

Long Memorial UMC

December 2024

Worship With Us Every Sunday

8:45 AM - Early Service - Chapel

11:00 AM - Worship – Sanctuary

11:00 A.M. – Online (FaceBook)

Anytime – Youtube (Long Memorial UMC)



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PRAYER TEAM

Members of the Prayer Team are offering daily prayers for those on our congregational prayer list and for other loved ones. If you would like to request prayers for someone -- whether they are part of our congregation or not -- please call Martha Butler (336-597-3946). If you would like to be on the Prayer Team, please let Martha know.

Our December schedule is full of exciting opportunities for worship, service, and fun. Here are a few of those events:

THIS SUNDAY EVENING AT LONG MEMORIAL UMC

December 8 – Lovefeast 5:00 P.M. – Church Sanctuary

***Please bring an unwrapped gift or two to place under the Chrismon Tree. These presents will be given to Santa's Helpers and shared with families who are in need this Christmas season. Please bring educational toys or toddler toys.*



LOOKING AHEAD:

December 15 – 11:00 A.M. - Morning Children's Program –
Sanctuary

**** (Usual 8:45 A.M. Service in the Chapel on this date also) ****

December 22 – Lessons and Carols 10:30 A.M. – Church
Sanctuary

**** Only 1 service that morning at 10:30 ****

December 24 – 5:00 P.M. – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

**** Only 1 service ****

JINGLE ON MAIN TONIGHT 12-5-24

The Missions Committee will be serving cookies and hot apple cider in front of Long Memorial UMC on the side lawn during Jingle On Main TONIGHT! This will take place from 5:30 to 8:00 P.M. Come on out!

THANK YOU!!! From The United Women In Faith

The Long Memorial United Women in Faith would like to thank each of you who bought tickets for our Spaghetti Supper and baked goods from our PreSale Bake Sale. We are so grateful for your support. It is because of you that we are able to provide financial contributions on behalf of Long Memorial to many organizations.

Some of the carefully vetted groups we have sent money to in the past year include: Duke Summer Literacy, UMCOR, Backpack Pals, Rocket Care, Christian Help Center, Roots and Wings, Cry Freedom, Safe Haven, Muffins with Moms, and Doughnuts with Dads.

For our congregation, we bought Christmas greenery and kitchen supplies. We host wedding and baby showers for our members, as well as bereavement receptions for families of our congregation.

We placed flowers in the Sanctuary, honoring those celebrating their fiftieth wedding anniversaries, and poinsettias in the Narthex, which are shared with our shut-ins. And, we supported our Bicentennial celebration, Lunch on the Grounds, and Fun Days with our time and monetary gifts.

The LUMC United Women in Faith is a sixty-plus group of active, motivated women who have combined their talents and energies to provide resources for our church and community. We would love to have you join us! We welcome your ideas, insights, and willingness to serve.

SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy is extended to:

...Leah Owen and family in the death of Dr. H. James Owen.

MEDICAL CONCERNS

Eddie Bridges
Sherry Clayton
Sammy Helminger
Elizabeth Sabiston
Ernie Jones
Cindy Hicks
Rosalie Gates
Linda Bridges
Tom Hill Clayton
Dan & Martha Butler
Conrad Kimbrough
Paula Gentry Siegel



ALTAR FLOWERS

Thank you to all those who have generously given altar flowers this year! The sign-up calendar for 2025 will soon be placed in the Narthex. Please stop by and pick a date! Whenever you donate flowers, please remember to remove the arrangement after the 11 a.m. service. You are very much appreciated!!!

CHRISTIAN HELP CENTER NEEDS – In December:

Canned Meats and or Canned Soups and Crackers

A donation basket is available in the hallway between the sanctuary and the church offices. Than you!!!

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

Here is information about our church's 2024 financial giving, as of Sunday, December 1, 2024 (which is 92% of the calendar year):

2024 Budget: \$481,908

Budget divided evenly per Sunday: \$9,267

Budget giving through December 1: \$378,226 (78% of budget)

Amount of Budget to be raised: \$103,682 (22% of the budget)

Sunday, December 1 budget giving: \$7,030

We have 4 Sundays remaining in the year.

We thank you for your faithfulness in discerning what God has called you to share. We trust that God will help us all be good stewards of the blessings God has provided! We still have some catching up to do to meet all of our obligations by the end of the year, including about \$40,000 toward our apportionments.

As a reminder, you can make contributions to the church by cash or check on Sundays or during office hours throughout the week, or you can use the "Vanco Mobile" app on your phone to make single or recurring payments, or you can arrange through the church office to utilize an Electronic Funds Transfer (direct deposit) on a regular basis. If you wish to change your EFT amount, please send an email to LMfinsec@esinc.net or come to the office to fill out a form. You can also mail a check to the church's PO box: Long Memorial UMC, PO Box 310, Roxboro, NC 27573.

FROM BACKPACK PALS

Thank you so much for all the goodies you donated to Backpack Pals for our special Christmas bags for the children.

These are some of the students you will be helping.

- A young girl, who told her teacher that sometimes she is able to eat dinner, and sometimes she has no dinner.
- A grandmother, who just got custody of her grandchildren and does not know how she will feed all of them.
- A little boy, who was taking food home from school because he would have nothing to eat when he got home.

One of our school counselors told us, "These bags mean so much more than just nutrition. They mean security. They give the children something to look forward to as they head home to difficult situations. They mean someone cares."

Thank you for being people who care!



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

December 01 – Levi Gilbert
December 03 – Avery Hightower
December 04 – Patti Morgan
December 05 – Mitch Pergerson
December 06 – Kim Carver, Lucas Strachan
December 08 – George Gentry
December 10 – Don Hill
December 11 – Mackenzie Clayton
December 12 – Dolly Denton, Aiden Strachan
December 14 – Caroline Cates, Jerry Groce
December 15 – Becky Brann
December 16 – Jamie Young, Nancy Lee Newell, Brian Lowery
December 18 – Cooper Weinberger, Meg Denton
December 20 – Ernie Jones
December 21 – Clay Tuck
December 22 – Ron Johnson
December 25 – Scott Paith
December 27 – David Lewis
December 28 – Cathy Lowery, Susan Claire Bailey
December 29 – Nannette Carver
December 30 – Will Carver, Gracie Sandy

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

January 01 – Paige Fitzgerald

January 03 – Ben Tillett

January 05 – Linda Mabe

January 09 – Mary Calhoun

January 10 – John Ducker

January 13 – Keith Starr, Morgan Stovall

January 19 – Orion Castelo

January 20 – Tommy Clayton

January 25 – Deborah Burke, Frances Brown

January 28 – Kyle Gilbert

January 29 – James Mundy

January 30 – Abby Hicks

Merry Christmas!

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED DECEMBER 24, 25, 26, 27 FOR CHRISTMAS.

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