



Open Hearts  
Open Minds  
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## THE SUMMIT

LONGS PEAK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*Welcoming, Embracing, Nurturing, Serving*

### August 2016

A few weeks ago I suggested the congregation join me in reading all 150 Psalms. I suggested this partially because I am preaching on the Psalms until the end of August, but there is a much more important reason for this suggestion. The Psalms provide us language for approaching God when our own words might fail us. The Psalms support our own feelings about God and faith, feelings ranging from joy, to anger, to wonderment, to confusion, to just about any emotion you can imagine.

Have you joined in this reading yet? I had suggested five Psalms, six days a week for five weeks, resulting in completion of the book by the end of the sermon series. If you haven't started, it is never too late. You can read them at your own pace, taking time to savor each one.

As you read, I encourage you to read them prayerfully. Invite the Holy Spirit to open your heart in the reading of the Psalms. Ask yourself some questions as you read:

- How does this passage speak to me?
- How does it make me feel? Why?
- How would I express the same idea?

That last question is one that can let the Spirit move through you. To use the thoughts in the Psalms and make them your own is a powerful way to create your own prayers, praises, and songs to God. One example is this prayer based on Psalm 84:

Living God,  
you are the beginning of our journeys,  
our guide, and our destination.  
There is no joy like the joy of your presence,  
in the midst of your people!

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You lead through times of weeping  
to springs of new life and new beginnings.  
Glory be to you, O God, our sun and our protection,  
through Jesus Christ, in the Holy Spirit. Amen

Or maybe this version of Psalm 23 from *The Message* will inspire you:

1-3 God, my shepherd!  
I don't need a thing.  
You have bedded me down in lush meadows,  
you find me quiet pools to drink from.  
True to your word,  
you let me catch my breath  
and send me in the right direction.  
4 Even when the way goes through  
Death Valley,  
I'm not afraid  
when you walk at my side.  
Your trusty shepherd's crook  
makes me feel secure.  
5 You serve me a six-course dinner  
right in front of my enemies.  
You revive my drooping head;  
my cup brims with blessing.  
6 Your beauty and love chase after me  
every day of my life.  
I'm back home in the house of God  
for the rest of my life.

Join us this summer as we continue reading, praying, singing the Psalms. Use the words to reach out to God and to let God reach you!

Let yourself get lost in the words, lost in the Word.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Stephanie". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letter of "Pastor" being a large, decorative capital.

*<sup>i</sup>Touch Holiness: Resources for Worship, Duck and Tirabassi, 1990*

## **Worship Themes for August 2016**

### **Summer Psalms**

#### **Sunday, July 31**

Sermon: A Prayer for Help

Scripture: Psalm 13

#### **Sunday, August 7**

Sermon: A Psalm of Trust

Scripture: Psalm 23

#### **Sunday, August 14**

Sermon: A Psalm of Thanks

Scripture: Psalm 30

#### **Sunday, August 21**

Sermon: A Call to Praise

Scripture: Psalm 150

#### **Sunday, August 28**

Sermon: Psalm Reprise

Scripture: Matthew 21:33-44

#### **Sunday Worship Schedule**

Contemporary Praise Service 9:00 AM

Traditional Service 10:30 AM

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



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#### **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.

## Close to Home

Does it seem, or have you noticed, that more people in our community are flying signs on street corners asking for money because they are homeless? It is true; homelessness has increased both in our area and nationwide. In a recent study of our 7 county region, it was found that only 7% of the people surveyed believed that they have a major role to play in helping address the issues of homelessness.

**Close to Home** is a public will building program designed to **drastically increase** the number of people who believe they have a major role to play in helping address homelessness. For those who think that this sounds impossible, let us remember that thirty years ago the majority of the population believed it was a person's right to smoke whenever and wherever they wanted. It was also a person's right not to wear a seat belt. But through public will building those opinions have changed for both smoking and wearing seat belts.

**Close to Home** has 4 core messages to talk about and 5 meaningful actions that we can do to address homeless issues. They are available at their website, [www.close-to-home.co.org](http://www.close-to-home.co.org).

I believe, as followers of Christ, we all have a role to play in addressing poverty. It is our scriptural responsibility to help the least among us. We are familiar with Matthew 25:31-46 but not as familiar with Proverbs 31:8-9: *Speak out for those who cannot speak, for the rights of all the destitute. Speak out, judge righteously, and defend the rights of the poor and needy.*

See you serving in the community,

*Rev. Sandy Stewart*



**CLOSE TO HOME**  
MAKE HOMELESSNESS HISTORY IN COLORADO



## Care & Hospitality News

What a wonderful day of gathering we shared for our all church picnic on July 17! Even though we moved it from the park to Fellowship Hall because of heat concerns, about 85 of us enjoyed each other's company, ate hamburgers, hot dogs and watermelon, and the children even played with water balloons outside (thanks to Ms.JoAnn). We had several visitors attend as well. So thank you to all who attended, and a HIGH FIVE to those who helped shop, set up, cook, serve and clean up (I call them my angels). 

While we experience happy times, many are experiencing sad/challenging times. I believe all of us are feeling the effects of tragedies around the world, as well as in our own state. There seems to be a deep sadness in the air. Don't you agree?

Keep on praying



How did you do with your Psalm reading? Five-a-day was so "do-able."

Psalm 150:6 *Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.*

Please notice in this newsletter the invite for our GriefShare class beginning September 26th and running for 13 weeks. Call me if you want to know more about it.

I will be gone for a few days in mid-August to attend my son's retirement from the Air Force. I am so very proud to say he has served 21½ years (both Navy and Air Force), was a navigator on a B1 Bomber, and was deployed 4 times. Stop and say "thank you" to a military person today!

This is a final plea for fellowship help on the 4th Sunday. We will not be serving drinks or snacks until 4 people offer to help. It can be different folks each month. Won't you call me and help keep our tradition of fellowship ministry going? Church 303-776-0399 or my cell 720-480-8203.

Summer blessings continue,

Kathy Crier - Director of Care & Hospitality



Missions/Outreach

## Mission Movement

The evening of Wednesday, September 14, the Kenyan UMC Bishop Catherine Mutua will speak to LPUMC about the struggles facing her community members. Mark your calendar to attend! More details as confirmed.

Each person in our congregation can help make a difference in our world. Not sure how or what you want to do? Try a few mission opportunities and learn what feels right for you. Most LPUMC mission opportunities ask for just a small amount of your time or resources to support organizations that help communities near and far. A single raindrop makes a small impact, but the impact of many, many small raindrops can change the landscape!

If you are interested in joining the committee, or would like to learn more about service opportunities, contact Michelle Crain, [MrsCinLongmont@gmail.com](mailto:MrsCinLongmont@gmail.com) or 720-270-3104 (texts okay). Like us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/LPUMC4Missions!](http://www.facebook.com/LPUMC4Missions!)

***Every member in mission is a Mission Movement!***

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A 13-week support group for people grieving the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend that allows you to be around people who understand the pain you feel. You can join at any session.

**When:** Mondays from September 26 to December 19

**Time:** 6:30 - 8:00 PM

**Where:** Longs Peak United Methodist Church; Rm 137

**Cost:** \$15 for GriefShare workbook (scholarships available)

**Facilitators:** Wendy Reed, Kathy Crier, and Jan Spittler

Contact Wendy Reed at 303-772-3290 or Kathy Crier at 303-776-0399 for more information. Child care and transportation can be arranged.



# Music Ministry Notes

It's hard to believe that summer is almost over!! Music Ministry - mark your calendars for the resumption of regular rehearsals the week of August 22. Praise Team will resume on Tuesday, August 23 at 6:00; Acappella at 6:45 PM; and choir at 7:30. Handbells will resume the following week on Thursday evening, September 1 at 6:00 PM. All are invited to check out the music opportunities at LPUMC. Feel free to drop by at rehearsals or contact Kay W. Lloyd ([music@lpumc.org](mailto:music@lpumc.org)) for additional information.

We are excited to welcome our new church pianist, Paula Muncy. Paula brings a wealth of experience, knowledge, piano and vocal expertise, and a heart for worship. Welcome to the team, Paula!

Have you ever seen one person play 21 bells?? Come check out the special music on Sunday, August 7 as one of our ringers plays a handbell solo! (rescheduled from June 19).

Scheduling for our Assisted Living and Nursing Home Ministry is now open for September through December. We are currently in need of lay speakers, hymn leaders and accompanists (either piano or guitar) for the first Sunday of each month at 2:00 at Atria; and the second Saturday of each month at 9:30 at Applewood. This ministry touches the hearts of many residents of these nursing homes - as well as the hearts of those that serve. Please contact Kay if you are interested in serving on one of these dates during the Fall.

## **July Music Schedule**

August 7 - Mindy Marsh, Handbell Solo

August 14 - Choir

August 21 - Flute/Piano

August 28 - Choir

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## **Gratitude**

Thank you to each and everyone for the beautiful cards and for coming to the surprise birthday celebration at Calahan House.

Louise Raney

# Children & Family Ministry

## Summer Recap - By the Numbers

- 8 - Children and youth who attended Buckhorn Camp
- 16 - Messages delivered to children during worship this summer (so far!)
- 37 - Boxes of Cheerios waiting to be packed into snack bags for Colorado Friendship; stay tuned to Mail Chimp for a pack date! Also - time to bring more Cheerios!
- 42 - Volunteers (teen and adult) and staff whose hard work made Vacation Bible School possible
- 73 - Surfers (ages 0-12) who attended Vacation Bible School
- 6800+ Water bottles donated by Surfers for HOPE during VBS

## Upcoming dates - Mark Your Calendars!

**July 30** - Boulder County Fair Parade - there's still time to join us!  
Contact Kevin Bennett ([smkfn14@gmail.com](mailto:smkfn14@gmail.com))

**August 5-7** - Fellowship Camp at Golden Gate Canyon State Park; last I heard there was at least one tent site remaining!  
Contact K Nelson ([flapdoodle@comcast.net](mailto:flapdoodle@comcast.net))

**August 10** - Project Cheerios - Rm 128/129  
(choose 5:00-6:00 PM or 6:45-7:45 PM)

**August 14** - Back-to-School Blessing of the Backpacks (both worship services)

- Registration opens for Deep Blue Kids Sunday School
- Children & Family Ministry Council meeting (11:45, Rm 131)

**August 20** - Sun. School teacher training, Rm 130/131 6:45 PM

**August 21** - CFMC Pool Party at Sunset Pool (1-3 PM)  
EVERYBODY invited!

**August 24** - Sun. School teacher training, Rm 130/131 10:30 AM

**August 28** - First day of Deep Blue Kids Sunday School

## Volunteer needs - let me know if one of these roles sounds right for YOU:

**Sunday School teachers** and on-call subs - specify children or youth - needed for all age groups!

**Nursery volunteers** - we've lost some since the start of the year!

**Weekly Mail-Chimp support** - help me keep everyone informed!

**Sunday School Superintendent** - manage SS registration and attendance; arrange for subs, as needed

**Supplies coordinator** - organize and inventory craft and classroom supplies

Contact Jo Ann Hauger ([kids@lpumc.org](mailto:kids@lpumc.org), 720-985-1247) for details about any of the above.

# YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Have you heard about the latest crazy going around mobile phone apps, Pokémon Go? Some or perhaps even many of you have downloaded the app to your smart phone. During the first days following the launch of the game, the number of daily active users in the US surpassed that of Snapchat and Tinder and was also approaching the number of Twitter users. The game has been referred to as a "social media phenomenon". On July 12, six days after its release, the game became the most active mobile game in the United States ever with 21 million active users, eclipsing Candy Crush Saga's peak of 20 million.

\*\*The gist of this game is that using augmented reality; computer generated characters appearing in real-time using your phone's camera, players travel their community trying to find Pokémon characters. In doing a little bit of research, I believe there to be around 150 different characters in the game. The game uses GPS and other social media data to establish where people tend to gather most and, based on that data, place the characters, stops, and gyms all around the world. Many churches are finding that their property is part of the game. In fact, Longs Peak is a "Level 3 gym" according to Donna Chuang. I've read several posts on social media and spoken to several friends who work in church ministry; hearing several stories of how we as churches can use this game as a form of evangelism. Church staff around the world are inviting players to come inside for a drink of water, a snack, or just a chance to get out of the hot sun for a minute. Many of these players haven't been in a church in many years or in their lifetime. This is a perfect opportunity to show someone what we are all about!

Retiring United Methodist Bishop Hayes from the Oklahoma Conference recently said, "it doesn't take a theological degree to practice the ministry of presence." Friends, you don't have to know all about the Bible, God, Jesus, the Holy Trinity, or be a "devout" Christian in order to show someone that you care about them. All you have to do is show an interest in who they are and where they are on their journey with God- whether they have never heard of Jesus before you say his name or whether they have been in the church their entire 90 years. Sitting down with someone and listening to their story and where they have come from demonstrates a presence of the Holy. Sacred conversation and relationship can be cultivated when we are willing to simply meet someone.

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Longs Peak is just one of the countless (literally, there are so many I can't begin to count) places that Pokémon Go is using for game purposes. While it is a simple way to invite someone into the church, there are so many other locations you can meet someone playing the game: a park, a restaurant, a store front, and many others. Take that opportunity to greet players with a friendly smile and ask them about what they are doing and how their day is going. Let them know that Longs Peak is a Pokémon gym and invite them to stop by. Pokémon Go is just one avenue to show someone that you are interested in who they are and where they come from. You don't necessarily have to mention God in order to show the light of Christ to someone else, perhaps someone that needs the hope that exists in Jesus Christ.

If something as simple as a smart phone game can help you lead others to Christ, just think of the countless other opportunities that God presents us with every single day to be the light of Christ. I pray that you are open to these opportunities.

\*\*Disclaimer: I am not a "gamer" nor can I claim to be very knowledgeable around the subject of social media aside from using Facebook. I do believe, however, that we, as Christians, have a responsibility to know what the world is interested in and help direct those interests toward God, smart phone games included.

### **Upcoming Youth Group Activities**

**Tuesday, August 2** - Chess Club, 10:00 - 11:30 AM,  
ALL ages welcome

**Wednesday, August 3** - Youth Mission Trip Appreciation Dinner,  
6:00 PM, free-will offering

**Sunday, August 7** - Water World Day, 2:00 - 6:00 PM, \$35 per  
person, RSVP to Pastor Phil

**Tuesday, August 9** - Chess Club, 10:00 - 11:30 AM,  
ALL ages welcome

**Sunday, August 14** - Afternoon at Zweck's Pond (formerly Yuckfest),  
1:00 - 3:00 PM

**Sunday, August 21** - Family Pool Party at Sunset Pool, 1:00 - 3:00  
PM, free, ALL ages welcome

**Sunday, August 28** - St Vrain Valley Youth Ministry @ Battle Dartz,  
FREE, 4:30 - 7:30 PM

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### **Attention Rummage Sale-Goers and Those Wanting to Get Rid of Stuff!**

This year's **Youth Ministry Rummage Sale** is not officially scheduled but will be sometime in October; stay tuned for the date! If you have any items you would like to donate to the sale, please set them aside in your home until a drop-off date has been scheduled. Please do **NOT** leave items in the church before the drop-off date (again, to be published at a later date) as it takes up space that is needed for other activities in the life of the church. Please see Pastor Phil if you have questions.

#### **Acceptable Items**

Pants  
Shirts  
Dresses/Skirts  
Coats/Jackets  
Gently Used Shoes  
Holiday Décor  
Toys and Stuffed Animals  
Kitchen Utensils  
Household Items  
Decorations/Collectibles  
Linens/Blankets  
Books  
DVDs/Videotapes  
CDs  
Gently Used Furniture

#### **Unacceptable Items**

Used Undergarments  
Used Socks  
Computers  
Video Game Consoles  
Televisions  
VCR/DVD Players  
CD Players  
Baby Car Seats  
Mattresses  
Used Pillows  
Live Animals



**When: Sunday, August 28  
5:00 - 7:00 PM**

**What:** St. Vrain Valley UMC  
Youth Ministry Gathering!  
Pizza and Drinks Provided

**Who:** Students Grades 6-12

**Where:** Battle Dartz Nerf Battle Zone

**How: FREE! Bring friends!  
RSVP to your Pastor  
TODAY!!**

# MERRY MIXERS



**Merry Mixers** is a ministry organized by a committee several years ago to promote couples or singles to come together and evolve new connections with one another.

Great fellowship, pot lucks, smiles, laughter and entertainment: Various speakers on fascinating subjects, videos, tours of countries visited, musical programs, questionnaires, games, laughter, and many other exciting programs; something new every month!

This *Summit* newsletter is a good place to learn about all the Merry Mixers meetings and programs.

We invite you to join us for a fun and relaxing time!

**Betty Schlagel 303-776-1454**



## Longs Peak United Methodist Women

**Rocky Mountain Conference UMW and Global Ministries** are offering a One-Day Event for **Mission u** studies.

There are three studies and most locations are offering two of the studies. These events will be on several dates and locations during August and September. The closest one is being offered at the **Heart of Longmont at 350 11th Ave on August 13**. They are offering two studies and each will be from **8:30 AM until 4:00 PM**. The cost for each study is \$55, plus \$10 for the study books which would need to be ordered by each person attending.

Some of the other locations are Grand Junction, Casper, WY, Englewood, Pueblo and Gillette, WY. Registration forms can be found on the UMW bulletin board at the church and the forms contain most of the details. Each location has listed a contact person so additional information can be obtained through them.

**OUR Center Lunch**  
**Saturday July 9**  
**135 Meals Served!**



**Scrumptious Menu:** BBQ chicken breast, potato salad, corn, Boston Cream Pie poke Cake, lemonade, coffee, milk, hot tea, water

**Wonderful Volunteers:** Beth Bailey, Alan Dines, Evelyn Fontanez, Dan & Paula Gamble, Jolene Mechtly, Alton Perry, Gran & Charlene Smythe

Look for the new sign-up board in the hallway across from the nursery. **Volunteers are needed for August & October!** Please sign up to help those in need! It's a fun way to spend a few hours on a Saturday, and it helps so much. Thank you for your consideration!

Paula Gamble

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**Serving Our Country**



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

\* Designates deployed in combat area

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**MERRY  
MIXERS**

**Merry Mixers Adult Group Fellowship**  
**No meetings in June, July, or August**  
**We'll meet again in September ~ Enjoy your summer!**  
**Betty Schlagel 303-776-1454**

## LPUMC Finance Committee

Income for June was \$31,168 and expenses were \$39,194 which means a deficit for the month of June of -\$8,026. Our Year-to-Date deficit is -\$17,269. We are not surprised by the decrease in income as it was June and many people were away on vacation. We have been very careful with spending and have spent less than the budget allowed through the month of June. However, this deficit is very concerning. Please be praying that our financial needs will be met over the next couple of months and consider mailing checks, paying by PayPal (see our website) or signing up for automatic transfers while you are away. We would like to continue to see the wonderful things that are happening in our church like music and drama camp, vacation bible school and youth mission trips.

Check out the thermometer in the Crossroads which shows this year's income as it relates to our annual budget.

Reported by Amanda Billow

<b>August Birthdays</b>		
1 Karl Bogle	7 Kimberly Ainsworth	22 Adrian Spensieri
Lori Clark	Steven De Tar	23 Karen Bunker
Lyn Dines	Christiana Vasquez	Cheryl Glenn
Alexis Opatril		Blake Nemeth
2 Lonnie Clark	9 Zoe Wagner	28 Jan Warren-Harders
Kristine Simpson		29 Alex Carlson
3 Patrick Anderson	16 Elisabeth Comeau	Brooke Houston
John Martin	17 Danielle Hagedorn	Brendan Schoenman
4 Annette Anderson	18 Brady Ohlsen	Sarah Walker
Kris Bakich		30 Connie Capron
5 Wendy Reed	22 Jennifer Brookes	Harry Schlagel

### Worship Service Attendance

Date	9:00	10:30	TOTAL
July 3	106	121	<b>227</b>
July 10	108	94	<b>202</b>
July 17	108	108	<b>216</b>
July 24	105	103	<b>208</b>

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Rev. Sandy Stewart

Deacon serving at OUR Center

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## September Newsletter Deadline is Monday, August 15

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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