



January 2017

New Year Greetings!

2017! A new beginning!

After the midnight countdown, singing of "Auld Lang Syne," and excitement of the moment, do you feel ready to start the New Year? By the second or third of January are you back in the same place in life you were before all the merriment? It seems we should be in a different place, but our lives really don't change much after the holiday season.

Our spiritual lives get into that same kind of rut at times. We may have a moment of spiritual excitement then things settle back in. Our spiritual lives are not always meant to be exciting, but when a blah feeling is pervasive it is time to take action.

The church at Corinth had difficulty remembering who they were in Christ. Paul wrote, "So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"

- 2 Corinthians 5:16-17

I would encourage you to seek the new in 2017. The new in your relationship with Christ!

In Christ,

Pastor Stephanie Kidwell



January Worship Themes

Sunday, January 1

Sermon: A Season For Everything

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

Sunday, January 8

Sermon: Wonder Water

Scripture: Matthew 3:13-17

Sunday, January 15

Sermon: Introduction to Corinthians

Scripture: I Corinthians 1: 1-9

Sunday, January 22

Sermon: Westside Story

Scripture: I Corinthians 1:10-18

Sunday, January 29

Sermon: Who Do You Think You Are?

Scripture: I Corinthians 1:18-31

Sunday Worship Schedule

Contemporary Praise Service: 9:00 AM

Traditional Service: 10:30 AM

Fellowship: 8:30-11:15 AM in Fellowship Hall



Longs Peak UMC Mission Statement

At Longs Peak United Methodist Church, our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Ministry Training

All members of all church committees and work areas are encouraged to attend the yearly organizational meeting on Wednesday, January 11 at 6:45 PM. This will take the place of January meetings and the church council meeting. This meeting will provide information about the inter-workings of each group in the church. Come join our new lay leader, Roger Wisehart, the chair of the church council, Chuck Merritt, and Pastor Stephanie for this informative time. Come for dinner at 6:00 PM!

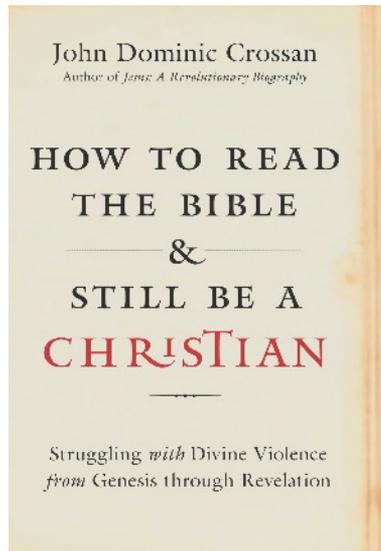
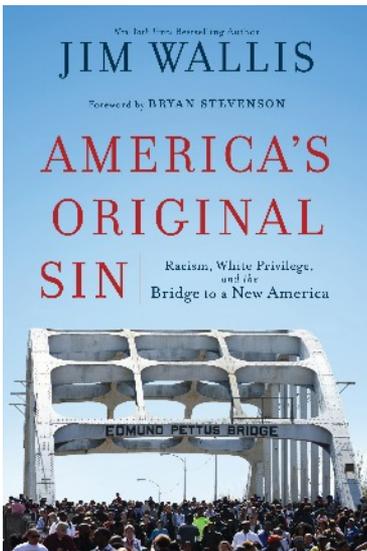
Adult Education

There will be 3 adult classes in January. Books will be available in the Crossroads.

Sunday at 9:00 AM - Bible study led by Granville and Charlene Smythe.

Sunday at 10:30 AM - Discussion of *America's Original Sin: Racism, White Privilege, and the Bridge to a New America* by Jim Wallis, led by Bruce Armstrong. Class will begin January 8. The book is \$12. More information about the book is available at www.americasoriginalsin.com.

Tuesday at 2:00 PM or Wednesday at 6:45 PM - Discussion of John Dominic Crossan's *How to Read the Bible and Still Be a Christian: Is God Violent? An Exploration from Genesis to Revelation* led by Pastor Stephanie. This class will begin January 17/18 and conclude February 21/22. Books cost \$10.





Children & Family Ministry News

Dec 28 Children/Youth Family Skating Day

Join Pastor Phil and me
at the Longmont Ice Pavilion
(Roosevelt Park, 725 8th
Ave) from 1:00-3:00 PM. The

church will cover entrance fees for everyone who doesn't already have a recreation pass; please plan to rent or bring your own skates. Rental fee is \$3. We will consider carpooling if we get requests in advance (as a bonus for parents who still have to work that day). Snacks and warm drinks will be provided, too. EVERYONE from the church is invited; please bring your friends!

Jan 8 - Sunday school resumes, in God's Harbor. We'll see you all at 10:25 AM!

Jan 11 - Leadership Training Meeting. This is for ALL current and prospective members of Children & Family Ministry Council, after Fellowship Dinner from 6:45-8:15 PM. Any person involved in any ministry group of LPUMC is invited to this kick-off planning event for 2017, featuring coordination of different meeting times, and break-out sessions for each group to get their year started. If you are interested in helping to plan events for CFMC (such as Easter Egg Hunt, Sunday school teacher appreciation, Vacation Bible School, and so many more), or in providing input to Ms. Jo Ann on spiritual formation activities for our children, this is the right group for you! Childcare will be provided for this meeting. If you have questions about what else CFMC does, contact me or our new chair, Anna Wing (annabee4960@yahoo.com).

Jan 21 - Family Game Night! Our Bunco night was so much fun, we've decided to get together again. This time our activity together will be more free-form. Bring your favorite game, and a dish to share! From 5:00-7:00 PM, unless you hear differently. Details to follow by Mail Chimp and Facebook.

Coming to you always as a child of God,

Jo Ann Hauger, Director of Children's Ministry
(you can call me Ms. Jo Ann!)

Meet The Children & Family Ministry Team - 2017

This past year has brought exciting (and sometimes challenging) changes for our families with school-age and younger children. Serving those families is more than simply directing Sunday School, it is a daily ministry incorporating a variety of both discipleship and fellowship opportunities. As the Director of Children's Ministry, I have the blessing of serving alongside the Children & Family Ministry Council (CFMC.) The Council serves two important functions: 1) They advise me (Ms. Jo Ann) on a host of programming and ministry topics; 2) They plan and execute several family-oriented activities throughout the year. To paraphrase Paul's letter to the Philippians, "I thank my God every time I think of them!"

Anna Wing steps in as the new chair of CFMC, but her service to our children and our church is longstanding. A native of Wisconsin, Anna joined LPUMC with her husband, Rob, in 2008. Since then she has taught Sunday school to children and youth at all levels, served on Stephen Ministry and Lay Leadership Committee, co-led the Women's Connection, and filled many roles in Vacation Bible School. Anna now also serves on the 2017 Women's Retreat committee. She enjoys crafting, being a mom to 5-year-old Cora, and teaching.

Sara Spensieri has been a vital member of Longs Peak UMC from the moment she and her family set foot in the door in 2014. Along with her husband, Tony, and their sons, Giorgio (12) and Adrian (9), Sara has lived most of her life in Colorado. She has a degree in Zoology from Colorado State University, and has one of the coolest jobs on the planet, with Animal Control for the Boulder County Sheriff's Office. Sara teaches elementary Sunday school, serves as Secretary to CFMC, and was also recently appointed to the Staff-Parish Relations Committee. Sara is another master crafter, and is deeply involved with Boy Scouts.

The other members of CFMC will be profiled throughout the year, but let me introduce them now: Brenda Henry, Karen Hoida, Kim Kittilson, Melody Lanz, and Bobbi Christensen. If you have any ideas for the future of children's ministry at Longs Peak UMC, feel free to share them with any council member, or with me. Stay tuned for information about future CFMC activities.

Jo Ann Hauger, Director of Children's Ministry



On behalf of the Music Ministry at Longs Peak, we pray that the music of the Advent season and Christmas Eve opened your hearts to the love, peace, and hope of Jesus Christ. Thank

you to all of those involved in this ministry and for your countless hours of rehearsal time and dedication to bringing the joy of Christmas to the congregation and our community through music!

All rehearsals will resume the week of January 2, 2017 - with Praise Team, Acappella and Choir on Tuesday, January 3 at 6:00, 6:45 and 7:30 respectively. Handbells will resume the following week on Thursday, January 12 at 6:00.

If you love to sing or play an instrument, consider joining our music ministry team. There are many opportunities to serve in the New Year. Contact Kay W. Lloyd at 303-651-2499 or at kaylloyd1463@comcast.net if you are interested or have any questions.



Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Services

Three Candlelight Services Christmas Eve 6:00 PM, 8:00 PM & 11:30 PM

The 6:00 service is our most "family friendly" candlelight service. There won't be an Un-Pag-eant, as advertised before, instead, all children will be invited for a simple interactive story with Ms. Jo Ann. They'll receive a special gift too, reminding them that Jesus was born for everyone.

Christmas Day - Christmas morning and Sunday church—two great things that go great together! The "Reese's Peanut Butter Cup" of days is upon us! No Sunday School, but kids are invited to come to service in their pajamas, and bring one special gift for a blessing. Brunch at 9:00 AM, service at 10:30 AM.

Gratitude

Kathy, Michelle and LPUMC: We want to thank you for generously inviting us to your Wednesday night fellowship dinners and for welcoming us with such warmth. We greatly enjoyed the delicious food and we thank you for your fellowship! AmeriCorps NCCC



Care & Hospitality News

2017 THINGS TO DO

READ the last 12 months of 2016 *Summit* articles from Care & Hospitality:
January: Need help at the Welcome Center

February: Fellowship help needed

March: You can help with burrito ministry at another church

April: Be a greeter; help coordinate Wednesday meals

May: Have Peace of Mind!

June: Help with transportation, meals ministry or taking communion to homebound

July: 4th Sunday fellowship help needed; all church picnic

August: Read Psalms!

September: Grief Share class begins

October: Ministry Fair, join a Bible Study

November: Baskets of Hope

December: Blue Christmas; fellowship help needed!!

2017 THINGS TO DO

RE-READ the full articles of all of the above and ask where you can be of service in your church and community.

HELP!!!!!!

In HIS Service,

Kathy Crier

Director of Care & Hospitality



Reading Buddies Program – Thank You

Thanks to our volunteers for the Reading Buddies ministry. Since the start of the school year more than a dozen volunteers from LPUMC have spent an hour per week meeting with children at Mountain View Elementary for some one-on-one reading assistance during the school day. This time has been as helpful to the students as it has been rewarding for the volunteers. We are planning on continuing this program when school returns in January 2017. If you would like to help out, then please contact Bryan Hauger for details soon at hauger.bryan@gmail.com.

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

I was recently sitting with a friend who acts as Santa Claus for the Christmas Season. As we sat waiting for our ride to pick us up, my friend in full Santa regalia, it was rather humorous to see the double-takes that many people would make as they passed by on the street. I found myself smiling at many of their reactions, giggling with a few others. After several minutes I made a comment to my friend about the reactions people had to his presence and appearance. The very sight of Santa seems to bring happiness, joy, a smile, and laughter to people. I believe strongly that mixing secular Christmas and sacred Christmas is something to be handled with utmost care. However, I wonder if bringing joy to someone's day by offering them a sight to see is a part of what sacred Christmas is about. I imagine those who witnessed the birth of Jesus had great joy, similar to that of seeing Santa Claus on a street waiting for his ride—even greater joy, I would imagine!

"People don't expect to see Santa on the street," exclaimed my friend. This got me to wondering if people expect to see God. Do we go about our day expecting to see God in all that we do? Are we looking for Christ in those that we see and interact with? As 2017 approaches, I am hopeful that each of you will make a conscious effort to see God in your daily lives. Remember how God sees you:

"I have summoned you by name; you are mine." Isaiah 43:1

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you." Jeremiah 1:5

"O Lord, you have searched me and known me!" Psalm 139:1

In 2017, will you covenant with me to treat one another with the love that God offers each of us? Prayerfully consider this with me as we enter a new year, friends.

In Christ,
Pastor Phil <><





Epiphany

"Arise, shine for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and the thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn." Isaiah 60:1-3

Christmas has come and we are still in the 12 days of Christmas which begins on Christmas eve and continues through the Day of Epiphany, January 6. Epiphany is from the Greek word which means "manifestation or appearance." On January 6, we celebrate Christ's being revealed to the world and the visit of the Magi, the first Gentiles to whom he was made known. Scripture doesn't tell us how many wise men came to Bethlehem. However, because three gifts are mentioned, today we usually think of three wise men or Magi.

January 6 also has many names, including Epiphany, Three Kings Day and Twelfth Night. This day and all its religious festivities celebrate or commemorate three great events in Jesus' life—the visit of the wise men, his baptism in the Jordan, and the first recorded miracles of Jesus, the changing of water into wine at the wedding in Cana.

The Season of Epiphany last until Ash Wednesday and serves as a bridge between the birth of Jesus and his passion. I personally think of Epiphany as the season we observe the wise men visited the Son of God.

Epiphany is rich with the symbolism of light brought into the world through Jesus the Christ. Stars are one of the major symbols that represent the Season of Epiphany.

As the wise men traveled from far off lands to see the new king and then return and tell others what they had seen, so we are reminded during Epiphany of our mission to "go and make disciples" and to share the good news with people everywhere.*

See you serving in the community,

Rev. Sandy Stewart





Fellowship Camp

The 2017 Fellowship Camp at Golden Gate Canyon State Park will be Friday August 4 through Sunday, August 6 after outdoor worship (add Thursday night 8/3 for a better chance of reserving a yurt/cabin). No camping equipment? Not a "tenter?" Does "roughing it" mean no room service?

No problem, Golden Gate State Park has cabins, yurts, tent pads, electricity, nice restrooms and showers! Reservations and site selection is Sunday January 22 and January 29, between services in the Fellowship Hall. These sites fill up fast. All site reservations are first-come, first-served and payment is due at the time you select your site. If you have any questions, please call K Nelson at 303-651-3260. For Park information, the website is www.parks.state.co.us/parks/goldengatecanyon.



LPUMC Women

The UMW General Meeting will be held on January 12 in the Fellowship Hall at 1:00 PM. Part of the program will be the pledge service for 2017. There will be a snack and all ladies are invited.

The Esther Circle meeting will be held on January 19 at 7:00 PM.

The location will be noted in the bulletin on the Sunday before the meeting. There will be a program and snack and all ladies are invited.

Also, a reminder that the Leadership Conference will be held in Greeley on January 21. The deadline for sign up is January 13 and the fee is \$10. The conference will be held from 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM. Please contact Linda Orrell at 303-776-8048 if you are interested. We will carpool and will meet at the church at 8:00 AM that morning.

Blessings and Happy New Year to everyone from UMW!

CROSSROADS LPUMC Women's Retreat

Attention women of LPUMC ages 18-100: Have you been yearning for some time away to focus on God? Seeking new ways to find peace and purpose? Craving time with friends for encouragement? Maybe you are encountering crossroads in this journey we call life? Then we have great news for you! We hope you will join us for the **2017 LPUMC Women's Retreat**.

When: Friday, March 17 (sessions start at 7:00 PM) to Sunday, March 19 at 11:00 AM. **Participants commit to attending the retreat in its entirety.**

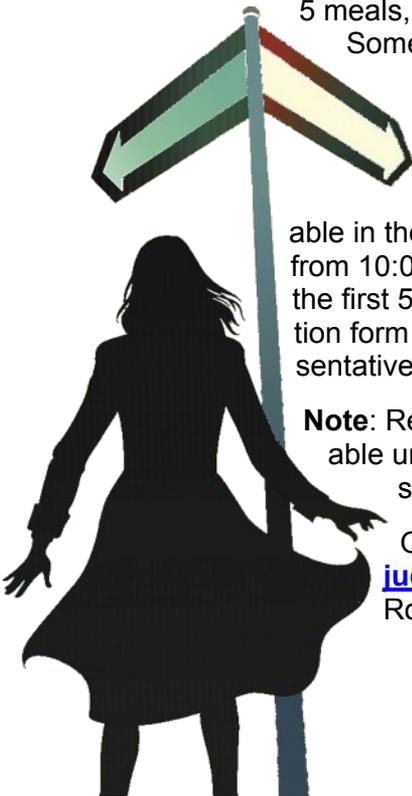
Where: YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park. The retreat will take place in a beautiful reunion cabin where we can rest, learn, fellowship, and eat together.

Cost: \$85 includes two nights lodging, 5 meals, snacks, and all materials. Some scholarships are available.

Registration process began on December 4 and will continue each Sunday until mid-February. Registration forms will be available in the Fellowship Hall between services from 10:00-10:30 AM. Space is limited to the first 50 women who return their registration form and payment to the Retreat representative in the Fellowship Hall.

Note: Registration fee will be non-refundable unless your space can be filled by someone on the wait-list.

Questions? Contact Judy: judydscrim@gmail.com or Robyn robyn22m@yahoo.com.





Merry Mixers Adult Group Fellowship

Thursday January 26, 11:00 AM

LPUMC Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary

Please bring your favorite January mail dish, salad, or dessert and your smile! Place settings will be provided.

January Program (starts at 12:15)

The Guest speaker for January will be Pam Tomasovic. The Tomasovic family is fairly new to Longs Peak UMC. You may know them as the people with the white poodle, Nattan. Pam is CO-Coordinator of Basket of Hope, an organization that delivers baskets and Christian material to children in the hospital. Also learn the significance of Nattan and the Tomasovic Family Journey the past 12 years.

To New Members of Longs Peak United Methodist Church

Have you ever considered joining an outstanding social church organization called "MERRY MIXERS?" This organization is a place for great fellowship for couples and singles. There is fun and fellowship. **SMILES** are very important at all times. Various entertainment every month: special speakers, musical programs, and various exciting subjects. Your variety of main dishes, desserts etc. Information can be found in the newsletter every month!

Betty Schlagel 303-776-1454

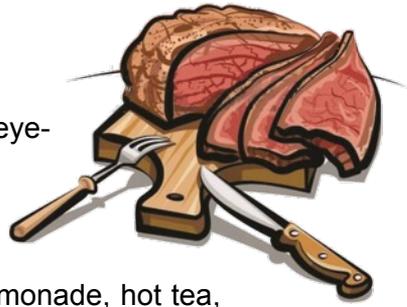


Serving Our Country

John Baki, Trevor Bakich, Jim Britton,
Jon Kristian Edstrom, Andrew Evans,
Brian Fitzgerald, Valerie Gaskin,
Joshua Gibbs, Marcus Glenn, Tim Grudle,
Michael Guglielmo, John Haisley,
Josh Hartwick, Chris Laz, Gregg Moore,
Jared Morrison, Jake Smith, Jordan Steven,
Matt Stiller, Kyleigh Vogels, Graham Wilson

OUR Center Lunch
Saturday December 10
160 Meals Served!

Roast Beef Feast: Oven roasted eye-of-round beef, mashed potatoes & gravy, steamed broccoli, tossed salad, roll & butter, holiday poke cake, candy cane (gift from Junior National Honor Society), coffee, lemonade, hot tea, milk, water



Wonderful Volunteers: Kathy Crier, Paula Gamble, Amy Mann-Miner, Jolene Mechtly, Carol Monhollen, Alton Perry, Judy Scrimshire, Erwin & Lisa Turner

Special thank you to those who donated money to buy the beef roasts, and to Dan Gamble, Gary Lloyd, and Tom Muncy for providing music and sing-a-long caroling!

Volunteers needed for January 14 and for the entire 2017 OUR Center lunch program. Sign-up sheets are in the hallway across from the nursery next to the kitchen. If you are part of a group sign up as a group! You must be at least 14 to volunteer.

Thank you in advance, as I couldn't do it without you!

Paula Gamble

P.S. Here is an email I received recently:

Good Afternoon Paula,

I wanted to thank you once again for "going over the top" with staffing and serving our café this past Saturday. I heard it was another "fabulous" meal. You truly go more than the extra mile for us. I also see you put in a very long day. Please don't burn yourself out. We want to keep you around!

Please also thank the other members of your volunteer team. They make a difference in the lives of our participants and their help is what makes our programming successful.

Steve McLaughlin
Director of Volunteer Services
OUR Center
Longmont, CO





Income for November was \$29,833 and expenses were \$38,719 leaving (-\$8,886) in net loss. Income for January through November was \$404,582 and expenses for the same dates was \$428,490 leaving a net LOSS of \$(-23,908).



1 Janet Armstrong	11 Debbie Sarlo	23 Sarah Jolly
Barbara Bowman	Jan Spitler	24 Wilson Bryant
2 Angela Larson	15 Jacob Marsing	Mary Ann Hayden
3 Tracy Applehans	Laura Merritt	25 Ryan Doucette
4 Russ Bakich	Adele Reester	Rick LeBlanc
Hannah Hauger	17 Chris Adams	Richard Nelson
5 Haley Stewart	Chuck Spooner	27 Don Davis
6 Elizabeth Larson	19 Blake Crandall	28 Milton Briggs
7 Allegra Hoelscher	Lois Olin	Jan Stacey
8 Magnus Henry	Jerry Orrell	29 Tytan Davidson
Mary Jolly	Jeff Spontarelli	Aiden Gaither
John Tarpley	21 Ryann Nemeth	Donna Huff
10 Chuck Everitt	Rhett Sandal	31 Kay Huskins
Benton Stockert	23 Elizabeth Duncan	Bruce Richardson
11 Danielle Drury	Jacob Janacek	
Ian Rezac	Madison Janacek	

Worship Service Attendance			
Date	9:00	10:30	TOTAL
December 4	118	91	209
December 11	147	52	199
December 18	157	147	304

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Email your articles to: newsletter@lpumc.org

For bulletin announcements, or to get a date on the church calendar,
contact Sharon at sharon@lpumc.org or 303-776-0399.

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