



LARCHMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

**August 17, 2025**

†Please stand as you are able

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Prelude	<i>Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott</i>	Dietrich Buxtehude
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Announcements and Greetings

†Passing the Peace

†Bringing in the Light of Christ

†Processional Hymn	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy</i>	No. 64
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†Call To Worship	Suzanne Koehler, Worship Leader
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Leader: God is waiting for us

**People: With a tender heart and a searching question.**

Leader: God is ready for us

**People: With truth and wisdom from a deep well.**

Leader: God is blessing us

**People: With springs of living water.**

Leader: God is sending us

**People: To sing, pray and witness every day.**

Leader: God is here.

**People: Let the conversation begin.**

Opening Prayer

**You have brought us, O God, to another Lord's Day, when we are privileged to worship you with our brothers and sisters in Christ. May we have unity of mind and heart as we open ourselves to the movement of your Holy Spirit. As your love grows within us, may we have rich fellowship with you and with one another. In Christ's name. Amen.**

# Prayers of the People

## The Lord's Prayer

Children's Message

*Backpack Blessings*

Pastor Fran

Scripture Lesson

Judges 6:25-29 (NRSV-UE)

Worship Leader

Leader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

Solo

*In the Name of the Lord*

Sandy Patty

Crowds have lined the narrow street  
To see this man from Galilee  
Just a carpenter some say, leading fools astray  
Yet many kneel to give Him praise

And in His eyes, they glimpse the power  
That sees the heart of all men  
And He knows His Father's mind  
He speaks His Father's words  
For He comes in the name of the Lord

There is strength in the name of the Lord  
There is power in the name of the Lord  
There is hope in the name of the Lord  
Blessed is He, who comes in the name of the  
Lord

When my plans have fallen through  
And when my strength is nearly gone  
When there's nothing left to do but just depend  
on You  
And the power of Your name

And as we call upon Your name  
Your strength through weakness to show  
We can know the masters plan extend the  
masters hand  
When we come in the name of the Lord

There is strength in the name of the Lord  
There is power in the name of the Lord  
There is hope in the name of the Lord  
Blessed is He, who comes in the name of the  
Lord

His name will be worshiped forever  
Creator, Redeemer and King

There is strength in the name of the Lord  
There is power in the name of the Lord  
And there is hope in the name of the Lord  
Blessed is He, who comes, blessed is He, who  
comes  
Blessed is He, who comes in the name of the  
Lord

In the name of the Lord, in the name of the Lord

Sermon

*"Gideon's Transformation"*

Rev. Fran Cooper

†Response Hymn

*He Who Began a Good Work in You*

No. 2163

Celebrating Our Offerings

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## THIS WEEK AT LARCHMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### Sunday, August 17, 2025

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
11:45 a.m.	Beacon Youth After Church Outing

### Monday, August 18, 2025

7:00 p.m.	Missions Meeting (Zoom)
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### Tuesday, August 19, 2025

10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
5:00 p.m.	Education Meeting (Zoom)

### Wednesday, August 20, 2025

6:00 p.m.	Larchmont Ringers
6:00 p.m.	835LIVE Band Rehearsal
6:30 p.m.	Wednesday Night Prayer Group
7:00 p.m.	Outreach Meeting (Zoom)
7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir

### Saturday, August 23, 2025

9:00 a.m.	LAUNCH Drive Setup (Goff Street)
11:00 a.m.	LAUNCH Back to School Drive (Goff Street)

### Sunday, August 24, 2025

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.	Fellowship Meeting
11:30 a.m.	Education Meeting



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## LARCHMONT UMC NOTICES!

August 17, 2025

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### Summer Music on the Greenspace

Come join us for our August Music on the Greenspace as we welcome Symphonic Artistry - Founded in 2008, they are composed of over 50 talented musicians from former military musicians to college students, band directors to university professors. Their repertoire includes Sousa marches, patriotic songs, big band classics, Broadway and movie favorites, and traditional concert band literature. The concert is Free! Hot dogs and popsicles are Free! Fun and Fellowship is Free! August 24, 6-8 pm out on the Greenspace at Larchmont UMC. Bring a lawn chair or blanket - well behaved dogs on leashes are loved.

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### Beacon Youth: Middle School Outing

After our worship service on August 17<sup>th</sup>, Beacon Youth will have a Moe's and Circuit Social Food and Gaming. Family members that are interested are invited as well! Contact Pastor Fran ([francooper@vaumc.org](mailto:francooper@vaumc.org)) or Monica Levow ([inohuiam@gmail.com](mailto:inohuiam@gmail.com)) for details.

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### Funday Sunday

Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> is our annual **Funday Sunday**. We will have one worship service at 10:30am, and then a big community tent-party on our beautiful Greenspace. There will be delicious food, lawn games, an inflatable waterslide, and many other fun activities for all.

To enable this amazing party, the Fellowship Committee is asking for help in set-up, food handling, take down, and other needs. Please reach out to Julie Etheridge at [etheridges@usa.net](mailto:etheridges@usa.net) for volunteer information.

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### Pumpkins are coming on Sept. 21!

LUMC will once again be hosting its annual Pumpkin Patch from Sept. 21 - Oct. 31 (or until pumpkins run out)! Join us for pumpkins, gourds, sweet treats and more, Monday - Sunday, 11 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Want to help? We need volunteers for unloading the truck on 9/21 starting at 12:30 p.m. Or sign up to help run the patch!

LUMC partners with Pumpkin Patch Fundraisers, which cultivates 1,200 acres of land on the Navajo Indian Reservation in Farmington, NM. All proceeds go to the Missions Committee to fund local and international charity projects.

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**Larchmont United Methodist Preschool is looking for a few more 3- and 4-year-olds!** Let us show you all that we have to offer. Contact Meg Ditty at [lumpschool@gmail.com](mailto:lumpschool@gmail.com) to schedule your tour. We can't wait to welcome you to our sweet school!

**Choir Interest**

I KNOW YOU LOVE TO SING! Come try it out! We would LOVE to have you sing with us. Rehearsal starts up on August 20th, 7:30-9pm in the choir room. Our first Sunday back singing for church will be Sunday Funday (September 14).

**Larchmont UMC NOW HIRING – Financial Secretary**

This part-time, hourly position requires about 6-8 hours a week, including Mondays, from 9-11 am and other flex hours for completion of weekly work. Duties include: documenting all church gifts and revenues; scheduling and managing a team of volunteers who count and record all physically received income; posting giving through our church giving software and computer systems; providing special reports and information to church staff and committees; protecting the confidentiality of the donors; answering donor inquiries and consulting with potential donors regarding contribution methods; and supporting the Stewardship and Capital campaigns, memorial, endowment, and special contribution funds. The Financial Secretary reports to the Lead Pastor and Staff-Parish Relations Committee, works closely with the Church Bookkeeper and Church Treasurer, and consults and reports with the Finance Committee.

To apply for this position, contact the Lead Paster, Rev. Fran Cooper, [francooper@vaumc.org](mailto:francooper@vaumc.org).

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study**

The 10am Wednesday Morning Bible Study will resume on September 3rd with John Ortberg's *Who Is This Man? The Unpredictable Impact of the Inescapable JESUS*. Join us in the parlor as we explore how Jesus and Christianity came to make an inescapable influence on our world and how we can too. This study will run through October 1st. For questions, please contact Jonathan Clark, [clarkjon1058@gmail.com](mailto:clarkjon1058@gmail.com).



# BACK TO SCHOOL

Free SCHOOL SUPPLIES



AUGUST 23, 2025 @ 11:00AM - 1:00PM  
MASON MEMORIAL CHURCH  
744 GOFF STREET, NORFOLK, VA

**On-Site Registration**  
Children must be present to receive supplies.

**What To Expect**  
Free Lunch, Games, Music, & More!

**FREE School Supplies**  
Supplies are limited.  
Supplies are geared toward children up to the age of 12.

Become a Volunteer





[LAUNCHcommunity.org](http://LAUNCHcommunity.org) | [@LAUNCH\\_Community](https://www.instagram.com/LAUNCH_Community) | [f LAUNCH.Norfolk](https://www.facebook.com/LAUNCH.Norfolk)

**LAUNCH Ministries Back to School Event**

**Saturday, August 23**

**Mason Memorial Church (744 Goff Street)**

LUMC is assisting again with the Back-to-School Event led by our Norfolk community LAUNCH ministries. We need about 15 people from our church to arrive at 9 am to help set up tables, chairs, and tents for the day-of and serve in the first half of the event (through 11:30 am) to hand out items. We are expecting 500 people to attend this event, which is focused on crucial needs for the Huntersville/Park Place area students. We did this last year, and you all were AMAZING. Please sign up to help using this QR code. Please also let Pastor Fran know you will be there to assist by emailing her at [francooper@vaumc.org](mailto:francooper@vaumc.org).

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    *Biblical sonata no. 5: Gideon's Reviving Courage*    Johann Kuhnau

†Doxology            *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*            No. 94

†Closing Hymn            *O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee*            No. 430

†Benediction (from Romans 15:5-6)

Leader:        Now, may the God who gives perseverance and encouragement  
grant you to be of the same mind with one another, according to  
Christ Jesus,

People:        so that with one purpose and one voice, we may glorify the God  
and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

†Postlude                    *March on 'Ein feste Burg'*                    Percy Fletcher

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Current Worship Series –

## **Encourage One Another Daily**

A biblical tour de force through the  
Christian gift of ENCOURAGEMENT—  
one of the greatest needs and offerings we  
have as human beings.

Our study brings us into faithful servants  
of God such as Gideon, Caleb, Joshua, James and Barnabas. They have life lessons for us  
today!

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## Assisting in Worship

	<b>This Sunday</b> <b>August 17, 2025</b>	<b>Next Sunday</b> <b>August 24, 2025</b>
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Suzanne Koehler	Kathy Wetzel
<b>Children's Worship</b>	Fran Cooper	Traci Shepard
<b>Media Tech</b>	Wina Giddens	Suzanne Koehler
<b>Sound Tech</b>	Jeff Paiste	Bill Huber
<b>Camera Tech</b>	Clarise Hicks	Clarise Hicks
<b>Sunday Counters</b>	Sandra Clark	Fred Dobbs
	Pris Peake	David Lannetti
<b>Monday Counters</b>	Gary Chiaverotti	Julie Etheridge
	GM Ziller	Pris Peake
<b>Bus Driver</b>	Rob Baxter	Michael King
<b>Ushers</b>	Jonathan Clark	Rob Baxter
	Sandra Clark	Monica Levow
	Monica Levow	David Lannetti
	Gary Chiaverotti	Sandra Clark

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