

Layer Family Newsletter

July 2025



Greetings & Blessings Family

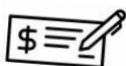
The 2025 Family Reunion is quickly approaching, and we're excited to share important updates, opportunities, and what to expect! To ensure everyone is informed and has a chance to ask questions, we will host a **Virtual Family Town Hall** on **Saturday, July 19th** from **10:00 AM to 11:00 AM ET** via Zoom. During this session, we'll walk through reunion weekend details, payment options, scholarship info, and more. There will also be time for Q&A.

Zoom meeting link: [click here](#)
Zoom meeting ID: 935 5436 2459
Passcode: 097481



If you're unable to attend live, don't worry—the meeting will be recorded and posted on our YouTube channel so you can watch it at your convenience.

Reminder: Our New Payment Portal and Payment Options



We're excited to announce the launch of our new payment portal, making it easier than ever to manage your family payments. Our new portal offers a range of payment options, including credit card, bank transfer, and automatic recurring payments. This update **will allow us to process annual dues (\$30 per adult), donations, and fundraising more efficiently** and provide a better user experience.

To access the new portal, please [click on this link](#) (or use the QR code). If you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out to our administration team at layerfamily.org@gmail.com.



Other payment methods include:

- CASH APP: [\\$LayerFamily](#)
- Check by mail: To Be Announced

Weekend Itinerary

Date	Event	Time & Location
Friday Aug. 29 th	Travel Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Settle in at hotels• Mingle, swim, and relax with family
Saturday Aug. 30 th	Meet & Greet (Coffee Hour)	Buckeystown UMC #80 6923 Michaels Mill Rd. Buckeystown, MD 21717
	Memorial Service	- Meet & Greet @9:30 AM (T-shirt, weekend itinerary, and food wristband pick for State Reps) - Memorial Service @11 AM
	Evening Kickback @5pm	Fourth Dimension Fun Center 4725 Arcadia Drive Frederick, MD 21703
Sunday Aug. 31 st	Cookout* (Catering by <i>Francis Food Co.</i>) <i>Park Hours: 8am to 8pm</i>	Ballenger Creek Park 5420 Ballenger Creek Pike Frederick, MD 21703 Park Pavilion #1 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2pm: Arrival time• 2:30-4pm: Family Games (light refreshments will be provided by LFR)• 4-7pm: Food will be served• 7pm: Clean up begins (state reps and volunteers)

Monday Sep. 1 st	Farewell Breakfast @10am	Golden Corral Buffet & Grill 5621 Spectrum Dr, Frederick, MD 21703
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*Sunday Cookout Details: Will be catered by *Francis Food Co.* Everyone pays to eat (kids ages 8 & under eat for free). Wrist bands will be issued and will serve as meal tickets (Your annual family dues include LFR food ticket).



New Leadership Positions, Steering Committee and Organizational Chart

We're pleased to announce the appointment of several new leaders within our family organization. The new leadership team will work together to drive growth, innovation, and community engagement.

- President: Marcus Layer
- Vice President: Lana Brown
- Treasurer: Lynn Whiten
- Financial Secretary: Danelle Williams

In addition, we are excited to announce the launch of our new Family Steering Committee (SC)! This committee is comprised of dedicated family members who will meet quarterly throughout the year to discuss and vote on important decisions that affect our family. The committee's goal is to ensure that every voice is heard, and every decision is made with the best interests of the family in mind.

Below is our updated organizational chart.

If you have any questions or would like to get in touch with our new leaders, please don't hesitate to reach out at layerfamily.org@gmail.com.

LFR Lodging

Please note there has been a price increase in hotels across the board in recent years (please plan accordingly). As always feel free to stay at a more affordable hotels that best fit your budget. Or consider coming as a group and stay at an Airbnb.

The hotels designated as the location for LFR will be Springhill by Marriott and the Comfort Inn.

Hotel	Details (Address & Phone)
Springhill by Marriott	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 111 Byte Drive Frederick, MD 21702 • (301) 835-01111
Comfort Inn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7300 Executive Way Frederick MD 21704 • (301) 668-7272

Both hotel options have pool and breakfast options.

LFR 2025 T-Shirts

Official LFR 2025 T-shirts will be provided by *RC Imprints*.



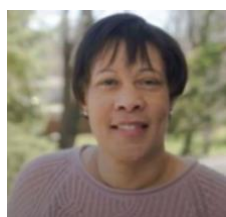
- Design: **Purple** T-shirt – see below.
- How to Order:
 - 1) Visit family payment portal to order online
 - 2) Reps will provide t-shirts during the memorial service on Saturday
- **Order Deadline** - **Deadline Jul. 31st, 2025**
- Cost: **\$25** per shirt
 - Adult Sizes (unisex): 4X, 3X, 2X, XL, L, M, S
 - Youth Sizes (unisex): XL, L, M, S



Layer Family Memorial Scholarship (LFMS) Updates!



The Layer Family Memorial Scholarship (LFMS) supports family members pursuing higher education and training by providing financial assistance. By honoring our past loved ones who valued and understood the power of education, the LFMS committee is dedicated to helping recipients achieve their academic and career goals. This initiative also serves to recognize the significance of education and to support aspiring future generations.



The LFMS was established by Vernon Ambush, Shirley Ambush, and our beloved Marcia Layer-Howard. Marcia was a dedicated science educator, a children's book author, a devoted servant of God, and a loving wife, mother, sister, cousin, and friend. We invite all extended family to support the LFMS in her honor—either by serving on the committee or [contributing financially to the fund](#).

NEW: African Quilt Silent Auction Fundraiser (Sunday)

To raise additional scholarship funds and honor Marcia's legacy, we will hold a silent auction for a stunning handmade African quilt during the Sunday cookout. This beautiful quilt represents family, tradition, and cultural pride. Proceeds will go directly to the LFMS fund.

Stay tuned—we'll share a photo of the quilt on social media ahead of the reunion so you can start planning your bid!

Lastly, we are happy to inform you that our 1st LFMS recipients will be announced at the 2025 Layer Family Reunion! See details below:

Applications now open!

Deadline: August 29, 2025

Eligibility:

- Must be a Layer descendant
- Must be accepted into college, trade school, or certification program
- Must submit a short essay
- Scholarship recipients or family representative are requested to attend the Memorial Service to receive awards.

📄 Download application from our family website (<https://layerfamily.org>) and send completed form and documents to:

Shirley Ambush – shirley.ambush@verizon.net

Vernon Ambush – vernon.ambush@verizon.net

We sincerely appreciate our family donors who gave to the LFMS at our 2023 Layer Family Reunion.

Pat Brazil	Otis & Danelle Williams
Scooter Brown	Brison Hopper
Shannon Negussie	Jessica Brown-Layer
Jerry Brown	Karleas Thompson
Tammye & Kip Layer	Tyrae Layer
Tammy & John Andrews	Gary and Aleta Bell
Darwin Phillips	Samuel Layer
Sonny Layer	Sean & Michelle Ambush
Pam Layer	Asha Williams
Shirley Ambush	Whitney Ambush
Toni & Davis Dorsey	LaShawn & Randy Layer
Ronald Howard	Martin LaTrisheka & Salaig
Lana Brown	Beverly Pannell

To God Be the Glory,
The Layer Family Memorial Scholarship Committee

Stay Connected on our Website & Social Media



Join us online to stay up to date on the latest family news, events, and initiatives:

- Website: <https://layerfamily.org>
- Linktree: <https://linktr.ee/LayerFamily>
- Facebook: [Layer Family Reunion](#) (private group)

- Instagram: [@layer family](#)
- YouTube: [@layerfamilyreunion](#)

What to bring on Sunday?

- **BYOB.** We understand that everyone likes different beverages, and it can be difficult to accommodate everyone's preferences. Therefore, we are encouraging each family member to bring their own choice of beverage. This will also help reduce waste and expenses.



We kindly ask that you bring enough for yourself and a little extra to share, if possible. The LFR will provide water and tea (ice will not be provided).

- Are you an entrepreneur? Creator? The LFR will have an entrepreneur booth! Bring your business cards and product samples to advertise your business. This will be a great way for family members to support each other and learn about new products and services.
- *Sweets & Treats* Potluck



It's time to get your sweet tooth ready! From cakes to cookies, brownies to tarts, you are welcome to bring any dessert that tickles your fancy. We encourage you to bring enough to share, so everyone can get a taste of your delicious creation. LFR will provide cupcakes.

Gift Basket Silent Raffle (*Sunday*)



We're excited to announce that there will be a silent raffle (instead of giveaways) at this year's family reunion! We've come up with some amazing, themed baskets that you won't want to miss out on.

Here are just a few basket examples that could be up for grabs:

1. **Movie Night Basket:** This basket is filled with all the essentials for a cozy night in. It includes popcorn, candy, a cozy blanket, and a selection of classic movies.
2. **Beach Day Basket:** Get ready for a day of fun in the sun with this beach-themed basket. It includes sunscreen, a beach towel, beach ball, and other beach essentials.
3. **BBQ Basket:** Fire up the grill with this BBQ basket, which includes all the tools you need to cook up a delicious meal. From spices and marinades to grilling tools and aprons, this basket has it all.
4. **Self-Care Basket:** Take some time for yourself with this self-care basket. It includes spa essentials like bath bombs, candles, and a luxurious robe.
5. **Sports Fan Basket:** Show your team spirit with this sports-themed basket. It includes jerseys, hats, and other fan gear.

These are just a few examples of the amazing baskets that will be available at the silent raffle. One free ticket will be provided to all wristband attendees, and more tickets will be available for purchase. We can't wait to see which ones you'll bid on!

Committee Sign-Up Form and Roles & Responsibility Documents



We're seeking enthusiastic members to join our various committees. These committees will focus on different areas such as the reunion events, community outreach, and more. Please review the roles and responsibility documents linked below and [sign up via this form](#).

Committee Member Roles & Responsibility Documents:

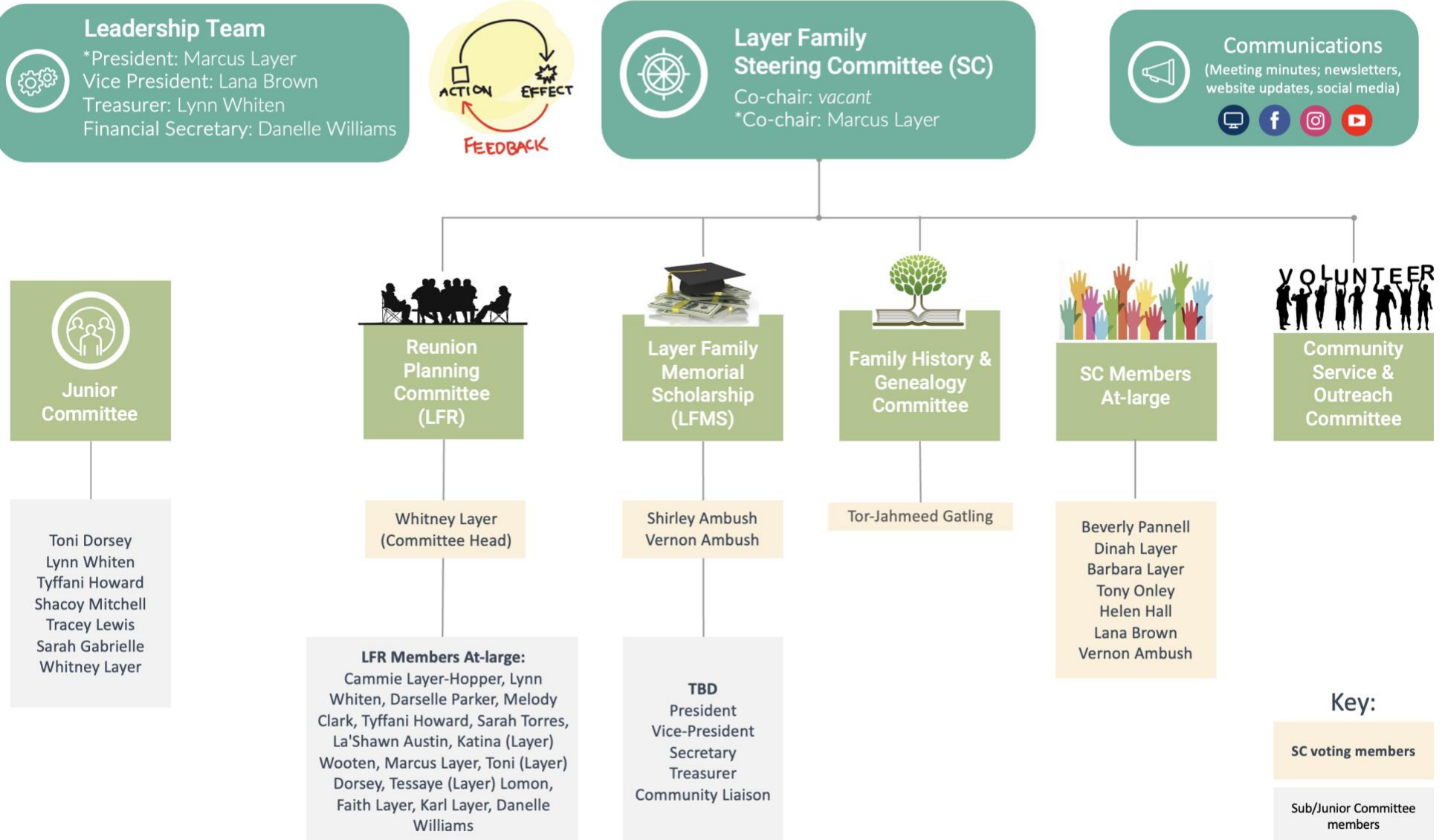
- [Reunion Planning Committee \(LFR\)](#)
- [Layer Family Memorial Scholarship \(LFMS\)](#)
- [Family History & Genealogy Committee](#)
- [Steering Committee At-Large](#)
- [Junior Steering Committee](#)
- [Community Service & Outreach Committee](#)

Get Involved and Make a Difference!

We're excited about the opportunities ahead and hope you'll join us in shaping the future of our family. If you have any questions or suggestions, please don't hesitate to reach out at layerfamily.org@gmail.com.







Thank you for your continued support and participation.

Layer Family Organizational Chart



LFR Planning Committee Members








Leadership Team

Position	Name / Email	
 Head of Planning Committee		Whitney Layer wjlayer04@gmail.com
 Treasurer		Lynn Whiten DandLWhiten@gmail.com
 Financial Secretary		Danelle Williams Dbrow001@yahoo.com

Visit our family website for more information on committees and members:

<https://layerfamily.org/committees>

Activities/Games Committee

Category	Activity Host - Name / Email		Category	Activity Host - Name / Email	
 Young Adults & Kids		Faith Layer Flayer2799@gmail.com	 40+		
 21+		Karl Layer Karl.layer@yahoo.com	Day of Volunteers (Kids)		Whitney Layer wjlayer04@gmail.com

Game Schedule for Sunday's Cookout:

Family Games (2:30pm – 4pm)

Tug-of-War, Potato Sack Race, Egg Toss

Aged-based Games & Activities (5pm – 7 pm)

See activity host contacts above.



LFR Planning Committee Members

Maryland/Pennsylvania 		New Jersey 	
Family Branch	Local State Representative - Name / Email	Family Branch	Local State Representative - Name / Email
 Addison Layer	 Cammie Layer-Hopper cammie304@comcast.net	 Calvin Layer	 Taneeka Clark TBA
 Mildred Onley	 Lynn Whiten DandLWhiten@gmail.com	 Donald Layer	 Whitney Layer wjlayer04@gmail.com
 Samuel Layer		 Betty Brazil	 Tyffani Howard howardtj4@gmail.com
Minnie Leekins		 Roger Layer	 Sarah Torres tink0213@gmail.com
Clark & York			
David Layer			
 Ada Ambush	 Gerald "Scooter" Brown Gerald.brown@cbrealty.co	 Jimmy Layer	 La'Shawn Austin Lashawnaustin26@yahoo.com
 Tessie Layer-Delauter	 Darselle Parker darsellep@gmail.com	 Family State Representatives (Points of Contact) Any questions or concerns please reach out to your LOCAL committee member and/or family branch representative	
North Carolina 		Florida 	
Family Branch	Local State Representative - Name / Email	Family Branch	Local State Representative - Name / Email
 David Layer		 Samuel Layer	 Toni (Layer) Dorsey Tonidorsey6216@yahoo.com
 Donald Layer	 Marcus Layer Marcus.layer@gmail.com (Website Admin)	 Donald Layer	 Tessaye (Layer) Lomon tessyb13@gmail.com

If you are having any hardship with attending the upcoming reunion, please contact your state/family representative on the LFR Planning Committee