



## LONGS PEAK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Sunday Services: 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM

Saturday Service: 5:30 PM

Welcoming, Embracing, Nurturing, Serving

### March 2019



*Pastor Steve Reinhard*

#### Pastor's Ponderings... "Speaking the Truth in Love"

*Dear Longs Peak Faith Family,*

Please read **Ephesians 4** in its entirety to get all the details from the Bible chapter which inspired my message last Sunday: "Speaking the Truth in Love."

So many of you commented on "The Permissions" from my message that I wanted to share the section here in my newsletter article. These are Christian Communication guidelines that are nothing short of *revolutionary* in growing strong relationships through healthy, good, Godly communication

**The Permissions**, based on "Ask, Seek, Knock" from the teachings of Jesus.

**Matthew 7:7: "Ask, Seek, Knock"—"A.S.K."**

**"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."**

- **Mutual Permissions:**
  - To ask for help
  - To ask for what you need
  - To ask questions
  - To offer and receive constructive feedback
  - To make mistakes

"Mutual" here means we make a *covenant promise* with the other person. We promise to give *ourselves* permission *and the other person* permission to approach all difficult conversations in these ways.

Thank you all for continuing to "Speak the Truth in Love" with me, with one another, and with everyone you know. This God-guided journey will do nothing less than *revolutionize* the ministry of God's love in Jesus Christ through our church!

Grace and Peace,

*Pastor Steve*

#### Longs Peak UMC Vision Statement

Longs Peak United Methodist church is about inviting new souls to find God, nourishing the souls of the faithful, and sending God's people to serve the world as the hands and feet of Christ. We will transform the world by demonstrating love and grace, praising God, and nurturing others in Christian living.

Christ sets all free!



#### Service Attendance

Date	5:30	8:30	10:30	Total
Feb 2/3	18	105	100	223
Feb 9/10	24	93	106	223
Feb 16/17	19	94	112	225
Feb 23/24	17	106	111	234

## From Pastor Phil

My Dearest Sisters and Brothers in the Church that I love with all of my heart,

This is a very difficult letter to write you. Nonetheless, I wholeheartedly accept the charge I have been given as one of your clergy leaders. I greet you in the name of our resurrected Lord, Jesus Christ. May the comfort of God, our Creator, and the peace of the Holy Spirit be upon you.

Many of you have heard by now that the delegation of the Special Session of the General Conference of the United Methodist Church have voted in affirmation of the traditional understanding of scripture as relates to persons in the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and Questioning, Intersex, Asexual and Ally community. The delegation has reaffirmed that homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching. I know that this decision has caused a great sense of relief for some among us while causing deep pain for others. While I certainly have my own personal convictions, I stand, as a leader, with you all in your experience. I recognize that, as the General Conference delegation proved, we are diverse in our understanding and convictions. I truly thank God for that!

I personally supported the One Church Plan, believing wholly in the words of our founder, John Wesley: "But although a difference in opinions or modes of worship may prevent an entire external union, yet need it prevent our union in affection? Though we cannot think alike, may we not love alike? May we not be of one heart, though we are not of one opinion? Without all doubt, we may. Herein all the children of God may unite, notwithstanding these smaller differences. These remaining as they are, they may forward one another in love and in good works." I believe that we are stronger when we represent the diverse beauty of God's people among us. I am deeply saddened and, honestly, profoundly hurt by the decision made by the General Conference. I am also fervent and steadfast in proclaiming a resurrected God who is living and working among all of us always. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it... The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us." (John 1:1-4, 14)

In the days that follow, you will hear a lot of chatter and read several headlines about our denomination, the denomination to which I devoted my work and much of my life. Do not fall trap to believing that we cannot continue to live as one. Do not believe that we cannot work together to express the fullness of God's amazing redemptive power. Do not believe that the General Conference can define who we are as Longs Peak United Methodist Church. We will continue to be Easter people, proclaiming that Good News of Jesus Christ to all people that God loves them and that they are valuable. We will continue to serve people on the margins of society and we will continue living together as one, working out our faith and understanding together. My dearest Church, I LOVE YOU and I am praying with might for you. God has already promised not to leave us nor forsake us (Deuteronomy 31:6). Stay with me and pray for me, for God will surely use us for great things.

In Christ's Unending Love,

Reverend Philip M. Rogers II ><>

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## MUSIC NOTES

*Kay W. Lloyd*

### March

March is a busy month in the music ministry with two large events, and rehearsals for Holy Week and Easter. Mark your calendars for some exciting music happening this month!

Our **annual Flute Choir and Handbell Concert has been moved to March this Spring and will be held on Friday, March 15 at 7:30 p.m. at LPUMC.** Come enjoy an evening of great music celebrating Spring and St. Patrick's day. Admission is free, childcare is available for children 6 and younger, and a dessert reception hosted by our UMW will follow the program.

Our sanctuary will be filled with the sounds of several local church choirs, the Jubilate Sacred Singers, and the Flatirons Community Orchestra as part of the **Agape Safe**

**Haven Fundraiser on Saturday, March 23 at 7:00 p.m.**  
Come for an evening of uplifting music. All donations will benefit Agape Safe Haven. A dessert reception will follow the concert.

And mark your calendars for the upcoming **Community Handbell Festival** which LPUMC will be hosting on **Sunday, May 5 at 3:30 p.m.** If you enjoy hearing (and watching) handbells – this is the place to be for an afternoon of handbell music performed by area groups.

There is always an open invitation to join the choir for upcoming Holy Week and Easter music rehearsals and performances. If you are interested in a short term commitment – singing some great music with some great people – then feel free to drop in on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 for our rehearsals.

March Music Schedule  
March 3 – Choir  
March 10 – A cappella  
March 17 – Handbells  
March 24 – Choir  
March 31 - Piano  
March Special Events:

Friday, March 15 – Flute Choir and Handbell Concert – 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 23 – Agape Fundraiser – 7:00 p.m.  
Featuring choirs from area churches, Jubilate Sacred Singers, and the Flatirons Community Orchestra



*Jan Spitler*

United Methodist Women celebrate 150 years on March 23rd! We look pretty good for being that old, don't you think? During the month of March, UMW will be presenting information about the organization at all the Sunday services the first, second and third weeks. On the fourth Sunday, mission pins will be presented. It's amazing how much UMW has done for women, children, and youth all over the world in these past 150 years. A Legacy 150 fund has been set up to continue those missions. If anyone cares to give to this fund, please make out your check to UMW and put Legacy 150 on the

memo line. Any amount is fine. Please check out the website to see what the largest women's organization in the world is doing.

Also, our General Meeting will be held on March 14th in the Fellowship Hall at 1:00 p.m. The Esther Circle meeting will be held on March 21st in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 p.m. and we will be doing a book review. Please check the Sunday bulletins for more details.

Ladies, if you are interested in serving and great fellowship, please come to a meeting and check us out. We would love to have you.



## UPCOMING LPUMC WOMEN'S RETREAT

**It's time for another LPUMC Women's Retreat so save  
Sept. 20-22, 2019!!**

**If you are interested in working on the retreat, contact  
Robyn Morgan at [robyn22m@yahoo.com](mailto:robyn22m@yahoo.com)  
More details to follow.....**

## CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY



*Katie Petarek*

Thank you for your warm welcome! One of my favorite parts during my week is when I get to hear my son mention things he learned in church. We were driving to school this morning and he began to sing "This Little Light Of Mine". I asked him what the light was, "Well Mom, the light is Jesus and he lives in us." Little ears are always listening. As we move into the Lenten season I am reminded that many of us let go of something that is holding us back. I encourage all our families to open up space in your hearts to grow in our faith. This year during Lent we will be offering a family event on Wednesdays 6:30-7:00 pm 3/13-4/17 (everyone is welcome) for Messy Church: a 30 minute Hands-On Devotion; it might get Messy! We are excited to share that the kids will be singing at the Easter Services 4/21 this year! Rehearsals

will be Sundays 3/17-4/14 from 9:30 to 9:40 am, right before Sunday School. Sign up sheet is located on the Sunday School Bulletin Board for more details. We have lots of opportunities this season to grow together as a family. I look forward to seeing you! Spread.

Love, Katie Pekarek  
[kids@lpumc.org](mailto:kids@lpumc.org)

Important Dates:

- March 6th | Ash Wednesday Service 7:00pm
  - March 13th - April 17th | Messy Church 6:30-7:00pm; Everyone is welcome for Family hands on activities each week for the Lenten season
  - April 20th | Community Easter Egg Hunt | Hover Park | 2:00-4:00pm
  - April 21st | Easter Services
- \*\*Kids will sing at Easter Services!! Please sign up today on the Sunday school Bulletin Board to reserve your spot. Rehearsals will be Sundays |9:30 -9:40 am | Music Room 3/17-4/14\*\*

Contact [Katie Pekarek](mailto:katie@lpumc.org) at [kids@lpumc.org](mailto:kids@lpumc.org) for more details!



## CARE AND HOSPITALITY

*Kathy Crier*  
*Director of Care & Hospitality*

What time of year is it?

**SPRING BREAK**

**SPRING** I have a “bucket list” trip this month to the Holy Land March 18-31. This will be a spiritual journey with baptism, ending 4 days in Jordan. If you’ve been there, see me before I leave and give me some memories of your journey.

It takes a village to take care of all the “Care & Hospitality” ministries here. A huge **thank you** to all for stepping forward while I’m gone.

**BREAK** Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, I will be announcing the winner of our “Best Meal in February.” I invite you to join us every Wednesday at 6:00 pm for a wonderful meal, with love and laughter present. Who doesn’t need a mid-week picker upper?



## Missions

*Danielle Hagedorn*  
*Rebekah Fisher*

Why serve? In addition to helping those in need, being in service is a great way to meet others in our congregation as we work together. It's also a great way to learn more about our community. Consider asking a friend to join you in one of these opportunities.

Opportunities to be in service in March:

For more detailed information and to sign-up for any of these opportunities check out the Missions Tower in the Narthex.

**3/9 OUR Center meal:** Join us for our monthly meal at the OUR Center from 9:30-2:00. Volunteers help cook, serve, and clean-up the meal. We'd love to have you help for the entire time, but if you can only come for a portion just note that when signing up. This is a very rewarding experience. If you'd like more information, speak with Amy Mann-Miner or Evelyn Fontanez.

**3/16 UMCOR Kit Assembly** at Johnstown UMC 10:00-1:00. We have the opportunity to be in service with other area churches to assemble UMCOR kits that will be taken to the depot in Salt Lake City and then distributed as needed around the world. Donations of supplies for both the cleaning kits (also known as Flood Buckets) and Hygiene Kits (or Health Kits) are needed for this event. Both lists are posted on the Missions Tower in the Narthex. Please place any donations at the base of the board by Wednesday, March 13. Ask Rebekah Fisher for more details.

**3/16 OUR Center Empty Bowls** event at Longmont High School from 11:00 - 1:00. Enjoy some delicious soup or stew in a keepsake hand-painted bowl of your choice all while supporting the work of the OUR Center. For more information and to purchase tickets go to the OUR Center Website.

**3/29 HOPE meal...** Together we are providing a meal for 30 food insecure individuals each month. Please sign up

to provide a main dish, side dish, salad, or dessert. If you'd like more details speak with Evelyn Fontanez.

**Ongoing Opportunities:**

Every Thursday..... Come to the church between 7:00-8:00 pm to meet with our guests from **Agape Safe Haven**. Join them in fellowship and help them feel welcome in our church.

Prepare dinner for three clients of **TRI** (The Re-Entry Initiative), which is an organization that helps women reintegrate into society after incarceration. We have committed to providing dinner for these ladies on the 3rd Saturday of each month in 2019. After signing up, further instructions will be sent to you prior to your selected date.

Thank you for being in service to our community!



overall expenses came in about \$4,000 under budget for January. Second, income was down by \$4,400 from January last year.

With continued faithful giving and plenty of prayer, we'll be fine as we move through 2019. Please know that the role played by every single one of us in both aspects is vital to helping our church family thrive and continue to serve!

	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19
Income	39,741.69	50,299.72	32,367.90
Expenses	36,675.01	40,395.30	39,256.90
Net Income (Loss)	3,066.68	9,904.42	(6,889.00)

YTD Income	32,367.90
YTD Expenses	39,256.90
YTD Net Income/(Loss)	(6,889.00)



**FINANCE**

*Rick Nelson*



**THURSDAY MORNING**

**Finances for January 2019**

January was a bit of a rough month in terms of finances, ending the month with an approximately \$7,000 deficit (expenses exceeding income). This isn't unusual—January of 2018 ended about \$8500 in the hole. We were fortunate to carry over a positive balance from year-end 2018, so absorbing this deficit isn't a problem.

The next Book of the Bible that the group will be studying is 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians beginning on March 14 at 9:30 am for six weeks. Interested in joining or asking questions, please call Sharon at the church at 303-776-0399 or [sharon@lpumc.org](mailto:sharon@lpumc.org).

A couple of additional statistics do give me pause, however. First, we didn't pay salaries in January for two positions that we have since filled (Director of Children and Family Ministries, and Media Coordinator), and we had lower snow removal expenses than budgeted, so





## ***LPUMC Staff***

- Rev. Steve Reinhard – Lead Pastor*
- Rev. Philip Rogers – Youth & Young Adults*
- Kathy Crier – Care & Hospitality*
- Kay W. Lloyd – Music Ministry*
- Katie Pekarek – Children’s Ministry*
- Catherine Romero – Business Manager*
- Sharon Cantrell-Jaap – Admin. Assistant*
- Bobbi Christensen – Nursery Coordinator*
- Paula Muncy – Pianist*
- Brittany Cain - Publications*
- Rev. Sandy Stewart – Deacon-in-Residence*
- Jim Moore – Custodian*
- Glorie Gitonga – Kenya Social Worker*
- Rev. Granville Smythe – Retired*
- Pastor Charlene Smythe – Retired*
- Ministers – Those Who Call Jesus, Lord*



## **MARCH**

- Mar 3 Forrest Dalton  
Carolyn Driver  
Wilma Meyer
- Mar 4 Kristin Miller
- Mar 7 Janet Baker  
Ginny Walker
- Mar 9 Leigh-Ann Black  
Laurie Faye  
Elaine Weisgerber
- Mar 10 Becca Fenton  
Steve Gaffney
- Mar 11 Renee Comeau  
Jan Steger  
Kimberly Taylor
- Mar 12 Brenda Henry
- Mar 13 Sharon Cantrell-Jaap
- Mar 19 Dennis Champlin
- Mar 19 Rebekah Fisher  
Matt Fisher
- Mar 20 Wes Stiller  
Pat Worrell
- Mar 21 Cooky Williams
- Mar 25 Lauren Billow
- Mar 26 Wyatt Eklof
- Mar 27 Emily Billow
- Mar 29 Dale Sherrod
- Mar 30 Randy Carlson  
Peter Hindes
- Mar 31 Tom Charles  
Sydney Wood

