



# THE SUMMIT

LONGS PEAK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*Welcoming, Embracing, Nurturing, Serving*

## March 2017

Are you ready for Easter?

What, wait, isn't that in April?

Yes, it is, but in March we begin the season of preparation called Lent.

Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent comes from the Anglo Saxon word *lencten*, which means "spring." The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry.

Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent was a time to prepare new converts for baptism. Today, Christians focus on their relationship with God, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of themselves for others.

For a fun video about Lent click here:

<http://www.chuckknowschurch.com/archive/14lent>

This year, every Sunday during Lent, we are going to give up something. We are going to give up Communion. The point of giving something up, as stated above, is to focus our relationship on God. We won't have communion until we commemorate the Last Supper on April 13. How will we use that time to focus on God if we aren't having communion? Each Sunday we will try out a different way of spiritually connecting during the time we would have used for communion. We will try a variety of activities, don't worry it won't be difficult, but it might stretch you a bit. We will try *lectio divina* (holy reading), letter writing, listening, praying, and a few others.

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Lent is a time of preparing ourselves for the Resurrection. Let's work on that together as a congregation. You will find other opportunities in this *Summit*.

When Easter gets here, we will be ready!



Pastor Stephanie Kidwell

## March Worship Themes



### Sunday, March 5

Sermon: The Devil Made Me Do It  
Scripture: Matthew 4:1-11, Psalm 32

### Sunday, March 12

Sermon: Not That Again  
Scripture: John 3:1-17, Psalm 121

### Sunday, March 19

Sermon: The Pause That Refreshes  
Scripture: John 4:5-15, Psalm 95

### Sunday, March 26

Sermon: See, I Told You!  
Scripture: John 9:1-17, Psalm 23

### 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.



**Ash Wednesday** marks the beginning of the season of Lent. Lent is a time when many Christians prepare for Easter by observing a period of fasting, repentance, moderation and spiritual discipline.

Ash Wednesday emphasizes two themes: our sinfulness before God, and our human mortality. The service focuses on both themes, helping us to realize that both have been triumphed through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

During some Ash Wednesday services, the minister will lightly rub the sign of the cross with ashes onto the foreheads of worshipers. The use of ashes as a sign of mortality and repentance has a long history in Jewish and Christian worship. Historically, ashes signified purification and sorrow for sins.

It is traditional to save the palm branches from the previous Palm Sunday service to burn to produce ashes for this service. The ash cross on the forehead is an outward sign of our sorrow and repentance for sins.

— *Adapted from The United Methodist Book of Worship*

At LPUMC, we will have two opportunities on Wednesday, March 1 to come before God to begin our Lenten journey. Both services will have a time of receiving the ash cross on the forehead:

- **Wednesday, March 1 at Noon** - This will be an abbreviated service with scripture and prayers
- **Wednesday Night, March 1 at 7:00 PM** - This will be a service with music, scripture and prayers

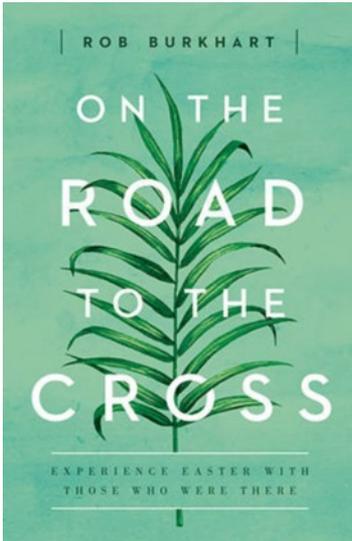
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### **The Shack**

The movie, **The Shack**, comes out in theaters March 5. We will have an all-church discussion of the movie on Sunday, March 19 at 6:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. The adults and youth of the church will come together for this discussion. You are encouraged to see the movie before that time. It is rated PG-13 and not appropriate for children. Watch for more information about viewing opportunities.

## Lenten Book Study with Pastor Stephanie

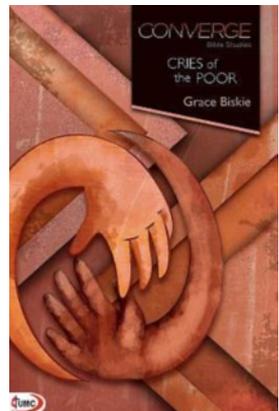


Witnesses to an event come away with differing accounts. So it is with the story of Easter. Simon the Leper, Malchus, the Centurion at the cross, Cleopas, Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea, Barabbas, Simon of Cyrene, and Mary Magdalene—each offers a unique perspective on one of the greatest events in human history, yet their stories are often overlooked. ***On the Road to the Cross*** allows you to experience Easter through the eyes of the everyday people who witnessed the triumphal entry, saw Jesus drag his cross to Calvary, and cried through Christ's last words. Each new perspective opens the door to a fresh

consideration of Easter and its impact on their lives and ours. This study will give us a fresh view of the scripture story. Books will be available in the Crossroads (just north of the sanctuary). Class will meet Tuesday at 2:00 or Wednesday at 6:45 PM, depending on interest. Contact Pastor Stephanie with questions [pastorstephanie@lpumc.org](mailto:pastorstephanie@lpumc.org).

## Sunday Book Study with Bruce Armstrong

Proverbs 21:13 says, "Those who close their ears to the cries of the poor will themselves call out but receive no answer." What does this mean for the average middle class Westerner who's actually part of the wealthiest 1% of the world's population? In ***Cries of the Poor***, you'll discover what the Bible has to say about poverty and how Christians can proclaim Good News to the poor.



Converge Bible Studies is a series of topical Bible studies based on the Common English Bible. Bruce Armstrong will lead this study on **Sunday mornings at 10:30**. Books will be available in the Crossroads (just north of the sanctuary). The four week study will begin on March 5.

## **"Let Everything That Has Breath Praise the Lord!"**

For Valentine's Day I received a clear glass vase filled with tulip bulbs. I could see the delicate roots protruding from the base of the suspended bulbs and thin long green foliage grew out of the tops of the bulbs. I had no idea what color the tulips would be by looking at them, but the label showed a picture of red tulips blooming. They were labeled "BlooMaker" Long Life Flowers. The directions for care of the flowers were to add tap water to just below the base of the bulbs and to turn the vase periodically to keep the tulips growing straight. It has been nearly a week and I have found so much pleasure and delight in watching the plants grow and blossom. The growth has happened right before my eyes! They are beautiful!

I know this same process happens at a much slower rate every year with the tulips I have planted outside in my yard, but I don't get to watch it happen. One day I don't see the tulips and then all of a sudden they are popping up out of the ground. This process of forcing bulbs to grow and bloom inside my house has been a real wonder to me. When I think about God and creation, I marvel at these intricacies, and know that God's hand has been in all of it. I know this is pretty simple and perhaps you have had a similar experience of watching bulbs bloom, but once again I give thanks that God has placed such details into everything that has been created, from humankind, to animals, and even plants. It reminds me of the song we sang at camp and sometimes sing in worship, "Let Everything That Has Breath Praise the Lord!"

Even though we have had a pretty mild February thus far, to see flowers bloom in the bleak of winter when the earth appears to be asleep is a real joy for me. I give thanks once again to God for the beauty and creativity that God has shown me. I hope you take time and look and see God's beauty and creativity around you this day.

See you serving in the community,

*Rev. Sandy Stewart*

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# CHILDREN & FAMILY

## Children & Family Ministry News

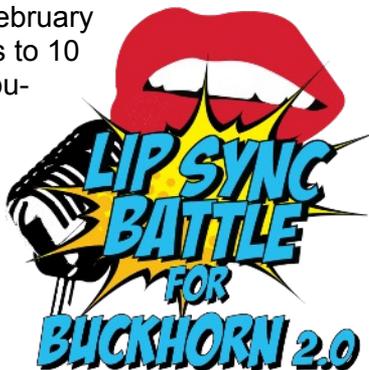
### 2nd Annual Lip Sync Battle for Buckhorn What a Hit!

Last year I signed off  
after our Lip Sync Battle,

marveling over Jesus' promise that "with God, all things are possible." Last week, on February 25, He proved His point again. Thanks to 10 great performing acts and a dozen fabulous cooks, we raised over \$1,600 toward the Buckhorn Scholarship fund!

#### Tailgate winners:

- 1st** - Harry Potter (Becky and Bridgett Champlin, Angela Larson)
- 2nd** - Team Puppies (Marcia Allen, Donna Chuang, Anne Williams)
- 3rd** - NASCAR (the Henry family)



#### Lip Sync winners:

- 1st** - Roger Wisehart and Linda Glaser with "I Got You, Babe" by Sonny & Cher
- 2nd** - (TIE) The Billow family with "Boogie Wonderland" by Earth, Wind, & Fire; Phil Rogers, Catherine Romero, Anna Wing, and Ms. Jo Ann with "Walk Like an Egyptian" by The Bangles
- 3rd** - (TIE) Timmy Rodriguez with "Till the Day I Die" by Toby Mac; Greg Kittilson with "That's Good" by Devo

Thank you from the bottom of all our hearts. - Ms. Jo Ann

## Children & Family Events in March

**Every Sunday** until Easter, we will spend time in God's Harbor talking to kids about our **Lenten mission focus**. We'll start talking to them about Mountain States Children's Home, and invite them to save coins for this valuable local mission. Meanwhile, on **Wednesdays**, please join Ms. Jo Ann at **5:15 PM for a multi generational devotion time**. This year's focus creates beauty through the simple act of coloring together. Each week we will use markers to transform a glorious picture of a single word, relating it to a particular story of Jesus' earthly ministry. We'll be done in time for dinner at 6:00 PM. Speaking of dinner, all families are

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asked to help us feed the church **"Breakfast for Dinner" on March 22**. Watch your email for a Sign-Up Genius invitation, to let us know how you can contribute. And finally, when we get to the days of Spring Break at the end of this month, each family will be invited to be part of a Secret Mission for Christ. Details will follow by Mail Chimp and/or Facebook.



- 3/1 - Lenten Coloring Devotion - Welcome (5:15 PM)  
Ash Wednesday Service (7:00 PM)
- 3/2 - Ms. Jo Ann lunch at Flagstaff Academy
- 3/5 - Sunday School gathering in God's Harbor (10:25 AM)  
Children & Family Ministry Council meeting (11:45 AM)
- 3/8 - Lenten Coloring Devotion - Give (5:15 PM)
- 3/9 - Ms. Jo Ann lunch at Central Elementary
- 3/11 - Join Ms. Jo Ann at District Meeting - hear Bishop  
Karen Oliveto at Heart of Longmont UMC
- 3/12 - Sunday School gathering, with Music with Ms. Darlene  
in God's Harbor (10:25 AM)
- 3/15 - Lenten Coloring Devotion - Listen (5:15 PM)
- 3/16 - Ms. Jo Ann lunch at Twin Peaks Charter Academy
- 3/19 - Kids in Church (10:25 AM)
- 3/22 - Lenten Coloring Devotion - Serve (5:15 PM)  
Breakfast for Dinner provided by LPUMC families with  
children (6:00 PM)
- 3/23 - Ms. Jo Ann lunch at Hygiene Elementary
- 3/24 - SVVSD Spring Break starts - along with Secret Missions  
for Christ
- 3/26 - NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
- 3/29 - Lenten Coloring Devotion - Love (5:15 PM)
- 4/1 - SVVSD Spring Break ends - last chance for Secret  
Missions for Christ
- 4/2 - Sunday School gathering in God's Harbor (10:25 AM)  
Children & Family Ministry Council meeting (11:45 AM)
- 4/5 - Lenten Coloring Devotion - Watch (5:15 PM)
- 4/6 - Ms. Jo Ann lunch at Flagstaff Academy
- 4/8 - Community Easter Egg Hunt - be prepared to invite  
friends and neighbors! (2:00 PM)



Join us for the start of the Lenten season with our Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday, March 1 at 7:00 PM. A light supper will be served at 6:00.

The choir will be presenting a musical depiction of Holy Week on Friday, April 14. If you are interested in being part of this powerful production, please contact Kay Lloyd. Rehearsals begin on Tuesday, February 28 at 7:30.

Mark your calendars now for the **Longs Peak Flute Ensemble performing at the 10:30 service on Sunday, April 2** - and two upcoming community events -the annual **Flute Choir and Handbell Concert** held on **Friday, May 5 at 7:30 PM at LPUMC**, and the annual **Community Handbell Festival** held on **Sunday, May 7 at 3:30 PM at Heart of Longmont**. Admission is free to both and a reception will follow both performances.

**Summer Drama Camp is coming - June 19-23!** Mark your calendars for an exciting and fun-filled week for children who have finished 1st grade through 8th grade. Registration and audition information will be available on the table outside the music room on Sunday, May 14.

### March Music Schedule

- March 5 - Handbells
- March 12 - Choir
- March 19 - Men's Ensemble
- March 26 - A cappella





## Care & Hospitality News

I read this in the [Sip of Soup](#) inspirational email I receive every month. It is from Fort Collins author **LeAnn Thieman**, who coauthored many of the **Chicken Soup**

*for the Soul* series of books:

### Positivity Power

Is there a coworker or family member who gets on your nerves? I recall the poster of a harried woman shouting, "I've got one nerve left and you're on it!" Is there someone in your life you could love better?

### Lessons from LeAnn

- Are there people in your life who you love just enough to get by?
- Are there situations that would be better if you loved better?
- Are there some people you have a hard time liking, let alone loving?

Does that affect how you interact or speak with them? Often the people who are hardest to love are the ones who need it the most. It is easy (if not obligatory!) to reach out to someone we love on Valentine's Day. What if we also reached out to someone who is "harder" to love? Who could you love better?

No matter your faith base, few can disagree with this definition of love: "Love is patient; love is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself; love is not rude; love does not seek its own interests; loves is not quick-tempered; love does not brood over injury; love does not rejoice over wrongdoing, but rejoices in truth; love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things."

Join me now in substituting your name in place of the word "love" and read that paragraph again. As I do so, I'm humbly reminded to love better. Maybe it's not too late to put that on our New Year's Resolution lists.

With LOVE From Me to You,

Kathy Crier - Director of Care & Hospitality

P.S. Which Fruit of the Spirit are you doing this month?



The Season of Lent is very nearly upon us, friends! We will begin the forty day journey with Christ. We will examine our personal and collective "spiritual wildernesses." We will focus our attention on our relationship with God and with Jesus and ask ourselves where we are falling short in our devotion to living for Christ or failing to answer God's call to share the Good News with others. In many Christian traditions people give up different foods or activities that they feel get in the way of giving their full attention to God. The point of this practice is to take our focus from withdrawal of our individual "idols" and turn the focus back to God.

This year at Longs Peak, we will be observing this practice with a bit of a different twist. As you are likely aware, we generally observe Holy Communion each week in service. This year, we will take out Holy Communion to observe other Christian practices (e.g. *Lectio Divina*- "Divine Reading") each week throughout the Season of Lent in order to take ourselves outside of our normal comfort zones (some may call it our "ruts") in worship and intentionally direct our full attention on God and on Jesus. This will be an exciting time to try something that is perhaps unfamiliar and new to your devotional life. You may find that you enjoy a few (or all) of the practices and wish to incorporate them on a regular basis into your devotional practices.

I hope you will join us in the sanctuary each week; beginning on Wednesday, March 1 at 7:00 PM and each Sunday until Easter Sunday, April 16 at either 9:00 or 10:30 AM to be a part of the sacred Christian practices. I pray that you will experience God in a new way and that your relationship with Jesus will deepen and be enriched.

In Christ,  
Pastor Phil <><

### **Upcoming Youth Activities**

**Sunday March 5** - Tie Blankets for HOPE

**Sunday March 12** - Our Identity in Christ

**Sunday March 19** - "The Shack" movie viewing and discussion (TBA)

**Sunday March 26** - SPRING BREAK- No Youth Group



LPUMC's expenses for January 2017 exceeded income by about \$4,000. As I wrote last month, the broad and wonderful range of ministries going on at LPUMC can't be sustained by continued exceedances of expenses over income, but our

prayers continue for the situation to change. A mild winter so far works in our favor, and early receipts in February appear positive.

On a personal note, I tend to view financial challenges as a healthy exercise for a thriving congregation. It's good to not get too comfortable, right? In the last few weeks, I've had opportunities for contact with community worship groups that use our facility each week and are grateful for our church's generosity in that regard. I've also been witness to our Mission Committee's continual offerings of service opportunities in our community and world, and to the myriad options within our church to nourish our souls along our faith journeys. With all that in mind, I can't be the voice of financial gloom here without also expressing my joyful confidence that our congregation continues to step forward in Christian faith, community, and service.

January 2017 income = \$43,396.93

January 2017 expenses = \$47,430.43

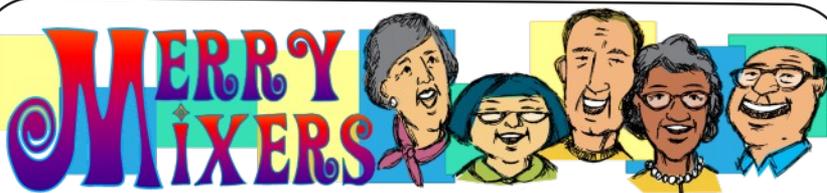
Net = (4,034.20)

2016 ending balance = (\$12,896)

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Nelson - Finance Committee Chair





## Merry Mixers Adult Group Fellowship

Thursday February 23, 11:00 AM

LPUMC Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary

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

**March Program** (starts at 12:15)  
**"Love Story in Flowers"**

The questions are to be answered with the name of a flower. Example: her name and the color of her hair?" (Marigold)

Riddle Me this:

"Question: I never was, am always to be;

No one has seen me, nor will they see.

Close to sun's set, and far from sunrise; I will live on,  
Till time's own demise. What am I?"

(Come find out the answer at our meeting!)

**Betty Schlagel 303-776-1454**



Donating to the **Faith Forward Fund** is a meaningful way to either remember a friend/family member or to honor a friend/family member. The procedure is very simple. Simply write a check to LPUMC and on the Memo line of the check indicate "memorial for (person's name)" or "to honor (person's name)." During 2016, the following persons were honored with donations to the *Faith Forward Fund*:

- Amen Sisters
- John & April Baumann
- Marjorie Horn (Kathy Crier's mother)
- Kevin & Stephanie Kidwell
- Gary & Kay Lloyd
- Dick & Gege Young
- Francis Youngman

**OUR Center Lunch**  
**Saturday February 11**  
**135 Meals Served!**

**Valentine's Meal:** Spaghetti and meatballs, garlic bread, tossed salad, Valentine cupcakes, coffee, lemonade, milk & water



**Wonderful Volunteers:** Lauren Billows, Tom, Donna & Thomas Chuang, Alan & Lyn Dines, Evelyn Marie Fontanez, Paula Gamble, Linda Goertz, Alton Perry

A special THANK YOU to Evelyn Marie Fontanez for taking over the preparation and service that morning after I got the call regarding my brother-in-law Brian's death. You are such a blessing! ♥

\*\*\* Volunteers still needed for upcoming months! Please consider volunteering for this wonderful mission opportunity! \*\*\*

Join the fun while serving the community! For questions, please contact Paula Gamble at [paulajoe@comcast.net](mailto:paulajoe@comcast.net) or 720-299-2458.



**LPUMC Women**

The general United Methodist Women's meeting in March will be on Thursday the 9th and our speaker will be Christine from HOPE telling us about being a Soup Angel. We hope many church members can join us for this. There will be refreshments and friendly fellowship.

See you **March 9th at 1:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.**

The registration forms for the **Rocky Mountain Conference United Methodist Women's Spiritual Life Retreat** are available on the UMW bulletin board. The retreat will be April 21-23 at the YMCA Camp in Estes Park or you can attend Saturday only, April 22nd. The theme is "Using Holy Imagination to Make God's Difference." The speaker will be Rev. Dr. Diana Loomis, Director of Development/Church Relations at McCurdy Ministries in Espanola, NM. Deadline for registration is March 21. For more information contact Judy Scrimshire - 303-702-9094  
[judydscrim@gmail.com](mailto:judydscrim@gmail.com).

## Gratitude

To Our LPUMC Family,

We were humbled by the outpouring of love, prayers, and support from our Longs Peak brothers and sisters at the passing of Dan's brother Brian Gamble. We feel so blessed to be a part of this community of Christ. Thank you.

Dan & Paula Gamble

### Serving Our Country



Our military list has not been updated for quite sometime. Therefore, we are "re-booting" and starting fresh. If you would like to publicly list a family member or friend in our newsletter, please call or email Sharon in the office. 303-776-0399 or [sharon@lpumc.org](mailto:sharon@lpumc.org). Please be in prayer for our military, whether they are at home or abroad.



2 Wayne Worland	9 Leigh-Ann Black	20 Wesley Stiller
3 Forrest Dalton	Laurie Faye	21 Cooky Williams
Carolyn Driver	Elaine Weisgerber	25 Lauren Billow
Wilma Meyer	10 Becca Fenton	Frank Kirby
4 Kristin Miller	Steven Gaffney	27 Emily Billow
5 Sarah Merritt	11 Renee Comeau	29 Dale Sherrod
6 Erin De Tar	Janine Steger	30 Randy Carlson
7 Janet Baker	Kimberly Taylor	Cynthia Fortes
Ginny Walker	12 Brenda Henry	31 Tom Charles
8 John Bauman	13 Sharon Cantrell-Jaap	Sydney Wood

Worship Service Attendance			
Date	9:00	10:30	TOTAL
January 29	106	96	<b>202</b>
February 5	132	88	<b>220</b>
February 12	117	88	<b>205</b>
February 19	140	87	<b>227</b>
February 26	129	78	<b>207</b>

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Mon. - Thurs. 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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## April Newsletter Deadline is Monday, March 20

Email your articles to: [newsletter@lpumc.org](mailto:newsletter@lpumc.org)

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

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