

LONGS PEAK
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Sunday Services: 9:00 and 10:30 AM

Welcoming, Embracing, Nurturing, Serving

MARCH 2020



Pastor Steve Reinhard

Pastor's Ponderings... "A Moving Experience"

Dear Longs Peak United Methodist Church Family,

As many of you know by now, Bishop Karen Oliveto and the Cabinet of the Mountain Sky Conference of the United Methodist Church are appointing me as Pastor to the Community United Methodist Church in Ogden, Utah, as of July 1, 2020. The overriding reason for my having asked for this move is about being closer to our family. When Tracy and I moved to Longmont in 2017, we had one grandchild. Within two years of our time here, *three more grandchildren came into the world!* As I have told many people lately, "That can really turn your head around!" I am amazed how many of you have told me since the announcement, "We moved here because *our* grandchildren are here in Longmont!" (We just hope they don't decide to move away after we get there!)

Both Tracy's and my sons, Shane and Scott, live in Ogden, Utah. Shane is married to Kirsten, and they have two daughters, Lilian ("Lily") and Eloise ("Lulu"), who are two years and three months old, respectively. Scott and Cindy have two sons, Emerson ("Emer") who is three years old and Thoren ("Thor") who is one. Many of you have prayed for and asked often about Thor who was born with severe special needs—physically and cognitively. It will be a wonderful blessing to us (and we pray to our family!) to

be close enough to help take care of these precious grandchildren more often.

So, Tracy and I soon will be having a "Moving Experience." Our last Sunday at Longs Peak United Methodist Church will be Sunday, May 31. During the month of June, we will be packing for the move and attending the Annual Conference of the Mountain Sky Conference of the United Methodist Church in Gillette, Wyoming, June 18-21.

Admittedly, my time as pastor at Longs Peak has been very difficult. However, I believe I have been here "for such a time as this" (Esther 4:14) to join with you to refocus, renew, relaunch, and resurrect a ministry of God's all-inclusive love that will go on long into future with new hope, new energy, and new love that excludes *absolutely no one*—the same kind of love that God has for all of us!

**²² I will declare your name to my people;
in the assembly I will praise you.**

**²³ You who fear the Lord, praise the Lord!
All you descendants of Jacob, honor the Lord!**

Revere the Lord, all you descendants of Israel!

**²⁶ The poor will eat and be satisfied; those
who seek the Lord will praise the Lord—
may your hearts live forever!**

**²⁷ All the ends of the earth will remember
and turn to the Lord,
and all the families of the nations will**

**bow down before the Lord,
²⁸ for dominion belongs to the Lord and the Lord
rules over the nations.
³⁰ Posterity will serve the Lord; *future
generations will be told about the Lord.*
³¹ They will proclaim the Lord's righteousness,
declaring to a people yet unborn:
The Lord has done it! ~Psalm 22:22-23, 26-28,
30-31**



REACHING OUT.....

Associate Pastor Phil

The early Christian church in the book of Acts, in my opinion, describes the church at its best. In chapter 6:1-7, we read that the church was growing in number and, by default, diverse needs. The needs of the church out-grew the needs of limited (however wonderfully talented) scope of the pastors. In order to care best for all the people, the early church reached out to the congregation to share the work. The church today is certainly not unlike the early church in our needs. We at Longs Peak United Methodist Church ARE most definitely equipped with many caring individuals!

On the cusp of a relaunch in our congregation, I am asking for your help. I am asking that 15-20 people step forward to help me in caring for our congregation. With the number of people who are a regular part of our congregation (either through official membership or through consistent attendance), it is nearly, I dare say, impossible to keep 100% track of every single person all the time. How often have you looked among your friends in church to notice that someone hasn't been in church, so you contact them (at least I hope you do) only to find out that they haven't been to church in months and you're the first one to contact them. It's not only embarrassing for you, It's hurtful for the person who has been struggling while no one noticed.

I am seeking some caring people who are willing to look out for a small flock of people (assigned by me), reaching out to them when you do not see them in church (on the person's requested schedule only- I certainly do not aim to hound or bother anyone, just care for them and not let anyone slip through the cracks!), and informing me when you know of any needs in the church I may not have been made aware of yet. I am looking for people who will serve as extra eyes and ears for

me and help me care for the church. When you see that one in your flock is missing, reach out and ask how we can best support them as a church. I am calling this team of caring individuals the Shepherding Team.

If you would be willing to join my team of caring individuals, please email me at pastorphil@lpumc.org. If you have any questions, please be in touch! I would love to partner with you in shepherding our congregation together.

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



March is a busy month in the music ministry with rehearsals in preparation for Holy Week and Easter. If you are interested in a short term commitment – singing some great music with some great people – this a time to try out choir. Feel free to drop in on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 for our rehearsals.

Join us for Holy Week Services – Palm Sunday on April 5 – Maundy Thursday with Acappella Choir on April 9 – Combined Good Friday service at LPUMC featuring area Methodist Churches and a mass choir on April 10 – and Easter morning on April 12.

Mark your calendars for the following upcoming music events this spring. There will be a Studio Recital featuring the **flute students of Kay W. Lloyd on Friday, March 6 at 7:00.** Our LPUMC **Stompers band** will feature ragtime favorites on **Sunday, March 8 at 2:30 pm.** **Piano students of Darlene Chilson** will be presenting their recital on **Saturday, May 2 at 2:00.** Invite a friend to hear some great music.

The annual **Community Handbell Festival** will be held on **Sunday, May 3 at 3:30 p.m.** If you enjoy hearing (and watching) handbells – this is the place to be for an afternoon of handbell music performed by area groups. LPUMC's annual **Flute Choir and Handbell Concert** will be held on **Friday, May 15 at 7:30 p.m.** Always a favorite concert of our church and

the community. A dessert reception hosted by our UMW will follow the performance.

March Music Schedule

March 1 – Choir
March 8 – Handbells
March 15 – A cappella
March 22 – Choir
March 29 – Peak Experience Leads Worship

GOOD FRIDAY PROMO

Experience the Seven Last Words of Jesus spoken by Christ while on the cross at a special Good Friday Worship Service, 7:00 pm Friday, April 10 at Longs Peak United Methodist church. The St. Vrain church circuit is sponsoring this meaningful service. The St. Vrain circuit is made up of United Methodist churches in Estes Park, Lyons, Erie, Frederick (Rinn), Hygiene and Longmont (Heart of Longmont and Longs Peak). A choir made up from members of the circuit churches will perform. Pastors from the various churches will each speak briefly on the seven last words of Christ.



People often ask, "What, exactly, is a Stephen Minister?" One way to put it is that Stephen Ministers are the *After People*. Stephen Ministers are there:
...*after* the phone call you hoped you'd never get.
...*after* the divorce papers are served and the bottom falls out of your life.
...*after* the funeral, when everyone has left and the emotions you've held at bay come crashing in on you.
...*after* the doctor says, "I'm sorry, but there's nothing more we can do."
...*after* the nursing home director shakes your hand and says, "Welcome to your new home."

...*after* the last child honks the horn, waves, and drives away and the house suddenly seems empty.
 ...*after* the gavel goes down, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away.
 ...*after* the baby arrives, demanding more of you than you ever dreamed possible.
 ...*after* you find a pink slip with your final paycheck.
 ...*after* your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out.
 Stephen Ministers are the "After People." They are ready to come alongside you—or your friends, neighbors, coworkers, or relatives—and provide comfort and support for as long *after* as needed.

Call Referral Coordinator, **Phyllis Crow** at **303-906-5055** or **John Mees** at **303-506-7979**.



Missions

Rebekah Fisher and Danielle Hagedorn

Why be in service to others? In addition to helping those in need, being in service is a great way to meet others in our congregation as we work together. It's also a great way to learn more about our community. Consider asking a friend to join you in one of these opportunities.

Opportunities to be in service in March:

For more detailed information and to sign-up for any of these opportunities check out the Missions Tower in the Narthex.

3/14 OUR Center meal: Join us for our monthly meal at the OUR Center from 9:30-2:00. Volunteers help cook, serve, and clean-up the meal. We'd love to have you help for the entire time, but if you can only come for a portion just note that when signing up. This is a very rewarding experience. If you'd like more information speak with Amy Mann-Miner.

3/14 OUR Center Empty Bowls event at Rocky Mountain Christian Church in Niwot from 10:30 - 1:00. Enjoy some delicious soup or stew in a keepsake hand-painted bowl of your choice all while supporting the work of the OUR Center. For more information and to purchase tickets go to the OUR Center Website.

3/29 HOPE meal... Together we are providing a meal for 30 food insecure individuals each month. Please sign up to provide a main dish, side dish, salad, or dessert. If you'd like more details, speak with Evelyn Fontanez.

Ongoing Opportunities:

Every Thursday we host guests from **Agape Safe Haven**. Consider signing up to be an ambassador to prepare our church for their stay and help them feel welcome here at the church. The Agape Safe Haven shelter is also in need of meals and volunteers. To learn more about these opportunities, see the Mission Tower in the Narthex.

Prepare dinner for two clients of **TRI** (The Re-Entry Initiative), which is an organization that helps women reintegrate into society after incarceration. We have committed to providing dinner for these ladies on the 3rd Saturday of each month in 2020. Sign-up on the Mission Tower and further instructions will be sent to you prior to your selected date.

Thank you for being in service to our community!

OUTREACH AND CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY



Katie Petarek

"Hello!" This is how you begin to invite others to our church! #LPUMCFocus2020 kick off showed a clear vision of the desire for more work into the community, more fellowship outside of Sundays and growing our families.

I am very excited to take on the new role and work with each of you even closer now! Lent has begun and I invite you, your families, and friends to our Lenten Suppers and Messy Church on Wednesdays at 6pm. Come for fellowship, scripture, and connection with one another.

During Lent I am inviting you to make time, make space, and make room for God's love. Prayer is movement, prayer is expressing, prayer is listening, and prayer is doing. Lent is an opportunity to strengthen our relationship with God by walking alongside Jesus's journey. Prayer is a direct way to achieve that. Prayer is not one thing, it is in all parts of our lives.

I invite you to explore what prayer is for you. By the end of these 40 days, it is my prayer that we will have made time to open our hearts, we will have made space in our hearts, and we will have made room to share our hearts. We will be ready, we will be different, we will be ready for Palm Sunday when we once again shout "Hosannah!".

We will be ready with a new understanding of the role Jesus has in our lives. We will be better equipped to walk through the events of Holy Week with new significance for our faith. We will be ready for the Good News of Easter morning.

CHURCH COUNCIL

Greg Kittilson

From the church council ... our wonderful new Lay Leader, Jake Marsing, shared in a recent sermon, outcomes from our all church visioning session. Over 40 people attended and discussed topics of where we are within a model of a church lifecycle, our mission, elements of our future vision, and a discipleship path along with its relationship to our ministries. This meeting set the stage for a reinvigoration and resurgence of our mission at Longs Peak United Methodist Church. We have titled our effort #LPUMCFocus2020.

Our intent is to focus on actions to renew our church while remaining true to our roots. It has been no secret that we have been experiencing challenges of giving and attendance in the past few years as Jake articulated in his sermon. One of the outcomes of the meeting was that a sub team had been formed to propose a new vision statement. The team of Jo Ann Hauger, John Chilson, and Carol Monhollen shared three possibilities for our future vision statement with the council coming together on this proposal:

We invite all to discover God's love with our church family. We worship and serve together by connecting to God, each other, and our neighbors through friendship, music, and love.

Additionally, we are re-visiting our Welcoming, Embracing, Nurturing, and Serving motto for alignment with a discipleship path of evangelism, fellowship, growth, and stewardship. From the website <https://influencemagazine.com/Practice/What-Is-Your-Discipleship-Pathway>, "A discipleship pathway is simply your process for making disciples. It's your GPS that shows directions for how to help individuals get from here (wherever they are now) to there (a closer

relationship with Jesus). Ideally, that pathway should be strategic, comprehensive and clear." The components of our present motto match pretty well to the steps we take as Christians.

The website further states "No pathway is perfect, and each will be unique, so rest in that fact you can always add to, take away from, and reroute the pathway later."

Of our teams that met, we had a few variations on the discipleship path. One proposed change was to introduce Inviting in front of Welcoming. During our council discussion another proposal was made to move from the present participle verbs to active verbs resulting in one proposal of "Invite. Embrace. Nurture. Serve."

The church council though is only a small number of folks representing our church family. We'd like our church family to ask for God's guidance during this time of transition and change. We will be holding a prayer campaign on March 13th and 14th from 6 PM to 6 PM. The purposes of our campaign are:

1. To pray for Pastor Steve and Tracy as they transition to their new home and new minister
2. To pray for our new minister
3. To pray for our LPUMC future vision, mission, and focus

There will be more information forthcoming during the Sunday morning services about how each of us can participate. There will be an opportunity for you to provide input about our future should the Spirit move you during your prayers. This input will be shared at the next church council meeting in March where we will further consider adoption and formalization of our refreshed vision statement.



FEBRUARY SERVICE ATTENDANCE

Sunday	9:00	10:30	Total
Feb 2	105	77	182
Feb 9	82	58	140
Feb 16	92	65	157
Feb 23	102	76	178

LPUMC Staff

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Rev. Sandy Stewart – Deacon-in-Residence

Glorie Gitonga – Kenya Social Worker

Rev. Granville Smythe – Retired

Pastor Charlene Smythe – Retired

Ministers – Those Who Call Jesus, Lord



Jan Spitler, President

United Methodist Women will have their General Meeting on March 12th at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The speaker will be Mary Jane Mees and she will be talking about Stephen Ministry. A snack will be provided and all ladies are invited.

The Esther Circle meeting will be held on March 19th at 7:00 p.m. at the church and our speaker will be Jolene Mechtly. She will also be talking about Stephen Ministry. This is an important ministry in our church that helps so many people. This is an opportunity to learn more about Stephen

Ministry so that we can tell others and possibly consider becoming a Stephen Minister.

There will be a District Leadership Team Planning Meeting on March 21st at Stratmoor Hills UMC in Colorado Springs. All ladies are invited to attend. If you are interested, please contact Jan Spitler at 720-204-6583 for details.

Please check out the national United Methodist Women's website at unitedmethodistwomen.org. You might be surprised to find out what we do.



A big thank you to all the ladies who helped make dresses for "Dress A Girl Around The World." We have made about 116 dresses this last year--destinations of Costa Rica, Uganda and Panama. We still had 30 in the closet and they were taken to Loveland where they will find a 3rd world country that needs them.....we didn't have anyone in our church volunteer to take them on their 'vacation.'

Along with the dresses, the t-shirts and panties were sent - provided by various church members. Thank you!!!

Please let us know if you are planning a mission trip or just a trip where these can be utilized and we will start cutting and stitching again! Consider yourselves thanked by 116 little girls!

Newsletter

Sharon Cantrell-Jaap, Editor

As I compile my last newsletter, I am reminded of six plus years as Administrative Assistant here at Longs Peak. It has been my pleasure to be a part of a very caring staff, committed volunteers and the behind-the-scenes planning dynamics. Living in Loveland for several years, we have decided to look for a church closer to home where we can participate more. I say goodbye to many, many friends and beautiful worship services. Exciting times are coming to Longs Peak!



March

3	Carolyn Driver Wilma Meyer
4	Kristin Miller
6	Erin De Tar
7	Janet Baker Ginny Walker

9	Leigh-Ann Black Laurie Faye Elaine Weisgerber
10	Becca Fenton Steve Gaffney
11	Jan Steger Kimberly Taylor
12	Brenda Henry
13	Sharon Cantrell-Jaap
19	Dennis Champlin Matt Fisher Rebekah Fisher
20	Wes Stiller Pat Worrell
21	Cooky Williams
24	Karen Brown
25	Lauren Billow
26	Wyatt Eklof
27	Emily Billow
29	Dale Sherrod
30	Randy Carlson
31	Tom Charles



24 HOURS OF PRAYER - #lpumcFocus2020

PRAYER CAMPAIGN

The prayer campaign will take place on March 13 to March 14 from 6 pm to 6 pm, praying around the clock, both am and pm for 24 hours. What can you do? PRAY, If you want to participate in this PRAYER CAMPAIGN, you just need to sign your name on the line that has the time you are willing to begin praying. You can sign up for 30 minutes or more. You can pray at the church or at home at that particular time.... Just sign your name. You can sign up on the sign-up sheet at church or on-line by going to www.tinyurl.com/LPUMCprayer. Or free to email dschuang@yahoo.com or call Donna at 720-221-7639 with your preferred time slot and if you will pray at the church or at home. There will be prayer guidelines present at church to give you ideas on what to pray for.

