



Longs Peak United Methodist Church

April Connection

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Pastor's Pen

*"Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!"
Luke 24:5-6*

A couple of months ago Lee and I were dining at a local restaurant after Sunday services. When I returned home I went through my usual routine, empty my pockets, spare change in the dish, hang keys by the door, wallet... Wait a minute, where's my wallet! I just had it! You guessed it, I had left my wallet at the restaurant. My heart was racing as I dialed the establishment's phone number, hoping that a Good Samaritan had turned it in. I think that we have all had those experiences where things are humming along just fine, and then suddenly there is a feeling of dread as the pulse quickens. I'd imagine these experiences might offer us a slight glimpse of what the women experienced that first Easter morning as they were greeted by an empty tomb! Where is he? He was just here!

Two years ago, we were humming along when suddenly the Coronavirus upended life as we knew it. During these past two years we have all experienced various forms of grief, as we have mourned missed opportunities, and a sense of normalcy. It is a joy that this April we will be finally returning to more familiar Holy Week observances and Easter Celebrations. Holy Week observances will begin with Palm Sunday on April 10th and include services for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. In past years, our fellow St. Vrain Circuit United Methodist Churches collaborated together on a Good Friday service. This year, the circuit clergy realized that each of our churches are at different levels of comfort around Covid-19 precautions, and as such decided not to do a collaborative service. Maundy Thursday, April 14th from 5:30-7 p.m. there will be communion available in the Sanctuary. You are invited to come share communion in an intimate and reflective setting; you may stay and pray as you desire. On Good Friday, the Music Ministries will be offering a 7 p.m. musical service, an experience you won't want to miss! Sunday we will have Easter morning services at 9 and 10:30 a.m. with an Easter Egg Hunt for the kiddos between the services.

When the women returned to the tomb, and realized the lost had not been stolen, but rather had risen, the fear and panicked heartbeats broke out in song of joy! Imagine finding the lost wallet, but this is much better! What a joy it will be to follow the events of holy week gathered together community this year, as we anticipate and celebrate the risen Christ!

Happy Easter!

Rev. Jeremiah

Sunday Worship Services:

9 a.m. – Praise Service

10:30 a.m. – Traditional Service

Fellowship time between services

Music Notes:

We hope you will join us as we journey through Holy Week to the celebration of the resurrected Christ!

Palm Sunday (April 10) - services at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. with the procession of the palms

Maundy Thursday (April 14) - a time of reflection and communion in our sanctuary from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Service (April 15) 7:00 p.m. - a dramatic presentation of *No Greater Love* - a reflection of Jesus' final days as he sacrificed his life for all humanity in an act of selfless love. Featuring the LPUMC choir and narrators.

Easter morning (April 17) - services at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. - celebrating the Resurrection with traditional hymns, Choir, A cappella, and brass quintet.



And coming up in May....

Our annual Flute Choir and Handbell Concert
Friday, May 13 at 7:30 p.m.

Happy Birthday!

April 1	Seth Hagedorn Katie Pekarek Kaila Wisehart
April 2	Sauvren Reddick
April 4	Nadine Nelson Arlene Stiller
April 5	Brenda Peterson-Pieper
April 6	Linda Cochran
April 8	Susan Cooper Nancy Tucker
April 12	Don Christensen Stephany Larsen Tami Moin
April 13	Stephanie Ohlsen
April 15	Sandy Stewart
April 17	Dan Ohlsen Kevin Osler
April 20	Amanda Billows
April 21	Thomas Anderson Shirley Cupp Kathy Harpole
April 22	Judy Scrimshire
April 26	Joy Long
April 28	Juniper Davies
April 30	Melissa Hornbaker

Young People's Ministries

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Let's Spring into the new season! The Young People's Ministry has been full of events this new year and it has been wonderful to see you there! Empty Bowls Event, Easter Egg Hunt, Mission Trip, and VBS is in our near future. Please take a look at these upcoming events and I hope to see you there!

April:

- April 10th | Palm Sunday | Come to service to wave palms
- April 10th | Empty Bowls Youth/ Young Adults | Crack Pots 12-2 p.m.
- April 17th | Family Easter Egg Hunt | 10am

May:

- May 8th | Mother's Day
- May 15th | End of Sunday School BBQ and Senior Celebration

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

Missions:

Our April collection for Missions will be items to support the Longmont Humane Society, which is celebrating 50 years in our area.

More than 4000 animals come through their doors each year with more than 2000 finding loving, permanent homes. Another 800 are reunited with their families; several are transferred to other shelters.

The Longmont Humane Society has more than 80 staff members and over 800 volunteers. They offer a low cost vet clinic to the public and each year spay and neuter about 1500 animals as well as another 1500 incoming animals.

The Longmont Humane Society offers dog training as well as classes and education on timely topics, training for incoming animals, summer classes for kids, tours, and pet cremation.

Here are the items we will be collecting that they have an urgent need for:

Milkbones - mini, small or medium sized (large boxes are fine)

Kongs - red or black, sizes XL and XXL

Canned ground dog and puppy food

Canned ground cat and kitten food

We can also accept monetary donations ~ either place your check made out to Longmont Humane Society in the offering basket or drop off to the church office.

\$50 covers the cost of a spay/neuter

\$100 covers 2 Kuranda elevated beds for the dog kennels

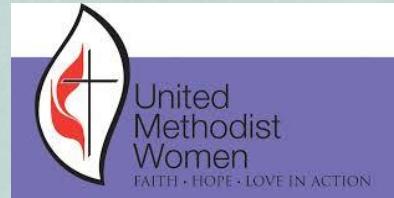
\$150 covers feeding 10+ animals for 1 month

There will be a big plastic tub in Fellowship Hall next to the blue wheelbarrow to collect these items the entire month of April. Thank you!

Mission Meals in April:

April 9 - OUR Center Lunch: Help us provide lunch at the OUR Center. Volunteers needed to help prepare, serve, and clean-up, 9:30 am - 1:30 pm. Come for all, or just part of the time. Volunteers must be 16 years or older. [Click here to sign up](#), or call Amy Mann-Miner, 303-931-8429.

April 29 - Meal for HOPE: Help us provide dinner for 20 participants at HOPE. Sign-up to bring a side, salad, or dessert. Drop off your part of the meal between 5:30-5:45 PM at Faithpoint Church. [Click here to sign up](#) or contact Donna Chuang, 720-221-7639.



United Methodist Women has a new name! As of this year, we are now United Women in Faith. Quoting from the article in the Response Magazine, "Our new name is part of a refreshment of our organization that includes a new look, new feel and new and improved programs designed to better nurture current members and welcome new women into our sisterhood to put their love in action too." For more information, go to unitedmethodistwomen.org.

We will have our monthly board meeting on April 7th at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Even though this is for officers, everyone is invited.

Our monthly general meeting will be on Zoom on April 21st at 7:00 p.m. Judy Scrimshire will send out Zoom instructions 30 minutes before the meeting. If you are not on our regular email list, please contact Judy at judyscrim@gmail.com. Our speaker will be our own Dee Slown. Dee is a nutritionist and her talk is titled "Greening God's Earth and Saving Money on Food". I'm sure Dee will give us some ideas and information to help us be better stewards of the earth and to save money as well. I hope to see many of you join this meeting.

The annual Conference Spiritual Retreat will be held on April 1st and 2nd on Zoom. The subject is Fit & Flourish - where will you flourish in this foolish world. The leaders are Dr. Tim and Shirley Roehl. If you wish to purchase Dr. Tim's book and personal journal, they are available on Amazon. They are not required for the event though. On April 1st, the hours are from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. On April 2nd, the hours are 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. To register, go to mtnskyumw.org. Click on events and then spiritual retreat and it will bring up the information. The retreat is free and I hope many of you will attend.

Save the date! We are planning a tea for Saturday, June 4th. More information will be in the May newsletter.

It was good to see so many ladies at Crackpots on March 17th! We had great fellowship and, of course, we were also helping the OUR Center. We were all glad to be able to do this again since we were unable to last year. Let's hope we can paint bowls again next year!

Blessings, Jan Spitler

Recovery Café

Recovery Café Longmont is a community of refuge and healing for people in recovery from addiction, mental health issues, homelessness, and additional life challenges. After the success of the first Recovery Café in Seattle, which was founded in 2004, new Cafés across the country formed using their successful model of radical hospitality and loving accountability.

Recovery Café was founded in 2018 on the knowledge that every human being is precious and beloved regardless of their past. Individuals interested in joining the Café are invited to become members. Membership signifies belonging – for many of the people we serve, membership is a new and empowering concept.

We offer *radical hospitality* to our members regardless of lived trauma, mental and emotional anguish, addictive behaviors, or mistakes made. We provide a beautiful, safe, warm, drug and alcohol-free space and loving community to anchor our members. And, crucially, we help sustain recovery so that members can access housing, supportive services, healthy relationships, education, and employment.

The Café is a refuge for everyone in recovery. If someone is in crisis, newer to recovery, in long-term recovery, after a relapse, during a difficult life change, throughout a physical health challenge, or mental health transition, Recovery Café offers evidence-based addiction support and love. We teach people ways to manage their mental and physical health, maintain sobriety, build community, and help each individual reclaim life as a person worthy of giving and receiving love.

Volunteers help hold the spirit of Recovery Café Longmont by nurturing a sense of loving community and a culture of recovery for everyone who comes through our doors. Opportunities abound for people who wish to share their time and gifts with the Café community. We couldn't do what we do without our incredible volunteers!

Recovery Café is in need of a few more volunteers to provide lunch for our members. Café Cooks prepare food at home and drop it off before we open for the day. For some of our members, this is their only meal of the day. For others, it may be the only meal they eat in community with other people.

Café Cooks prepare and donate meals for 15 people, and sometimes have food catered and delivered. Either way, shared meals are a spiritual and social practice that remains as one of humankind's oldest traditions.

This gift of time, energy, and, of course, delicious food makes an enormous difference to the people we serve! Learn more and fill out an interest form at

<https://recoverycafelongmont.org/volunteer/>. Or contact Becky Milanski for more information: becky@recoverycafelongmont.org or 720-815-2885.

Bible Studies:

Sundays:

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

6:30 p.m. – Currently doing a study using *The Bible Project*'s videos in the Torah series. Contact brucearmstrong1213@gmail.com for more information and the Zoom link.

Mondays:

7 p.m. – Ladies Bible study on *Men of the Bible* by Ann Spangler and Robert Wolgemuth, Questions? Contact either Dee Slown (dd.slown@gmail.com) or Jessica Miller (j7miller@mac.com).

Thursdays:

10 a.m. – Women's Bible Study on *Engaging God's Word: Revelations*. Come join us! Contact Jan Spitler (janaspitler@gmail.com) or Linda Orrell (lrorrell@aol.com) for more information.

Saturdays:

7:30 a.m. – Men's Group. For more information contact Steve Gaffney at stvngffn@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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May Newsletter Deadline:

April 18th

Please send your articles to: alex@lpumc.org

Worship Attendance:

Date:	In Person:	Online:
Feb. 27	147	97
March 6	89	95
March 13	138	142
March 20	134	91
March 27	113	94

Finance Committee:

	Feb. 2022	'22 YTD
Income:	\$40,769	\$97,465
Expense:	\$40,783	\$70,872