



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

February 8, 2026

Special Dedication Sunday

†Please stand as you are able

Prelude

Fanfare Celebration

Michael Mazzatenta

Larchmont Ringers

Announcements and Greetings

†Passing the Peace

†Bringing in the Light of Christ

†Processional Hymn ***Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*** No. 384

†Introit ***Love Has Come*** No. 3059

Love has come and never will leave us! Love is life everlasting and free.

Love is Jesus within and among us. Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.

Love! Love! Love is the gift of Heaven! Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

†Call To Worship Gary Chiaverotti, Worship Leader

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who came to seek and save the lost!

People: **Let us worship the God who came to seek and save each of us!**

Leader: Let us welcome God into our homes and our hearts.

People: **Let us give of ourselves in this worship time that we may know God.**

ALL: **Let us joyfully and with gratitude worship God!**

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Children's Message

Liz Smith

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 *Improvisation on St Thomas* Will Pearson

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

Scripture Lesson Luke 19:1-10 (NRSV) Worship Leader

Leader: The Word of the Lord **People: Thanks be to God**

Sermon *"People Often Go Years Without Being Seen"* Rev. Fran Cooper

†Response Hymn *What the World Needs Now* Burt Bacharach
Brickhouse Band and Choir

*What the world needs now is love, sweet love.
It's the only thing that there's just too little of.
What the world needs now is love, sweet love.
No, not just for some, but for everyone.*

*Lord, we don't need another mountain.
There are mountains and hillsides enough to climb.
There are oceans and rivers enough to cross, enough to last till the end of time.*

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*No, not just for some, but for everyone.
It's for everyone, yes, for everyone, it's for everyone*

Dedicating Our Gifts

Please bring your pledge forward to the altar railing and spend some time in prayer.

Music During Dedication

Just As I Am

Led by Brickhouse Band

Litany of Dedication

Leader: For the advancement of Christian love and forgiveness;
For the proclaiming of the Good News;
For the extension of peace and justice to all persons;
People: WE DEDICATE THESE COMMITMENTS.

Leader: For sharing in the continuing growth of God's Church;
For the stewardship of our lives and our resources;
For the beauty of God's world;
In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we dedicate these commitments.
Bless every life represented in them and every life
which will be blessed through them.

People: WE DEDICATE THESE COMMITMENTS.

ALL: AMEN.

†Closing Hymn *They'll Know We are Christians By Our Love* No. 2223

†Blessing and Benediction

†Benediction Response *Love Has Come (last 2 phrases)* No. 3059

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†Postlude

Be Thou My Vision

Paul Fey



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WORSHIP SERIES: LOVE GOES FIRST

Jesus gave us a Great Commission to reach out to people everywhere (Matt 28:19). This task is daunting in a world where negative thoughts about Christianity are so prevalent, where people believe we are the problem, and when so many hate us and all we stand for? If you are tired of just talking about the problems that divide us, this series will help us reach across division and wrestle with how we may find a way forward.

Assisting in Worship

	This Sunday	Next Sunday
Worship Leader	Gary Chiaverotti	Claudia Wade
Children's Worship	Liz Smith	Cathy Coleman
Media Tech	Sara Morris	Wina Giddens
Sound Tech	Les Thorpe	Jeff Paiste
Camera Tech	Bill Huber	Clarise Hicks
Security Trustee	Kami Lannetti	
Sunday Stewards	Pris Peake	Fred Dobbs
 	Ed Lilly	Jonathan Clark
Monday Counters	Julie Etheridge	Gary Chiaverotti
 	Nel Booker	Robert King
Bus Driver	Michael King	Dave Lannetti
 	Jonathan Clark	Jonathan Clark
Ushers	Traci Shepard	Brian Casey
 	Monica Levow	Gary Chiaverotti
 	Rob Baxter	Dave Lannetti

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THIS WEEK AT LARCHMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, February 8, 2026	Faith Dedication Service 9:15 a.m. Heavenly Grounds 9:30 a.m. Nursery 9:30 a.m. Sunday School Classes 10:30 a.m. Worship Service 11:30 a.m. Faith Dedication Luncheon
Monday, February 9, 2026	Women's Bible Study at the Wetzel's 6:30 p.m. Trustees Committee Meeting (Parlor) 7:00 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting (LPO) 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, February 10, 2026	Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m. Strategic Planning Meeting (Zoom) 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, February 11, 2026	Wednesday Morning Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Larchmont Ringers 6:00 p.m. 835LIVE Band Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Prayer Group 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, February 12, 2026	Anchor Men Meeting 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, February 15, 2026	Heavenly Grounds 8:15 a.m. Nursery 8:30 a.m. Worship Service 8:35 a.m. Sunday School Classes 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Beacon Youth Admirals Game 3:00 p.m.

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LARCHMONT UMC NOTICES!

February 8, 2026

Love Goes First: 2026 Stewardship Campaign

Today is our **Faith Dedication Celebration!** This special day serves as the cornerstone of our stewardship season, centered on the inspiring theme **"Love Goes First."** Together, we will reflect on how placing love at the forefront of our lives transforms our generosity and strengthens our community. Following this service, we invite everyone to stay for a **catered luncheon** in the fellowship hall to celebrate our shared commitments and the bright future of our mission.



2026 Pledging

HELP WANTED: Part-Time Children's Director

Larchmont United Methodist Church in Norfolk, VA is seeking a part-time (20 hours/week) Children's Director to provide planning, oversight, and support for all activities related to our children and their families. This will include but is not limited to, attending Sunday worship services, coordinating Children's Sunday School, organizing Special seasonal Events (such as Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter programs, and Vacation Bible School), recruiting volunteers, and publicizing all events and activities. For a complete Job Description, interested candidates should direct questions or send a resume and cover letter to Rev. Fran Cooper, francooper@vaumc.org.

Anchor Men

Our next **Anchor Men's Fellowship Meeting** will be held on **Thursday, February 12th** in the Fellowship Hall. We start at 6:00pm with a brief business meeting followed by dinner, 6:15-6:45pm. Our guest speaker will be Eric Neil, The Chrysler Museum Director. **Dinner is limited to Anchor Men, but Neil's presentation on the Chrysler Museum is open to the community.** To reserve a seat, whether you will join us for dinner (\$10.00) and Neil's presentation or just for Neil's presentation (free!), contact **Gary Chiaverotti** (chiaverotti@aol.com) or **Jonathan Clark** (clarkjon1058@gmail.com) by **Tuesday, February 10th**.

Sunday, February 8th, is Second Sunday.

Please bring packaged or canned food to support our Food Locker. In January, the Food Locker gave out food to 20 households, which included 48 adults and 29 children. This represented 45 bags of food. Thank you for your Second Sunday donations to the Food Locker! If you prefer to donate funds rather than food, please write a check made out to LUMC and enter "Food Locker" on the memo line. We use cash donations to buy food from the Foodbank.

Cards of Hope

Every special occasion many of us receive gift cards that end up getting lonely and bored at being ignored and never used. This year let us donate those unused and depressed Visa, Master Card, American Express, department store cards or purchased cards (no restaurant cards) to our food locker so those in our community who are marginalized can benefit. Please place gift cards in the box marked "Cards of Hope" provided in front of the office. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me (Matthew 25:25). Contact Jack or Sue at jackmeservy@gmail.com or suemeservy44@gmail.com with any questions.



THANKS for your Build for the Future Sanctuary Survey Feedback!

Wow, that was helpful! The quality of the constructive feedback was exactly what we were hoping to receive. More details will be shared at a later date, but here is some general feedback. The plans for a larger Narthex and ADA compliance/ramp were overwhelmingly popular. Many were concerned about lighting and sound. Rest-assured that sound and lighting engineers will be involved during the design phase. We also have many helpful questions to research on other important topics. Moving forward, the Task Force will finish meticulously going through the individual surveys, meet with the architects later this month, and then, when they are ready, schedule another congregational feedback session. Thanks for taking the time to help our church family update our sanctuary for the first time since 1952! If you have questions or concerns, feel free to contact Mike Crockett at Mike.Crockett@Yahoo.com.

2026 Flower Arrangements

This is my father's world! Have you noticed the flowers on the altar recently? The altar guild works hard to create visuals that will inspire us and expand our worship experience, but our budget doesn't allow us to purchase fresh flowers every week. Please sign up to donate flowers in honor or memory of loved ones or to celebrate special occasions. You may sign up on the calendar posted in the sacristy (that little room with the sink just past the financial secretary's office). Please indicate for which Sunday you will be providing flowers. You can have your florist deliver them to the church. If you'd like us to arrange the flowers, please contact Mary Thorpe. She will do your shopping and arranging for you.

NEW FOLKS INVITED TO GATHER WITH PASTOR FRAN

New to our church community? Meet with Pastor Fran in the Chapel during the Sunday School hour (9:30 – 10:15 am) **on February 15th and 22nd**. We will talk about faith, church, and our place as disciples of Christ. Contact Pastor Fran for more information and to register: francooper@vaumc.org.



DID YOU KNOW? If you are 70 1/2 or older in 2025 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) or your investment advisor to find out how a QCD works and how you can benefit while supporting LUMC Ministry, Mission, and Outreach activities and Endowment Program.

SPRC Staff Spotlight

The Staff Parish Relations Committee will be highlighting a member of the LUMC staff each month in 2026. Our staff is important to the ministries of our church and the committee feels we should all recognize their service.

For February, we are recognizing our **Financial Secretary, Rita Turner**. She oversees the counters, records all offerings and assigns them to the designated purposes, keeps track of stewardship pledges, and creates quarterly and annual statements for the donors.

Outside of LUMC, Rita is a retired full-charge bookkeeper, an AARP tax aid volunteer, and a mother, grandmother and great -grandmother.



Walk with Christ

The missions committee invites all to join in a "Walk with Christ" during the season of Lent, **beginning Feb 18**. The walk can be either individually or jointly. During our walks, whether short or lengthy strolls around the neighborhood or in other areas of our vast community it is suggested that time be spent in conversation with Jesus and those we meet during our travels. During our engaging conversations, invite people to church and present them with a traveling Jesus (you can find these in the Narthex and at the Monroe entrance). As Jesus said in Luke 10:37 ask them to "Go and do likewise." The added spiritual, emotional, and physical benefits of a "Walk with Christ" cannot be measured. Each day, we are also invited to put \$1 aside (or whatever feels uncomfortable), (Luke 21:2) and at the end of lent donate a portion of the money to the Lenten offering for missions.

Snow Fun Potluck: RESCHEDULED to February 21st

The Snow Fun Potluck for families with children in elementary school and younger, will be Saturday, February 21, 5:00-7:00 p.m. We will meet in the Social Hall. Chicken and dessert will be provided. Please bring a side dish to share. After dinner, we will play SNOW THEMED games, activities and crafts. RSVP with the number of people attending, email Cathy Hickman education@larchmontumc.org or text 757-286-5671. We hope you can join us!