



Longs Peak United Methodist Church

June Connection

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JUNE 2022

Pastor's Pen:

Summer Worship Schedule
Sundays - 9:30 a.m.

(9 and 10:30 a.m. services resume 9/11)

As Robyn Morgan preached for us this past week, (Thanks, Robyn) and The Byrd's so memorably sang...

*To everything (turn, turn, turn)
There is a season (turn, turn, turn)
And a time to every purpose, under heaven...*

Everything indeed has a season, and while we shared many tears as we said our goodbyes to the Lloyds, we now enter into a new season of ministry and in anticipation of new joys as we welcome Parker Steinmetz as our new Director of Music Ministries! As we look forward to his first Sunday with us on June 12th, here are few things to know about him.

Parker is a native of Greeley. He studied saxophone and vocal performance at Hastings College in Nebraska and the *immediately* returned to the low-humidity comfort of Northern Colorado. He has been active in church music as a singer, instrumentalist, and conductor for more than twenty years. Most recently, he was the music director at First Congregational UCC here in Longmont.

Parker currently lives in Loveland and enjoys spending time with his girlfriend, Julia. Outside of music, he enjoys running, cooking, traveling, teaching his niece new ways to annoy her mother, and armchair coaching the Nuggets and Broncos. He is very excited for this new chapter in his life and looks forward to meeting you all!

We too are looking forward to meeting Parker and welcoming him into our LPUMC family! Parker comes highly recommended through church circles, as well as a through his connections in the Rocky Mountain Chorale. After receiving favorable feedback from our own music ministries, the SPRC committee unanimously agreed offer him the position. Parker is looking forward to continued work with our Praise Team, vocal and Handbell choirs, and I am excited to see what new gifts he brings to help grow our music ministries.

In other news, Annual Conference is scheduled as hybrid in-person/online event June 16-18th, in Helena Montana. The legislative session for this year's conference will be an online only event October 18th. Friends, thank you for being the church! It is a blessing to serve and journey through faith with you, happy summer!

Peace and Blessings,
Rev. Jeremiah

Music Notes: A Farewell from Kay and Gary

Dear Friends in Christ:

It's hard to believe that we have been members of this church for 32 years! It's extremely difficult leaving our brothers and sisters in Christ, with whom we've studied the bible, worshiped, raised our son, attended family camp, played softball, taught and made music, laughed, cried, rejoiced, grieved and prayed with, for all these years. You have all loved and supported us in our vision for a fruitful and meaningful music ministry that would glorify God, and bring others closer to Christ. Whether it was a group of kids putting on a musical drama, flute and Handbell choirs performing, choirs singing, Praise team kicking it up a notch with loud praise songs, or the nostalgic sounds of a Dixieland band, we never felt a lack of acceptance or appreciation.

There are people in this congregation and some who have moved on - that helped us grow in our faith journey, helped us with parenting, gave wise advice for life's challenges, and were mentors to us by their faithful examples in living for Christ. Our life would not have been the same without all of you. We have learned over the years that our music making goes beyond the quality of sound or perfection of the performance on Sunday morning. It has become more about the life experience that we have shared with all the individuals in every group and ensemble. It's the relationships that fill our lives and encourage us to keep serving; to keep wanting to lead and make music that is uplifting and fills the soul by giving praise and glorifying God. We've learned that ministry is about caring and connecting to others - that inspires us and others to serve in ways they never thought possible. That is the greatest gift God gave us through his son Jesus Christ; the gift of service through unconditional love.

In parting - we leave with a grateful heart and a deep appreciation for the opportunity you have given us to serve here.....we will forever treasure the music making and the friendships we have made along the way. "For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness will continue through all generations".

With much love for all of you,
Gary and Kay

Trustees:

Building and Ground maintenance continued through May. We continue to check off our To-Do List with such items as: door repair, stabilization of the dumpster fence, repair of railings, concrete patching and repair.

The Trustees series on things of Extreme Interest related to Building Systems and Maintenance, took a break in May but will be back in June (So I was told).

Remember June's topic will be "To Be determined" a very interesting subject. So, mark your calendars because you won't want to miss that.

Please continue to prayerfully consider donating to the Trustees Fund, to help keep our Church Building and Grounds well maintained.

Thank You for your continued support.

The Trustees

Finance Committee:

We continue to recover from the Pandemic Shut Down. Compared to 2021 Income is \$24,347 higher Year-to-Date, and Expenses are only \$3,078 higher. However, we are still projecting Income will be \$100,000 below 2018. As we continue to recover our expenses will go up. For example the Church is being cleaned more frequently than it was during the Shut Down, and we are using an outside service to maintain the landscaping instead of Volunteers. From a Financial Perspective we are happy with the progress we are making, and are confident we will see continued improvement.

However, our staffing is 2 people lower than it was Pre-Pandemic. We expect Payroll & Benefits to be \$70,000 below 2019 levels. We expect this will put pressure on our existing staff as our Events and Activities return to normal. Please consider how you can Donate your Time and Talents to relieving the burden on our staff, and meeting the needs of our community.

Thank you for your continued support in Time, Talents and Treasure.

April YTD Giving	\$155,607
April YTD Spending	\$134,572



LPUMC IS A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH

Stephen Ministry is Christ caring for people through people. If you are going through a difficult time, consider having a Stephen Minister. If you know someone who is facing difficulties, suggest they request a Stephen Minister.

What is Stephen Ministry?

Stephen Ministry is a program for our congregation that equips lay persons to provide distinctively Christian one-on-one care, confidentially, to anyone in our community who is experiencing all sorts of life needs and circumstances.

Who benefits from Stephen Ministry?

People who need care...

- * receive quality, Christ centered, confidential care for their hurts and needs
- * Find hope, healing and a new sense of self-worth through the support of a Stephen Minister
- * Know they remembered and supported by their congregation in times of personal difficulty
- * Receive ongoing care for continuing needs long after the onset of a crisis
- * Grow in a deeper relationship with their Lord as they experience God's unconditional love for them through their Stephen Minister

If you, or someone you know, are in need of a Stephen Minister, please contact Phyllis Crow at 303-906-5055. If you are a Stephen Minister who has been trained as a Stephen Minister and would like to get back into the program, please call Mary Jane Mees at 303-532-6824 for further information.

Attendance:

Date:	In person:	Online:
May 1	135	120
May 8	164	137
May 15	146	84
May 22	172	87



United Women in Faith will have our monthly board meeting on June 2 at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All ladies are invited to attend and Pastor Jeremiah too. We will mostly use this meeting to finalize plans for our tea.

The tea will be on June 4th at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited and there is no charge. Our speaker will be Amy Cooper from Safe Shelter of St. Vrain. That will also be the last day we will be accepting donations for Safe Shelter. We will be serving finger sandwiches, fruit, veggies, cookies and tea. We will also have a singalong time after our speaker.

The annual District Meeting "A Day Together" will be held on June 11th on zoom from 8:30 am until noon. Our speakers will be Jana Jones who is a Jurisdictional officer and Emily Kintzel, the pastor at Niwot UMC. Please contact Jan Spitler at janaspitler@gmail.com to register. The registration deadline is June 9th.

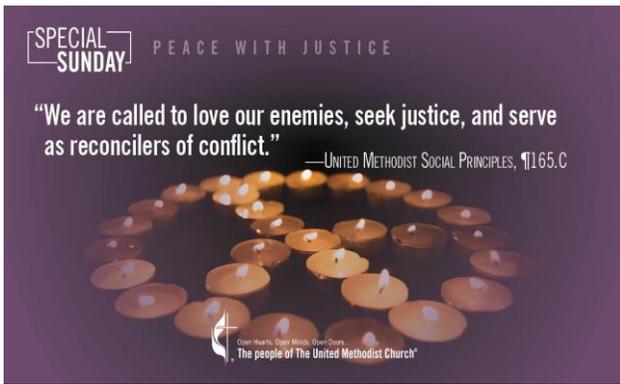
We announced recently to the Church Council that UWF will no longer be the coordinators of receptions at the church except for funeral receptions. Our funds are to be designated to help women, children and youth all over the world, which is our purpose. We suggested that the church ask for a volunteer to coordinate receptions in the future.

We are continuing to have our quilting group every Wednesday morning from 10:00 until noon in the God's Harbor room. We welcome anyone whether you are a quilter or not. There is always something to help with and good fellowship.

We are still hoping to have a picnic late in the summer. Watch future newsletters for further information.

We hope everyone is enjoying the warm weather and watching God's creation bloom.

Blessings, Jan Spitler



United Methodists celebrate Peace with Justice Sunday on the First Sunday after Pentecost: June 12, 2022. United Methodists relate to this special Sunday by seeking peaceful solutions, creating and supporting peace-related ministries in their conference and learning about peaceful, just efforts around the world. Our Social Principles call us to love our enemies, seek justice, and serve as reconcilers of conflict. We insist that the first moral duty of all nations is to work together to resolve by peaceful means every dispute that arises between or among them. Learn more about Peace with Justice Sunday during the Mission Moment on June 12th, or visit this [Peace with Justice Sunday Ministry article](#). Thank you for your faithful and generous support of the UMC Special Sundays. ResourceUMC.org/SSGive.

Mission Opportunities in June:

- **June 11 (Saturday) - 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.
- **June 29 (Wednesday) - 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 The Journey. [Click here to sign up](#) or contact Evelyn Fontanez, 303-709-1719
- **In-Kind Collection Focus & Monetary Donation Matching:** The [OUR Center](#) continues to see an increase in new families needing their help. This month, we are encouraging donations of canned food for their Community Market, particularly small cans of chicken. The Missions Team is also going to match any monetary donations for the OUR Center through LPUMC this month, up to \$500. Make your donation to LPUMC in the Sunday morning offering or turn it into the office directly, and put "OUR Center" in the memo or on the envelope.



Thank you...to everyone who brought in items for the Longmont Humane Society during April. We collected 96.6 pounds of items - which breaks down to 32 cans of dog food, 46 cans of cat food, 6 Kongs and 47 pounds of dog treats. The animals thank you and so do we!



The monthly Missions Team meeting is **Tuesday, June 7, at 5:30pm** in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome. If you would like to learn more about the committee or bring ideas for Mission opportunities, please join us. LPUMCmissions@gmail.com

LPUMC Church Council Update - May 2022

Approximately a year ago, LPUMC began the process of considering a single board model of church governance. Simplified Accountable Structure (also known as the single board model, minimum structure, or one board model) moves churches from four administrative committees (trustees, finance, staff-parish relations, and church council) to one Leadership Board. The Simplified board encapsulates all responsibilities and authority of the previous four separate administrative committees. The Simplified board model follows the UMC Book of Discipline in Paragraph 247.2. Over the past dozen years, this model of leadership has evolved as more and more congregations have moved to this structure and learned how to incorporate the much needed accountable leadership. Kay Kotan and her co-author Blake Bradford have helped thousands of leaders and hundreds of congregations across the country shift to this model through training, consulting, SAS Coach Certification, and using the principles of their best-selling resource guide, [Mission Possible](#).

To this end, here is a 14 minute [overview video](https://kaykotan.com/sas-overview-2/) (https://kaykotan.com/sas-overview-2/), included for your review. This provides an overview of what Simplified Accountable Structure is, hereafter referred to as SAS, and why a church might consider moving to this type of structure. This video is to assist all of us in being more informed before making the decision to move to this type of structure. Additional information will be provided as we move through this process. In the meantime, please review the video and feel free to reach out to Pastor Jeremiah or Barb Huner, Council Chair, with any questions or feedback you may have.

Blessings,
Barb Huner and Pastor Jeremiah

Young People's Ministries

LONGS PEAK UMC

Kids and Families:

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Ephesians 6:10

We are excited to announce that the Longmont Circuit of United Methodist Churches are partnering together for our Vacation Bible School! North Castle is hidden in a frozen land. The King's valiant Knights are on a quest in search of the King's Armor. But the armor isn't what they think it is.

Knights of North Castle: Quest for the King's Armor, invites children to be strong in the Lord and in the strength of God's power by exploring how we put on the armor of God. Kids will take on the role of brave Knights and begin their quest each session by opening the King's Book. They'll explore Old and New Testament stories and discover different pieces of protective armor—the Belt of Truth, the Breastplate of Justice, the Shoes of Peace, the Shield of Faith, and the Helmet of Salvation—at work in the lives of familiar Bible characters, and explore how that armor works in their own lives as they follow and serve God.

Help kids take up the gauntlet this summer and accept the challenge to "armor up" and be strong by remaining with God and sharing God's love in a world that needs it more than ever.

**This year we will have 3 special sessions for 2-4 year olds! Please email katie@lpumc.org for more information!

Serving Pre-K through 6th grade

Sign up at www.lpumc.org

When:

Friday, July 15th from 5:30 – 8 p.m.

Saturday, July 16th from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Where: LPUMC



Summer Youth Events:

June 18th | Gateway Park 4:30-8:00pm | \$10

RSVP By Thursday June 16th

Share Your Heart with Alamosa

This summer a group of youth and adults are serving the community of Alamosa, Colorado in mission! Throughout the month of June, you will have the opportunity to share your love with the young people of this church, so we can in turn share our love with the people of Alamosa.

On this board, there are envelopes numbered 1-75, each representing a dollar amount. Here is how you can help...

1. Choose an envelope (or more) and fill it with a check or cash equal to the number (in dollars) on the envelope.
2. Then seal the envelope and feel free to write a blessing to the participants.
3. Now place the sealed envelope in the provided box.

Thank you for ongoing support, both financially and through your prayers!

-The Youth of Longs Peak UMC and Niwot UMC



Young Adults:

We have been rained/snowed out twice! We will try for our Young Adult Picnic once again!

Saturday, June 18th | Dawson Park | 1 – 3 p.m.

Spread Love,

Katie Pekarek – Young People's Ministries Director

Happy Birthday!

June 1	Becky Champlin Christopher Kittilson
June 8	Evelyn Fontanez Mike Grine
June 11	Jane Carlson
June 12	Rihanna Karki Amy Mann
June 15	Scott Anderson
June 17	Denise Gaffney
June 18	Beth Bailey Clay Douglas
June 19	Greg Kittilson Rick Stewart
June 20	Olivia Eklof Roger Wisehart
June 24	Phil Henry
June 27	Russ Stacey
June 29	Joy Lanz
June 30	Roger Driver Steve Mudd

If you would like your birthday to be celebrated in the Newsletter, please call or email the church office with your birthdate (lpumc@lpumc.org, 303-776-0399).

Bible Studies:

Sundays:

8:15 a.m. – *Luke* study with Gran and Charlene Smythe in person in God's Harbor and on Zoom.

6:30 p.m. – We will be starting a new study on Sunday, June 5 every Sunday evening at 6:30 pm. The study will focus on a very educational and interesting book: *Simply Jesus* by N.T. Wright. It gives more of the backstory before, during, and after Jesus came to live among us. Please contact Bruce Armstrong at 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 Dee Slown (dd.slown@gmail.com).

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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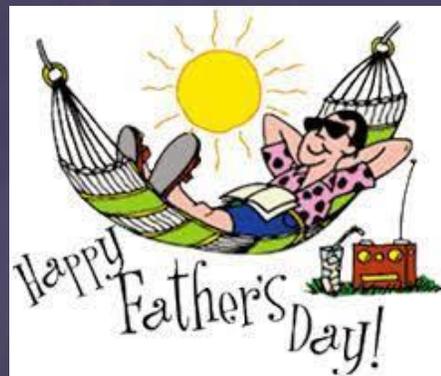
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**July Newsletter Deadline:
June 20th**

Please send your articles to: alex@lpumc.org