



January Connection

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Sundays at 9 and 10:45 a.m.

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@LongsPeakUMC](https://www.youtube.com/@LongsPeakUMC)

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February Newsletter

Deadline: January 20

Please send any articles to:

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Happy New Year!

Dear Longs Peak Family,

As we stand on the threshold of a new year, we are filled with gratitude for the blessings and growth we've experienced together in 2024. This past year has brought many moments of joy, learning, and community, and we are excited to see what God has in store for us in 2025.

The turning of the calendar is a perfect time to reflect on the love, grace, and strength that has carried us through the past year. It's also a time to look forward with hope and anticipation for the opportunities and blessings that lie ahead.

We are reminded of the words from Lamentations 3:22-23: "Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness." As we enter this new year, let us embrace each new day as a gift, filled with God's unending love and mercy.

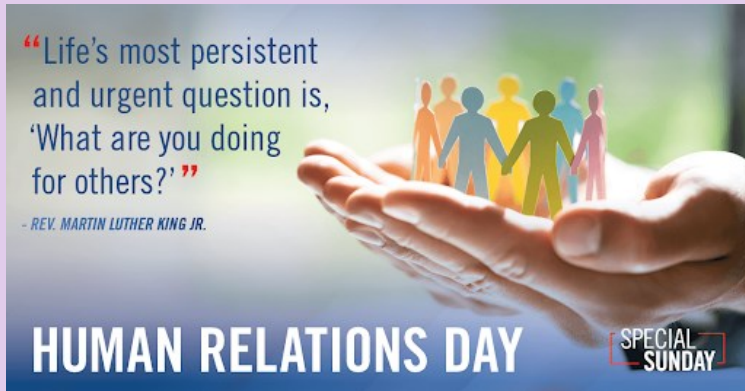
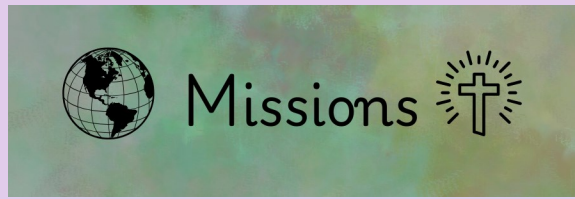
In mid-January, we are excited to announce that we will be offering a six-week Wednesday evening meal and study on enriching our prayer lives. This will be a wonderful opportunity to deepen our faith, grow in our relationship with God, and support one another through prayer and fellowship. We hope to see many of you there!

As a church, we are excited to continue our journey together, supporting one another in faith, love, and service. Let's welcome 2025 with open hearts, ready to grow in our relationship with God and with each other.

I wish you and your loved ones a year filled with joy, peace, and many blessings. May the light of Christ guide you and may His love surround you always.

Happy New Year!

In Christ's Love,
Jeremiah



On January 19, we join other UMC congregations in observing [Human Relations Day](#). A special offering opportunity supports neighborhood ministries through Community Developers, community advocacy through United Methodist Voluntary Services and work with at-risk youth through the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Programs. Our gifts work together for the common good, building community and sharing God's love.

Mission Collections in January

Our collection focus for January is the [OUR Center's](#) Community Market. Our suggested donation is hygiene items like Maxi Pads, Tampons, and pull-up Depends (all sizes). If you would like to contribute, please place your donations in the barrel near the sanctuary doors, or in the blue wheelbarrow which is typically located at the east end of Fellowship Hall.

HUGS for HOPE

During the winter months we are continuing to collect warmth items for [HOPE \(Homeless Outreach Providing Encouragement\) of Longmont](#). We are focusing our collection on Hand and Feet Warmers, but they can also use blankets, Sleeping Bags, Coats, Long Underwear, Gloves, Wool Socks, Boots, and Men's T-shirts. If you would like to donate, you may place your items in the big collection barrel near the sanctuary doors or the purple bins in Fellowship Hall.

Missions Meals

On Saturday, January 11th we will provide lunch at the [OUR Center](#) Community Cafe. On January 29 (Wednesday) we will provide dinner for 20 participants at [HOPE \(Homeless Outreach Providing Encouragement\)](#). Sign up to help with either of these using the Meal Sign Up buttons below, or contact us at LPUMC@LPUMC.org.

[OUR Center Meal](#)

[Hope Meal](#)

We will prepare and serve the OUR Center Meal throughout 2025, always on the 2nd Saturday of the month. If a group you are a part of at LPUMC would like to provide the volunteer helpers for a specific month this year, please let us know at LPUMC@LPUMC.org and we will reserve the spots for you.

NEW TO LPUMC?
NEXT STEPS LUNCH
January 19 | 12pm | Room 131
Meet the Staff
Learn About Small Groups
Discover Volunteer Opportunities
Lunch is provided! Kids are invited!
RSVP to Jase@LPUMC.org

New to LPUMC? You are invited to join us for Next Steps - an opportunity to meet the staff, learn about the church, and plug into the family at Longs Peak UMC. You don't need to be a member or long-timer attendee to participate - all newcomers are welcome!

Next Steps will take place January 19 at 12 pm in Room 131. Lunch and busy activities for children will be provided. To learn more or RSVP, contact Jase@LPUMC.org.



United Women in Faith

United Women in Faith will have a board meeting on Saturday, January 4th at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall. This meeting is for officers but everyone is invited.

The monthly general meeting will be held on Thursday, January 9th at 1 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The program will be a Psalms word find game and a short pledge service. A snack will be provided and all ladies are invited.

There are two events coming in February. The District Leadership Development annual meeting will be held on Zoom on Saturday, February 1st. The monthly general meeting will be held at Crackpots. We will be painting bowls for the annual Empty Bowls charity. The date and time are yet to be determined. Watch for details in the upcoming February newsletter.

Happy New Year!

Jan Spitler



"Let your light shine before others ..."

-Jesus in Matthew 5:16

In 2025, high schoolers and college-age adults are invited to SHINE Students - a new group meeting on the first and third Sundays of each month in Room 133 at 10am. Explore how we can do life together and let God's light shine in a low-pressure, inclusive environment. Join us for the first SHINE gathering on January 5 featuring board games and good snacks.

For more information about SHINE Students, contact Jase@LPUMC.org.

PRAY.
LIVING LIFE WITH GOD



We invite God into our lives when we PRAY. Join us on Wednesdays starting January 15 for a 7-part deep dive on what prayer is and how we can live life with God through the practice of praying. Each week, we'll gather in the fellowship hall at 5:30 pm for a potluck meal before digging into how to pray, why to pray, and what it truly means to live life with the Lord through prayer.

No sign ups needed - all are invited to PRAY. For more information, contact Jase@LPUMC.org

Planning to attend? Don't forget to bring a dish for the themed potluck starting January 22!

- January 15 - Sandwich Night - No need to bring anything! A full meal will be provided.
- January 22 - Casserole Night
- January 29 - Breakfast Night

Bible Studies and other groups

Sundays:

6:30 p.m. (on Zoom) - We are reading and discussing the book: *Rethinking Life: Embracing the Sacredness of Every Person* by Shane Claiborne. Contact Bruce Armstrong at brucearmstrong1213@gmail.com for information and the Zoom link.

Mondays:

7 p.m. (on Zoom) – Ladies Bible Study: We are studying: *52 Weeks with Jesus. Fall in Love with the One Who Changed Everything*, by James Merritt. Zoom link is in the *Weekly Reminders*.

Wednesdays:

10 a.m. - Quilt Group. Meets in God's Harbor

Thursdays:

10 a.m. – Ladies' Bible Study (in Fellowship Hall): We are studying the book: *Becoming Heart Sisters* by Natalie Chambers Snapp. Contact Jan Spitler for more information.

Saturdays:

7:30 a.m. – Men's Group. For more information contact Steve Gaffney at stvnngffn@gmail.com or 303-702-9877.

Worship Attendance

Date:	9 a.m.	10:45 a.m.	9:30 am	Online:
Dec. 1	111	40	-	57
Dec. 8	94	32	-	84
Dec. 15	-	-	185	106
Dec. 22	97	41	-	103
Dec. 29	-	-	103	51

Attendance for Christmas Eve: 5 pm—180/ 7 pm—96

January Birthdays

Janet Armstrong
 Ree Hauger
 Magnus Henry
 Mary Jolly
 Debbie Sarlo
 Jan Spitler
 Chris Adams
 Adrienne Maxwell
 Mary Ann Hayden
 Thomas Ritter
 Rick LeBlanc
 Don Davis
 Irene Lambert
 Grace Holmquist
 Troy Sanchez
 Bruce Richardson

Finance—November 2024

	Nov. '24	Nov. '23	2024 YTD
Income:	\$34,243	\$27,201	\$346,080
Expense:	\$33,744	\$27,646	\$350,588

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

- Kings Soopers Rewards:** If you shop at King Soopers using their loyalty program, you can link LPUMC with your account. Longs Peak receives 5% back on every purchase you make. We have earned \$1690 in rewards this year. 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.
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