



**LARCHMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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

**November 26, 2023**

†Please stand as you are able

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Prelude	<i>Echo March</i>	Linda R. Lamb
	Larchmont Ringers	
Announcements and Greetings		
†Passing the Peace		
†Processional Hymn	<i>We Gather Together</i>	No. 131
†Bringing in the Light of Christ		
†Introit	<i>Come, Ye Thankful People, Come</i> (v. 4)	No. 694
†Call To Worship (From Psalm 107:1-3; 8; 19-21)	Gary Chiaverotti, Worship Leader	
Leader:	O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.	
<b>People:</b>	<b>Let the redeemed of the LORD say so:</b>	
<b>ALL:</b>	<b>NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD.</b>	
Leader:	God redeemed us from trouble and gathered us in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.	
<b>People:</b>	<b>Let us thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.</b>	
<b>ALL:</b>	<b>NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD.</b>	
Prayers of the People		Rev. Fran Cooper
Lord's Prayer		

Children's Message		Cathy Coleman
Scripture Lesson	Psalm 66:1-20 (NRSV-UE)	Worship Leader
Leader: The Word of the Lord	<b>People: Thanks be to God</b>	
Anthem	<i>A Song of Praise and Thanksgiving</i> Larchmont Ringers and Chancel Choir	Allen Pote
Breakthrough Prayer		
	<b>God, please break through the barriers we set up, and show us how to become the vibrant, engaging, inclusive church community you call us to be. Amen.</b>	
Sermon	<b>"THANKS"</b> WORSHIP SERIES: 3 Essential Prayers	Pastor Fran Cooper
†Hymn	<i>Now Thank We All Our God</i>	No. 102
	Celebrating Our Offerings	
Offertory	<i>God of Grace and God of Glory</i> Larchmont Ringers	Kevin McChesney
†Doxology	<i>Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	No. 94
†Closing Hymn	<i>For the Beauty of the Earth</i>	No. 92
†Benediction		
†Benediction Response	<i>Alleluia, Amen, Amen.</i>	Carl Wiltse
†Postlude	<i>Thanksgiving and Praise</i>	Cyrus Mallart

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## THIS WEEK AT LARCHMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### Sunday, November 26, 2023

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  
6:30 p.m. Beacon Youth

### Monday, November 27, 2023

7:00 p.m. Strategic Plan via Zoom

### Tuesday, November 28, 2023

9:00 a.m. Missions Wesley Luncheon Prep  
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting  
3:45 p.m. Larchmont Kids at Play (meet at LES playground)  
7:00 p.m. Capital Campaign Meeting

### Wednesday, November 29, 2023

10:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study  
5:30 p.m. Larchmont Ringers - Handbell Choir  
6:00 p.m. 8:35LIVE Rehearsal  
6:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Prayer Group  
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

### Thursday, November 30, 2023

9:15 a.m. Preschool Chapel  
7:00 p.m. Couples Small Group  
7:00 p.m. Medicare Event

### Saturday, December 2, 2023

10:00 a.m. Hanging of the Greens

### Sunday, December 3, 2023

8:15 a.m. Heavenly Grounds  
8:30 a.m. Nursery  
8:35 a.m. Worship Service  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School Classes  
9:30 a.m. Ladies Advent Study  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
11:30 a.m. Women's Fellowship Friendship Lunch & Cookie Swap  
6:30 p.m. Beacon Youth

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Use this QR code to give online using your phone.



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## LARCHMONT UMC NOTICES!

November 26, 2023

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### Hanging of the Greens Party!

The Worship Committee invites you to help decorate the church on Dec. 2nd. We will meet at 10 am to decorate the entire church. Lunch will be provided. Please rsvp to Mary Thorpe at [Lmand2@comast.net](mailto:Lmand2@comast.net).

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### Women's Fellowship Friendship Lunch and Cookie Exchange

11:30 Dec.3 Lunch is \$5 Cookie exchange is optional. Bring 36 cookies to exchange. We will also be decorating cookies for ODU students (supplies provided). Come, relax and enjoy a meal with friends. Invite a friend. Please RSVP by Nov. 25. to Traci at [andrew.shepard1@cox.net](mailto:andrew.shepard1@cox.net).

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### Ladies' Advent Study

Long before silver bells jingled, Christmas lights twinkled, and horse-drawn sleighs went dashing through the snow, God reached down from heaven with the best gift of all. Love, wrapped in swaddling clothes. Hope, nestled in a manger. Three women played vital roles in the Messiah's birth: Elizabeth, Mary and Anna. Join us as we get to know them better this Advent season.

When: December 3, 10, 17 and 24 at 9:30 am

Where: Gwinn Chapel

Questions: Contact Sandra Clark. 757-639-2424

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### Join us for Sunday School!

Children ages 2-4 meet downstairs in the preschool wing (E103)

Children K-5th grade meet upstairs in the Great Room (E201)

Coffee Talk - meets downstairs in the Parlor

Upper Room - meets upstairs in room A201

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## **From the Finance Office**

### **Electronic Giving:**

We accept Electronic Funds Transfers (EFT). Many families are doing this to help budget monthly, ease of giving each month, and reduce cost to the Church. You can do this through your online banking system in the same way you pay your bills online. You would log into your own banking system and go to the Pay Bills/Electronic Payment section. Enter Larchmont UMC (1101 Jamestown Crescent Norfolk VA 23508) as a new payee and set up your giving schedule (weekly/monthly/quarterly) and the amount. On the Memo Line please indicate Pledge/Tithe. Your bank will send us a check based on your instructions in the set up.

***This way you are doing the giving and can adjust it at any time you wish.***

### **End of Year Giving**

Please note IRS rules require any contributions recorded as given in 2023 must be received by the church by the close of business December 31, 2023. Any donations/gifts of stock/IRA contributions made to the Church must be received by the Church no later than December 28th for 2023 tax credit. Equities transferred through a brokerage are considered delivered when they are transferred on the books of the corporation. Contributions sent through the mail are considered delivered on the date of the postmark. Postings to the church's financial records will reflect these rules. Please consider giving your yearly tithe to the church by Christmas so that we may fulfill our commitments for the 2023 Year.

### **Gifts of Stock or IRA Contributions to the Church**

If you wish to give a gift of stocks or shares to Larchmont Church, please do the following:

- Have your Broker contact Sammy Serafine at Wells Fargo Securities Ph: 757 431-6312
- Wells Fargo Securities will sell the stock and forward a check to the Church.
- Upon verification of donor, distribution of funds will be posted to your account.
- If your Broker is with Wells Fargo Securities, please use the Church's account number which is 4952-4700.

Important Reminder:

Each year someone will wait until Dec. 31st to transfer their stocks to LUMC but due to the Holidays, the transaction does not post until the New Year. This means you do not get credit for it in the current year. Please consider making any Stock Transactions prior to Christmas Day to prevent a loss of a Contribution Donation for your 2023 Taxes. Also, please contact Lynn and let her know that you are sending Stock so that she can properly post the Contribution.

### **Statements:**

Statements were sent out at the beginning of October. If you need to know where you stand on your 2023 Giving, please call or email Lynn (757-489-8168 - [finance@larchmontumc.org](mailto:finance@larchmontumc.org)).

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## Christmas Poinsettias

It's time to order your poinsettias for the altar!  
CHKD is happy to be sponsoring the project.

This year we will be ordering pink poinsettias.  
They are 6 ½" pots and the cost is \$13.  
All proceeds go to the Children's Hospital.

The flowers will be placed in the chancel area on Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>.  
You are welcome to take your flower home  
after the Christmas Eve service.

Please place your order form and payment in the offering plate  
or drop it by the church office.

The last date to order will be Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

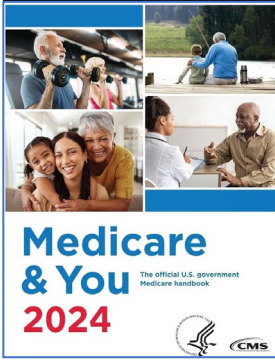
# of poinsettias \_\_\_\_ X \$13 = \_\_\_\_\_

Payment due at time of order

Please make checks out to **Azalea Unity Circle**

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_



## MEDICARE

### Knowledge you need to plan your retirement!

Join us at 7:00 pm on Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup> in our Fellowship Hall to learn all about Medicare - when you qualify, what it covers, and more importantly, what it doesn't cover.

Our education session will be led by Pat Moore of MMC Benefits LLC, who will help you understand the ins-and-outs of

MEDICARE. If you haven't signed up, now's the time! Contact Gary Chiaverotti ([chiaverotti@aol.com](mailto:chiaverotti@aol.com)) as soon as possible, but no later than Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>. This is an open education session, so invite a friend or neighbor.

### The Missions Committee is looking for cooks!

We need your help to make a home cooked lunch for the students at the Wesley ODU Center on Tuesday Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at 9ish on both days to make the meals at church. If interested, please contact Beth Vinson. [bethvinson1956@gmail.com](mailto:bethvinson1956@gmail.com) or text 757-635-5347

### The Empty Chair Grief Workshop

Pastor Megan will be leading a workshop on grief during the holidays. All participants will receive the book *The Empty Chair* and have the opportunity to share about their loved ones during our time together. Join us in the chapel on December 13<sup>th</sup> at one of the following times:

1:00-2:00pm

6:30-7:30pm



### Upcoming Advent/Christmas Worship Series Experiencing Christmas

Things just look, smell, sound, taste and feel different during the Advent and Christmas season, and these differences are a sign to us that God is about to do something radical and different. *Experiencing Christmas* as a sermon series to help us to embrace the full meaning of this season, with how signs and wonders point to the coming of Christ and the significance of his birth.

The Anchor United Methodist Men's Fellowship's  
5<sup>th</sup> Annual

# Free Spaghetti Dinner and Neighborhood Christmas Caroling

Thursday, December 14, 2023



Free dinner in the Fellowship Hall,  
6 p.m.,

Caroling in the neighborhood,  
7 p.m.

Bring the family!  
Invite friends!

Please RSVP no later than  
Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>

Use the QR code at right to register, or go  
to <https://qrco.de/bdV6LX>  
or call the church office,  
757-489-8168.





## Assisting in Worship

	<b>This Sunday</b> <b>November 19, 2023</b>	<b>Next Sunday</b> <b>December 3, 2023</b>
<b>Worship Leaders</b>	Gary Chiaverotti	Jonathan Clark
<b>Children's Worship</b>	Cathy Coleman	Pastor Fran
<b>Media Tech</b>	Suzanne Koehler	Cathy Hickman
<b>Sound Tech</b>	Bill Huber	Bill Huber
<b>Camera Tech</b>	Clarise Hicks	Clarise Hicks
<b>Sunday Counters</b>	Robert King Brian Casey	Jonathan Clark Robert King
<b>Monday Counters</b>	Demi Wheeler Watt Jones	Pris Peake GM Ziller
<b>Bus Driver</b>	Jonathan Clark	Dave Lannetti
<b>Ushers</b>	Jonathan Clark Susan Pollard Brian Casey	Laura Calvert Chris Calvert Doug Nashold Gary Chiaverotti

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### **Our Mission is to »»**

- “ Help seekers to begin in faith.
  - “ Help believers to grow in faith.
  - “ Help the community to thrive in faith.
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### **Current Worship Series - 3 Essential Prayers**

For thousands of years, the Psalmist's utterings have been the guide for prayer, whether at worship, on the battlefield, or alone in thought pondering the world and its complexities. There is spiritual power in simple thoughts, words and feelings, especially when they come from powerlessness, wonder, and gratitude. Join us as we use the model of the Psalms to pray, "Help," "Wow," and "Thanks," and in doing so, see the good and the miraculous in our everyday life.

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