



*Longs Peak United
Methodist Church*

May Connection

May 2021

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Pastor's Pen:

"Teach me your way, Lord; lead me in a straight path...I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart."

Psalm 27:11a; 13-14a

I don't know about you but I'm ready for spring (read WARMER) weather! We were teased with the nice weather during Holy Week and it hasn't really been quite as nice since then. I've found myself increasingly frustrated in recent weeks, wanting so much to get back outdoors again. One gift of the pandemic in the past year for me was the chance to dine outdoors with friends. I miss that! I keep thinking I will plant flowers and vegetables in my raised beds and yet it is not time yet. My efforts would be for naught if I were to plant much of anything right now with the snow still flying on, what seems like, every other day. I wouldn't go so far as to say I'm angry, but I am certainly growing anxious. This week, as I sit down to write this article to you, I've had to focus my energies on the areas of my life where I do have control rather than spiraling in despair about the things I cannot change. A brief list of the things I (and you!) CAN do:

- I can choose kind over choosing anger
- I can spread love instead of spreading vitriol
- I can attune my heart toward the blessings rather than the mishaps
- I can call or write a friend I've been thinking of lately instead of being sad that I miss them
- I can give my time to a local organization seeking help rather than mindlessly watching the television
- I can pray
- I can read my Bible

This is just a small list that could be rather long if I took time to really think about it. Instead of allowing my frustration over the cold weather to get to me, I can ask God to teach me to be present in the moment and to attune my gaze on the blessings that God has for me right now. And then, I think I will truly be thankful when I notice the blessings.

Choose Kind,
Pastor Phil Rogers

Calendar:

May 2 – Outdoor Worship with Communion (10:30 a.m.)

May 9 – Happy Mother's Day & Diaper Drive for the OUR Center (1:30 – 2:30 p.m. – parking lot)

May 15 – Church Cleanup Day

May 16 – Outdoor Worship (10:30 a.m.)

May 21 – Handbell Concert (virtual)

May 31 – Memorial Day

Visit the church website or call the church office for more information and to sign up for worship services.

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Music Notes:

The Longs Peak Handbell Choir has continued to meet weekly in preparation for our annual Spring Concert. **The concert will air on Friday, May 21 at 7:00 p.m.** The program will feature music expressing JOY! Join us for an uplifting performance.

Summer is just around the corner – and choir rehearsals will be resuming on Tuesday evening, June 15. Keep your eyes open for the Summer Schedule in the next newsletter. Come join us for music and fellowship!

May Music Schedule

April 25 – Mary Baker, voice and guitar

May 2 – Praise Team

May 9 – Kay Lloyd, flute

May 16 – Handbells

May 21 – Handbell Concert

May 23 – Paula Muncy, solo piano

May 30 – TBD



At the end of May we celebrate Memorial Day, a day to remember those who lost their life in service to our country. It is important to also remember those who survived their time of service, but struggle to make it in our society. Locally we have an organization working to help these veterans: Veteran Community Project (VCP). Their mission statement states that “we are dedicated to supporting every man and woman who took the oath to defend our nation. We are determined to make a difference in the lives of homeless veterans, a task accomplished by the community for the community.” Furthermore they strive to provide “assessment, treatment, and prevention tactics in order to end veteran homelessness and reduce suffering.”

VCP has plans in the works to build a village of 26 tiny homes along with a community center and five family homes here in Longmont to help address the needs of homeless veterans in our community. Construction on this project is expected to begin this summer. They are currently recruiting volunteers to help with the construction and no experience is necessary.

In January, the Longmont Public Library offered a presentation with Paul Melroy from VCP. You can view that presentation on YouTube using this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8id0405SgCA&t=19s>

The Longmont Times-Call also did an article on the VCP Village back in August of 2020. You can see that article here: <https://www.timescall.com/2020/08/29/small-house-big-potential-village-of-tiny-homes-for-veterans-breaks-ground-in-longmont/>

The Mission Committee at LPUMC is working with VCP to see if there might be a way for us to be involved in this project as a church but we don't have anything concrete yet. To learn more about ways you might be able to volunteer or donate to their efforts you can check out their website: <https://www.veteranscommunityproject.org/vcp-colorado>

Psalms 100: 1-2

“Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.”

Easter Flower Dedications:

In memory of Madeline Sherrod (Dale Sherrod).

In memory of Dan Gamble, Robert Sullivan, and Kevin Foster (Paula Gamble).

In memory of our parents (Kathy Crier and Barb Huner).

In memory of Archie and Thelma Taylor (Gayle & Steven Stiller).

In memory of Mark Werner (Jean Werner).



United Methodist Women will have their monthly general meeting on **Thursday, May 20th at 7:00 p.m.** It will probably be on Zoom but an email will be sent out a few days before the meeting to let everyone know if it is in person or on Zoom. If it is in person at the church, it will probably be available on Zoom as well. The program for that meeting is yet to be determined.

Also, it is time to register for the upcoming UMW District "A Day Together" to be held on June 12th by Zoom. The meeting is free and will be held from 8:30 until noon. To register, please email Jan Spitler at janaspitler@gmail.com and list your name, phone number and email address. The last day to register is June 9th. The theme of the meeting is "Knitted Together: Generous Hearts and Strong Threads". The speaker will be Deaconess Robin Ridenour. Also, Bishop Karen Oliveto will share communion.

At our last board meeting, we discussed having a picnic possibly sometime in June. This would be potluck like we have done in the past and would be held on a Saturday. Details about this event will be announced in the near future.

Any ladies who have been members of UMW for 50 years or more are asked to contact Jan Spitler at 720-204-6583. The UMW District is planning a special recognition for those ladies.

We will not have any UMW board or general meetings this summer but we may have a couple of get-togethers at Thompson Park. If we plan to do that, an email will be sent out.

We pray that everyone is well and that most everyone has been able to get vaccinated.

Blessings, Jan Spitler

Worship Attendance:

March 28 (Palm Sunday)	263
April 4 (Easter Sunday)	300
April 11	169
April 18	152

IT'S SPRING CLEANING TIME!

As we prepare our calendars, bodies, and souls for in-person worship, it's also time to prepare our church building! The LPUMC Trustees seek several able-bodied volunteers to assist with spring cleanup. We're reviewing every inch of the building, and every square foot of our property, to purge what we don't need, and tidy up what remains, to put our best church-foot forward in receiving in-person worshippers and other guests. Everyone is welcome to pitch in, and coffee and iced tea will be provided. Two dates are set aside:

Saturday, May 8 – Longmont Free Landfill Day, 9:00 AM - ??? – Seeking 3-4 volunteers with “strong backs and large vehicles and/or trailer” to haul unwanted furniture to the dump in Erie.

Saturday, May 15 – LPUMC Church Cleanup Day – 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM – We need 10+ volunteers to work inside (purging stockpiles in classrooms, sheds, closets, etc.) and 6+ volunteers to work outside (weed control on grounds, parking lot clean-up, etc.) We also need assistance on this day with hauling away unwanted electronics to a site TBD.

Bring your own hat, work gloves, water bottle.

To let us know we can count on you, or to find out more information about what's needed, please sign up using this Sign-Up Genius link

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4fa8a62fa3f49-lpumc2>, or contact one of these Trustees:

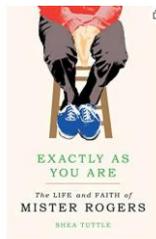
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I am looking for gently used (or new) Lego sets that you may have as I am going to doing a unit on architecture and building with my art classes. If you have any you wouldn't mind donating to my class, that would be great. If you could drop them off at church for me, it would be much appreciated.

Thank you, Katelyn Lawley

***** New Book Study Class *****
Life and Faith of Mister Rogers



Happy Birthday!

Starting on Sunday, May 9 at 10:30 am (tentatively and time is subject to change) after the worship service, we will be starting a 7 week study of an exciting look into the life and faith of Mister Rogers, the beloved children's TV host. Pastor Jeremiah is planning a sermon series on Mr. Rogers at about that same time period using a different book. The book we will be discussing is Exactly As We Are: The Life and Faith of Mister Rogers by Shea Tuttle. We will be using the book and possibly some short videos. Prior to reading this book, my exposure to him and his faith journey in life was limited but his example should be a clarion call to all Christians. This class will be held on Zoom. Details will come out prior to each class. Please join us for this study and discussion. Contact Bruce Armstrong at brucearmstrong1213@gmail.com or call 303-772-0449 for more information and to get on our email distribution for any class changes or Zoom meeting information. There also are a few copies of the book available for anyone who would like a copy.

May 1	Dallas Powell
May 2	Avery LeBlanc
May 3	Mae Katschke
May 4	Tori Menard
May 5	Bruce Armstrong Bryan Hauger Faviola Henry
May 6	Phil Wilson
May 11	Susie Sisson
May 12	Evelyn Conquest
May 14	Jan Richardson
May 15	Gavin Fisher
May 20	Sydney Adams Elise Burnor
May 22	Kate Bogle
May 23	Nick Pekarek
May 27	Becky Everitt Melody Lanz
May 28	Linda Orrell

Finance Committee:

	March '21	'21 YTD	'20 YTD
Donations:	\$26,485	\$102,714	\$95,088
Expenses:	\$32,527	\$95,962	\$107,811
Difference:	-\$6,042	\$6,752	-\$12,723

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Ministers – Those who call Jesus, Lord

To submit an article for the June Newsletter, please send to: alex@lpumc.org by **Monday, May 17**

