

Long Memorial UMC

November 2025

Worship With On Sunday

8:45 AM – Early Service - Chapel

11:00 AM - Worship – Sanctuary

11:00 AM – 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.

THE LAST YEAR FOR US!

For the past 10 years, we have helped organize the servers and "meal" for the Lovefeast, which is near and dear to our hearts. But the time has come that we would like to enjoy this beautiful service with our family and children. With that being said, this will be the last year we will be in charge of organizing volunteers for this service. It is such a beautiful service not only enjoyed by our church members but our community as well. We would really like the Lovefeast service to continue.

This year, we would like for someone to work with us who will take over our position for next year. There are many spokes in the wheel that make this service come together, and it will be good to help alongside us this year.

The first Lovefeast at Long Memorial was started by Rev. Charles Smith in December 1979, and I know our church would like to see this beautiful tradition continue.

Please contact either of us or Pastor Ed ASAP to express your interest in this. We will start recruiting volunteers very soon.
The Lovefeast service is Sunday, December 7th.

In Christ,
Jeanne Webster (336) 583-6995 and
Courtney Harding (336) 583-8105

MEDICAL CONCERNS

Linda Bridges	Eddie Bridges
Tom Hill Clayton	Ted Michie
Phyllis Tuck	Leon Long
Jean Andrews	Susie Ainsworth
Norma Sabiston	

SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy is extended to:

...John and Sarah Illsley in the death of John's father, Ron Illsley;
...Maribel & Kenneth Strachan in the death of Maribel's grandmother, Lucia Bautista;
...Linda & Doug Mabe in the death of Linda's mother, Frances Fulton.

NAMING OF THE SAINTS ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2025

Harold James "Jim" Owen
Alfred "Al" Franklin Cole, Jr.
Diana Bridges Smith
Betty Ross Stewart
Linda Rice Morris
John Daniel "Dan" Butler
Irma Margarethe Stonbraker

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

The family of Irma Stonbraker would like to thank our Long Memorial community for their loving support and kind expressions of sympathy.

LOVE FEAST HELPERS ARE NEEDED FOR THIS YEAR!

We are looking for volunteers to help serve during the Lovefeast on Sunday, December 7th at 5:00 P.M. Please contact by call or text Jeanne Webster (336-583-6995) or Courtney Harding (336-583-8105) as soon as possible. THANK YOU!!



DATES TO REMEMBER AT LONG MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

NOVEMBER

Pilgrimage Weekend – Friday, November 7 through Sunday, November 9

Spaghetti Dinner & Bake Sale – Friday, November 21, 4:00 until 7:00 P.M.

Church Decorated for Christmas – After 1:00 P.M. – Monday, November 24th, Tuesday, November 25th, & Wednesday, November 26th

DECEMBER

Jingle On Main – P.M. – Thursday, December 4th

Lovefeast – 5 P.M. – Sunday, December 7th

***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.*

Children's Christmas Program – P.M. – Sunday, December 14th

Lessons & Carols Service – 10:30 A.M. (only) – Sunday, December 21st

Christmas Eve Service – 5:00 P.M. -Wednesday, December 24th

**BELOW IS A LIST OF THE MOST NEEDED FOOD ITEMS AT
THE CHRISTIAN HELP CENTER. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO
CONTRIBUTE WE HAVE A BASKET IN THE HALLWAY JUST
PAST THE CHURCH LIBRARY DOOR.**

Canned Meat or Fish
Canned Vegetables
Canned or Dry Milk
Canned or Dry Beans

Spaghetti Sauce
Canned Fruit
Peanut Butter
Chicken or Tuna Helper

Pasta
Rice (1lb bags)
Soup & Crackers
Healthy Snack

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

This month, our church is focusing on stewardship, and there are numerous requests and announcements regarding fundraisers and donations. I've heard worries and complaints before (the age-old church feedback), all we talk about is money!

The reality is that those in leadership in churches often worry, pray, and plan about how to keep the church running. The only way to do that is to share the news about where we are. Those who sit in our pews and hear that have to balance their own personal finances with the needs all around them. It seems everybody wants a piece of whatever we have.

From a church stewardship perspective, all that we have is God's. Whether our income is fixed and allocated by the government, we Methodists and Christians really believe that God blesses us, even with that. It comes from God, and we are stewards, managers, of it. Maybe we only have a few dollars from an allowance or some odd jobs, but we Christians believe that God blesses us even with that. It comes from God, and we are stewards, managers, of it. Perhaps we are living from check to check, but Christians believe that God has blessed us even in that. It comes from God, and we are stewards, managers, of it. Perhaps we earn more than we need to cover our monthly bills and expenses, allowing us to save every month. It comes from God, and we are stewards, managers, of it. We Christians believe that God has blessed us even with that. It comes from God, and we are stewards, managers, of it. Perhaps we have held lucrative jobs, or we have benefited from an inheritance or gift from someone. We Christians believe that God has blessed us even with that. It comes from God, and we are stewards, managers, of it.

Do you see a pattern here? When a season of church life includes a pledge campaign, and the youth are going somewhere and raising money, and there are various projects, and then there are bills and obligations to pay, it can feel overwhelming, perhaps. Maybe it leads to some feelings of guilt, resentment, or inadequacy. I wish I could snap my fingers and fund everything for everyone. But I can't. Here's what I think we can do.

We can open our hearts to the possibility that God will help us discern. Some of us can feel a calling – maybe it's a season where you don't have much money or time, and it's all you can do to care for your family. Maybe you can share your prayers. Perhaps it's a season where you have discovered that you are sticking to your monthly budget, and you have decided to give the first tenth of your income to the church. Perhaps you don't feel a strong call to help with a building project, but you love the church's ministry to children, so you respond when a need arises there. Or perhaps you value the importance of building permanent structures, so you contribute to endowments, repairs, or improvements to facilities. All of this reflects being a good steward and a good manager of what God has entrusted to you. Just because people are sharing the needs, doesn't mean you have to give to all of them, or any of them. All the sharing is just an invitation.

We can pray – God, all that I have is yours. I thank you for it. You desire for me to have enough, and for my neighbors to have enough. You desire for all of us to share, according to the gifts you have given us. I ask you to reveal to me how you would like me to share. Thank you for your provision, whether it comes through the food pantry, a paycheck, or the generosity of a relative or neighbor. Everything comes from you, and I am thankful. When I don't know how I will make it, when it doesn't seem to be enough, I pray that you will make a way. Show me how to benefit from your gifts, but also show me ways to share the gifts you have given me, so that I may be a blessing to others. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

Pastor,
Ed



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UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH SPAGHETTI SUPPER & BAKE SALE

When: Friday, November 21st – 4:00-7:00 P.M.

Where: Harris Fellowship Hall

Eat In Or Take Out

Tickets \$10

See any circle member for tickets or the church office.

STAFF LOVE OFFERING

During the month of November the SPRC Committee is asking the congregation to participate in a love offering for our staff, to be presented to them in December. We as members of Long Memorial are fortunate to have such a dedicated, dependable and caring staff whom we all love and rely on. Please join in and make this a special show of appreciation. Please designate your contribution "STAFF LOVE OFFERING" Thanks in advance for your show of support.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

November 02 – Mike Miller
November 07 – Shirley Bradsher
November 08 – Wilkes Groce, Kaitlyn Lytle
November 09 - Jackson Douma, Christopher Douma
November 10 – Jim Stovall, Claudia Berryhill
November 13 – Joe Weinberger, Cindy Hicks
November 15 – Barbara Alexander
November 17 – Jona Fitzgerald
November 18 – Johnny Bradsher
November 21 - Bradley Day, Brent Groce
November 27 – Gloria Bumpass
November 29 – Annalise Illsley
November 30 – Jo Ann Taylor, Baylor Gentry

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 12 – Dolly Denton, Aiden Strachan
December 14 – Caroline Cates, Jerry Groce
December 15 – Becky Brann, Nathaniel Illsley
December 16 – Jamie Young, Nancy Lee Newell, Brian Lowery
December 18 – Cooper Weinberger, Meg Denton
December 21 – Clay Tuck
December 22 – Ron Johnson
December 25 – Scott Paith
December 27 – Dave Lewis
December 28 – Cathy Lowery, Susan Claire Bailey
December 29 – Nannette Carver
December 30 – Will Carver, Gracie Sandy



BACKPACK PALS UPDATE 2025-2026

First, many thanks to everyone who supports this worthwhile project. Our first distribution was January 2012 at two schools for 30 students. Today we deliver to all our elementary schools and two middle schools, serving over 350 students. The program runs on donations from individuals, companies, and the Durham Food Bank.

This year our current packers are Mark and Maxine Galloway, Susan Hester, and Carol Hadley. They pack on Tuesdays and new packers are always welcome. Packers support the entire Backpack Pals program. They are dependable and very much appreciated.

Our deliverers support Stories Creek School directly. They are Sue Wilkerson, Ed Priestaf, Mark Ramey, Amy Bayliff, Nancy Newell, Janna Kisner, Susan Hester, Lou Lockhart, Linda Mabe, Gary Perkins, Michelle Young, Bob and Patti Morgan, and Robert and Cheryl Allen. They pick up and deliver the packs on Tuesdays. As are our packers, our deliverers are dependable and very much appreciated.

Please continue your support by making monetary donations and by providing plastic grocery bags, special holiday treats, and other items on an as needed basis. A donations box is in the Narthex. Also please feel free to order on Amazon for direct delivery to Bekki Batton, our director.

Again, thanks for supporting BackPack Pals. You help make a difference in a kid's life every week! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Cheryl Allen, LMUMC BackPacks Coordinator
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2026 PLEDGE TIME

FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

We will have brief messages given by members of the congregation from October 26 through November 23 as we begin our stewardship campaign for the coming year. The members of the finance committee are tasked with completing a budget which allocates the funds to keep the church running which includes salaries (the largest portion of our budget goes to salaries), maintenance of the facilities, programming and an apportionment to the United Methodist Conference.

We are asking the families to commit to paper what you are planning to give for the next year in order for us to make sure our budget will be fundable and that we can continue to provide all of the wonderful services you have come to expect from Long Memorial. (The finance committee will not see any of the individual amounts given, only the total of all commitments.)

“Whoever sows sparingly, will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Corinthians 9:6-7)

The Finance Committee
Patti Morgan Chair

**Please complete this form and put it in the envelope
and place in the collection plate. This will be kept confidential.**

Name: _____

Amount Pledged for 2026 _____

weekly, monthly, or yearly

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON
THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27 & 28
FOR THANKSGIVING.

God, please grant us one more blessing...a thankful heart.

