



LARCHMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

June 29, 2025

†Please stand as you are able

Prelude	<i>Majesty</i>	arr. by Bruce Greer
Announcements and Greetings		Rev. Cooper
†Passing the Peace		
†Bringing in the Light of Christ		
†Opening Hymn	<i>Holy Spirit, Truth Divine</i>	No. 465
†Introit	<i>O Come, Let us Worship</i>	Mira Kenge
†Call To Worship (from John 15)		Brian Casey, Worship Leader

Leader: God is the True Vine,

People: and we are the branches.

Leader: Connected to God;

People: Connected to bear fruit!

Leader: Connected to God;

People: Or we wither away.

Leader: Connected to God;

People: Or useless!

Leader: We come to worship God, who is the True Vine.

People: God, teach us how to remain connected so that we might bear good fruit!

Prayers of the People

God of Life and Love, we thank you for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is the true vine. We recognize that apart from Him, we can do nothing. We ask that you help us to abide in Him, to remain connected to Him, and to draw strength from His presence. Grant us the wisdom and discernment to understand your will, and the courage to live it out each day. May our lives be a testament to your love and grace, bearing fruit that glorifies your name. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Children's Message

Monica Levow

Madylan Graham

Anthem

Rise Up, O Men of God

Arr. Kenneth Jennings

Scripture Lesson

I John 4:1-22

Worship Leader

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Sung Prayer Response

Abide With Me

No. 700

(v. 1, 3)

Sermon

"Who Are You Listening To?"

Rev. Fran Cooper

†Response Prayer Song

Christ Beside Me

No. 2166

Celebrating Our Offerings

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

For the Beauty of the Earth

arr. by Chris Rice

†Doxology

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

No. 94

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

†Hymn

Where Charity and Love Prevail

No. 549

(vv. 1,2,4,6)

†Benediction

THIS WEEK AT LARCHMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, June 29, 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

Monday, June 30, 2025

6:00 p.m. VBS Training

Tuesday, July 1, 2025

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday, July 2, 2025

6:00 p.m. 835LIVE Band Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Prayer Group

Sunday, July 6, 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



Use this QR code to give online using your phone

Register for VBS now!

July 21st – 25th

True North - Trusting Jesus in a Wild World



LARCHMONT UMC NOTICES!

June 29, 2025

In Memory

A white lily has been placed on the altar today in memory of Eugenia Gates who passed away last week.

Larchmont UMC Nags Head Vacation!

This is your opportunity to bid on a week in Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, which has again been generously donated with proceeds to go to the Music Ministries of LUMC by G.M. Ziller.

To view this wonderful resort, you can go to <www.beachwoods.com>. It is located right across the bridge going into Southern Shores, turning right towards the sound. There is a shuttle that regularly transports you to private beach parking on the Atlantic Ocean.

The rental starts on the afternoon of July 26th, and includes two adjoining condos, each with kitchen, bedrooms, living room and deck. You could spend time at the beach, the pools (they boast the largest pool on the Outer Banks, and an Indoor Water Park), paddle boats, the tennis and pickleball courts, or exercise room (not to mention the rest of Kitty Hawk, Nags Head and the Outer Banks.)

We will be taking offers until July 6th, so start planning now!

Email your bid to Pastor Fran pastor@larchmontumc.org and spend a week relaxing in Nags Head.



2025 Time and Talents

On Pentecost Sunday, we passed out a form for Time and Talent and many of you have filled in the paper version. We also have an online version which you will find here:

<https://larchmont.breezechms.com/form/33bdf289>

We need each of our active persons to take just a few minutes to fill this in so we know where God is leading you to serve in the coming year. We need us all to be Vibrant, Engaging and Inclusive as a church community. Please fill this in before July 1. So grateful! Love, Pastor Fran.

2025 Annual Conference Report

The theme of Conference, “A Movement of the Heart”, focused on how God transforms us and how God molds and shapes us and allows us to be agents of change in and around our community.

The Journey in Understanding task force, mentioned last year, was created to lead conversations on reconciliation related to past LGBTQ issues. Their report focused on active listening rather than rhetoric and votes that tend to divide us. Their presentation can be seen in the June 12 Afternoon Session video.

There were also votes on several constitutional amendments from the 2024 General Conference related to regionalization, gender and ability, racial justice and educational requirements for clergy (see pages 39 to 70 in the Book of Reports). However, we won’t know the results until later this year when all Conferences around the world have completed their votes and the delegate votes have been aggregated.

A couple of exciting missional items to report:

- UMCOR kits were organized at the district level for the third year in a row. So far, the total is 14,311 total kits for a total value of \$245,985.
- As of the end of Conference, \$42,000 has been collected for the conference offering to support 2 initiatives: Disaster Response including assistance in the Western North Carolina Conference in the wake of Hurricane Helene and the Cal-Pac Conference after the LA wildfires. Part of the offering also goes to Partnerships of Hope where we support those in Brazil, Mozambique, Cambodia, Haiti, Vietnam, and Native American Ministries.

Great News! Pastor Fran will be back with us for another year.

Here (<https://vaumc.org/AC2025/>) is a link to the Conference website with details about this year's Annual Conference. The Book of Reports and AC Summary are especially helpful. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.
Jonathan Clark

VBS Donations

Go fishin’ in the Narthex for donated goods needed and “loaned” materials!

Build for the Future Sanctuary Renovation Update!

Recently, a few members of the Building Task Force with extensive worship service experience met twice with our architects to provide chancel-focused inputs in support of developing preliminary architectural conceptual drawings for congregational review. Once ready, the architects will then present those to the entire Building Task Force for further refinement - and THEN to the greater congregation for inputs from every single member! Bottom line: We have experienced volunteers working closely behind the scenes with a highly reputable and experienced architectural firm to make sure the drawings the congregation sees for the first time are easy to visualize and use to provide inputs. We hope you are as excited as we are. (If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Mike Crockett, Building TF Chair, at mike.crockett@yahoo.com.)

Even though it’s hot outside, the people of Larchmont are busy making fleece throws for our friends at Consulate Care Nursing Home.

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 on one of these dates:

July 9th at 10:00 am July 24th at 7:00 pm August 6th at 2:00 pm

Bring a friend or make a new friend. All ages welcome!
Contact Sandra Clark at 757-639-2424 for more info.



Smart Charitable Giving from Your IRA!

DID YOU KNOW? If you are 70 1/2 or older in 2025 or you have not yet taken out your RMD from your IRA, you can give to Larchmont United Methodist Church (or other 401.C.3 organizations) using a Qualified Charitable

Distribution (commonly called a “QCD”) **from your IRA? AND, you are not taxed** on the QCD amount! **Contact Gary Chiaverotti (chiaverotti@aol.com) to find out how** a QCD works and how you can benefit while supporting LUMC’s Ministry, Mission, and Outreach activities through our Endowment Program.

†Benediction Response

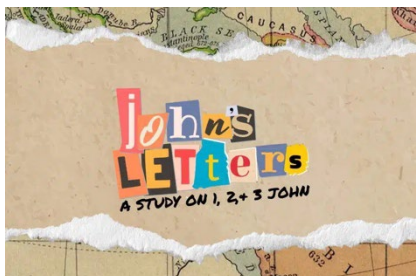
The Peace of God

Michael Regan

†Postlude

Christ, the Cornerstone

Roger C. Wilson



Current Worship Series -

John's Letters (A Study on 1, 2 & 3 John)

Who is God? What is love? People have asked these questions for thousands of years, and they were asking them in John's day too. Christians like John believed the answers were found in Jesus, but some so-called believers were leading people astray, questioning

Jesus' very identity. John wrote these letters to the churches he loved in order to keep them straight. With conviction, confidence, and clarity, John presents a compelling picture of Jesus—so we see clearly who God is and what love is.

Assisting in Worship

	This Sunday June 29, 2025	Next Sunday July 6, 2025
Worship Leader	Brian Casey	Gary Chiaverotti
Children's Worship	Monica Levow Madylan Graham	Madylan Graham Karla Robinson
Media Tech	Sara Morris Claudia Wade	Suzanne Koehler
Sound Tech	Jeff Paiste	Jeff Paiste
Camera Tech	Clarise Hicks	Clarise Hicks
Sunday Counters	Jonathan Clark Dave Lannetti	Jonathan Clark Ed Lilly
Monday Counters	Robert King GM Ziller	Watt Jones Robert King
Bus Driver	Kami Lannetti	Rob Baxter
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