



# November Connection

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### Worship Schedule

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### December Newsletter

**Deadline: November 17**

Please send any articles to:  
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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



*"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His steadfast love endures forever."  
– Psalm 107:1*

Dear LPUMC Family,

November reminds me of three important things that people feel passionately about: Elections, Veterans Day, and Thanksgiving. Each, in its own way, calls us to reflect on values we hold dear — participation, service, and gratitude.

November is a month that always seems to draw us back to what truly matters — gratitude, family, and the blessing of community. As the days grow shorter and the air turns crisp, we find ourselves gathering around tables, fireplaces, and sanctuaries, giving thanks for the gifts of life and one another.

This year, I've been especially mindful of how important it is to stay connected — even, and perhaps *especially*, when we don't all see things the same way. We live in a time when political tension and social division can easily drive us apart. But as followers of Christ, we are called to something higher and holier: to love one another as Christ loves us.

Around our tables and in our pews, we can model a different way — a way marked by listening, grace, and respect. We can show the world what it means to hold differing opinions without letting those differences define or divide us. In doing so, we reflect the love of Jesus, who welcomed all kinds of people to sit and break bread together.

As we move through this month of remembrance and thanksgiving, I want to take a moment to thank our veterans for their courage and service. We are grateful for the freedoms we enjoy because of your sacrifice, and we honor you with hearts full of appreciation and prayer for peace.

As a way to connect this month, LPUMC will be celebrating our gratitude together with a Thanksgiving Meal Potluck to be held on Sunday, November 23rd, at 11:45 a.m. Last year, we were fortunate to have several visitors from our Sunday morning service join us, so let's plan on enjoying each other's company while also making a space at the table for a new face. It's a wonderful opportunity to share good food, warm fellowship, and the love of Christ in community.

So, as you gather with family and friends this month, I encourage you to pause and give thanks — not just for *what* you have, but for *who* you have. Even when conversations get tricky or perspectives clash, remember: gratitude is stronger than grievance, and love is more powerful than opinion.

Let's be a church family that shows the world what it means to belong to one another — not because we all agree, but because we all are God's beloved.

With thanksgiving,  
Your Brother in Christ, Jeremiah



## CRAFT AND BAKE SALE, & CHILI COOK-OFF SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1st

The Mission Team's Craft & Bake Sale will be Saturday, November 1st; from 10 am to 2pm (and, if items remain, during Fellowship time on Sunday, November 2). Please be sure to stop by and shop the wonderful handmade items donated by members of the congregation. We have some wonderful pieces for the silent auction portion again this year. There will be lunch available Saturday, Nov. 1, 11 am - 1 pm as the United Women in Faith host a Chili Cook-Off (\$8/person), with dessert available at the Bake Sale. This event is our annual fundraiser for [The Center for Health and Hope](#).

Hope to see you there!

## Santa's Workshop

This holiday season, we are partnering with Heart of Longmont (HOL) to support their annual Santa's Workshop, on December 7th & 8th at HOL. This amazing event provides 100+ families in need with free holiday gifts. Children, with the help of youth volunteers, shop for gifts to give their parents, siblings, and other loved ones. There are activities for the adults while the kids shop.

During November, we will collect items for Santa's Workshop. We need items for moms, dads, sisters, and brothers. New or "new condition" regifted items are welcome, but please no "garage sale" items. We are told that popular items include balls of all kinds, but especially soccer balls!

There will be several volunteer opportunities, including set-up help the days leading up to the event, gift wrapping and activity help on the day of the event, and clean-up help the Tuesday after the event. Spanish speakers would be a big help, but not a requirement. Youth volunteers are needed as shopping helpers. Sign-ups and more details to come! Please watch the *Weekly Reminders* and our Mission Moment on November 2nd.

## HUGS for HOPE

We've started our annual cold-weather collection of "HUGS for HOPE". If you'd like to donate winter items such as Hats, new Underwear, Gloves, Socks, as well as warm coats, boots, sleeping bags, etc. for HOPE (Homeless Outreach Providing Encouragement), you may place your donations in the "HUGS" bins at the east entrance of Fellowship Hall.



United Women in Faith will be helping with the Craft Fair on November 1st. Anyone interested in signing up for the chili cook off should contact Judy Scrimshire. We will also be serving soup.

Our board meeting will be held on Saturday, November 8th at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall. This meeting is for officers but everyone is invited to attend.

Our monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, November 13th at 1 pm in the Fellowship Hall. November is World Thank Offering month. Any amount donated will be appreciated. The speaker for that meeting is yet to be determined. A snack will be provided and everyone is welcome to attend.

We will be in charge of Fellowship on Sunday, November 30th. Help with that would be appreciated.

Save the date! Our annual Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 6th in the Fellowship Hall. It will probably be at 11:30 am. We will have a potluck lunch. More details will follow in next month's newsletter.

## Upcoming Events

Sunday, November 2



Sunday, November 9

## HANDBELLS FOR KIDS!

PRE-K THRU 8TH GRADE  
PRACTICING SUNDAYS @ 10AM IN ROOM 106, NOV 9-DEC 7

PERFORMING MUSIC SUNDAY!

FOR MORE INFO: JASE@LPUMC.ORG

## the TABLE

culinary bible study for adults under 50

sundays / nov 9-dec 7  
10am / room 110

For More Info: Jase@LPUMC.org



LIFE WITH GOD:

## MANDALAS

NOVEMBER 9 | 10AM

ROOM 130

MORE INFO: JASE@LPUMC.ORG



Join Rev Sandy Stewart for this month's prayer exploration session as she leads us in practicing prayer through Mandalas. With questions, contact

[Jase@LPUMC.org](mailto:Jase@LPUMC.org).

Saturday, November 15

## Church Yard Cleanup Day—9 am to noon

We are looking for many hands to make light work of cleaning up and preparing the church grounds for winter. Join us on Saturday, November 15 at 9 am. Sign ups coming soon. Keep an eye out for more information in the *Weekly Reminders*.

Sunday, November 23

## Thanksgiving Dinner— 11:45 am

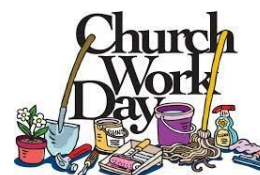
Save the date! We will be having our annual Thanksgiving Dinner after the second service. More information will be in the *Weekly Reminders*.



## Ring the Bell for The Salvation Army

We are again signed up to ring the bell and fill the kettle in front of the Safeway at 17th and Hover. The funds we collect will go directly to helping people in St. Vrain Valley to provide vouchers for rent assistance/homelessness prevention, utility assistance, and automobile repair. LPUMC's assigned dates are Sunday, December 14 from 11 am to 7 pm and Friday, December 19th from 10 am to 6 pm and we need volunteers to work a 1 or 1.5-hour shift. You can even work in pairs if you want!!

Contact Robyn at [robyn22m@yahoo.com](mailto:robyn22m@yahoo.com) if you can help or if you have questions. You will receive instructions and confirmation from Robyn. THANKS!!



\*\*Look for an upcoming announcement about cleaning the *inside* of the church. Let's join together to make God's house shine inside and out! \*\*

## Bible Studies and other groups

### Mondays:

**7 p.m.** (on Zoom) – Ladies Bible Study. Zoom link is in the *Weekly Reminders*.

### Wednesdays:

**10 a.m.** - Quilt Group. Meets in God's Harbor on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month.

### Thursdays:

**10 a.m.** – Ladies' Bible Study (in Fellowship Hall). Contact Jan Spitler for more information.

### Saturdays:

**7:30 a.m.** – Men's Group. For more information contact Steve Gaffney at [stvngffn@gmail.com](mailto:stvngffn@gmail.com) or 303-702-9877.

### Sundays:

**6:30 p.m.**—on Zoom. We are studying the book *The Road to Wisdom* by Francis Collins. Please contact Bruce Armstrong at [brucearmstrong1213@gmail.com](mailto:brucearmstrong1213@gmail.com) to get the Zoom link each week.



Are your Spark Kids excited to continue learning about Jesus this month? Here's what we're learning in kids ministry this November!

**November 2** - Jesus Heals a Bleeding Woman and Restores a Girl to Life (Mark 5:21-43; Matthew 9:18-26; Luke 8:40-56)

**November 9** - Reviewing the Life of Jesus

**November 16** - Jesus Walks on Water (Matthew 14:22-33; Mark 6:45-52; John 6:16-21)

**November 23** - Jesus Is Transfigured (Matthew 17:1-13; Mark 9:2-13; Luke 9:28-36)

**November 30** - Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)

Plus, our **Kids Handbell Choir** returns for the advent season this month!

## November Birthdays

Marcia Allen

Barb Huner

Phillip Zigterman

Roberta Shanahan

Kathy Crier

Janice Bailey

Anne Williams

Tom Sarlo

Jo Ann Hauger

Carol Mudd

Steven Stiller

Deb Blankenship

Audrey Grassley



### Worship Attendance

| Date:    | 9 am | 10:45 am | Online: |
|----------|------|----------|---------|
| Sept. 28 | 97   | 26       | 91      |
| Oct. 5   | 90   | 27       | 76      |
| Oct. 12  | 112  | 46       | 85      |
| Oct. 19  | 97   | 37       | 58      |

### Finance

|                    | Sept. '25 | Sept. '24 | YTD:      |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>Income:</b>     | \$26,825  | \$28,750  | \$335,718 |
| <b>Expense:</b>    | \$28,961  | \$31,429  | \$301,491 |
| <b>Net Income:</b> | -\$2,136  | -\$2,679  | \$34,227  |

### Four ways you can donate to Longs Peak UMC with your normal everyday spending:

1. **Kings Soopers Rewards:** It's easy to sign up: sign into your King Soopers account. Click on "Community Rewards" and search for Longs Peak United Methodist Church or TW440 and enroll the church as your organization.

2. **iGive.com:** Turn your online shopping and searching into much-needed donations.

Click on this link [www.iGive.com/LongsPeakUnitedMethodistChurch](http://www.iGive.com/LongsPeakUnitedMethodistChurch) and then shop at your favorite online stores.

3. **Christianbook Giveback:** If you shop online at Christianbook.com, we get cash back! Our Giveback code is: QSXFUY

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