



## LARCHMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

**September 8, 2024**

**17th Sunday After Pentecost**

†Please stand as you are able

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Prelude	<i>Fix Me, Jesus</i>	Spiritual, Arr. by Marianne Kim
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Announcements and Greetings

†Passing the Peace

†Bringing in the Light of Christ

†Processional Hymn	<i>Tell Me the Stories of Jesus</i>	No. 277
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†Introit	<i>O How I Love Jesus</i> (refrain)	No. 170
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†Call To Worship (from Mark 10:13-16, ESV)	Steven Hucks, Worship Leader
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Leader: They were bringing children to Jesus that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them.

**People: But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God.**

Leader: Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it."

**People: And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Children's Message	<i>Jesus Loves Me</i>	Pastor Fran
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Leader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

Anthem

*True Light*

Keith Hampton

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. Almighty God is light.  
He lives in us as True Light.*

*In the beginning, out of the darkness, God created Light.  
He lives in us as True Light. Almighty God is light.  
He lives in us as True Light.*

*Don't let the light that You've given me die, and don't desert my mind.  
But let the one who serves You praise you again and again.  
He lives in us as True Light.*

*You are the one who judges right from wrong. Your glory excites no envy.  
But let the one who serves You praise you again and again.  
He lives in us as True Light.*

*This little light of mine. I'm gonna let it shine.  
Everywhere I go, I want the world to know  
God gave the world True Light.*

Sermon

*"God's Children Now"*

Pastor Fran Cooper

Responsive Reading from Matthew 5:14-16 (ESV)

Leader: You are the Light of the world ---

**People: a city set on a hill cannot be hidden.**

Leader: People do not light a lamp and put it under a basket,

**People: but they put it on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house.**

Leader: In the same way, let us shine our Light before others,

**People: so that they may see our good works and give glory to our Father who is in heaven.**

†Response Hymn

*This Little Light of Mine*

No. 585

Celebrating Our Offerings

## Offering Prayer

**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

*Jesus Walked This Lonely Valley*

Spiritual,

Arr. by Marianne Kim

†Doxology

*Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

No. 682 (v. 5)

TUNE: TALLIS' CANON

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

†Hymn

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

No. 206

†Benediction

†Benediction Response

*O How I Love Jesus* (refrain)

No. 170

†Postlude

*Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

Spiritual, Arr. by  
Marianne Kim

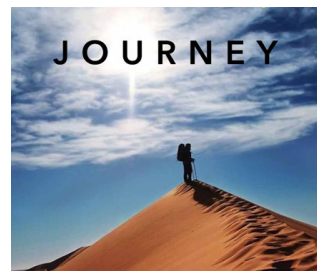
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### **Our Mission »»**

- Help seekers to begin in faith.
  - Help believers to grow in faith.
  - Help the community to thrive in faith.
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### **Worship Series This Fall – Journey**

The Old Testament books of Exodus, Deuteronomy, and Joshua teach us how God works and grows our faith through hardship, guidance, and promise. These epic stories of Moses, Joshua, Rahab, and others give us lessons for our walk with God today. We see our place in accounts of human weakness and faithful leaders. As Israel moved from the bondage in Egypt, we move from bondage to sin. We find hope for a new life in a new place. As God faithfully provided for the Israelites, Christ continues to walk on our journey to new life, showing us how to be His people for today's challenges.



**THIS WEEK AT LARCHMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**Sunday, September 8, 2024**

- 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 Team
- 11:30 a.m. Women's Fellowship
- 5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class
- 6:30 p.m. Beacon Youth

**Monday, September 9, 2024**

- 7:00 p.m. Trustees Committee
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Study - Gospel of Matthew

**Tuesday, September 10, 2024**

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Lay Leadership Committee
- 7:00 p.m. Outreach Committee
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Building Task Force

**Wednesday, September 11, 2024**

- 9:15 a.m. Preschool Chapel
- 10:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Larchmont Ringers
- 6:00 p.m. 8:35LIVE Band Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Prayer Group
- 7:00 p.m. Missions Committee
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, September 12, 2024**

- 9:30 a.m. Power of a Praying Mom
- 6:00 p.m. Anchor Men's Dinner

**Saturday, September 14, 2024**

- 5:00 p.m. Confirmation and Family Party

**Sunday, September 15, 2024**

- 9:15 a.m. Heavenly Grounds
- 9:30 a.m. Nursery
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School Classes
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service and Confirmation
- 11:30 a.m. FUNDAY SUNDAY!

Use this QR code to give online using your phone



**LARCHMONT UMC NOTICES!**

**September 8, 2024**

**FUNDAY SUNDAY**

Sunday, September 15 is our annual FUNDAY SUNDAY. We will have 1 worship service at 10:30 am, and then a big community tent-party on the Green Space with Pollards Chicken, sides, and cookies. Kids can enjoy an inflatable waterslide, face painting and other fun times.



Sunday Funday

To enable this amazing party, the Fellowship Committee is asking for help in set-up, food handling, take down, and other needs. Please use this QR code to sign-up to help. It will be such a FunDay!

**Anchor Men's Fellowship Meeting.**

Come join us at our first Men's Fellowship Meeting of the new season, Thursday, September 12th. We meet at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will announce our guest speaker once confirmed. Reserve your seat by contacting Gary Chiaverotti (chiaverotti@aol.com) or Jonathan Clark (clarkjon1058@gmail.com) by Tuesday, September 10th. Cost for dinner remains at \$10. Once announced, everyone is invited to come for the speaker's presentation (starting at 6:45pm). Just let Gary or Jonathan know.

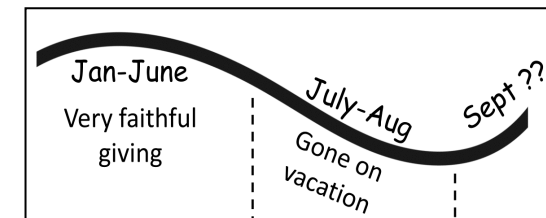


**It's almost pumpkin time!**

LUMC's Pumpkin Patch is back starting Sunday, September 22. Want to help unload or run the patch? Join us in the Upper Room at 11:30am on September 8, 15, and 22 to learn how! It's not too early [to sign up](#) to staff our booth. Thank you!

**GIVING TRENDS for the Annual/General Fund**

The Annual/General Fund supports ongoing operations, for example, salaries, utilities, building maintenance, and ministries like education, outreach, worship, and missions. You can see our giving trends during 2024 in this graph. Please resume your support of the Annual/General Fund in September and going forward this fall.



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### Next LUMC Financial Education Session - Understanding Insurance

**Question: Why do we purchase insurance?**

**Answer: We purchase Insurance to transfer risk that we can't handle ourselves!**

Join us at 7:00pm on Tuesday, September 24th to FIND OUT WHAT THE EIGHT TYPES OF INSURANCE YOU SHOULD HAVE and why, AND WHAT TYPES YOU DON'T NEED. You may avoid talking about insurance because it seems boring and complicated and purchasing it seems expensive. But insurance coverage contributes to your financial well-being and must be part of your financial planning! Even folks that think they have a good knowledge of insurance will learn something during this session. Contact our church office (757-489-8168) or our Endowment Committee Chair, Gary Chiaverotti (chiaverotti@aol.com) by Monday, September 23rd to reserve your seat.



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**Thank you to our Missions volunteers!**

**Our first student luncheon of the new school year at Wesley ODU was a great success!**

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### Mission opportunity

Our clothing drive for the Clothing Closet at The Gathering at Scott Memorial UMC is resuming! All sizes of men's, women's and children's clothes are needed. Shoes and blankets also. Winter is coming up so don't forget coats. There is a bin outside of Kacy's office upstairs for drop offs. If you would like a donation receipt please e-mail [bethvinson1956@gmail.com](mailto:bethvinson1956@gmail.com). Why collect for something down close to the oceanfront you may ask. We get clothes, coats and shoes needed for Lafayette Concordia nursing home from them.

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### Mission opportunities in September

- September 12 - Snacks at James Monroe ES's back to school night. Time TBD.
- September - Middle month begins sign-ups for manning the selling booth at the Pumpkin Patch
- September 22 - Unloading of pumpkins at church after 10:30 service

Please e-mail [bethvinson1956@gmail.com](mailto:bethvinson1956@gmail.com) if you can help!

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**Member Portal**

<https://larchmont.breezechms.com>

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### Women's Fellowship

- Women's Fellowship Fall Lunch - TODAY at 11:30am  
Lunch is \$5

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**ADULT EVENING CLASS/FOUNDATIONS - basic practices of Christians, esp. for new Christians but anyone who wants a tune-up is welcome. Presenters: Sara Morris & a team of active members**



**Please register by Sept. 15 via link or QR code.**

<https://larchmont.breezechms.com/form/0077ed>



**Meets 8 Sundays**  
**5-6:30 pm in the Parlor**

- **Sep 22** Discipleship
- **Sep 29** Prayer
- **Oct 6** The Bible
- **Oct 13** Worship  
*Oct 20 No meeting*
- **Oct 27** Service
- **Nov 3** Stewardship
- **Nov 10** Witness
- **Nov 17** Making a Plan



Kidz Prāz Grades 1-5

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### Kidz Prāz 🎵 Grades 1-5

Does your child love to make music?

If your child loves singing, rhythm instruments, band or chorus in school, your child will enjoy making music in our Larchmont Children's Choir. It is a lot of fun, educational, and spiritually nourishing as they sing their faith, and have fun doing it. Join Pastor Fran and Ms. Sarah in the choir room upstairs at 5pm on Sunday nights. We will sing and make music, learn musical skills, and prepare special offerings for our church. Music is from 5-5:45 pm, followed by a

time of Fellowship and Activities from 5:45 - 6:30. Our first **Kidz Prāz** will be **Sunday, Sept 22**. Email questions to Pastor Fran at [francooper@vaumc.org](mailto:francooper@vaumc.org). Register your child and invite your friends with this link or QR code

<https://larchmont.breezechms.com/form/bf83a0>

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# Assisting in Worship

	<b>This Sunday</b> <b>September 8, 2024</b>	<b>Next Sunday</b> <b>September 15, 2024</b>
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Steven Hucks	Kathy Wetzel
<b>Children's Worship</b>	Pastor Fran	Kacy Hucks
<b>Media Tech</b>	Suzanne Koehler	Suzanne Koehler
<b>Sound Tech</b>	Bill Huber	Bill Huber
<b>Camera Tech</b>	Jeff Paiste	Clarise Hicks
<b>Sunday Counters</b>	Sandra Clark Dave Lannetti	Brian Casey Jonathan Clark
<b>Monday Counters</b>	Gary Chiaverotti GM Ziller	Watt Jones Tamara Spriggs
<b>Bus Driver</b>	Rob Baxter	John Fitzwilliam
<b>Ushers</b>	Jonathan Clark Monica Levow Rob Baxter Dave Lannetti	Jonathan Clark Rob Baxter Brian Casey Gary Chiaverotti

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