

**LONGS PEAK
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

1421 Elmhurst Drive, Longmont CO 80504

303-776-0399

lpumc@lpumc.org

Sunday Services: 9:00 and 10:30 AM

Welcoming, Embracing, Nurturing, Serving

FEBRUARY 2020



Pastor Steve Reinhard

Pastor's Ponderings

Pastor's Ponderings... "#LPUMCFocus2020"

Dear Longs Peak Church Family,

I am very grateful for the many Servant Leaders of our church who are launching **#LPUMCFocus2020**. This powerful vision for the future of Longs Peak's outreach to the community and the world is the result of many hours of prayer and discussion, seeking God's perfect will. Through this process, please be in prayer for each one of the committed servants following God's lead in leading our church family. I mention three leaders in particular: Roger Wisheart, Staff-Parish Relations Team Chair (Human Resources Department); Jake Marsing, Lay Leader (with responsibilities similar to those of an Associate Pastor); and Greg Kittilson, Church Council Chair.

Through this journey, our church will discern God's plan in *very specific ways* concerning our powerful motto: **"WELCOMING, EMBRACING, NURTURING, SERVING!"** How will we "flesh out" each of these ministry areas in tangible, hands-on application and action? *John 1:14* says, "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us."

Our words, thoughts, prayer, writing, and discussion, must come alive, being transformed into works in the world. From *words to works*: This is God's plan. Many times, I have stated at the beginning of worship on Sundays, Saturdays, and Wednesdays: "Welcoming, Embracing, Nurturing, Serving!"—These are much more than just words on the wall. They are works in the world!"

Through all the struggles and joys of positive, God-driven change, we need never doubt the promise of God:

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. ~Jeremiah 29:11

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Steve

February Sunday Messages:

February 2— "How Do I Defeat Depression?" Part 2
1 Kings 19:10-15

*****February 9—"#LPUMCFocus2020 – Overcoming Challenges and Uniting Behind a Vision for Growth"
Jake Marsing, Speaker; 1 Corinthians 1:4-10.**

*****February 16—"Our Kids – Their Targets"
Psalm 10:2-3, 8-10: Jim Weber, President & CEO, Global Connection International**

February 23—*Pastor Phil Preaches*

February 26—**ASH WEDNESDAY**



REACHING OUT.....

Associate Pastor Phil

Love one another. In the same way I loved you, you love one another. This is how everyone will recognize that you are my disciples—when they see the love you have for each other.

~John 13:34-35, The Message

Ah, February. The month that Hallmark, candy stores, and florists collectively love probably more than any other month in the year. It's also the month where the country is riveted by a big rodent to learn what sort of weather to expect for the next six weeks. The first Saturday in February is Ice Cream for Breakfast Day- a holiday I can totally get behind! February 9th is National Read in the Bath Tub Day- I hope you've got a waterproof book! February 25th is International Sword Swallowers Day- do NOT observe that day, please! Of course, February 14th is also a well-known day, Valentine's Day. The day when we are encouraged to show the love we have for others. As a child, I remember fondly the sweet Valentines I received from classmates and the delicious desserts we all shared in school. Nowadays, I see Valentine's Day with a little bit less enthusiasm- probably because I am single on the one day that the world seems to be screaming relationship- but I still enjoy it well enough, I suppose.

I do wonder, though, if God's vision for loving others is what we might better serve ourselves and others with by considering a heavenly example of love. I wonder, if in the chaos of a fast-paced, ever-changing world, how we might affect positive change in our communities if we were to love others as Christ has demonstrated for us. Romance aside, I believe God calls us to love others deeply. I think we are called to be sources of light to those who are trapped in darkness (whether physical, emotional, spiritual, or otherwise) and to point them to the source of the light (and love) in our lives. I think we are called to think of others when we are making decisions and to put their best interests to the forefront of those decisions. Imagine what a difference we could make in our world if, for even just one day, we could put aside all differences and seek to serve others with the love and the generosity of Jesus. Will you try it? I'd love to hear how it goes for you!

Choose Kind

Attention Spring Cleaners and Rummage Sale-Goers!

After years of requests from several people, we are having a SPRING Rummage Sale! The first Spring Youth Ministry Rummage Sale is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, April 25 and April 26. If you have any items you would like to donate to the sale, please set them aside in your home until Tuesday, April 21 at 12:00 NOON. You may leave

items, beginning Tuesday, April 21 at NOON in Room #128/129 (God's Harbor). Please do NOT leave items in the church before the drop-off 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, Games, and Stuffed Animals
Kitchen Utensils
Household Items
Decorations/Collectibles
Linens/Blankets
Books
DVDs/Videotapes
CDs
SMALL Gently Used Furniture

Unacceptable Items

Used Undergarments
Used Socks
Computers
Televisions
VCR/DVD Players
CD Players
Baby Car Seats
Mattresses
Used pillows
Live animals
Large Furniture of any type or quality





MUSIC NOTES

Kay W. Lloyd



February is a great time to check out the music ministry offerings at LPUMC. There are many opportunities to share your musical gifts with the congregation.

If you are interested in participating in any aspect of the music ministry, please contact Kay W. Lloyd (music@lpumc.org or kaylloyd1463@comcast.net) for more information on how to become involved in this dynamic LPUMC ministry. We are especially in need of men singers in Choir!

Flute News: Mark your calendar for two flute recitals this coming month. On **Sunday, February 23rd, at 3 PM**, Dr. Chris Potter, an internationally recognized alto and bass flute specialist, will be presenting the program she will be performing in March in Japan at the International Low Flutes Festival. She will be accompanied by Kay Lloyd and members of the Long's Peak Flute Choir on "Obstinato" for solo bass flute and flute choir and, by Grace Asquith, piano. There will be a Studio Recital featuring the flute students of Kay W. Lloyd on **Friday, March 6 at 7:00**. Both recitals are free and open to the public.

Mark your calendars: . The **annual Handbell Festival** will be hosted this year at Heart of Longmont on **Sunday afternoon, May 3 at 3:30**. Our annual Spring Flute Choir and Handbell Concert will be held on **Friday, May 15 at 7:30 pm** at Longs Peak. Come support our flute choir and our ringers!

February Music Schedule

February 2 – Handbells

February 9 – Choir

February 16 – A cappella

February 23 - Choir

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The December 31, 2020 Financial Statement will be included in the Giving Statements available on Sunday, February 2. Any not picked up will be mailed.



Missions

Rebekah Fisher and Danielle Hagedorn

Agape Safe Haven

Agape Safe Haven is a shelter that operates in Longmont from November through May. It has two different ways of helping those facing homelessness in our community. Through a referral and application process, up to 15 individuals are chosen to be guests in their overnight shelter program until they can find a more stable situation for themselves. The screening helps keep these vulnerable clients safe from things they might encounter on the streets or in other shelters so that they can be more successful at stabilizing their living situation.

Along with the overnight sheltering program, Agape Safe Haven has traditionally opened the doors to its daytime shelter to anyone seeking assistance. This day shelter is located in a home setting at 10656 Parkridge Avenue and provides a base where individuals can do laundry, shower, and work on job applications and résumés. In addition, it is at this location that those accepted into the overnight program eat their evening meal, receive counseling services, and participate in activities such as Bible study. A rotation of local churches provide overnight sleeping arrangements. LPUMC is a host church on Thursday evenings.

For Agape to be able to continue to serve both their overnight guests and operate their daytime shelter, they are in dire need of volunteers. You may have seen the Times-Call article from January 12 that highlighted these concerns and emphasized the need for volunteers in two areas:

1. Providing meals: There is an on-line sign-up to provide dinners to about 10 people. Additionally, groceries for the residents to prepare their own lunches or dinners are appreciated. The website to sign-up for meals is <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0d4caba929a3f85-agape>, or you can contact Agape directly at 303-774-7994 to sign-up for a meal, or to learn more about what grocery items are needed and when to drop them off.

- Staffing the morning shift of the Day Shelter from 7-11 am. Volunteers are needed every day of the week. It is not required that someone take on the whole 4 hours, as this time could easily be divided into 2 hour shifts. For more details on the tasks involved in this opportunity, or to volunteer, contact Catherine Romero at agapesafehaven.volcoordinator@gmail.com.

Another way you can help is to welcome our Agape guests here at the church on Thursday evenings. This requires about an hour of your time from about 6:30-7:30, to help set up the Fellowship Hall and to greet the guests when they arrive. Detailed instructions are available and this is usually done as a team effort. For more information about this opportunity, contact the Mission Committee at lpumcmiissions@gmail.com, or call Rebekah Fisher at 303-834-8784.

If you are unable to volunteer at this time, please include Agape Safe Haven in your prayers. Pray for the clients as they work to stabilize their lives, pray for the board of directors of Agape as they try to make this a viable organization, and pray for the volunteers that they may find their time spent at Agape meaningful and fulfilling. Prayer is a powerful way that anyone can support this ministry.

sign up to sponsor and decorate a table! Sign up sheets are located in the crossroads.

Messy Church is returning for a whole evening event. Join us for dinner intertwined with lessons and the opportunity to Get Messy! Join us Wednesday Nights beginning March 4th-April 18th from 6pm-7pm.

We are looking for dedicated volunteers to commit to serving in the Nursery 1x-2x a month! Please contact Katie if this would be a great fit.

SERVICE ATTENDANCE



January

Sunday	9:00	10:30	Total:
Jan 5	83	65	148
Jan 12	92	68	160
Jan 19	73	73	146
Jan 26	70	76	146

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY



Katie Petarek

Lent comes early this year and is a time for us to remember to be still and know we have been given hope! Hope brings joy and that is what we are planning this Lenten season.

Lip Sync Battle is a Dessert Theater this year and we invite our entire congregation to take part! Sign up for an act or

BIG THANKS

BEVERLY PETERSON, Volunteer

Beverly has worked as a volunteer in the church office for many years. We appreciate her dedication and commitment on Thursday mornings. She was a great asset to the smooth running of the office. We wish Beverly best wishes as she moves on to other activities.

CATHERINE ROMERO, Business Manager

Catherine worked in the office carrying out many financial duties, building use, and many more. We will miss her dedication to the smooth running of the physical plant aspects of the church. Her attention to details greatly benefitted the overall running of the church. We wish Catherine the very best in the future.



Jan Spitler, President

United Methodist Women will have a District Leadership Development conference on February 1st at Broomfield United Methodist Church. It will be from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. All ladies are invited and you do not need to be an officer to attend. The cost is \$10 which will cover a continental breakfast and lunch. Please contact either Jan Spitler at 720-204-6583 or Linda Orrell at 303-776-8048 if you wish to attend. The speaker will be Rev. Lucia Guzman.

The General Meeting will be held on February 13th at 1:00 p.m. We will be touring the OUR Center. We are to meet at the church at 1:00 p.m. and carpool to the OUR Center. If you need a ride to the church, please contact Jan Spitler at the number above or Judy Scrimshire at 303-702-9094. All ladies are invited.

On February 20th, our Esther Circle meeting will be held at Crackpots on Main Street. We will be painting bowls for the annual Empty Bowls charity benefiting the OUR Center. The cost is \$15 and we will meet from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. All ladies are invited and we already have a room reserved. This is a fun event and we hope several will attend. If you need a ride, please contact Jan Spitler or Judy Scrimshire at the numbers above.

February is a very busy month for UMW and we hope that many of you will join us at these functions.



- Feb 2 Vern Hogsett
- Feb 3 Kevin Callaway
- Les Hornbaker
- Gayle Zweck
- Feb 7 Joseph Dahlstrom
- Darlene Nemnich

- Feb 8 Kimberly Forsgren
- Sharon McBride
- Feb 9 Doug Branstetter
- Feb 11 Rudy Adolf
- Griffin Taylor
- Feb 14 Brenda Powell
- Feb 16 Richard DelPizzo
- Maile Seifried (Dahlstrom)
- Feb 17 Bobbi Christensen
- Feb 19 Sean Billow
- Feb 21 Bob Foster
- Feb 22 Brenden Fisher
- Feb 23 Kris Coniway
- Feb 24 Jessica Eklof
- Jim Walker
- Feb 26 Jim Jones
- Kay Lloyd
- Feb 27 Douglas Larson

LPUMC Staff

- Rev. Steve Reinhard – Lead Pastor*
pastorsteve@lpumc.org
- Rev. Philip Rogers – Associate Pastor*
pastorphil@lpumc.org
- Kay W. Lloyd – Music Ministry*
music@lpumc.org
- Katie Pekarek – Children’s Ministry*
kids@lpumc.org
- Sharon Cantrell-Jaap – Admin. Assistant*
sharon@lpumc.org
- Paula Muncy – Pianist*
- 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*

