

Longs Peak United Methodist Church

November Connection

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Pastor's Pen:

*"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

**Sunday Worship Services:
9 and 10:30 a.m. – Sanctuary
Fellowship Time and
Children/Youth Sunday School between services.**

November and Thanksgiving, go together like a fried egg on an enchilada! In other words, they are perfect together! If you are not familiar with fried eggs and enchiladas, give it a try the next time you are in New Mexico. In all seriousness, even the little things in life can be a great source of joy, reminding us that we have much to be grateful for. During the month of November, I will be preaching a sermon series on gratitude, in preparation for the Thanksgiving holiday. It is my observation that cultivating a sense of gratitude can make a huge difference towards the amount of joy we experience in our lives. Even giving thanks for small things like enchiladas, can offer a greater spiritual discipline that help to sustain us even during the hard times.

As a church we have much to be grateful for this year, as once again we are coming together for in-person worship. I am grateful for our church staff and volunteers who have gone ALL IN to make ministry happen this past year. Offering both in-doors, as well as out-door worship opportunities, took additional volunteers and labor, yet I feel good that LPUMC has been able to offer worship that accommodates various needs. A big "Thank You" to everyone who helped make worship a success this past year.

I also wish to express my gratitude that so many of you responded in such a generous manor to our ALL IN stewardship campaign. It's because of your support and generosity that church leadership can be the best possible stewards of our resources as we seek to continue grow the ministries of LPUMC. For all the ways that this past year has been a challenge, we can celebrate that our attendance is holding strong, that we are continuing to welcome new visitors, and that there is a positive energy in the air at LPUMC. Above all, I am grateful that I have been so richly blessed to serve our community as your pastor. Yes, there is much to be thankful for! Let's observe November in an attitude of gratitude!

Peace and Blessings,
Jeremiah

Music Notes:

Kay Lloyd – Music Director

The month of November is a busy time for the music ministry as we prepare for Thanksgiving, Advent, community programs, and Christmas Eve services. If you are interested in joining us for some great music during this season, please contact Kay W. Lloyd at kaylloyd1463@comcast.net or at 303.651.2499 for more information.

Save these December Dates: Have you missed the annual Silver and Bells concert? We hope to be back in-person with the **Flute Choir and Handbell Christmas Concert** on **Friday, December 10** at 7:30 p.m. It is an evening of beautiful music – a break from the ‘busy-ness’ of the season - and always a favorite concert of the community and congregation. The **Music Ministry** will celebrate the season **during services on Sunday, December 12** featuring the choirs, Handbells, Praise Team, brass ensemble, and strings. Come worship with us on **Christmas Eve with Choir and Acappella** singing at services throughout the evening.

November Music Schedule
November 7 – Acappella
(All Saints Sunday)
November 12 - Choir
November 19 - Choir
November 26 – Flute and Piano

Missions:

Rebekah Fisher – Missions Chair

Craft Bazaar Success!

We had over 20 individuals/families contribute items or time to the bazaar, and more than 40 people who purchased or donated to the causes. In total we raised \$3,581.65. We will be sending 25% to UMCOR United States Disaster Relief and 75% to the Center for Health and Hope. What an impact this will have both here and abroad! Thank you to all who participated!

Join the Mission Committee

The Mission Committee is in need of more support. A couple people on the committee are stepping aside in January and we'd love to welcome some new people. If you'd like to help plan, coordinate, advertise, or support the mission projects at LPUMC, we have a spot for you. Do you have fresh ideas or a motivation to serve others? We would value your time and input. The committee meets once a month on the first Tuesday by Zoom, but we are happy to change our meeting time to accommodate those serving on the committee. Do you have questions or want more information? Would you like to attend a meeting to get a better sense of what we're up to?

Reach out to Rebekah Fisher at 303-834-8784 or use the committee email: lpumcmisions@gmail.com

HUGS for HOPE

It's H.U.G.S. time again, which means we are collecting Hats, Underwear (new), Gloves, Socks, as well as blankets, backpacks and sleeping bags. These items will be donated to HOPE (Homeless Outreach Providing Encouragement), a unique community organization here in Longmont, working to provide compassionate solutions to homelessness in our community. Drop your donations off in the bins in the Fellowship Hall. Have questions? Reach out to the Mission Committee at lpumcmisions@gmail.com or speak with Evelyn Fontanez or Rebekah Fisher.





November is World Thank Offering Month!

This is one of the five channels of giving for United Methodist Women. Our yearly donation goes to missions and advocacy in the United States and around the world. If you wish to donate, please make your check out to United Methodist Women and write World Thank Offering in the memo section. Your donation can be mailed to Linda Orrell at 121 Grant St., Longmont 80501 or you can drop it in the UMW slot in the church workroom. Your donation will be greatly appreciated. You can find more information on the UMW website: unitedmethodistwomen.org.

There will be a board meeting of officers on **November 4 at 1:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. All ladies are invited. New officers for 2022 will be finalized at this meeting. Anyone wishing to be considered for an office or nominating someone for an office is welcome to attend this meeting. If you are unable to attend but wish to be considered or nominate someone, please contact Jan Spitler at janaspitler@gmail.com.

Our **monthly general meeting** will be held on Zoom on **November 18th at 7:00 p.m.** Judy Scrimshire will send out an email 30 minutes prior to the meeting with Zoom instructions. If you wish to attend and do not receive a reminder email a few days before the meeting, please contact Jan Spitler at the email listed above or Judy Scrimshire at [judyscrim@gmail.com](mailto:judy scrim@gmail.com). Of course, part of the program will be World Thank Offering. The rest of the program is yet to be determined. We hope several of you will attend.

Jan Spitler
Pres., UMW

What are the Trustees?

The Trustees are the Business organization for the Church, like a Board of Directors. Trustees are responsible for:

- Loans and Business Agreements
- Managing Church Property
- Renovation and Maintenance of the Church Building
- Snow Removal
- Keeping the Church Clean/Janitorial
- Upkeep of the Grounds and Landscaping
- New Construction
- Church Usage by outside groups
- Upkeep and maintenance of the parsonage

Some of the current activities the LPUMC Trustees are engaged in are:

- Repairing the roof, cleaning the drains and placing heat trace in the drains to prevent further water damage to the sheetrock in the Tower at the main entrance to the Church.
- Repairing the doors and reconfiguring the east entry to make it safer and secure for staff.
- Reviewing power usage and lighting options to see if there are opportunities for energy cost saving and taking advantage of rebates available. As our building ages, replacement of much of the Lighting with LED technology is becoming more and more necessary.
- Maintenance and repair of our heating and air conditioning systems are constantly required as the building ages.
- Annual upkeep and repair to the Life Safety systems in the church such as fire extinguishers, fire alarms systems, Fire Sprinklers and backflow preventer testing and maintenance.
- Cleaning of the church.
- Roof on the Parsonage replaced this year.

Some key concerns as our building continue to age are:

- The parking lot and sidewalks are deteriorating and will need repair and replacement as time progresses.
- Only part of the roof was replaced in the last few years. About three quarters of the Church Roof will need to be replaced in the next 5 to 6 years. Annual roof maintenance is being implemented to extend the life of the roofs.
- Lighting replacement as mentioned above.
- New Heating and Air Condition systems will become necessary beyond the general maintenance mentioned above.

We are hoping to build up some funds over the next 4 to 5 years to address these items.

To help keep the Church clean, comfortable, dry and safe, please donate to the General Building Fund as the Lord Guides you. If you feel led to volunteer your time to help maintain the church facilities and/or grounds please contact us through the Church office.

November Birthdays

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| November 1 | Marcia Allen |
| November 2 | Dee Slown |
| November 3 | Barb Huner |
| November 5 | Phillip Zigterman |
| November 7 | Roberta Shanahan |
| November 8 | Gayle Stiller |
| November 9 | Kathy Crier |
| November 11 | Jeanne Dworak |
| November 14 | Janice Bailey |
| November 15 | Nicholas Larson Anne Williams |
| November 18 | Caitlin Rezac |
| November 21 | Janie Rogakis |
| November 22 | Tom Sarlo |
| November 25 | Jo Ann Hauger |
| November 27 | Carol Mudd |
| November 28 | Leland Ernst Steven Stiller |
| November 29 | Jackie Clark |

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 Slown dd.slown@gmail.com for Zoom link.

Thursdays:

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

Saturdays:

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

Quilt group:

Wednesdays:

10 a.m. – Come and join us! Contact Judy Scrimshire at judydscrim@gmail.com for more information.

GriefShare:

Mondays through December 6

6:30 to 8 p.m. – Room 137. 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. Workbook is \$15. For more information, contact Wendy Reed at 303-772-3290 or Kathy Crier at 720-480-8203.

Longs Peak UMC Staff:

Rev. Jeremiah Harris – Pastor

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Kay Lloyd – Music Director

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Katie Pekarek – Young People’s Ministry Director

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Alexandria Anderson – Office Manager/Treasurer

alex@lpumc.org and finance@lpumc.org

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:

| Date: | In Person | Online |
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| October 3 | 119 | 75 |
| October 10 | 109 | 66 |
| October 17 | 116 | 74 |
| October 24 | 139 | 136 |

Finance Committee:

| | Sept. '21 | '21 YTD |
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| Income: | \$35,046 | \$279,943 |
| Expense: | \$25,335 | \$218,804 |
| Net Income: | \$9,711 | \$61,139 |

**December Newsletter Deadline:
November 15**

Please send your article to alex@lpumc.org