

Longs Peak United Methodist Church

January Connection

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Pastor's Pen

Sunday Worship Services:
9 a.m. – Praise Service
10:30 a.m. Traditional
Fellowship time between services

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year Longs Peak!

I know that by the time you receive this newsletter Christmas day will have passed, but there will still be time to celebrate the season. Liturgically we refer to this season as Christmastide, marking the twelve days (like the song) between December 25th and Epiphany on January 6th. In Western Christianity, Epiphany or Three King's Day commemorates the visit of the Magi to the Christ child. In Eastern traditions this day celebrates the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist in the Jordan River. In each tradition Christians observe Jesus the Christ, as the royalty of a new kingdom on earth...the kingdom of GOD.

Consumer culture would like us to believe that once December 25 has passed, it is time to start thinking about Valentine's Day! My encouragement is to sit with Christmas just a bit longer. If you revel in the joy of Christmastide, here's permission to keep it up! If you had a December full of chaos and obligation, and you are ready to get the lights off the house, use the next few days to find peace and calm. This is the time of year we are given the greatest gift as GOD comes to be with each of us, as the incarnate of Love, Joy, Hope, and Peace. What a gift to know that GOD the creator, knows the struggles of humanity so intimately in the form of Jesus and offers us such precious grace! How might we choose to receive such a gift? Will we put it away for safe keeping with boxes of ornaments in the attic for another year? Or, will we choose to receive and *use* this gift in ways that allows GOD to work through us? My hope is that that joy of Christmas can carry us through the New Year.

Sunday, January 2nd we will be having one church service at 10:30 a.m., and I am excited for you to get to know Mary Baker. Mary is a teacher and storyteller who has joined LPUMC this past year and has gotten involved with our music ministries. Mary has graciously agreed to offer the morning message while I am out of the pulpit. I look forward to hearing her words, and getting to know her better. I hope you can come and offer your love and support to her. On January 9th, we will begin a sermon series called *Reset*. As New Year's is a time for resolutions, this sermon series will help us to think about getting out of our same old routines and *reset* how we experience GOD's grace with a renewed sense of wonder. Church it has been such a blessing to have journeyed with you this past year, here's to a great 2022 together! Happy New Year!

Peace and Blessings,

Rev. Jeremiah



Young People's Ministries

LONGS PEAK UMC

Happy New Year!

We are excited to be bringing back Bible Sunday on January 30th. It has been a couple of years since we have been able to do this so all our children will be receiving bibles from the Church. During both services, they will be presented. Please let me know what service you will be attending by **January 23rd**. Confirmation will continue for our 9th/10th graders. If your youth is interested please let me know as soon as possible. Our Young adults will be having an event later in the month so stay tuned for more details! I look forward to spending 2022 with you!

Spread Love,
Katie Pekarek (She, Her, Hers)
Young People's Ministries Director
Longs Peak UMC



Making the holiday season brighter:

We extend a big thanks to the 8 volunteers who rang bells for a combined 8 hours outside the Safeway at 17th and Hover in early December for the Salvation Army. This outreach brings holiday joy to the shoppers and the proceeds stay right in Longmont mostly benefiting the OUR Center.

Thanks to the generosity of our congregation we delivered 64 gift cards to the families at the Inn Between. These gift cards are much appreciated as they allow parents to assume the wonderful role of making Christmas magical for their kids.

Ongoing service opportunities:

We serve lunch at the OUR Center on the second Saturday of every month. Consider joining us on January 8, February 12, or another date here soon. We need about 7 volunteers each month. No experience is necessary. This is a great way to get to know others in our congregation while serving the community.

You can sign-up at the SignUpGenius link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D4DA5AD28A1FE3-ourcenter> or by contacting Amy Mann-Miner, 303-931-8429.

We provide dinner to participants at HOPE on the 29th of each month. The main dish is usually provided by Evelyn but we need others to supply a side dish, salad, or dessert to feed 30. You choose what you make and then deliver the food between 5:30-5:45. The location varies so check that when you sign-up.

Our SignUpGenius link is <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D4DA5AD28A1FE3-hope> or you can contact Evelyn Fontanez at 303-709-1710.

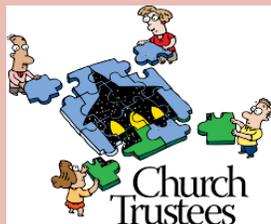


United Methodist Women will have their monthly meeting on Thursday, January 20th at 7:00 p.m. It will be on Zoom and an email will be sent out with Zoom instructions 30 minutes before the meeting. The program is yet to be determined.

There will be a board meeting on January 6th at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This is mostly for officers but anyone is welcome to attend.

Also, the annual District Leadership Development meeting will be held on Saturday, January 29th at 8:30 a.m. It will be on zoom and if you wish to attend, please contact Jan Spitler at janaspitler@gmail.com by January 22nd so that she can register you.

We hope that everyone had a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year!



The Trustees series on things of Extreme Interest related to Building Systems and Maintenance continues Sunday, January 9. As mentioned during the last talk the subject matter will be Heating and Cooling. This is one talk you don't want to miss as it is a hot topic this time of year.

As a recap from my last talk on Lighting. Trustees are looking to upgrade the lighting in the Church to a more efficient form. This will help save energy as well as reduce waste, as the systems under consideration have much longer life spans than conventional lighting, thus reducing the waste that goes into landfills from spent light bulbs and other related lighting waste materials. I am told, the best rebates are typically offered at the beginning of the year. So please consider designating some of your giving to the Trustees Fund to support bringing more efficient and environmentally friendly Light to a dark world.

Upcoming topics are:

- Plumbing
- Snow Removal
- Building Grounds Maintenance
- Up-Keep and Maintenance of the Parsonage

Thank You for your continued support.
The Trustees



Dear LPUMC Family-

Thanks to your generosity we have survived CoVid. I guess with the recent Variants, I should say 'So Far'. As of November we have met our annual Giving Budget of \$360,000. We still have \$100,000+ to get back to our 2019 levels, but things are looking up. Thanks to frugal spending and unfortunate staff cuts, we have even increased our Cash Reserves so we are better able to handle those unexpected expenses that happen from time to time.

Even with our constrained Finances we have been able to fulfill our mission as a church. We are still supporting our Social Worker in Africa. The Missions Committee etc. is still supporting the greater Longmont community through Our Center meals, Tag Bags, and collecting Food and Clothing.

Thank you all for another year of generosity of your time, talents and finances.

The Finance Committee

	Nov. '21	'21 YTD
Income:	\$42,313	\$359,977
Expense:	\$24,475	\$268,786
Net Income:	\$16,838	\$91,191

Happy Birthday!

Jan. 1	Janet Armstrong Barbara Bowman
Jan. 2	Angela Larson
Jan. 3	Lela Dworak
Jan. 4	Ree Hauger
Jan. 8	Magnus Henry Mary Jolly John Tarpley
Jan 11	Debbie Sarlo Jan Spitler
Jan. 15	Jake Marsing
Jan. 19	Jerry Orrell
Jan. 24	Wilson Bryant Mary Ann Hayden
Jan. 25	Rick LeBlanc Rick Nelson
Jan. 27	Don Davis
Jan. 28	Milton Briggs
Jan. 29	Carla Henderson Donna Huff Irene Lambert
Jan. 30	Grace Holmquist Troy Sanchez
Jan. 31	Bruce Richardson

Bible Studies:

Sundays:

9 a.m. – *Exodus* study with Gran and Charlene Smythe in person in God’s Harbor and on Zoom.

6:30 p.m. – Studying *Jesus and John Wayne: How White Evangelicals Corrupted a Faith and Fractured a Nation* by Kristin De Mez. Contact Bruce Armstrong at brucearmstrong1213@gmail.com for more information and the Zoom link.

Mondays:

7 p.m. – Ladies Zoom into Bible study at 7 p.m. beginning January 10th. The book is *Men of the Bible* by Ann Spangler and Robert Wolgemuth, Questions? Contact either Dee Slowen (dd.slowen@gmail.com) or Jessica Miller (j7miller@mac.com).

Thursdays:

10 a.m. – Women’s Bible Study resumes on January 6, and will be studying *Engaging God’s Word: Revelations*. Come join us! Contact Jan Spitler or Linda Orrell for more information.

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 for more information.

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Rev. Sandy Stewart – Deacon-in-Residence
Rev. Granville Smythe – retired
Pastor Charlene Smythe – retired

Worship Attendance

Date:	In person:	Online:
Nov. 28	113	66
Dec. 5	140	86
Dec. 12	144	106
Dec. 19	217	88

February Newsletter Deadline:
January 17th

Please send your articles to: alex@lpumc.org

