



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

October 25, 2026

†Please stand as you are able

Prelude *Our Great Savior* Kristin Campbell
Sarah Umlauf, violin; Will Pearson, organ
Announcements and Greetings Pastor Fran Cooper

†Passing the Peace

†Processional Hymn *Be Thou My Vision* No. 451

†Bringing in the Light of Christ

†Call To Worship Jonathan Clark, Worship Leader

Leader: Through faith, we have been made right with God through Jesus Christ. Let us come into God's presence and receive the gift of peace.

People: We come with grateful hearts, trusting in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Leader: Even in our struggles, God is at work, teaching us perseverance, shaping our character, and strengthening our hope.

People: When life is difficult, we will not lose heart, for our hope is rooted in God's unfailing love.

Leader: This hope will not disappoint us, for God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

People: We worship the God who gives us peace, sustains us in trials, and fills us with hope!

Leader: Come, let us worship God with faith, courage, and joy!

All: Thanks be to God, whose love never fails and whose hope carries us forward!

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

Genesis 32:22-32; Romans 5:1-5

Worship Leader

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Anthem

Come, O Thou Traveler

D. Meinekie

Sara Umlauf, Ella Umlauf - violin

*Come, O Thou Traveler unknown whom still I hold but cannot see;
My company before is gone and I am left alone with Thee;
With Thee all night I mean to stay, and wrestle till the break of day.
With Thee all night I mean to stay, and wrestle till the break of day.*

*I need not tell Thee who I am, my misery and sin declare;
Thyself hast called me by my name; look on Thy hands, and read it there;
But who, I ask Thee, who art Thou? Tell me Thy name and tell me now.
But who, I ask Thee, who art Thou? Tell me Thy name and tell me now.*

*Yield to me now, for I am weak, but confident in self-despair;
Speak to my heart, in blessings speak. Be conquered by my instant prayer;
Speak, or Thou never hence shalt move, and tell me if Thy name be Love.
Speak, or Thou never hence shalt move, and tell me if Thy name be Love.*

*'Tis Love! 'tis Love! Thou diedst for me, I hear Thy whisper in my heart;
The morning breaks, the shadows flee: Pure, universal Love Thou art;
To me, to all Thy mercies move; Thy nature and Thy name is Love.
To me, to all Thy mercies move; Thy nature and Thy name is Love.*

Sermon

"When We Wrestle in Life"

Pastor Fran Cooper

SERIES: Come, Let Us Reason Together

†Hymn

Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown (v. 4)

No. 386

Celebrating Our Offerings

Offertory

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Ruth Coleman

Sarah Umlauf, violin; Will Pearson, organ

†Doxology

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

No. 94

†Response Hymn

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

No. 133

†Benediction

†Benediction Response

Choir

†Postlude

Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten BWV 642

JS Bach

THIS WEEK AT LARCHMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, October 25, 2026

- 8:15 a.m. Heavenly Grounds
- 8:30 a.m. Nursery
- 8:35 a.m. 835LIVE Worship Service
- 9:30 a.m. Children’s Sunday School
- 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Monday October 26, 2026

- 6:00 p.m. Administrative Council (Zoom)
- 6:30 p.m. Women’s Bible Study at the Wetzel’s
- 7:00 p.m. Worship Committee

Tuesday October 27, 2026

- 2:00 p.m. Bill LeHew’s memorial service
- 7:00 p.m. BSA Troop 24 (FH)

Wednesday, October 28, 2026

- 10:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. 835LIVE Band Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 444
- 6:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Prayer Group
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, October 30, 2026

- 9:15 a.m. LUMC Preschool Parade

Saturday, October 31, 2026

- 6:00 p.m. Spooky Organ Concert

Sunday, November 1, 2026

- 2:00 a.m. Daylight Savings time ends (set your clocks back)
- 8:15 a.m. Heavenly Grounds
- 8:30 a.m. Nursery
- 8:35 a.m. 835LIVE Worship Service
- 9:30 a.m. Children’s Sunday School
- 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:45 a.m. Women’s Fellowship lunch at Taste Unlimited

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



LARCHMONT UMC NOTICES

October 25, 2026

Today’s alter flowers are given in loving memory of Bill LeHew from his family.



GET ENGAGED!!

Have you ever wondered what structures/committees work to make LUMC the vibrant, engaging and inclusive church Christ calls us to be? There are many teams, committees, etc. that work behind the scenes to make us successful. Please consider joining one of the committees or services listed below to share your skills and talents. *We need you!*



Volunteer Sign-Up

Pumpkins, Pumpkins, Pumpkins!

Volunteer’s Needed.



The Pumpkin Patch has sold over \$25,000 in pumpkins. We are over 80% of our goal for missions. Donate some baked goods or **take a turn at the Pumkin Patch booth. It’s a great way to meet our neighbors.**

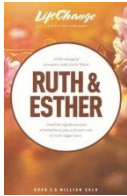
You can sign up for two-hour selling shifts using the QR code or the link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4DA9AC2BA0FAC43-65527385-pumpkin> or contact Tori Lannetti at 757-419-7117.





November 1st: Women's Fellowship Lunch at Taste Unlimited 11:45 am. Please contact Traci for reservations at andrew.shepard1@cox.net.



Join us at 10am on Wednesday mornings in the parlor for a study of the Book of Esther. This study will run from October 14 through November 11. Please contact Jonathan Clark, clarkjon1058@gmail.com with any questions.



Did you know **the week of October 19-24th** [or this week, as appropriate] is **National Estate Planning Awareness Week (NEPAW)**? Now you know! For information on planning your Estate visit

<https://giftplanning.aarp.org/personal-estate-planning-kit-download>

for a free Estate Planning Kit that includes Lesson and Record Books, or talk to our Legacy Giving Committee Chair, Gary Chiaverotti.



Our next Anchor Men's Fellowship Meeting will be held at 6:00pm, Thursday, November 12th in the church Fellowship Hall. Our guest speaker will be Bill Egerton, Community Disaster Program Manager, Central Atlantic Division, American Red Cross. Dinner remains at \$10/person. Bill's presentation will begin at 6:45pm. All are welcome for the presentation. Invite a friend! Contact Gary Chiaverotti (chiaverotti@aol.com) or Jonathan Clark (clarkjon1058@gmail.com) by Tuesday, November 10th to

reserve your seat for dinner or for just the prevention.



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 jackmeservey@gmail.com or suemeservey44@gmail.com



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.



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. 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.

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.

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

Assisting in Worship

	This Sunday October 25, 2026	Next Sunday November 1, 2026
Worship Leader	Jonathan Clark	Sandra Nichols
Media Tech	Sara Morris	Wina Giddens
	Lucus Seymour	Lucus Seymour
Sound Tech	Stephen Croffie Djan	Stephen Croffie Djan
Camera Tech	Richard Affram	Richard Affram
Security Trustee	Gene Levow	Chris Calvert
Sunday Stewards	Jonathan Clark	Dave Lannetti
	Ed Lilly	Ed Lilly
Monday Counters	Demi Wheeler	Chris Burge
	Julie Etheridge	Nel Booker
Bus Driver	Dave Lannetti	John Fitzwilliam
Ushers	Monica Levow	Ben Hatcher
	Rob Baxter	Laura Calvert
	Liz Paiste	Chris Calvert
	Traci Shepard	Kami Lannetti

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