

Longs Peak United Methodist Church

July Connection

1421 Elmhurst Dr.
Longmont, CO 80503
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Website: lpumc.org
JULY 2021

Sunday Worship Service Times:

9 a.m. – Parking Lot

10:30 a.m. – Sanctuary

*Advance reservations are no longer required,
masks are optional if vaccinated.*

Pastor's Pen:

Beloved Church,

I thank all of you for the many ways you allowed me to be your pastor over the past six years. As the years go by I will look back fondly on our time together; I hope the same will be true for you. I am tremendously grateful for the ways you have ministered to me since I first came through your doors on March 4, 2007 as young adult seeking a community to love and embrace who would love and embrace me in return. You all have served that role faithfully, Beloved Church. I pray that I have loved and embraced you well in my time with you all.

In 2011, before I was a clergy person, we had the blessing of celebrating our 100th Anniversary. I remember reading a list of the pastors who have served you since 1911. Little did I know at that time that I would one day be among that list just four years later. Of your many pastors, few have had the blessing of serving this congregation as long as I have due to the itinerant nature of our denomination. I wonder about the experience of those Longs Peak pastors of who preceded me. I wonder about the people they served? What did their passion for Jesus Christ look like?

In six years I've watched your children grow up. I've baptized and assisted with Baptisms, performed marriages, and performed funerals. I've visited hospitals and shut-ins. Together, we realized a few dreams, lived through a few trials, and through it all we've persevered.

I feel it the responsible thing to let you know that I can no longer serve in a pastoral role with or for all of you – that falls to Pastor Jeremiah from this point on and I wholeheartedly entrust your care into his very capable hands. While I am leaving you, there is one who remains constant: Jesus Christ. Jesus has been here from the beginning, and will be with you for the rest of time. If through the power of the Holy Spirit you allow Jesus to guide you, the congregation will always have a mission. It may not look like the church we have today or in years gone-by- in fact, I know it won't. There may be difficult decisions which need to be made. But a passion for showing God's love to the world will see you through all your future trials. This passion guided the earlier congregations of Longs Peak, a passion which allowed them to navigate their own trials. They managed and flourished; so will you.

The biblical record is full of stories about people who faced harder trials than we did in my time with you all. A few times the people of Israel were exiled from their land; every time they returned. When Elijah was on the run from King Ahab and Queen Jezebel he prayed, "I've been very passionate for the LORD God of heavenly forces because the Israelites have abandoned your covenant. They have torn down your altars, and they have murdered your prophets with the sword. I'm the only one left, and now they want to take my life too."

Pastor's Pen (cont.)

God heard Elijah's prayer and encouraged him with these words: "I have preserved those who remain in Israel, totaling seven thousand – all those whose knees haven't bowed down to Baal and whose mouths haven't kissed him." When Elijah had done the math it looked to him like it was all over. God's math was different from Elijah's. God made a way where there was no way, and God will do it again for people who have faith.

You have a wonderful future; of this I am most certain. I hope that under Pastor Jeremiah's and the rest of your staff's leadership, you find new passion and ways to connect with the neighborhood and invite more people to join you Sunday morning. Finally, I share with you the Mizpah blessing: "The Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent one from the other." Go out smiling!

Choose Kind,

Pastor Phil Rogers



Music Notes:

If you have children or grandchildren - come join us for **Vacation Bible School on Saturday, July 24 from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. at Roger's Grove.** This year's theme will explore and celebrate God's beautiful creation through music, bible study, nature themed art projects, science and active games (oh – and some great snacks too!). Hope you'll join us for a great day!

Come join us for **Somm're Choir** – some are here and some are gone. If you are interested in checking out choir – summer is a great time to do so. 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!

Choir will be rehearsing and singing on the following dates in July – join us when you can:

Tuesday, July 6 - rehearsal at 7:30

Tuesday, July 13 – rehearsal at 7:30

Tuesday, July 20 – rehearsal at 7:30

Sunday, July 25 – singing at both services

July Music Schedule

July 4 - TBD

July 11 - Acappella

July 18 – Praise Team

July 25 – Choir

If you have questions or need additional information about the Music ministry at LPUMC, contact Kay W. Lloyd:

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Celebration of Life for Mark Werner

You are invited to the celebration of Mark's life on **Sunday, July 25**, at my home (813 Windflower Drive, Longmont). This will be an open house/backyard reception from **2:00-4:00 pm**. Your love, prayers, and cards shared with me at the time of his death in December meant a great deal to me. However, due to COVID+, we were unable to have a memorial service at that time. Now that we are able to return to having gatherings, my family and I would like to say thank you and invite you to stop by to visit and share some time together.

Jeanne Werner



Longs Peak is starting a 13-week GriefShare session on **September 13**. GriefShare is a 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. The group meets weekly, but you can join at any session.

When: Mondays from September 13 to December 6

Time: 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Where: Longs Peak United Methodist Church; Rm 130-131

Cost: \$15 for GriefShare workbook (scholarships available)

Facilitators: Wendy Reed, Kathy Crier, and Jan Spittler

Sign up in Crossroads starting August 1 or

email wlr8555@aol.com. For more information, contact Wendy Reed at 303-772-3290 or Kathy Crier at 303-776-0399. Child care and transportation can be arranged if needed.

HOPE and OUR Center News

The Missions Team thanks you for all the donations you have brought in! At this time, please note that HOPE and the OUR Center are not taking any more donations of clothes, sleeping bags and blankets.

Bible Studies:

Sundays:

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

10:30 a.m. – Topical Bible Study class taught by Bruce Armstrong in God’s Harbor, with a Zoom link for those not attending in person. Each week will be a different topic based on ideas generated in class. Since it is summertime, each week will be self-contained and drop-ins are welcome. No preparation or book required.

Mondays:

7 p.m. – “Women of the Bible” study. Contact Jessica Miller (j7miller@mac.com) or Dee Slown (dd.slown@gmail.com) 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, please email or call Steve Gaffney at stvngffn@gmail.com or 303-702-9877.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those people who continued to give during the worst of the COVID Pandemic. In addition to those who gave financially we have many who gave of their time:

- The Mission Committee members continued to serve the community from their own personal financial resources.
- The Armstrong’s worked diligently to maintain the landscaping at the church.
- The Trustee Committee over saw many needed repairs, and contributed their own labor in a major house cleaning effort during the Pandemic.
- The Tech Crew went above and beyond in providing an online solution for Church Services.
- The Reopening Committee has been researching and working to make our return to normalcy as safe and speedy as possible.
- The Staff reduced spending in any way possible.

Now that we are returning to normalcy we will need to return to our normal level of giving to make sure that we can pay for all those invisible expenses of being a thriving church:

- Sunday School Materials
- New Music for Worship
- Supplies for Fellowship and Worship
- Custodial Services for increased church usage
- Utilities especially air conditioning for increased church usage

Please continue to pray for LPUMC that we will have the resources to become the thriving church we have been in the past.

Terry Larsen – Finance Committee Chair

	May '21	'21 YTD
Income:	\$31,312	\$162,573
Expense:	\$29,416	\$157,058
Net Income:	\$1,896	\$5,515

Upcoming Events:

All Church:

Church Potluck: bring a dish to share and enjoy face-to-face fellowship!

July 18th - 5 p.m.

Youth:

July 11: 12 - 7 p.m. Elitch Trip

Meet at church at noon to carpool. Please RSVP by July 1st:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4fa8a62fa3f49-elitches>.

July 25: 1 pm - Union Reservoir

Meet at Stephen Day Park to walk to the reservoir. Please RSVP by July 18th:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4fa8a62fa3f49-union>.

Family Ministries:

Party in the Park: Meet at the designated park at 10 a.m.

- **July 1 - Lake Estes**
Meet at the Visitor Center in Estes Park.
- **July 8 - Dry Creek Park**
- **July 22 - Kanemoto Park**

Vacation Bible School: Rogers Grove

July 24: 9 am - 12pm

For more information on Youth and Family Ministry events, and to sign up, contact Katie at katie@lpumc.org.

July Birthdays:

July 1	Betty Coleman
July 2	Shirley Joelson Gary Lloyd Robyn Morgan Helen Seidle
July 3	Bridgett Champlin
July 4	Doreen Elkins Nelson Eric Hagedorn
July 6	Glen Shanahan
July 7	Alex Latsko
July 8	Joanna Kunselman
July 12	Jeff Linroth
July 14	Beth Grant Nate Marshall
July 15	Rowanna Bobo
July 16	Patrick Shanahan
July 17	Michelle Crain
July 19	Bridget Hauger
July 21	Avis Davis
July 22	Helen Douglas
July 24	Beth Huff
July 25	Peter Zigterman
July 26	Darlene Delpizzo
July 28	Jack Crow
July 30	Lew Scrimshire
July 31	Karen Charles Brian Harpole Nancy Rezac

LPUMC Staff

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Rev. Sandy Stewart – Deacon-in-Residence

Glorie Gitanga – Kenya Social Worker

Rev. Granville Smythe – Retired

Pastor Charlene Smythe – Retired

Ministers – Those Who Call Jesus, Lord



Worship Attendance:

May 30	275
June 6	241
June 13	200
June 20	237
June 27	234

**August Newsletter Deadline:
July 19th.**

To submit your article, please email to:
alex@lpumc.org.