

# Longs Peak United Methodist Church

## July Connection

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**JULY 2022**

### **Pastor's Pen:**

**Summer Worship Schedule  
Sunday's – 9:30 a.m.**

*Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 3:17 (NIV)*

Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July! It is fitting that so near Independence Day, my wife Lee and I have just returned from a vacation where we visited numerous sites related to the founding of our nation. While in Washington D.C. and Philadelphia we saw numerous monuments to those who were willing to sacrifice security for the ideas of liberty and justice for all. One of the places we visited was Monticello, the home of Thomas Jefferson, our third president and the leading architect of the Declaration of Independence. Interpreters at Monticello openly acknowledge that it is a difficult job to both honor and represent Jefferson's ideals that *all men are created equal* while being surrounded by examples of the institution of slavery. One of the park guides made a comment that struck a nerve with me, "Our dedication and work to the ideals of equality is not yet finished." I know that I tend to think of the founding of this nation as ancient history from a junior high text book, but what was impressed upon me is that we still have work to do regarding equality in the pursuit of life, liberty and happiness. This reminds me of the Church, we have Christ's words as our ideal and yet we still have much work to do in striving towards becoming more Christ-like ideals. While no human institution, be it a church or a nation is perfect, this year not only will I celebrate the ideals of liberty, I will be reminded of the places where there is still work to be done.

In other news, here are a few quick updates pertaining to the United Methodist Church. I have had a few people ask me about the Global Methodist Church, and what it means for the immediate future of LPUMC. The short answer is, not much has changed. The specially called General Conference of 2019, yielded a proposal which outlined possibilities for amicable separation for churches who did not wish to be part of the United Methodist Church based on views of homosexuality. The approval of such a proposal has been postponed by Covid-19s impact on global travel, until May 2024. In the meantime, a more conservative denomination called the Global Methodist Church has made its announcement of its launch. A church considering joining the GMC would have to purchase the building and congregation's assets from the conference before they could disaffiliate. For a more in depth understanding take a look at the following link: <https://www.umnews.org/en/news/what-happens-when-a-new-denomination-launches>.

## Pastor's Pen (cont.)

This year's Mountain Sky Annual Conference was unique as it was a hybrid in-person and online gathering, to be held in two separate sessions. This split agenda was in anticipation that the postponed May 2024 General Conference would have been held early this Fall. Anything requiring an Annual Conference Vote could then be dealt with after the general conference. As a result, the legislative work our Mountain Sky Conference will happen over an online session this October. One note of interest from the June session, is that names of candidates were approved for further discernment for additional Bishops. This however, is a preliminary step as they have not yet been approved as candidates for the episcopacy. That about covers all the news that is news, if you have further questions drop me a line! Till next time, have a great July!

Your brother in Christ,  
Jeremiah



Our Mission focus for the month of July is the Longmont Meals on Wheels program.

Meals on Wheels delivers a daily hot, healthy meal Monday through Friday as well as a daily wellness check to older adults and people with disabilities in the Longmont area. They prepare about 425 meals a day.

9 in 10 clients say the program helps them continue to live independently and  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the clients are eating more fruits and vegetables since starting service. More than 8 in 10 have seen improvements in their daily living.

Meals are prepared in a commercial kitchen led by a professional chef. Each meal contains a main course and sides and meets nutritional guidelines.

They also deliver healthy snack items which is where our Mission giving for the month comes in. We will be collecting applesauce cups, fruit cups, individual raisin packs, breakfast bars, granola bars and individually wrapped cracker

packs. You can drop off your items in the blue wheelbarrow in Fellowship Hall or the big barrel near the back of the Sanctuary.

Thank you!

### Mission Meals in July:

- **July 9 (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.
- **July 29 (Friday) - 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 Messiah Lutheran Church. [Click here to sign up](#) or contact Evelyn Fontanez, 303-709-1719.

• **Calling all Crafters:** We will be doing a Craft Bazaar again this fall (mid October) as our annual fundraiser for the [Center for Health and Hope](#). More details to come, but we wanted to give you plenty of time to start planning and crafting.



United  
Women  
in Faith

All of us in United Women in Faith want to thank everyone in the church for participating in the effort to help Safe Shelter of St. Vrain Valley. Also, a special thanks to the Mission Team for helping to coordinate this effort. Over \$2500 was collected and many, many supplies. The tea was a great success and Amy Cooper was a wonderful speaker. We can accomplish so much when we work together.

UWF won't have any meetings in July or August, but we want to remind everyone about Mission u. The Mission u program for this summer is "Bearing Witness in the Kingdom." The program will be on Zoom on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9:30 p.m. The dates are July 13, 20, 27 and August 3. To register, go to [mtnskyumw.org](http://mtnskyumw.org).

UWF is tentatively planning a picnic for September 17th. Watch for more details in early September.

We hope everyone is having a fun and safe summer. Stay cool!

Jan Spitler



## Happy Birthday!

July 2	Shirley Joelson Gary Lloyd Robyn Morgan Helen Seidle
July 3	Bridgett Champlin
July 4	Doreen Elkins Nelson Eric Hagedorn
July 6	Glen Shanahan
July 7	Alex Latsko Scott Stockert
July 8	Joanna Kunselman Dick Young
July 12	Jeff Linroth
July 13	Karen Ward
July 14	Nate Marshall
July 15	Rowanna Bobo
July 16	Patrick Shanahan
July 17	Michelle Crain
July 19	Bridget Hauger
July 21	Avis Davis
July 22	Helen Douglas
July 24	Beth Huff
July 25	Peter Zigterman
July 26	Darlene DelPizzo
July 28	Jack Crow
July 30	Lew Scrimshire
July 31	Karen Charles Brian Harpole Nancy Rezac

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](mailto: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](mailto: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 Slowen ([dd.slowen@gmail.com](mailto:dd.slowen@gmail.com)).

### Saturdays:

**7:30 a.m.** – Men's Group. For more information contact Steve Gaffney at [stvnngffn@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## Worship Attendance

Date:	In person:	Online:
May 29	137	108
June 5	137	85
June 12	110	114
June 19	111	84
June 26	110	92

## Finance Committee:

	May '22	'22 YTD	'21 YTD
<b>Income:</b>	<b>\$29,662</b>	<b>\$185,271</b>	<b>\$162,573</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	<b>\$27,199</b>	<b>\$157,190</b>	<b>\$156,228</b>



## VBS 2022

July 15: 5:30 – 8 p.m.

July 16: 9 – 3 p.m.

## Young People's Ministry

### Sunset Pool Event

July 17: 3 – 5 p.m.

## LPUMC Staff

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## August Newsletter Deadline: July 18th

Please send your articles to:  
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