

From the Pastor's Pen:

Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. – Isaiah 43:19

I have always loved George Harrison's sense of hope in his lyrics "Here Comes the Sun," a song, about the joy of renewal.

Little darling, it's been a long cold lonely winter little darling, it seems like years since it's been here

> Here comes the sun do, do, do here comes the sun and I say it's all right

Little darling, the smiles returning to the faces little darling, it feels like years since it's been here

Looking back over this past year, I can relate to the sense of feeling that *it's been a long cold lonely winter*, and that it seems *like years since anything normal has been here!* While we practiced social distancing to care for our physical well-being, our spiritual health yearns to be together once again in connection. Looking at the past year in review, I can see examples of the words of Isaiah in which God is doing new things. We have learned how to extend the ministry of LPUMC beyond the physical walls of our building, connecting with new faces. We have learned to record, livestream, and gather together in the midst of ever-changing county and conference safety measures.

This past month I preached a sermon series called *Rebuilding*, about lessons from the post-exilic Jews returning to rebuild Jerusalem. In the series we saw how they were faced with both an excitement to rebuild, and at the same time lament that things were different now. We can relate, the world we live in has changed since last year and yet it is time to rebuild the connections of our church. I am very excited to share that on Sunday June 6th we will be resuming weekly worship inperson at the church. We will be offering an open-air outdoor service at 9 a.m., followed by an indoor and livestreamed service at 10:30 a.m. We will also be

Church Events

Starting June 6, we will have two worship services every Sunday: 9 a.m. in the Parking Lot 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

June 3 – Party in the Park @ Dawson Park (Children & Family Ministries)

June 13 – 5 p.m. - LPUMC Variety Show

June 17 – Party in the Park @ Sandstone Ranch (Children & Family Ministries)

June 20 - Happy Father's Day!

June 26 – UMW Picnic

June 27 – Youth Hike @ Lily Lake

Visit the church website or call the church office for more information and for signups: lpumc.org 303-776-0399

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offering a virtual Zoom fellowship at 10 a.m., and those who are attending worship in-person are encouraged to gather in fellowship between services.

As the CDC continues to make recommendations for lightening restrictions for vaccinated people, our church council has authorized our COVID relaunch subcommittee to review and amend our own church safety procedures for indoor gatherings. While weekly worship in June is a first step in the right direction, church leadership asks for grace as they navigate a balance between a full grand reopening, and ensuring the safety of our church family.

I am in great anticipation of journeying in a new direction in ministry together, and that we may each grow deeper in relation as brothers and sisters in Christ. LPUMC, *Here comes the sun, and I say it's all right!* Church...It's gonna be all right!

Peace and Blessings, Rev. Jeremiah



It is time for **Som're Choir** – some are here and some are gone. With the warming of the weather and the lifting of restrictions, Choir will once again be meeting outdoors on Tuesday evenings, beginning June 15, at 7:30 p.m. Come join us for singing and fellowship! All abilities and levels are welcome!

Choir will be singing for the 9 a.m. Outdoor Worship Service on the following Sundays this summer: June 27, July 25 and August 22.

We are in need of a few good men – always a challenge for church choirs. Men – if you love to sing and enjoy some great fellowship with other singing men – come try out choir!

A cappella and Praise Team will also be singing at the 9 a.m. service throughout the summer and have their own rehearsal schedule. Handbells will be taking a break for the summer – but will be back in the fall.

Kay Lloyd – Music Director

June Music Schedule

June 6 – Paula Muncy, piano June 13 – Kay W. Lloyd, flute June 20 – Praise Team June 27 - Choir "But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him."

Jeremiah 17:7



Thank you from the Trustees:

We had a total of 29 people show up to help do a Spring Cleaning of the Church on May 8th and May 15th! Thank you to:

Bruce and Janet Armstrong **Donna Chuang** Alan and Lyn Dines Eric, Danielle, and Seth Hagedorn Bryan and Jo Ann Hauger Mike Johnston **Russ Lambert** Bruce Larsen Gary Lloyd Alice and Nate Marshall **Jolene Mechtly** John Mees David and Carol Monhollen **Glen Shanahan Charlene Smythe** Phil and Wanda Wilson And staff: Pastor Jeremiah, Pastor Phil, Kay Lloyd, Katie Pekarek and Alex Anderson



Are you familiar with UMCOR, the United Methodist Committee on Relief? This outreach arm of the United Methodist Church was founded in 1940 and currently works in more than 80 countries worldwide including right here in the United States. Their mission, grounded in the teachings of Jesus, is to alleviate human suffering whether caused by war, conflict or natural disaster, with open hearts and minds to all people. UMCOR responds to both natural and civil disasters that are interruptions of such magnitude that they overwhelm a community's ability to recover on its own. UMCOR works through programs that address hunger, poverty, sustainable agriculture, international and domestic emergencies, refugee and immigrant concerns, global health issues, and transitional development.

Currently UMCOR is responding to the COVID-19 crisis in India and around the globe, working with immigrants along the U.S.-Mexico border, and supporting on-going projects such as the Center for Health and Hope which LPUMC is involved with through our sponsorship of a caseworker who works with AIDS orphans in Kenya. You can learn more about UMCOR on their website: https://umcmission.org/umcor/. And while a special Sunday is set aside each year in March to highlight and support UMCOR's work you can donate any time on their website or through our church with a special donation designated for UMCOR. The United Methodist Church is a global church and nowhere is that more evident than in the work of UMCOR.

United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women will have a District Meeting on Zoom on **Saturday, June 12th** from 8:30 a.m. until noon. Registration closes on June 9th. If you wish to attend, please email Jan Spitler at <u>janaspitler@gmail.com</u> and include your phone number. The meeting is the District's annual "A Day Together" and the theme this year is Knitted Together For God's Good Work. The speaker will be Robin Ridenour and Bishop Karen will perform communion.

Our local UMW group will have our annual picnic on **Saturday, June 26th at 11:00 a.m.** This will be held in the parking lot behind the church. All ladies of the church are invited and you can even bring a friend or two. Large umbrellas and at least one canopy will be provided in case we need them for shade. This picnic is potluck. So bring a dish to share, a chair and a drink. The church will be available for use of the bathroom and kitchen. Plates, napkins and utensils will be provided. There will be no agenda so come and just enjoy the fellowship.

Mission u is scheduled for **July 21-22** and **July 28-29** from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. each day. Details about the subject and registration will be in the July newsletter.

Now that restrictions are being lifted somewhat, I hope everyone will be able to enjoy traveling or just getting out of the house more this summer.

Blessings, Jan Spitler

Worship Attendance:

April 25	121
May 2	170
May 9	80
May 16	172
May 23	79

Finance Committee:

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Income:	\$28,546	\$131,261
Expenses:	\$31,781	\$127,743
Net Income:	-\$3,235	\$3,518

Rebekah Fisher – Missions Chair



Bible Studies:

Beginning Sunday, June 6, the Sunday school class led by Gran and Charlene Smythe will study the Book of Exodus. The class will begin meeting at the church in Fellowship Hall at 9 a.m. The class is open to anyone who would like to study this book of the Bible.

Sundays:

9 a.m. – Book of Exodus study with Gran and Charlene Smythe.

7 p.m. – "Exactly as You Are" about the Life and Faith of Mr. Rogers. Contact Bruce Armstrong for the Zoom link and book information: <u>brucearmstrong1213@gmail.com</u>

Mondays:

7 p.m. – "Women of the Bible" study. Contact Jessica Miller (<u>j7miller@mac.com</u> or Dee Slowen (<u>dd.slowen@gmail.com</u>) for more information and the Zoom link.

Wednesdays:

6:30 p.m. – "Bible Project" Study. To join the Zoom meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7406218017

Saturdays:

7:30 a.m. – Men's Group. For more information on the current study, or the Zoom link, please email or call Steve Gaffney at <u>stvngffn@gmail.com</u> or 303-702-9877.

Happy Birthday!

June 1	Becky Champlin
	Christopher Kittilson
June 4	Wilma Andre
June 8	Evelyn Fontenez
	Mike Grine
June 11	Jane Carlson
June 12	Rehanna Karki
	Amy Mann-Miner
June 15	Scott Anderson
June 17	Denise Gaffney
June 18	Sierra Adams
	Beth Bailey
	Clay Douglas
	Marcus Vasquez
June 19	Greg Kittilson
	Rick Stewart
June 20	Roger Wisehart
June 24	Phil Henry
	Jennie Pike
June 27	Russ Stacey
June 29	Joy Lanz
June 30	Roger Driver
	Les Dunn
	Steve Mudd

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July Newsletter Deadline: June 21st.

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