



Longs Peak United Methodist Church

November Connection

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Pastor's Pen:

Sunday Worship Schedule:

9 a.m. – Contemporary
Fellowship
10:30 a.m. – Traditional

Happy Thanksgiving Longs Peak Family!

As we move into November it is normal that we pause to reflect on all the things that we are grateful for, and this year we have many things for which we can give our thanks. First of all, I thank you for the overall good health of our church. Thank you to every one of you who so generously shares your time, talents, and financial gifts to keep LPUMC's ministries going strong. A special thanks to those who sent in pledge cards for 2023, this is a great help in planning what the church can do for the upcoming year. In the same way that you would budget for your individual household expenses, pledges help our church's finance committee to be the best possible stewards of your generosity, so they may anticipate what expense might be on the horizon, and make the best possible discussions for the overall health of the church.

I would also like to thank you for being you, as we rebuild the enthusiasm of LPUMC! We are maintaining a ministry beyond the physical doors of our building. We are averaging 155 people for in-person worship, and another 60 people viewing online. That's over 200 people every week! One of the trends that I am seeing more than ever, is that those who come visit the church as a first-time visitor, have already worshiped with us online. This makes perfect sense, it can be scary going somewhere for the first time. Through online worship we are building a level of trust, so that a new visitor has some knowledge of what to expect when they come through the doors. I am grateful that so many of you, actively seek out new faces and make introductions...this is the true face of LPUMC. This fall we had great success with the Mission's craft bazaar and chili cook-off...this provided a venue that brought another group of people into LPUMC who might not otherwise have come in our doors. Good work Team!

As we move into the holiday season there are plenty of activities coming up on the calendar. One piece of church business, is our annual church conference to be held Nov. 13 at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom. This meeting is an annual report of the year's ministries as well as sets the budget for the next year. This meeting is open to all the church, and all who are professing members have a vote in the process.

Even more eagerly anticipated, is celebrating our gratitude together through a Thanksgiving meal. On November 19th at 4:30 p.m., LPUMC will be sharing in a pot-luck feast together in the Fellowship Hall. What a great way to kick off the holiday season by gathering for a meal with the church family! Stayed tuned for the pot-luck signups. LPUMC it is such a blessing to be singing, praying, studying, serving, and playing together in-person as the body of Christ!

Your Brother in Christ,
Jeremiah



Thank you for your generous support of the Craft Bazaar and Bake Sale. We appreciate your donations of craft and food items, monetary donations, purchases, and help spreading the word about the event! Together we raised over \$3,500 for the [Center for Health and Hope](#).

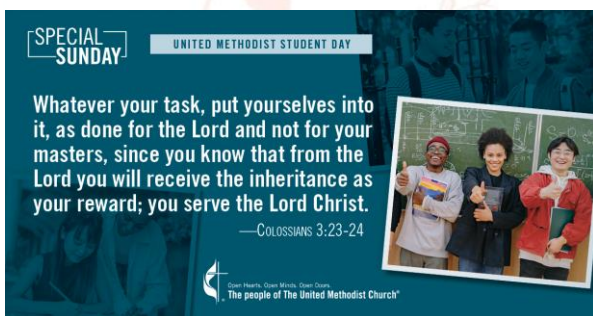
HUGS for HOPE

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. Place your donations in the bins in the Fellowship Hall.

TAG Bag Assembly: Sunday, Nov. 20: You are invited to join us in Fellowship Hall after worship service on November 20 to help assemble Take-And-Give (TAG) Bags. The Missions Team will provide the supplies. These TAG Bags will be available for the congregation to take and give to those they think could use them. Each bag will contain hygiene items, nourishment & water, a pair of socks, and flyers that give information about local organizations offering help for those experiencing homelessness or food insecurity.

Mission Meals in November:

- **November 12 (Saturday) - OUR Center Lunch:** Help us provide lunch at the OUR Center. Volunteers needed to help prepare, serve, and clean-up, 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. 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.
- **November 29 (Saturday) - 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 p.m. at Journey Church. [Click here to sign up](#) or contact Evelyn Fontanez, 303-709-1719



The Missions Team will meet Tuesday, November 1, 5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. A Zoom link will be available as well, if needed. All are welcome. If you would like to learn more about the committee, get more involved with current activities, or bring ideas for Mission opportunities, please join us. LPUMCMissions@gmail.com

November 27, we will join other UM churches in recognizing [United Methodist Student Day](#). This was the original Special Sunday created by United Methodist Church Sunday Schools who collected offerings to help advance education for their children. The fund was originally established in 1872 as the Children's Fund. Today United Methodist Student Day Sunday has the same purpose, calling upon the denomination to support their students as they prepare for life by adding knowledge to their faith. The funds received from the offering go into the United Methodist Student Loan Fund to underwrite scholarships for United Methodist students. Currently, there are over 70 scholarships available for United Methodist students. The fund is administered by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (GBHEM). Students can apply for scholarships or loans at gbhem.org/loansandscholarships.



United
Women
in Faith

United Women in Faith will have a board meeting November 3rd at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This is an officer meeting but all ladies are invited.

The afternoon general meeting will be held on November 10th at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Barb Bulhuis from Crossroads School will be our speaker. We will also be making "piggy" banks to use during the year for our World Thank Offering. We will have a short program about the World Thank Offering. A snack will be served.

The evening general meeting will be held on November 17th at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The speaker will be Jessica Bennett who is the Executive Director for Agape Longmont Safe Haven.

Our afternoon general meeting in October was a huge success. We had about 15 people. It was so nice to be able to meet in person again and everyone seemed to enjoy the fellowship. The evening group had 10 people and had fun making octopus yarn toys for children in hospitals.

The Christmas Party is tentatively scheduled for the first Saturday in December. There will be more about that in the December newsletter.

We hope everyone can get outside to enjoy the fall weather and beautiful colors. His creation is amazing.

Blessings, Jan Spitler



Annual Church Conference

Sunday, November 13

6 p.m. on Zoom

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Save the Date:

Thanksgiving Potluck

Saturday, November 19

4:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Sign-up sheet coming soon.

Worship Attendance:

Date:	In person:	Online:
Oct. 2	141	69
Oct. 9	119	94
Oct. 16	157	63
Oct. 23	152	63

Finance Committee:

	Sept. '22	'22 YTD	'21 YTD
Income:	\$30,989	\$320,627	\$279,943
Expense:	\$31,686	\$286,040	\$264,395

A Benefit Concert for
**RECOVERY CAFÉ
LONGMONT**
November, 12, 2022
3-5 PM

**DALE'S
PIANO
PLAYHOUSE**

CENTRAL LONGMONT
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
402 KIMBARK ST.
LONGMONT

Bible Studies

Sundays:

9 a.m. – Studying the Book of **Luke**: Meets in person in God's Harbor and on Zoom.

6:30 p.m. (on Zoom) – Starting on Sunday, November 6 with the Advent season approaching, our Sunday evening study will use the books of Luke and Acts (actually a single book) to study the birth, life, death, resurrection of Jesus and the continuation of his ministry by his first century followers and the birth of the Christian Church. We will be using a combination of Bible Project videos and a Disciple study guide. Please contact Bruce Armstrong on (303) 772-0449 or at brucearmstrong1213@gmail.com for more information and to get on the email list for Zoom links and reading each week.

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).

Thursdays:

10 a.m. – Ladies book study: Meets in God's Harbor. The book is *Angels* by Billy Graham. For more information, contact Linda Orrell or Jan Spitler (ljorrell@aol.com or janaspitler@gmail.com)

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 judydscrim@gmail.com for more information.

Happy Birthday!

Nov. 1	Marcia Allen
Nov. 2	Dee Slowen
Nov. 3	Barb Huner
Nov. 5	Phillip Zigterman
Nov. 7	Roberta Shanahan
Nov. 9	Kathy Crier
Nov. 14	Janice Bailey
Nov. 15	Nicholas Larson
	Anne Williams
Nov. 18	Caitlin Rezac
Nov. 22	Tom Sarlo
Nov. 23	Lina Liken
Nov. 25	Jo Ann Hauger
Nov. 27	Carol Mudd
Nov. 28	Steven Stiller

Griefshare:

Longs Peak has a 13-week GriefShare session that started on September 12. 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.

When: Mondays through December 5

Time: 6:30 – 8 p.m.

Where: Longs Peak United Methodist Church; Rm 137

Cost: \$15 for GriefShare workbook (scholarships available)

Facilitators: Wendy Reed, Kathy Crier, and Jan Spitler

Email wlr8555@aol.com to sign up. For more information, contact Wendy Reed at 303-772-3290 or Kathy Crier at 720-480-8203. Childcare and transportation can be arranged if needed.

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December Newsletter Deadline:

Monday, November 21

Please send your articles to: alex@lpumc.org