

Longs Peak United Methodist Church

## *May Connection*

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**MAY 2023**

### *Pastor's Pen:*

"May, more than any other month of the year, wants us to feel most alive."  
— Fennel Hudson

*My lips will shout for joy, when I sing praises to you; my soul also, which you have redeemed.*  
Psalm 71:31

May is such a joyful time of the year! The promise of new life in the buds of spring finally come into full bloom, as the temperature begins to grow warmer, and the spring flowers are out in full splendor. May is a natural time for celebration and joy. Each Sunday in May, our church will have something special to celebrate. Beginning on May 7<sup>th</sup> following the 10:30 service, the Missions committee will be hosting a special lunch of Lebanese food paring with a presentation from Noor El-Salam about education of refuge students in Lebanon. Please sign up on the website or in the weekly reminder. Sunday May 14<sup>th</sup> is Mother's Day, and on this day, we celebrate all the special women in our lives who mentor us. In honor of Mother's Day, the worship committee will be donating to the Longmont Veteran's Community Project and you are invited to make a gift to this project as well. We will also celebrate LPUMC's Senior's as they graduate high school: we wish to honor them, and share our love and support as they begin the next phase in their lives. Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> is Confirmation Sunday, and we celebrate the young people in our church who have worked so hard over the past few months learning the tenants of their faith, and so we welcome their decision to live their faith as members of LPUMC. May 28<sup>th</sup> is a birthday as we celebrate Pentecost as the founding of Christ's church! This is also Memorial Day Weekend and will mark the first week of our summer worship schedule, offering one service at 9:30 a.m. As you can see there are many things going on in the life of the church! It's my hope that during this season of celebration, you will find much joy as we observe each of these important days. As we transition from Spring into Summer, I offer this word of wisdom from Sir John Lubbock, "*Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass on a summer day listening to the murmur of water, or watching the clouds that float across the sky is hardly a waste of time.*" In other words, take time to smell the roses, and know that GOD is good!

Yours in Christ,  
Jeremiah

#### **Sunday Worship Schedule**

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

#### **Summer schedule starts May 28th**

One service at 9:30 a.m.

# Music Notes:

## A Call for Musicians

Summertime is fast approaching! LPUMC will transition to a single worship service on Sunday mornings beginning May 28<sup>th</sup>, and that means it's time to line up music for the summer months. In addition to hymn leaders, I'm looking for musicians to provide special music offerings in June, July, and August. Singers, instrumentalists, soloists, small ensembles, traditional offerings, contemporary stylings, family ensembles, well-known tunes, original compositions – all are welcome! Whether you're a young person or someone more chronologically blessed, you are wanted! If you'd like to participate but don't know what to sing/play, I can help you find repertoire. If you'd like to be part of an ensemble, I can help connect you with group members. If you have a song you want to sing but you need a band, I can help with backing tracks. In short, if you're interested in sharing your musical talents with the congregation, let me know, and we'll make it happen. The more people we get involved, the richer the experience!

In Peace,

Parker  
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**LONGS PEAK  
STOMPERS  
JAZZ BAND**

**SUNDAY, MAY 28TH  
3PM**

Longs Peak Methodist Church  
1421 Elmhurst Dr, Longmont, CO  
\*Free admission\*

Donations accepted, all funds will benefit

**HOPE**  
HOMELESS OUTREACH  
PROVIDING ENCOURAGEMENT



United  
Women  
in Faith

United Women in Faith will be having a tea on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We are still looking for table sponsors. We need eight sponsors and so far, we only have four. If you wish to sponsor a table, you would need to provide 5 table settings; that is, plates, cups, saucers and napkins. Tablecloths and silverware are provided. Also, if you have small trays and drinking glasses you would like to provide, that would be great. We will have enough tea pots, but if you have one you would like to bring, feel free to do so. The food will include sandwiches, veggies, fruit, dessert and of course tea. There is no charge. Our speaker will be a Master Gardener from the CSU Extension Office. We will also have a seed exchange, so bring any seed packets you wish to exchange. To RSVP so that we will have a count, please click [here](#) to add your name to the Sign-Up Genius. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Jan Spitler at 720-204-6583, Judy Scrimshire at 303-702-9094, or Donna Chuang at 720-221-7639.

We will have our regular monthly meetings on May 11<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. and on May 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. The programs for these meetings have yet to be determined. Watch for the weekly updates and Sunday bulletins in May for more information.

We look forward to seeing many of you in May!

Blessings, The Ladies of United Women in Faith

## Are You Called to Become a Stephen Minister?

What a blessing that our Stephen Ministers are providing one-to-one Christian care and support to members of our congregation. To this end, we are preparing to select and train another class of Stephen Ministers so we can meet the needs of more of our church family. In addition to providing one-to-one care, Stephen Ministers participate in continuing education and are currently discussing the book, *The Gift of Empathy, Helping Others Feel Valued, Cared For and Understood*.

Please think and pray about this opportunity to serve. Watch for upcoming announcements regarding the application process, interviews, training and much more.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Jane Mees at 303-532-6824.



Our Mission Focus in May moves to an international scale as we learn more about Lebanon from Amine Tarhini and Susan Bryant. They have a non-profit that funds educational and humanitarian projects in Lebanon. Currently the primary focus is sponsoring a school for Syrian refugee children. Amine and Susan recently visited Lebanon and will be sharing their experiences and a traditional Lebanese meal with us after the second service on May 7. The menu will include tabbouleh, hummus, labneh, fattoush, Lebanese chicken & rice, and rice pudding. All are welcome for the lunch and program. Please use the sign-up, below, if you want to attend (or call the church office). A free-will donation will be taken to cover the meal expense.

[Click here to sign up for Luncheon](#)

The Missions Team will meet Tuesday, May 2, 5:30 p.m. at the church, in God's Harbor. This [Zoom link](#) is available, if you prefer to attend via Zoom. 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.

### May Missions Meals

On May 13 (Saturday) we will provide lunch at the [OUR Center Community Cafe](#). Volunteers are needed to help prepare the meal (9:30-11:30 a.m.), and to serve the meal & clean-up (11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.). If you are reading this online, click the OUR Center Meal button below to sign up, or call Amy Mann-Miner at 303-931-8429. (*Volunteers must be 16 years or older.*)

On May 29 (Monday), help us provide dinner for 20 participants at [HOPE \(Homeless Outreach Providing Encouragement\)](#). Sign up for a main, side, salad, or dessert. Drop off your part of the meal between 5:30-5:45 p.m. at Journey Church. If you are reading this online, click the HOPE Meal button below to sign up, or contact Evelyn Fontanez, 303-709-1719.

[Click to sign up for HOPE Meal](#)

[Click to Sign up for OUR Center Meal](#)

### From the Finance Committee:

Thank you all for your generous support of Longs Peak United Methodist Church. We continue on solid footing as we have emerged from the CoVid shutdown over the last year. Just a reminder that we are dependent on your generosity. We saw Easter giving drop compared to prior years, and are concerned about what that implies for the future. You may not have noticed, but we are still not passing the collection plate as a Health and Safety measure. So as a reminder the collection plate is still available at the entrance to the Sanctuary. You may also deposit your donation in the Mail Slot next to the Business Manager's Office, and there are also Online options.

Longs Peak is again opening its doors to the community. Community Bible Study, Alcoholics Anonymous, Girl Scouts, Clothing Closet, and many other organizations are again using our facility as a service to our community. Your generosity also provides a meeting place for these wonderful organizations. Thank you for all you do for our church in your time, talent and treasure.

The Finance Committee

	March '23	March '22
Income:	\$28,617	\$27,584
Expense:	\$39,022	\$30,363

### Letter from the SAS Discernment Team:

Dear Church Family,  
As you may be aware, over the past year, the LPUMC Church Council has been exploring the relevancy of moving toward a Simplified Accountability Structure, hereafter referred to as SAS. The Church Council, in its ongoing deliberations, has recommended the following motivations and reasons why this will work for a potential structure change:

- The opportunity to involve more people at a missional level,
- Improve efficiency,
- Streamline the decision-making process.

The Church Council was given permission by our DS (District Superintendent) to move forward with this exploration process. To this end, it is important to get your feedback. We will be having several small group informational meetings during April and May and an opportunity to attend a meeting after church June 4<sup>th</sup> in the event you were unable to attend a small group. We hope you make time to attend one of these meetings. At the meeting you will here more details about the plan and how it would affect our church family. Your questions and opinions are important during this discernment process.

Based on congregational feedback, leadership discernment and DS approval (or not), the goal is to be able to vote on approving, or not approving, the SAS model at the Church Conference in July 2023.

There is also an SAS prayer Team in place to help keep the focus on the missional aspect of the church. Prayers will be lifted asking for guidance and clarity on the model and the timing.

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We are also seeking God’s guidance in providing wisdom and clarity if this model will help the church be more faithful and effective in its mission of making disciples.

Watch for announcements about the small group meetings to see which one you can attend. If you cannot attend a meeting, call the church office and we will make sure you receive the information.

Peace and Blessings,

The Discernment Team

Carol Monhollen, Jeanne Werner, Mary Jane Mees, Joe Peiper, Bruce Richardson, Roger Wisheart

### Bible Studies:

#### **Mondays:**

**7 p.m. (on Zoom)** – Studying *Help Is Here: Finding Fresh Strength and Purpose on the Power of the Holy Spirit* by Max Lucado. The Zoom link is posted in the Weekly Reminders.

#### **Sundays:**

**6:30 p.m. (on Zoom)** – Studying *Do I Stay a Christian? A guide for the Doubters, the Disappointed, and the Disillusioned* by Brian McLaren. Please contact Bruce Armstrong at [brucearmstrong1213@gmail.com](mailto:brucearmstrong1213@gmail.com) for more information and the Zoom link.

#### **Thursdays:**

**10 a.m.** – Ladies book study. Currently studying 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter. Meets in God’s Harbor. For more information, contact Linda Orrell or Jan Spitler ([lrorrell@aol.com](mailto:lrorrell@aol.com) or [janaspitler@gmail.com](mailto:janaspitler@gmail.com))

#### **Saturdays:**

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

## Happy Birthday!

May 1	Dallas Powell
May 2	Avery LeBlanc
May 4	Tori Menard
May 5	Bruce Armstrong Bryan Hauger Faviola Henry
May 6	Phil Wilson
May 11	Susie Sisson
May 14	Jan Richardson
May 15	Gavin Fisher
May 22	Kate Bogle
May 23	Nick Pekarek
May 27	Becky Everitt Melody Lanz
May 28	Linda Orrell
May 31	Gege Young

### Worship Attendance:

Date:	9 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	Online:
March 26	125	53	102
April 2	123	49	76
April 9	162	122	104
April 16	114	43	92
April 23	100	45	81

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### June Newsletter Deadline:

**May 15th.**

Please send articles to  
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