

Longs Peak United Methodist Church

October Connection

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Pastor's Pen:

Happy Fall Longs Peak!

Some of my fondest memories of fall are making the preparations for winter. I remember cutting firewood for the woodstove with my dad, or canning tomatoes with my mom. These preparations signaled a change in the seasons as we prepared to settle in for more time indoors. These are such joyous memories as fall preparations meant reconnecting with loved ones during holidays. In the seasons of the church October is also a time when we make similar preparations for the upcoming year. Now that we are back to offering worship services indoors, this year's stewardship campaign theme an invitation to go "All IN." As we jump back in to INvigorating LPUMC's programming, we are asking what it would look like to go "ALL IN?" How might a church who is ALL IN, become more deeply INvested in spreading the Love of Christ? As a congregation who is striving to live more closely INTO Christ, we are INviting you to prayerfully consider how you might be INcluded through your gifts of prayers, presence, gifts and service, to help LPUMC grows our ministries.

One of the greatest joys this past year has been welcoming new faces into our midst. If you have recently joined the church, or have been checking us out and would like to meet others who are also new to Longs Peak, you are invited to a **Next Steps Luncheon** on **Sunday, October 17th** at **11:45 a.m.** This will an opportunity to get to know the staff, ask questions, and make some new connections. We would love the chance to get to know you better! If interested, please look for a signup on the church website or weekly email reminder.

The apostle Paul wrote *"Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other."* I take great delight that I have been appointed to LPUMC as your pastor, this is such a wonderful church! It is my prayer that in a world in desperate need of love and support, that we as the church might be open ourselves in genuine affection to reach new people. May our joy overflow as we go "ALL IN" together as the family of GOD. Autumn's blessings upon you!

Peace and Blessings,
Rev. Jeremiah

Sunday Worship Service Times:

9 a.m. – Parking Lot

Fellowship Time

10:30 a.m. – Sanctuary

Children/Youth Sunday School 10 to 10:25 a.m.

Music Notes-

Kay Lloyd – Music Director

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 Acappella at 6:45 and Choir at 7:30. Handbells meet on Thursdays at 6:00-7:30 p.m. Praise Team is currently meeting as needed on Tuesday evenings. If you are interested in being part of this dynamic ministry, now is the time to join us. Please contact Kay W. Lloyd at music@lpumc.org if you have any questions or are interested in joining.

Join us on **Sunday, October 3** as we celebrate communion with congregations around the world on **World Communion Sunday**.

October Music Schedule

October 3 - Acappella
October 10 - Choir
October 17 - Choir
October 24 - Handbells
October 31 - Choir



Crisp Breeze and Autumn Trees!

Sunday School, Youth Group, and Young Adult events have kicked off and we want to see you there! Sunday School is between services from 10 to 10:25 a.m. to support our volunteers and families as we continue to navigate the Covid-19 pandemic. We have lots of opportunity to connect, serve, and have fun. We are still in need of at least 2 volunteers to help in the Nursery for the second service and 2 adult youth workers during Youth Group. Please let me know if you are able to help! To help with communication we are using the phone application **Remind** to connect with our youth. I will be adding a families group and a young adult group as well. Please watch your email/phone for the invitation. Have you not been receiving our current updates? Please send me an email so I can get you connected! Take a look at our upcoming events for all of Young People's Ministry!

Sunday School Times

K-5th | Playground weather permitting (room 130/131) | 10am-10:25am
Donuts and Devotion | Youth | Room 133 | 10am-10:25am

October Events:

October 3rd | Craft Bazaar | 10am-12:30pm | Crafts, Popcorn, and Games available throughout

October 10th | Youth Group | 12pm-2pm | Potluck and Trivia

October 17th | Next Steps Luncheon | 11:45pm | For those who have recently joined or are interested in exploring membership and/or ways to connect at Longs Peak

October 24th | Youth Group | 5pm-8:45pm | **Anderson Farms**

October 31st | Happy Halloween! | Grab a treat bag from Longs Peak in between services

Spread love,
Katie Pekarek – Young People's Ministries Director
katie@lpumc.org



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 through Dec. 6

Time: 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Where: Longs Peak UMC: Rm 137

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

Facilitators: Wendy Reed, Kathy Crier, and Jan Spittler

For more information, contact Wendy Reed at 303-772-3290 or Kathy Crier at 720-480-8203. Child care and transportation can be arranged if needed.



My Book Pal Drive Update:

Thank you to everyone who helped My Book Pal with your donations for the month of August. We collected 56 coloring books, 73 boxes of crayons, eight books and \$260 that will go for purchasing other needed items.

Since we started our collection, My Book Pal, Inc. has become an incorporated small business and has applied for nonprofit status with the IRS.

The first 132 bags containing a stuffed animal pal, three books and a fun workbook were delivered to the schools the first week of September. Our current website is Mybookpalco.weebly.com if you want to check it out; once we have final nonprofit status it will change. Thank you for helping 1st graders build their literacy skills and love of reading.

Craft Bazaar fundraiser:

The craft bazaar on Sunday, October 3 in the Fellowship Hall between 10 a.m. and noon, will raise funds for two great United Methodist organizations. Of the funds raised, 75% will go to the Center for Health and Hope and 25% will go to UMCOR United States Disaster Response.

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 Africa and India. In Kenya, they work with about 260 AIDS orphans providing shelter, nutrition, education, safety, and personal support. We currently provide the salary to the social worker, Glorie Gitonga, who works with these children. The funds raised by the bazaar will be in addition to the salary we provide. To learn more about the various projects that the Center for Health and Hope supports please check out their website, www.centerforhealthandhope.org

UMCOR, or United Methodist Committee on Relief responds to natural or human-caused disasters such as hurricanes, war, floods, fire and other events to alleviate suffering and to be a source of help and hope for those left most vulnerable. Here in the United States they are currently responding to Hurricane Ida, flooding in Tennessee, and the wildfires in the West. To learn more about UMCORs United States Disaster Relief visit their website at <https://umcmmission.org/united-states-disaster-response/>.

We hope you'll be able to join us for the bazaar (there will be an on-line option to participate as well) and will consider making a generous donation to benefit these two great organizations.

Bible Studies:

Sundays:

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

6:30 p.m. – Bruce Armstrong is leading a study of *The Way – Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus* by Adam Hamilton. The class is on Zoom. Contact Bruce for the link at brucearmstrong1213@gmail.com.

Mondays:

7 p.m. – “Women of the Bible” study. Contact Jessica Miller j7miller@mac.com or Dee Slowen dd.slowen@gmail.com for Zoom link.

Thursdays:

10 a.m. – Women’s Bible Study. Starting a study of *The Book of James*.

Saturdays:

7:30 a.m. – Men’s Group. For more information contact Steve Gaffney at stvnngffn@gmail.com or 303-702-9877.

Quilt group:

Wednesdays:

10 a.m. – Come and join us! Contact Judy Scrimshire at [judyscrim@gmail.com](mailto:judy scrim@gmail.com) for more information.

Church Council:

It has been good to get back together and have in person worship. As we continue our re-opening of Longs Peak, we are going to resume our #LPUMCFocus. Last year before the pandemic, many within our congregation took part in our initial re-visioning meeting where we had come together to understand the challenges we have as a church. We had assessed where we felt our church was in a church life-cycle model and began the steps to reinvigorate our vision and mission. Unfortunately, we lost momentum due to COVID. The graph to the right was our collective view of where we were



We are grateful for all of you and those in our congregation who remained vigilant and supportive of LPUMC as we survived the challenges of the pandemic. We now would like to turn our attention on our future. COVID has dramatically impacted how we are able to reach others in Longmont and beyond. We have increased our tech presence and are now working through hybrid/blended services. Our staff has been extremely responsive and very adaptable to our congregational needs and we thank and God for the blessing they have been. Looking ahead we want to pick up where we left off.

We have started to explore a single board governance model. On Sunday, September 19th, an informational meeting was held. This session was to help us start looking at options to potentially simplify our church governance model. We are in the initial phases of exploring options and have not made any decisions. We will move carefully, transparently, and not hastily in any changes to our governance. We anticipate this process will take a significant amount of time and investment whether implemented or not. If you have any questions and/or comments, please feel free to discuss with a church council member.

In Christ,
 Greg Kittilson
 LPUMC Church Council Chair

Happy Birthday!

Oct. 1	Bev Peterson
Oct. 3	Marty Mechtly
Oct. 5	Collin Black Kristan Calloway
Oct. 6	John Snyder
Oct. 7	Eleanor Pekarek
Oct. 9	Lisa Osler Avery Reester
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	K Nelson Connor Taylor
Oct. 23	Jerry Long
Oct. 24	Gary Bailey Kim Kittilson Gran Smythe
Oct. 25	Rev. Lee Anderson- Harris Jean Harper
Oct. 27	Sue Bailey Sarin Karki
Oct. 28	Rev. Jeremiah Harris
Oct. 31	Patrick Coniway

LPUMC Staff:

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 Paula Muncy – Accompanist
 Rev. Sandy Stewart – Deacon-in-Residence
 Rev. Granville Smythe – retired
 Pastor Charlene Smythe – retired
 Glorie Gitanga – Kenya Social Worker
 Ministers – Those Who Call Jesus, Lord

Worship Attendance:

August 29	255
Sept. 5	274
Sept. 12	252
Sept. 19	204
Sept. 26	190

Finance Committee:

	August '21	'21 YTD
Income:	\$29,823	\$244,897
Expense:	\$24,715	\$239,216
Net Income:	\$5,108	\$5,681

November Newsletter Deadline: October 18