we are welcoming **Symphonic Artistry** (Concert Band)

August 23- Doorway Singers

September 20- Dixieland Band

DID YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS NEW WAY TO REDUCE YOUR TAXES?



When you file your taxes for 2026 next year, you can claim a tax deduction for your charitable giving even if you take the standard deduction and don't itemize. The latest tax bill allows single persons to deduct monetary gifts up to \$1,000 and married couples filing jointly up to \$2,000.

The Mission Team Event:

Even though it's hot outside, the people of Larchmont are busy making fleece throws for our friends at Ghent Health Care.

These throws will be warm and cozy next winter, and they're super easy to make. Just tie knots! No sewing required!!

The Mission Team is hosting knot-tying sessions over the next few weeks. Join us in the Parlor on one of these dates:

July 21st at 2:00 pm July 30^h at 6:30 pm

Bring a friend or make a new friend. All ages welcome!

Contact Sandra Clark at 757-639-2424 for more info.

Worship Series: Minor Prophets-Major Truths: Lasting Truths from the OT Minor Prophets

For many Christians, the Minor Prophets can seem distant and incomprehensible. Twelve Voices for Truth show 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 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.

THIS WEEK AT LARCHMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, July 12, 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.	Congregational Care
5:00 p.m.	VBS Family Night Supper and Study

Monday, July 13-16, 2026

9:00 a.m.	VBS Bible School (ends at noon)
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Tuesday, July 14, 2026

7:00 p.m.	BSA Troop 24
7:00 p.m.	Strategic Planning Meeting (Zoom)

Wednesday, July 15, 2026

7:00 p.m.	835LIVE Band Rehearsal
6:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop 444
6:30 p.m.	Wednesday Night Prayer Group

Thursday, July 16, 2026

6:00 p.m.	Women's Fellowship Supper Club
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Sunday, July 19, 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

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



Online Giving

FUNDAY SUNDAY IS AUGUST 30th – and YOU can help!! Are you a great party planner? Do you have fun ideas for kid/adult outdoor play? Can you suggest a craft/missions project for our event? What would you like us to include as we plan our community-wide picnic? Mark your calendars now, and email your ideas (and offers of help!) to us at events@larchmontumc.org

LARCHMONT UMC NOTICES

July 12, 2026

Food Locker

Please bring packaged or canned food to support our Food Locker the 2nd Sunday each month. In June, the Food Locker served 26 households, which included 46 adults and 27 children for a total of 73 individuals. This represented 58 bags of food. Thank you for supporting the Food Locker.

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.



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. For July, we are recognizing our Children's Education Director, Cathy Hickman.

Her job includes:

- Overseeing the engaging curriculum for our children's Sunday school classes,
- Planning bulletins, children's messages, and other ways to involve children in the Sunday morning services,
- Planning and overseeing VBS, which not only serves the children of LUMC, but the entire Larchmont community, caring for the children and their families of LUMC by providing supplemental readings, lessons, and activities to do at home, and
- Planning dinners and fellowship time for families with children.

Outside of LUMC, Cathy enjoys:

- Spending time with her family and attending her grandkids' sporting events and programs,
- Walking
- Working jigsaw puzzles, and
- Taking care of Brinkley, the family's golden-doodle.

Women's Fellowship:

Thursday July 16, 6pm: Women's Supper Club meets at Chicken Salad Chick.

Anchor Men's July Breakfast

Join the Anchor Men for breakfast and fellowship at Biscuit Belly on Hampton Blvd at 9am on Saturday, July 18. Please contact Jonathan Clark, clarkjon1058@gmail.com, if you plan to attend so that we have an accurate headcount. Invite a friend!

Assisting in Worship

	Next Sunday July 12, 2026	Next Sunday July 19, 2026
Worship Leader	Chris Burge	Monica Levow
Media Tech	Sara Morris	Wina Giddens
	Lucas Seymour	
Sound Tech	Jeff Paiste	Bill Huber
Camera Tech	Stephen Croffie Djan	Jeff Paiste
Security Trustee	Gordon Glover	Ben Hatcher
Sunday Stewards	Linda Dunn	Robert King
	Pris Peake	Sandra Clark
Monday Counters	Pris Peake	Gary Chiaverotti
	Laura Fitzwilliam	Gordon Glover
Bus Driver	Rob Baxter	Kami Lannetti
Ushers	Traci Shepard	Rob Baxter
	Rob Baxter	Ben Hatcher
	Ben Hatcher	Traci Shepard
	William Lehew	Gary Chiaverotti

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Organist	Will Pearson; wpearson@odu.edu
Financial Secretary	Rita Turner; giving@larchmontumc.org
Bookkeeper	Amber Pickrell, bookkeeping@larchmontumc.org
Preschool Director	Meg Ditty; lumps@larchmontumc.org
Children's Ministry Director	Cathy Hickman; education@larchmontumc.org
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835LIVE Worship Leader	Dai Poole; worshipleader@larchmontumc.org
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Housekeeper	Robert Ragland