



May 2017

It is time for me to write my good-bye note to you all. Every month for the past five years, I have used this space to write about the worship series for the month, the season of the church year, or other ideas I wanted to share about life together as church. This month, I am still writing about life as church, but on a much more personal note.

On a practical level, some information you might have wondered about. My last Sunday will be May 21; after worship there will be a celebration of our time together. From then until your new pastor arrives, Rick Stewart, who is studying to be a local pastor, will fill the pulpit most Sunday mornings. Pastor Phil will also share the message on Pentecost Sunday, June 4. The church staff will be available to meet your other needs. There are many lay people in the church who will also be of help. Your new pastor will begin on July 1.

I will begin serving at Arvada UMC on July 1. While I will miss LPUMC, this is a great opportunity for me, as I continue to follow God's call in my life. The bishop is appointing Rev. Dr. Eric Smith and me as co-pastors of the church. This is not a very common configuration, having two pastors share the leadership of the ministry team, and I am excited about the energy this will create. I agreed to this opportunity, because I believe God will use my gifts at Arvada in ways that will build up the body of Christ.

Longs Peak will always be an important part of my spiritual and personal journey. We have struggled to learn and deepen our faith in worship and in classes. We have looked at scripture from many different angles. I have learned more about a relationship with Jesus, and hope you all have learned as well. You all prayed for Kevin and me as we got engaged and then married. You all are part of our life and will be missed.

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Saying good-bye is a hard task, and we will have a few more weeks to work on that, but know you will continue in my prayers. I would ask for your prayers for Kevin and me, Longs Peak and Arvada UMCs, and for your new pastor in this time of transition.

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in all ways.

The Lord be with all of you.

2Thessalonians 3:2-18



Pastor Stephanie Kidwell

May Worship Themes

Sunday, April 30

Sermon: Deep and Wide

Scripture: Ephesians 3:14-19

Sunday, May 7

Sermon: Obstacles

Scripture: 1 Peter 2:19-25

Sunday, May 14 Mother's Day

Sermon: Whose Time is It, Anyway?

Scripture: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

Sunday, May 21 Pastor Stephanie's Last Sunday

Sermon: Farewell, Good-bye

Scripture: Ephesians 6:23-24

Sunday, May 28 One Service: 9:30 AM

Sermon: Rising to the Occasion (Rick Stewart)

Scripture: Acts 1:6-14

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.

Time in the Middle

It is an honor and pleasure to help fill the pulpit for the five Sundays between Pastor Stephanie's last service and the first Sunday in July. Pastor Phil will be preaching on June 4th and Charlene Smythe will lead worship on June 18th.

In the first two Sundays, we celebrate the end of "Eastertide" and then we enter into "Ordinary Time" where we live out our lives as Christians until Advent.

He is risen. He is risen indeed!

See you in Worship,

Rick Stewart

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT CHURCH SERVICES

Summer Sunday Morning Worship

Beginning May 28 and ending August 13, we will have just **one Sunday morning worship service**. The service will be at **9:30 AM** and will alternate each week between Praise and Traditional service.

This will give everyone a chance to meet the people who normally attend a different service. It will also provide an opportunity for after church fellowship activities. On August 20, LPUMC will return to two regular services.

Sunday Night Experience

A new way of being together as church will begin **May 7 at 6:00 PM**. The church will gather on the first and third Sunday evenings of the month. There will be a rotation between service, study, and relationship experiences. Each week will start with a song and a prayer.

This is a multigenerational opportunity to worship in a new way. Worship can be something besides morning church! May 7 will be based on an understanding of Psalm 42. May 21 will be serving by planting the church mission garden.

Come join us for this fun and fulfilling way to worship!

The Micah Project

On Tuesday, April 11, I attended the Longmont City Council meeting specifically to support my sisters and brothers in Christ from First Congregational United Church of Christ. They were presenting the second reading for their request to change the zoning of their church and the adjacent property to allow them to build apartments on their land. By receiving an affirmative vote from city council, the church will be able to sub divide their ½ acre property into high density apartments. Their intent is to partner with Habitat for Humanity and build 6 small efficiency apartments. Once built, these apartments will be given to the Inn Between to lease and manage.

This project is called the Micah Project named after the Prophet Micah in the Old Testament. My favorite verse in Micah is 6:8 "You have been told, O man, what is good, and what the Lord requires of you: Only to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with your God." The Micah Project has been in the planning stages for more than 2 years. An old two story farm house is currently located on the property. I was told that at one time, this house was the first home for Boulder County Hospice and also the first home for Safe Shelter of St. Vrain Valley. The church wants to donate the house to anyone who wants to move it from their property. The house has served its purpose and now the congregation sees it's time to repurpose the land.

The approval from city council is allowing the church to continue their mission of using their resources to better serve their neighbors in the name of Christ, by building much needed affordable housing for the poorest in our community. Everyone realizes that 6 units will not take care of our community's huge need for affordable housing but this church is doing what they can where they are. I support their efforts! So does Faith Community Lutheran Church, by their donation of \$20,000 to the Inn Between to help build the Micah homes at 9th and Francis.

MICAH HOMES



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Back in the early 1960's there was a critical need for affordable senior housing. Three area churches joined efforts to build the St. Vrain Manor. First United Methodist Church, Central Presbyterian Church, and First Evangelical Lutheran Church recognized the need for senior housing and they took action to meet that need more than 50 years ago. St. Vrain Manor is still providing good affordable housing to many older adults. **Do you think it could be possible that Longs Peak United Methodist Church could be part of helping get the Micah Project built?** It could be a little scary, but imagine the difference this housing could make for families in our community. As a deacon I serve in ministry with the poor and homeless. I care deeply about these folks and I believe that God cares deeply about the people on the margins too. Remember Micah 6:8 "You have been told, O man, what is good, and what the Lord requires of you: Only to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with your God."

See you serving in the community,

Rev. Sandy Stewart



Community Lunch Program

Longs Peak UMC has a long history of working to address hunger in Longmont. Our members serve hot meals once a month at the OUR Center, and also at HOPE as Soup Angels. Families with even the smallest of kids come together to collect, package and donate hundreds of snack bags of Cheerios for Colorado Friendship. And now there is a new way that our church will help our neighbors who are experiencing food insecurity: **Longs Peak has been designated as a Summer Lunch Site for the USDA free meals program.** On Mondays through Thursdays, June 5 through July 27, *anyone* can come to our church between 12:00-1:00 PM for a free lunch. There will be fun activities available, too, from 1:00-1:30 PM. Meals for children are covered through USDA/SVUSD, and adults are fed thanks to grant funds received by the City of Longmont. Talk to Jo Ann Hauger if you'd like to help lead any kind of activity (crafts, dance party, simple language lesson...) or if you'd like any more information about the lunch program.

CHILDREN & FAMILY

Ahh, Spring! We're in that home stretch now, a dizzying spiral to the end of the school year.

Sometimes I feel like I have tunnel vision, focusing only on the light at the end, which is really just a particular date on the calendar - you know the one I'm talking about. ;-) But between now and that day, you'll have field trips, young author events, piano or dance recitals, class parties - which will add to the busyness of your lives in ways you never thought possible. I get it; truly I do. Throughout this end-of-the-school-year-rush, I hope you will carve out some time for a few of the several important spiritual development opportunities for our families with children. The vitality of our church depends on the helping hands and generous hearts of our people - feed your mind and your soul, so that you can do your part in God's greater world. See the list below for everything that's coming up:

May 7 - Children & Family Ministry Council meeting, 11:45 AM. Last meeting before VBS.

May 14 - Mother's Day means planting in Colorado! Support the youth group and your home garden at the same time! Come buy flowers and plants from the youth. Also - this is the day that registration starts for Music Drama Camp. Pick up your child's registration/audition materials outside the Music Room.

May 21 - Final day of Sunday School for the regular term. Your last chance to say a special "thank you" to our fantastic Sunday School team. We'll take a break from kids' Sunday school until July. Stay tuned for details of what the summer session will bring.

May 24 - THE BIG DAY! Last day of school for SVVSD students. Celebrate with a big AAAH, and know that God loves you!

SUMMER - See the Crossroads and Ms. Jo Ann's MailChimp for details about Vacation Bible School, Music Drama Camp, and Buckhorn Camp for elementary/middle school kids. Scholarships are available for these great activities, and there is more info on the next page...

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Be a Hero! Support Vacation Bible School!

- Table “parents” for nightly meal times (5:30-6:00 PM)
- Small group “shepherds” to lead/guide classes of young Heroes from station to station (5:30-7:45 PM) – youth can help, but we still need 1 adult for each class.
- Sewers to make simple capes for child/teen/adult Heroes
- Decorators – transform our hallways into exciting city-scapes! Simple kits and decorating tips are available – ask how your ministry group can adopt a hallway!
- Get the word out – besides inviting everyone you know, help Ms. Jo Ann get fliers/info all over town!
- Register NOW: 2017.cokesburyvbs.com/longspeakumc – early registration helps us order the right number of T-shirts in the right sizes.

Ongoing Volunteer Needs

- Temporary Sunday School teachers for summer (assist Ms. Jo Ann in teaching Bible lessons through cooking, games, art, etc.)
- Online communications assistance; I can teach you to Mail Chimp in one easy session!
- 8+ more adult leaders for Vacation Bible School (including shoppers and decorators!)
- Ideas for crafts or other activities for Community Summer Lunch program

Coming to you as always as a child of God,

Jo Ann Hauger, Children's Ministry Director

(call me Ms. Jo Ann)





May is another busy month for the LPUMC music ministry. Mark your calendars for some great upcoming concerts. Our **Flute Choir and Handbell** ensembles are busy preparing for their May concerts. Both groups will be performing at their **annual concert on Saturday evening, May 6 at 7:00 PM** - note new day and time this year! Childcare will be provided for children age 6 and under and there will be a dessert reception sponsored by our UMW in the Fellowship Hall after the program. Come and celebrate the Joy of Spring in this beautiful program of flutes and handbells.

The Handbell choir will also be performing at the **Community Handbell Festival on Sunday, May 7 at 3:30 PM** at **Heart of Longmont Church** located at **11th & Kimbark**. The festival will feature several handbell groups from area churches and a mass ring with all the groups. If you enjoy handbell music, this is the place to be on May 7! A reception will follow.

And music for children.....summer is just around the corner, and so is registration for **Music Drama Camp**. The camp is open to those students who will have just **finished 1st grade through 8th grade** at the end of the school year. This year's camp will be held daily from **9:30-3:00 on Monday, June 19 - Friday, June 23**. It is a week filled with music, drama, art, bible study, recreation, and fun - as we put together a musical in one week's time. Cost is \$30.00/child or \$25.00/child for families with more than one child enrolled and includes all materials, t-shirt, and off-site day activities. The performance will be held on Friday evening, June 23 at 7:00 PM. **Check the table outside the music room for camp details, registration and audition information beginning May 14**. If you need additional information about the camp, or are available to assist in anyway, please contact Kay W. Lloyd at 303-651-2499 or at kaylloyd1463@comcast.net.

Thank you for your continued support of all the music ministries at Longs Peak!!

May Music Schedule

April 30 - Choir

May 6 - Flute Choir and Handbell Concert - LPUMC 7:00 PM

May 7 - Community Handbell Festival 3:30 PM

May 7 - A cappella

May 14 & 21 - Choir

May 28 - TBD

MERRY MIXERS



Merry Mixers Adult Group Fellowship

Thursday May 25, 11:00 AM

LPUMC Fellowship Hall & A Picnic Outside!

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

Is it time for a picnic? (Yes or No)

A picnic is a pleasure trip with the meal in the open air!

Any outdoor meal will be a pleasant time or experience.

A very easy job for all of us! The Merry Mixers will have a picnic next to the church's beautiful and productive garden this month.

(The food will be served in Fellowship Hall.)

May Program

(starts at 12:15 PM)

God's World: sun (sunsets and sun-rises), moon (full moon), mountains, stars, clouds of various formations, darkness, rain-bows, rain, snow, trees, flowers, crops, many kinds of foods, with many beautiful colors, blue skies, FRIENDS! Smiles, picnics, etc...

Come and Enjoy the Picnic!

Betty Schlagel 303-776-1454



Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, is pleased to offer a preventive health event at **Longs Peak United Methodist Church** on **Friday, May 5, 2017**.

In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners



YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

As I write this to all of you, we are just about to celebrate Jesus's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The observance of Holy Week when we heard the story of the empty tomb will have been nearly a fortnight gone by the time you read

this. Though we often celebrate Easter on one particular Sunday each year, the Season of Easter actually lasts for 7 consecutive Sundays. I think it would be amazing if we celebrated the resurrected Christ EVERY SINGLE DAY! What a powerful message; that God has delivered us from fear and captivity to our sin into new life through Jesus!

Can you imagine the message that would be communicated to others who do not attend a church if we were to live EVERY SINGLE DAY as if it were Easter? Death is the second most common fear according to many surveys (behind public speaking). Imagine the reaction from our friends who don't go to church if we LIVED God's promise of eternal life- that through a relationship with God we have already overcome death—no, not physical death, but spiritual death. We can rest in the promise of God to end all suffering when we pass from this life into eternal life with Jesus.

When someone asks you why you go to church, what will you tell them? Do you tell them about the warm, welcoming community? Do you tell them about the friendships you've made? Do you tell them about the sermons you've heard? Even better, do you tell them about the Risen Lord who conquered fear and death? Do you tell them about the refuge and guidance that you find in worshipping Jesus? Have you told them about the power of the Holy Spirit that has lifted you from feeling hopeless to being filled to overflowing with hope? Give it a shot! Invite them to be a part of this community and to witness God's love in action. Dare to take church outside of the walls of Longs Peak United Methodist Church and see how God uses you to transform this world in the Kingdom of Heaven!

In Christ,
Pastor Phil <><

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Youth Group Events

- Sunday, May 7 - Our Identity in Christ - FINAL Lesson!
 - Sunday, May 14 - Happy Mothers Day, **No Youth Group**
 - Sunday, May 21 - Gutter Sundae
 - Sunday, May 28 - Memorial Day Picnic at Hover Park, 11:45 AM (bring a side dish to share)
 - Saturday, May 29 - Bolder Boulder 10K road race, see Pastor Phil for details
 - Sunday, June 4 - VBS Decorating
 - Sunday, June 5-8 - "Hero Central" Vacation Bible School, 5:30 PM - 7:45 PM
 - Sunday, June 11 - TAG Bags
 - Sunday, June 18 - Happy Father's Day, **No Youth Group**
 - Sunday, June 25 - Water World, details to follow
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The Faith Forward Fund Committee is happy to report it has funded four Requests during the first four months this year:

1. Women's Retreat - \$1,000 (down payment/deposit for lodge)
2. Women's Retreat - \$400 (additional funds for scholarships and speaker)
3. Mission Committee - \$450 (display board for Narthex)
4. Stephen Ministry – \$292.90 (books for Stephen Ministers' training)

We still have funds available for grants and are eager to disburse them for projects/items that fall within the parameters of our charter. If your committee has a need but aren't sure if it meets the requirements for a Grant, please ask one of the FFF Committee members.



The March numbers again showed a deficit in income vs. expenses—we took in roughly \$5,000 less than we paid out. Once again, though, the raw numbers don't tell the whole story. There is some good news in this picture!

One ingredient in the financial mix is how we pay our property insurance. It's kind of a graduated scale in which the biggest payments come early in the year, and with some luck, will taper off later. We made a big payment in January (ran a deficit for the month), no payment in February (ran a surplus for the month), and another big payment in March (deficit). The burden of property insurance should grow a bit lighter as the year goes on.

I'm encouraged by looking at our expenses vs. the budget. Last year (while I was taking a year off from church leadership), the Finance Committee and leaders throughout our staff and committee structure focused hard on making a budget for 2017 that really reflects expected costs. Unused line items were stripped out, and sacrifices were made in every facet of our collective church life. In March, our expenses were about \$1700 under budget, so that demonstrates highly effective cost containment at all levels. Hats off to all those managing the purse strings!

I recently learned another piece of good news: The number of persons giving to the church has increased over the first part of this year. The number of "giving units" (individuals, families) isn't always reflected in the income figures, but it does provide one measure of overall church health, and such an increase is, indeed, a positive development!

March income	=	35,425.55
March expenses	=	<u>40,409.49</u>
Balance	=	(4,983.94)

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Nelson - Finance Committee Chair



#3 Fruits of the Spirit: **PEACE**

For quite some time my brother, LeRoy, and I have been talking about a Peace Pole Project for our respective churches. Last May, he successfully coordinated having a

Peace Pole “planted” at his church, Oak Grove Presbyterian in Bloomington, MN. I am happy to announce that we will soon have one planted here at Longs Peak United Methodist! Inscriptions in 8 languages plus braille are printed on the pole that reads “May Peace Prevail On Earth.” I invite you to learn more about this International project (www.peacepoleproject.org); **AND to attend our dedication ceremony between services on Sunday, June 4, 2017!**

Another exciting happening around here is the idea one of our newest members is pursuing....keeping the earth “Green.” Linda Shipley is wanting us to use compostable plates, cups and napkins for Sunday fellowship and Wednesday meals. We currently are using plates and napkins----and looking for compostable cups. If you find them, please let me know where to buy them!

Lastly, a special thank you to the Dalton's for the homemade, decorated Easter treats. The table was colorful and fun! Also a thank you to Barbara Bowman for the table decorations.

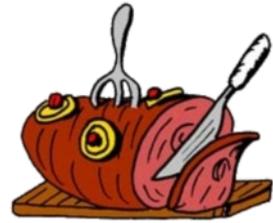
*Happy
Spring!*

Kathy Crier
Director of Care & Hospitality



OUR Center Lunch
Saturday April 8
150 Meals Served!

Holiday Meal: Baked Easter ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, roll w/ butter, carrot cake w/ cream cheese frosting, coffee, tea, lemonade, milk & water



Wonderful Volunteers:

Jan Baker, Jane Carlson, Karen Charles, Tom Charles, Stacy DeWitt, Paula Gamble, Tammy Moin, Linda Shipley

Volunteers needed for May! Please consider volunteering. We couldn't do it without you! Thank you in advance!
 Paula Gamble at paulajoe@comcast.net or 720-299-2458.



1 Dallas Powell	5 Taylor Sandal	22 Kate Bogle
2 Kaye Arnold	6 Phil Wilson	Debbie Platts
Niola De Tar	7 Robert Ur	Max Romero
Ruth Green	10 Kyle Zimmer	24 Austin Drury
Avery LaBlanc	11 Fon Koelemay	26 Roger Clark
3 Thomas Grengs	14 Mark Gaffney	Judy Stattine
Mae Katschke	Mackenzie Nelson	27 Becky Everitt
4 Jacquelyn Comeau	Jan Richardson	Melody Lanz
Tori Menard	16 May Danzl	Ben Sarlo
Gil Rohde	17 Steven Nichols	28 Linda Orrell
Don Stattine	19 Joseph Fortes	Valerie Volpe
5 Bruce Armstrong	20 Sydney Adams	30 Grant Nemeth
Bryan Hauger	21 Sara Spensieri	31 Gege Young
Faviola Henry	22 William Anderson	

Worship Service Attendance			
Date	9:00	10:30	TOTAL
April 2	110	97	207
April 9	134	117	251
April 16	216	221	437
April 23	106	86	192

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Email your articles to: newsletter@lpumc.org

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