

# Long Memorial UMC

*February 2026*

## **Worship With Us Every Sunday**

8:45 A.M. – Early Service - Chapel

11:00 AM – Worship – Sanctuary

Live Stream on Youtube  
Anytime – Youtube (Long Memorial UMC)



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## **WERE YOU MARRIED IN 1976?**

If this is the year of your 50th wedding anniversary please e-mail information to the church office: [longmemorial@esinc.net](mailto:longmemorial@esinc.net) or call Peggy at 336-599-1193.

**\*\*\*\*\*IN BAD WEATHER PLEASE DO NOT USE CHAPEL OR  
FRONT MAIN STREET ENTRANCE.\*\*\*\*\***

## **FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

I was thinking the other day about our worship services and why we worship as we worship. In our church tradition, we follow a mixture of liturgy and spontaneity. "Liturgy" is a word that means "a form according to which public worship is conducted." We do what we do because it plays an important role in forming and shaping who we are as followers of Jesus.

In our United Methodist liturgy, worshipers are shaped by unifying language. I don't know if you've ever noticed, but our liturgies use "we" and "us" more often than "I" and "me." From the opening call and response that includes "Let us rejoice and be glad in it!" to the call to worship that includes, for example, "We honor God by honoring these, our brothers and sisters," to a passage in an opening hymn, "We feebly struggle, they in glory shine . . . and all are one in thee, for all are thine," (*For All The Saints, United Methodist Hymnal*, p. 711) the emphasis is on our shared experience and posture as the fellowship of God. This is a stark contrast with the cultural norms and individualistic values of our world. Typically, we further underscore the themes in the liturgy with scriptures that highlight an identification with (and faithfulness to) one another as one people. When we participate in Holy Communion, we acknowledge that in Christ we are one with God and with one another as the church. "We have sinned, we are forgiven, we are one body, thanks be to God!" That's not to say that we have no individual responsibility; rather, the intention is that we are surrounded by and united with a community in which we can live and move and have our being. In that context, we are invited to a shared mission and encouraged to extend that sense of belonging, forgiveness, and love to those who have not yet experienced it.

When we gather for worship, we are further shaped by actual participation. We are not merely digesting information, as we would if we were reading a book, and we are not merely detached observers watching some curious spectacle from afar. We are participants in ascribing worth, praise, and glory to God. Each worshiper who chooses to participate speaks aloud, offering their melodic voice and praying words of profound meaning. Even those who stream the worship service from home are encouraged to sing the songs and pray the prayers, with lyrics printed on their screens. For example, we do not merely *learn about* what Christ did on the night he was betrayed, but we actually eat the bread and drink the wine as he instructed us to do. We do not merely *think about* what others have done to show their love, but we can make our own offering – not under compulsion but in response to invitation. We do not merely *say* it's important to practice

hospitality; we take a few moments to look one another in the eye and shake hands as we pass the peace of Christ.

When we gather for worship, we are shaped by the various invitations to act in ways that spread God's love. We are encouraged to forgive one another; indeed, we practice saying it as we echo the blessing of forgiveness, "In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven." In the proclamation, worshipers are encouraged to find some people who don't have people and commit to them as our people. If that is too much to ask for some, worshipers are reminded that by God's grace, this is a place where other people love them, support them, and where they can come to belong. After receiving the elements, we ask God for help to "go into the world in the strength of our Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ." (*United Methodist Hymnal, A Service of Word and Table Service I, p. 11*)

Whether we are aware of it or not, when we come together to worship God we are being formed and shaped together as the people of God!

## **CHURCH SECURITY MEETING – ALL ARE WELCOME!!!**

Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> 7:00 P.M. – Harris Hall –  
Church Security Meeting. Police Chief Hess will conduct this meeting about CHURCH  
SECURITY AND OUR SAFETY.

## **UPCOMING ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**

Ash Wednesday Service (Chapel) – 6:00 P.M. – February 18th

## **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.

## **SYMPATHY:**

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the following families in the loss of their loved ones the months of December through February:

Family of Tom Hill Clayton;  
Family of Wayne Grier Winstead  
Family of Susie Andrews Ainsworth



## **MEDICAL CONCERNS**

Debrah Bradsher  
Harriett Tillett  
Maxine Galloway  
Jim Owen (new visitor)  
Lois Winstead  
Eddie & Linda Bridges  
Jean Andrews  
Phyllis Tuck  
Norma Sabiston

## **BIBLE STUDY**

Long Memorial UMC will be offering a weekly Bible Study for the next 8 weeks on Thursday mornings in the church library. If you are interested in joining us please call Carol Tucker at (336-504-3847) to get your book ordered.



## **UPCOMING EVENTS AT LONG MEMORIAL UMC**

### **FEBRUARY**

Sweetheart Luncheon – Noon – Sunday, February 15

Ash Wednesday Service – 6:00 P.M. – Chapel – Wednesday, February 18

Church Security Presentation by Police Chief Hess – 7:00 P.M. -  
Tuesday, February 24 - Harris Fellowship Hall **ALL ARE WELCOME**

First Lenten Luncheon & Devotion Time – Noon – Wednesday,  
February 25 – Harris Hall & Kitchen



### **MARCH**

Second Lenten Luncheon & Devotion Time – Noon – Wednesday, March 4,  
Harris Hall & Kitchen

Time Change (Spring Forward) – Saturday, March 7 (before going to bed)

Youth Sunday – 8:45 & 11:00 A.M. – Sunday, March 8  
(youth breakfast at 10:00 A.M. – Harris Hall)

Third Lenten Luncheon & Devotion Time – Noon – Wednesday, March 11

Jaycee Sunday & Prayer Breakfast – Sunday, March 15

Fourth Lenten Luncheon & Devotion Time – Noon – Wednesday, March 18

Preschool Sunday – 11:00 A.M. – Sunday, March 22

Night In New York – Sunday, March 22 – 6:00 P.M. – Harris Hall

Fifth Lenten Luncheon & Devotion Time – Noon – Wednesday, March 25

Preschool Art Show – 4:00 – 7:00 P.M. Thursday – March 26 – Harris Hall

Palm Sunday Service – 10:30 A.M. (only) March 29

Palm Sunday Lunch – Noon – Sunday, March 29

Children’s Easter Egg Hunt – 1:00 P.M. – Sunday, March 29

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**APRIL**

Holy Thursday – 7:00 P.M. – April 2 - Sanctuary

Easter Service – 10:30 A.M. (only) – April 5 – Sanctuary

Church Office Closed – Monday – April 6

Church Under Tent – 10:30 A.M. (only) – Sunday, April 19 with Lunch to follow

Church Council – 6:00 P.M. – April 21 – Harris Hall

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**MAY**

Mother’s Day Sunday – 11:00 A.M. - Sunday, May 10 (Baby Bottle Drive begins)

Preschool Graduation Week – May 12, 13 & 14

Graduation Sunday 11:00 A.M. & Lunch - Noon - Sunday, May 17

Church Office Closed – Monday, May 25

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**JUNE**

PUMP Dinner – Tuesday June 2 – Harris Hall

Last Choir & Bell Practice before summer break – Wednesday, June 3

Preschool Summer Camp Week – 9:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M. – Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup>

Literacy Orientation - Thursday, June 11 – 3:00-7:00 P.M. - Harris Hall

Vacation Bible School – 9:00 A.M. - Noon – June 15<sup>th</sup> – June 17<sup>th</sup>

Annual Conference – June 18 -19

Literacy Orientation - Friday, June 19 – 9:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M. - Harris Hall

Father’s Day – Sunday, June 21 – Baby Bottles to be returned to church

Summer Literacy Camp Begins – A.M. & P.M. daily Monday, June 22 through Friday, July 24 – Harris Hall & 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

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**JULY**

Church Closed – Monday, July 6

Summer Literacy Camp – A.M. & P.M. daily June 22 through July 24

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**AUGUST**

United Methodist Women In Faith Picnic - August 9 – TBA

Youth – begins back Sunday, August 16 – 5:00 P.M.

Church Council – August 18 – 6:00 P.M. – Harris Hall  
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**SEPTEMBER**

PUMP Dinner – Tuesday, September 1 – 7:00 P.M.

Preschool Begins – TBA

Choir Practice resumes – Wednesday, September 2



**OCTOBER**

Youth Fund Raiser Lunch – Noon – Sunday, October 11 – Harris Hall

Trunk or Treat – Sunday, October 25 – 4:30 – 6:00 P.M. – Parking Lot

Time Change (Fall Back) – Saturday, October 31 (before going to bed)



**NOVEMBER**

Pilgrimage Weekend – Friday, November 13 through Sunday November 15

Annual Spaghetti Dinner – Friday, November 13, 4:30 – 7:00 P.M. (sponsored by UWF)

Preschool Thanksgiving Service – Friday, November 20 – Sanctuary & Harris Hall

Church Decorated for Christmas – November 22

First Sunday of Advent – November 19



**DECEMBER**

Jingle On Main – 5:30-8:00 P.M. – Thursday, December 3

Lovefeast – 5 P.M. – Sunday, December 6

Children’s Christmas Program – 5:00 P.M. – Sunday, December 13

Church Wide Breakfast – 9:30 A.M. & Lessons & Carols Service – 10:30 A.M. (only) – Sunday, December 20

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

Please note that the Long Memorial Event Calendar is available on our website [longmemorialumc.org](http://longmemorialumc.org) (no www) under the menu heading **What's Up?**

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Dear Church Family,

We are excited to remind our 60 and older congregation members about our upcoming **Sweetheart Luncheon** on **Sunday, February 15**, immediately following the 11:00 AM service.

This special afternoon is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and connection. Our youth will be joining us as they learn about the history of our church through the stories and experiences of our cherished members. They are looking forward to spending time with you and celebrating the many ways you have helped shape our church family.

Lunch will include a fresh salad, baked ziti, dessert, tea, and water. Most importantly, it will be a time filled with warmth, appreciation, and meaningful conversation.

We hope you will plan to stay after service and join us for this sweet time together!

Autumn Gentry

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### **CHRISTIAN HELP CENTER NEEDS:**

Canned Meats & Canned Beans

### **BACKPACK PALS UP**

Our Long Memorial volunteers are doing a wonderful job of packing and delivering food for at-risk students at Stories Creek Elementary. The entire countywide program is feeding some 400 students each week. Long Memorial's support of BackPack Pals has been vital to the program's success and we thank you.

Please continue to support BackPack Pals by placing food items and grocery bags in our box in the Narthex. Also, please continue placing orders on Amazon, which are sent directly to our director.

We are requesting a special donation to help cover our students during their one-week spring break in April. These special contributions will supplement their food supply. We

are looking for Lo Mein noodles and microwave popcorn, but any and all donations are greatly appreciated. In addition, monetary donations are always welcome and can be sent to Backpack Pals, P.O. Box 1720, Roxboro, NC 27573.

On behalf of Backpack Pals of Person County, thank you!

Cheryl Allen  
BackPack Pals Long Memorial Coordinator

## **THE LENTEN LUNCHESES**

Join us on Wednesdays – February 25 through March 25 from Noon until 1:00 P.M. in Harris Fellowship Hall for our annual community Lenten Lunches and devotional time.

\*February 25 – Rev. Emily Van Allen - Roxboro Baptist Church

\*March 4 - Rev. Albert Lelo Luemba Tamba, CICM - Saints Mary and Edward Catholic Church

\*March 11 - Rev. Matt Bowman - Roxboro Presbyterian Church

\*March 18 - Bishop Cleve Brandon - Compassionate Ministries and President of the Person County Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance

March 25 - Rev. Bill Bennett - St. Mark's Episcopal Church

The meals are prepared by Long Memorial's United Women in Faith and the cost is \$10, but we never turn anyone away. The proceeds are used to support UWF missions.

Each participating church provides a musical selection and a homily/devotion.

The meals and program are served in the Harris Hall, which is the rear-entrance of the church next to the playground. Long Memorial UMC is located at 226 North Main St., Roxboro, NC 27573, across from the Kirby Theater. For questions about Long Memorial or this Lenten Lunch series, please send a message to [longmemorial@esinc.net](mailto:longmemorial@esinc.net) or call the church office at (336) 599-1193.

## **HELP US FIND OUR MISSING TABLECLOTHS**

We are missing 2 navy blue rectangle tablecloths that are used for special occasions on the tables in the Harris Fellowship Hall. If you have borrowed them please return these to the Harris Hall. – THANK YOU

## **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME**

Don't forget to turn your clocks UP (SPRING FORWARD) one hour before going to bed on Saturday night March 7<sup>th</sup>.



### **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  
January 19 – Orion Castelo  
January 20 – Tommy Clayton  
January 24 – Janet Clayton  
January 25 – Deborah Burke, Frances Brown  
January 28 – Kyle Gilbert  
January 29 – James Mundy  
January 30 – Abby Hicks

### **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

February 02 – Matthew Carver  
February 03 – Judy Robinson, Casey Gentry  
February 05 – Steve Medford  
February 09 – Felicia Allen, Eric Sandy, Emmery Duncan  
February 10 – Amy Bayliff  
February 11 – Eddie Bridges, Chris Atkins, Betsy Sandy  
February 14 – Gordon Carver  
February 15 – Maribel Strachan  
February 16 – John Lacy Harris  
February 19 – Joseph Weinberger  
February 22 – Jay Bayliff, Emily Rogers  
February 24 – Hunt Fitzgerald  
February 25 – Jim Kurst

### **MARCH BIRTHDAYS:**

March 01 – Teresa Fitzgerald  
March 03 – Brooke Winstead  
March 05 – Kelly Duncan  
March 07 – Lois M. Winstead, Tom Fitzgerald  
March 09 – Danny Talbert, Bradsher Atkins  
March 10 - Tonya Gentry  
March 14 - Stephen Paith, Kaiden Denny  
March 18 - Jamie Mundy  
March 19 – Avery Gentry  
March 21 – Nancy Day  
March 22 – Beverly Hicks  
March 24 – Autumn Gentry  
March 26 - Sherry MacIntosh, John Illsley  
March 28 - Glenn Long, Madison Duncan  
March 29 - Leah Owen, Harriett Tillett  
March 31 - Doug Mabe, Donna Kurst

### **APRIL BIRTHDAYS:**

April 03 – Laura Atkins  
April 09 – Al Taylor, Sally Humphries, Cheryl Allen  
April 10 – Vickie Carver, Nicholas Young  
April 11 – Harriett Adcock  
April 21 – Alicia Puryear  
April 22 – Blaine Duncan  
April 29 – Harrison Hicks

### **NOTE OF THANKS**

Judy, Nancy and Jennifer wish to thank everyone for their kindness shown at the time of the passing of our father and husband, Wayne Winstead. We appreciate so much the cards and money donated to the choir fund. We were so grateful also for those who attended Wayne's funeral.

-Judy Winstead