



## LONGS PEAK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Sunday Service 9:30-10:30 AM

Welcoming, Embracing, Nurturing, Serving

## OCTOBER 2019



*Pastor Steve Reinhard*

### **Pastor's Ponderings... "Grateful for God's 2020 Vision!"**

**I, with shouts of grateful praise, will sacrifice to you.**

**What I have vowed I will make good.**

**I will say, "Salvation comes from the Lord." ~Jonah 2:9**

Dear Longs Peak Family,

How grateful I am to be pastor of this wonderful church family—an extremely gifted community of individuals who continually reach deeper and further in extending the love of God now and into the future. The future looks bright with the new step of hiring Pastor Phil Rogers as our new Associate Pastor, overseeing youth and congregational pastoral care. The 2-hour and 45-minute meeting of the Staff-Parish Relations Team and the Finance Team recently was a marvel in visionary, forward-thinking, long-term planning, and visualizing our church's ministry growing in depth of love and in reaching more people.

In taking this visionary stance, our leaders are trusting in God that our congregation will continue to grow in and increase our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and Christian witness. As we approach the season of Harvest and Thanksgiving, we look to God to strengthen our individual and corporate ministry through giving thanks in specific, tangible ways. As we make plans for 2020, we ask God to give us 20/20 Vision in discerning how we will reach the goals God has placed before us.

Specifically, in our giving of our tithes and offerings, the 2020 Vision can be met through each individual increasing

their gifts by an average of \$3 a week in the new year. Put another way, if each household in our church increases their giving by an average of \$9 a week, the 2020 church budget will be reached.

Thank you once again for the privilege of being the Lead Pastor in a church family that dreams big about reaching more and more people with the healing, compassionate, unconditional love of God through Jesus Christ.

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*

October is normally a 'slow' time of the year as the music ministry settles into our rehearsal schedule and plans ahead for the busy months of November and December.

All vocal rehearsals take place on Tuesday evenings with Praise Team at 6:00 pm; Acappella at 6:45 pm and Choir at 7:30 pm.

Handbells meet on Thursdays at 6:00-8:00 pm. If you are interested in being part of this dynamic ministry, now is the time to join us. Please contact Kay W. Lloyd at [kaylloyd1463@comcast.net](mailto:kaylloyd1463@comcast.net) if you have any questions or are interested in joining.

**Men:** You are needed in choir! As our numbers continue to grow, we need more men to balance out the women's voices. If you enjoy singing and being part of a great fellowship of men – come, check us out on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 pm.

Join us on Sunday, October 6 as we celebrate communion with congregations around the world on World Communion Sunday.

### October Music Schedule

October 6 - Acappella

October 13 - Choir

October 20 – TBA

October 27 – Cindy Mrkvicka and Kathy Crier, duet



*Pastor Phil*

## Attention Rummage Sale-Goers and those wanting to get rid of stuff!

This year's Youth Ministry Rummage Sale is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>. If you have any items you would like to donate to the sale, please set them aside in your home until Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. You may leave items, beginning October 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM in Room #127. 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  
Gently Used Furniture

### Unacceptable Items

Used Undergarments  
Used socks  
Computers  
Televisions  
VCR/DVD Players  
CD Players  
Baby Car Seats  
Mattresses  
Used pillows  
Live animals

## STEPHEN MINISTRY Hearts for the Hurting Through Challenging Seasons

We all go through tough times in life. Times that are turbulent and unsettling. In the midst of these challenging seasons, it can be extremely helpful to have someone come alongside us to give understanding and encouragement – to provide stability, hope, and Biblical principles to help us through the storm.

That is what a Stephen Minister is able to provide: a listening ear, a supportive perspective, and God's Word to help us through the challenges of life. Stephen Ministers are not counselors or people who try to fix everyone's troubles. Simply, they provide love, care and support when we need it most. A Stephen Minister is a caring individual who can help us navigate our present situation.

Would you, a friend, or a family member benefit from this kind of help and support?



Please contact:

**Stephen Ministry Referral Coordinators**  
Phyllis Crow 303-906-5055 OR  
John Mees 303-506-7979

### SERVICE ATTENDANCE



Sept 1 .....				144
	9:00	10:30	Wed	
Sept 8/11.....	106.....	96.....	18.....	220
Sept 15/18.....	88.....	95.....	16.....	199
Sept 22/25.....	58.....	60.....	12.....	184*
Sept 29.....	94.....	79.....		173

\*includes 54 worshipping at Women's Retreat



## 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 Roshcer'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!



*Rebekah Fisher and Danielle Hagedorn*

On October 13, Dr. Donald Messer, founder and Executive Director of the *Center for Health and Hope*, will join us in worship. Longs Peak UMC has had a long connection with the Center for Health and Hope which works with persons affected by HIV and AIDS around the world.

For the past two years, we, as a congregation, have raised funds to pay the salary of a social worker, Glorie Gitonga, who works with more than 200 AIDS orphans in Meru, Kenya. Dr. Messer has exciting news to share about the impact Glorie has been having in these children's lives. In preparation for his visit the Mission Committee wanted to share a bit more information about the center and the specific project Glorie is working on.

The mission of the *Center for Health and Hope* is to support and advocate for persons infected and affected by HIV and AIDS around the world with programs of education, prevention, care and treatment. The Center runs several different programs in African and India. In Kenya, Glorie is currently helping about 260 AIDS orphans receive shelter, nutrition, education, safety, and personal support.

Through this same program, several children have finished their basic education and have received training beyond the secondary level. The program has been cited

by various visitors, including representatives of the World Council of Churches, as a model for church ministry in the community that is stigma-free and open to all.

To learn more about the various projects that the *Center for Health and Hope* supports, please check out their website, [www.centerforhealthandhope.org](http://www.centerforhealthandhope.org) and join us in service on October 13 for Dr. Messer's visit. At that time, we will collect a special offering to cover the salary of Glorie and support the ongoing efforts of the center.



## 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.

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Glorie Gitonga – Kenya Social Worker  
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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