



## LONGS PEAK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Sunday Service 9:30-10:30 AM

Welcoming, Embracing, Nurturing, Serving

## November 2019



*Pastor Steve Reinhard*

### Pastor's Ponderings... "Love WENS!"

No, I didn't misspell it! "WENS" is my little acronym for our church motto:

Welcoming  
Embracing  
Nurturing  
Serving

Pastor Rob Bell wrote a wonderful book called *Love Wins*, all about the all-inclusive love of God. I took the liberty of adapting the title just a bit.

During worship, I often point out that these four words are displayed prominently as we come into the sanctuary, and a second set of the words is displayed so we see the motto as we leave the sanctuary as well. I like to say:

- "These are not just words on the wall; they are works in the world. Having gone to church we go to *be* the Church."

How will we grow to integrate this motto of God's love into every fiber of our church's being and every facet of our personal life? For this love motto to be more than just words on the wall, every ministry, ministry team, class, Bible Study group, small group, service group, social group, and outreach ministry must develop *very specific* ways in which we will strive to fulfill each of the four callings in everything we do.

**W:** What is your group's specific plan for **welcoming** newcomers and guests?

**E:** What is your specific plan for follow up and **embracing** newcomers in long-term Christian love and genuine friendship?

**N:** What is your specific plan for **nurturing** new friends to grow continually in experiencing and understanding God's love for them and God's purpose and plan for their life?

**S:** What is your specific plan for mentoring your friends to respond to God's love and plan by being involved in **service** to the church, the community, and the world on a regular basis, **and** by continually inviting others into a lifetime of **welcoming, embracing, nurturing, and serving** others?

Please take time to pray over and write down your own *personal life strategy* in each of these four areas as well. This four-step strategy of living God's love is critical to our church's moving into the future as a vital force of compassion, caring, and kindness in the world.

Please let me know your thoughts on how you see yourself and Longs Peak living into the "Love WENS!" way of being. I would love to hear from you!

**"Welcoming, Embracing, Nurturing, Serving!"** It's *all* about the love of God...

- <sup>10</sup> This is love: not that we loved God, but that God loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup> Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ~1 John 4:10-11

Grace and Peace,

*Pastor Steve*



*Associate Pastor Phil Rogers*

As I sit in front of my computer to write this letter to you, I am pouring much of my attention and energy into learning the processes and procedures that have previously been in place at Longs Peak United Methodist Church in regards to Congregational Care.

On Sunday, September 15, 2019, it was announced that the Staff Parish Relations Committee has hired me to serve as the full time Associate Pastor at Longs Peak.

I am filled with tremendous excitement as I think about my skills for Pastoral Care and adding those skills in an official capacity to my job description and responsibilities. It isn't really all that dramatic to say that, in my wildest dreams, I dared not dream (probably for fear it wouldn't come true) that I would ever have the opportunity to serve as the Associate Pastor for the community that I have grown to call "home."

I am humbled and honored to serve you in this capacity. In addition to my previous duties, I will be working very hard over the next several months to learn the best way to navigate meeting the needs of the congregation in my expanded role.

Being one person without the ability to tell the future or to know all things (only Jesus has ever done that), I am counting on each of you to help be the eyes and the ears of our community. I will certainly do my best to keep myself abreast of who is ill, grieving, or otherwise needing support but I know that each of you also hear so much more than I do.

- If you know that someone is in the hospital, please let me know so I can initiate care response. If you learn of someone who is grieving, please direct them to me so that I can help connect them to grief support systems. If you know of someone who could

just use a listening ear, please let me know so I can get them connected!

- I am looking for couples or individuals who are interested in doing home visits to people who are unable to be at church or who are new to visiting our church. Stairs and entryway barriers are sometimes challenging for me to navigate using my wheelchair and I need some help from a group of committed volunteers.
- If you'd like to be a part of the care team at Longs Peak or you have more questions, please contact me at 303-328-7791 or [youth@lpumc.org](mailto:youth@lpumc.org)

The Apostle Paul describes the early church in the Book of Acts as the community gathered to care for one another as the individual needs arose in their community. The Bible is rather clear that everyone cared for one another's needs – I believe that they helped keep one another informed when needs arose and then rallied together to meet a need.

I pray that Longs Peak United Methodist Church can embody this faithful model of being the church in the community. I am looking forward to being together in ministry with all of you; combining our gifts and talents to serve God and God's people. Amen, may it be so.

Choose Kind,  
Pastor Phil ><>



## MUSIC NOTES

*Kay W. Lloyd*

The month of November is a busy time for the music ministry as we prepare for Thanksgiving, Advent, community programs, and Christmas Eve services. If you are interested in joining us for some great music during this season, please contact Kay W. Lloyd at

[kaylloyd1463@comcast.net](mailto:kaylloyd1463@comcast.net) or at 303.651.2499 for more information.

You are all invited to our own LPUMC Stompers Jazz concert at 2:30 on Sunday, Nov. 10. Sure to be a lot of fun, toe-tapping music!

**Save these December Dates:**

The annual **Flute Choir and Handbell Christmas Concert** will be held on **Friday, December 13** at 7:30 p.m. Childcare is provided and there will be a dessert reception sponsored by our UMW. It is an evening of beautiful music – a break from the ‘busy-ness’ of the season - and always a favorite concert of the community and congregation.

The **Music Ministry** will celebrate the season **during services on Sunday, December 15** featuring the choirs, handbells, Praise Team, brass ensemble, and strings. Come worship with us on **Christmas Eve** with services at 4:30, **6:00 (Choir)**, **8:00 (Acappella)**, and 11:30.

November Music Schedule

November 3 - Choir

November 10 – Handbells

November 17 – A cappella

November 24 – Choir



*Pastor Phil*

## **Come One, Come All! Enjoy the legendary STOMPERS upcoming blockbuster Concert!**

### **Longs Peak Stompers Jazz Band will perform GEMS OF TRADITIONAL JAZZ**

2:30 PM, Sunday afternoon, **November 10, 2019**, in the Sanctuary

The STOMPERS music is acknowledged to be *The Real Deal*. And, as usual, you'll hear great music (and a few lame jokes).

The Band's instrumental offerings feature musical delights composed by the likes of Louis Armstrong, Jelly Roll Morton, Joe "King" Oliver, and Richard M. Jones.

You'll want to be on hand for **Tracy Reinhard's** debut as the STOMPER'S Vocalist! Her numbers accompanied by the band include *Oh, Dem Golden Sippers, Won't You Come Home, Bill Bailey, Ace in the Hole, and Sunset Café Stomp*.

**Pastor Steve Reinhard** will play Jelly Roll Morton's piano solo *Frog-I-More Rag*.

The Concert is FREE. That's right, **FREE**.

The STOMPERS *guarantee* to lift your hearts and spirits sky high (or else you'll get *double your money back!* Heh Heh)

100% of voluntary contributions will be given to Longmont Meals on Wheels

## **STEPHEN MINISTRY We are here for you!**

**Who we are:** Stephen Ministers are laypeople—Christian men and women—trained to provide one-to-one care to people experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief,

divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, relocation, or separation due to military deployment.

Stephen Ministers come from all walks of life. Their commonality? A passion for bringing Christ's love and care to people during a time of need.

**Who we seek to support:** Care receivers are people—congregation members and others in the community—who receive care from a Stephen Minister. These are people struggling through a difficult time in life—experiencing grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or some other life crisis.

**So you know:** Important guidelines for this caring relationship protect both the care receiver and the Stephen Minister:

- The relationship between a care receiver and a Stephen Minister is confidential.
- Men are matched with men; women with women.
- When a care receiver's needs exceed what a Stephen Minister can provide, the Stephen Ministry team makes a referral to an appropriate mental health professional or other community resource.



Please contact our Referral Coordinators for additional information:  
Phyllis Crow 303-906-5055  
John Mees 303-506-7979

## SERVICE ATTENDANCE



### Sunday

	Wed.	9:00	10:30	Total:
Oct. 2/6	24	78	79	181
Oct. 9/13	13	92	60	165
Oct. 16/20	18			

Oct. 23/27				
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## LIBRARY NEWS

*Pam Ernst*

### New Library Books Added to Library

#### Biography

*The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot. In 1951, a poor black farmer named Henrietta Lacks' cells were taken from her body without her knowledge and used for the development of polio vaccine, cloning, gene mapping, and more. She was never given credit for this sacrifice. This is a story of the collision between ethics, race, and medicine and was a New York Times bestseller.

*How Coffee Saved My Life* by Ellie Roscher. A riveting story of Roscher's year-long mission in Uruguay and her struggles with poverty and illness. Her spirit was tested, but she discovered many grace-filled moments as she struggled with intense loneliness.

#### Christianity and Faith

*Simon Peter* by Adam Hamilton. Simon Peter was an ordinary and hardworking fisherman who was impetuous but contained a passion that would change the world. He left everything to follow Jesus.

*When Christians Get It Wrong* by Adam Hamilton. This book gives us an opportunity to refocus, redefine, and move off-center to move more closely to Jesus. If you need help thinking about some of the serious issues of today--read this book!

#### Inspirational

*This Will Be Remembered of Her* by Megan McKenna. Take a look at inspiring examples of Biblical and contemporary women who stand as examples of how a passionate desire for justice can shine in our hearts and deeds. Explores the reasons why each woman will be remembered.

*I Am Nujood, 10 Years Old and Divorced* by Nujood Ali. In 2008, Nujood escaped an abusive marriage in Yemen with the help of advocates and the press. This courageous woman has spoken out about Yemeni customs and

marriages of young girls to much older men. She has inspired other young girls to defy these customs also.

### Large Print

*I Am Hutterite* by Mary-Ann Kirkby. Kirkby takes you into the heart of a little known Hutterite colony where she lived until she was ten years old. Filled with humor and also regret, she describes how her family left the colony and their deep sense of loss.

*Plain Wisdom* by Cindy Woodsmall and Miriam Flaud. The story of a unique friendship between best-selling novelist and an Amish woman. They both face life with strength and grace and give us stories both poignant and humorous.

*One Simple Act* by Debbie Macomber. Macomber shows us how, with the gifts of time, encouragement, and laughter, we can make the world a better place through our generosity.

## CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

*Katie Petarek*



Fall is upon us! Thank you to all our families and volunteers for a great start to Sunday School. We are still in need of substitutes; please contact myself or Pastor Phil for more details.



We will be having a Fall Festival this year on October 27th from 3:00 pm-6:00 pm. We will have Trunk-or-Treat, Food, Music, and Fun Activities. This will be a fundraiser for the Children and Family Ministries. Please continue to stay connected as we roll out more details each week about this event!



Cheerio packing for October will be on the 20th for the first 30 minutes of each service.

Stay tuned for Chrismons in November and Messy Church coming in December!

Baby Eleanor will be arriving soon (or has!) . I will be out of the office for 8 weeks when she is born, but I will still be connected with email and stopping in to help facilitate the fall session at Longs Peak.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me if there are any questions, concerns, or requests! I look forward to growing our family with you and thank you for the support!



## Missions

*Rebekah Fisher and Danielle Hagedorn*

### Agape Safe Haven

Agape Safe Haven is an overnight homeless shelter that rotates among church sites in Longmont. This year the shelter plans to operate from November to May. Guests are selected from an application and interview process with selection criteria that includes sobriety, working to be self-sufficient, vulnerable at other area shelters, peaceful, and a general helpful attitude. When a guest enters the program, they will have a guaranteed bed for the season.

Agape's main office is located at 10656 Parkridge Avenue near the intersections of Hwy 287 and Hwy 66. This main location serves as a home base where clients can do laundry, shower, work on job applications and resumes, receive counseling services, and participate in activities such as bible study. This year the group will be eating dinner at this main location before going to the church sites to spend the night.

Longs Peak UMC will again serve as the overnight shelter site on Thursday nights. There are many ways that individuals can help support the efforts of Agape Safe Haven. The current opportunities are:

**-Overnight Supervision:** Stay overnight at LPUMC on a Thursday to ensure the clients have a good night, that any questions or concerns are handled and that the building is kept secure. This is a great opportunity for someone who could pass the time working on a laptop, playing solitaire, reading or binge watching a favorite show. Sign-up in pairs if that would make the time more pleasurable. It is



also possible to split the shift with someone else to make the time commitment a bit smaller.

**-Transportation:** 1) from the main site to the area churches each evening and then back to the main site each morning. 2) for an outing to the Mana Cafe in Lyons each Saturday morning for a delicious breakfast.

**-Prepare/Provide a Dinner:** They need dinner seven nights a week. A Meal Train on-line sign-up is being created to help facilitate this. More information to come.

**-Purchasing Needed Items:** Currently those include new socks, gloves, and hats in both men's and women's sizes.

We will keep updated information on the Mission Tower in the Narthex. For more information on Agape or to inquire about helping out contact either:  
Danielle Hagerdon - 303-834-2245  
or Rebekah Fisher - 303-834-8784. You can also reach out to Agape directly at 303-774-7994. Together, with Agape, we are making a difference in the lives of people in our community.

### ***Seaside Escape Women's Retreat Follow-up***

Fifty-three amazing women from our congregation traveled to the YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park from September 20-22 for a special retreat weekend called "Seaside Escape." In addition to participating in a variety of spiritual and recreational sessions, we were surrounded by wonderful views and a number of very big, noisy elk!

A key Scripture for the event was "Be still, and know that I am God," Psalm 46:10. We experienced how much closer we can be to God and His will if we take the time to slow down and listen. We also studied women in the Bible whose faith during difficult times proved to be inspirational and a guide for us as we face challenging times.

Another highlight of the weekend was our sessions led by Bishop Karen Oliveto who taught how to use "breath" prayers and to pay attention to God's plan for us to use our hands and feet to help others. Bishop Karen also delivered a powerful message for our Sunday service and Tracy Reinhard sang a moving call/response version of the Lord's Prayer.

What we lacked in restful sleeping and delicious eating we made up for in laughing, crying, singing, and praying. The Retreat Committee would like to give special thanks to the Faith Forward Fund and the individual donors who made it possible for us to procure a fabulous venue and

provide scholarships to many women who otherwise would not have been able to attend.



## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

*Terry Larsen*

August giving was low as is expected during the summer, and we continue to be concerned about future giving. As you may have noticed, the air conditioning in the Sanctuary is not working properly, and the Trustees are investigating options for repair or replacement of the unit. There are 9 units on the roof, and 2 have been replaced; the units are of various sizes with the largest unit for the Sanctuary. The current cost estimates are \$6,000 to repair, and \$20,000 to replace the Sanctuary unit. So we anticipate a big bill next year which we will be scrambling to pay for.

It is 2020 Budget time for the Finance Committee, and that means all the Service Committees are working diligently, reviewing their plans and financial needs for next year.

Financial Results YTD are:

	August	YTD
Income	\$28,322	\$310,099
Expenses	35,683	313,165
Net Income	(7,361)	(3,066)



Wendy Reed

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 9 to December 2

Time: 6:30 pm – 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

Sign up in Crossroads or contact Wendy Reed at 303772-3290 or Kathy Crier at 720-480-8203 for more information. Child care and transportation can be arranged.



## LPUMC Staff

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*Jim Moore – Custodian*

*Glorie Gitonga – Kenya Social Worker*

*Rev. Granville Smythe – Retired*

*Pastor Charlene Smythe – Retired*

*Ministers – Those Who Call Jesus, Lord*

Oct 1	Beverly Peterson
Oct 3	Martin Mechtly
Oct 5	Collin Black
Oct 10	Jeanne Werner
Oct 12	Carol Monhollen
Oct 15	Pamela Mills
	Judy Wilde
Oct 17	Jamie Lanz
Oct 18	Evan LeBlanc
Oct 20	Paula Gamble
Oct 21	Connor Taylor
Oct 23	David Anderson
	Rob Crain
	Jerry Long
Oct 24	Gary Bailey
	Kim Kittilson
	Gran Smythe
Oct 25	Jean Harper
Oct 26	Tim Jolly
Oct 27	Sue Bailey
	Sarin Karki
Oct 30	Dave Reed
Oct 31	Patrick Coniway
	Pastor Steve

