



Longs Peak United Methodist Church

June Connection



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JUNE 2023

Pastor's Pen:

Summer schedule

Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Regular Sunday Worship Schedule
resumes on Sept. 10th

'One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray and spent the night praying to God.'
Luke 6:12

Happy Summer LPUMC!

In the scripture passage above, Jesus takes time to slow down and consult with God. After spending the night in conversation with God, Jesus called his disciples to him and chose twelve apostles. It would not surprise me to learn that Jesus had spent the night in discernment with GOD about who to select as his apostles. It is always wise to slow down and to spend some time in reflection before jumping into the next big project. Since the beginning of our programming year last September, LPUMC has had a very fruitful year. Though slow, we have continued to grow, as we have brought in eight new members since the beginning of 2023. We have learned to work and grow together under the leadership of a new music director. We have embarked on our first international mission trip in years, and we been in discernment about how to make the governance of LPUMC nimbler. All and all, it has been a busy year of keeping things moving forward!

Just as Jesus paused for rest and discernment, it is wise that we as Christ's hand and feet take pause to do the same. As folks travel throughout the summer, LPUMC will be having one worship services at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays through Labor Day weekend. On June 4th there will be a SAS townhall meeting following the service. Later in June LPUMC will be represented at Annual Conference, which will be held this year in Colorado Springs. In the midst of these transitions and decisions, take pause to rest as it can be beneficial to spend time in reflection. Allow time for yourself to slow down and consult with God. Listen for GOD's direction to clarify about what those next steps will be, so that you can feel reassured and rested for the task at hand. As we enter into the season of summer, I pray that you will find time for rest and renewal, so that we can continue in the important work of Christ in our community.

Yours's in Christ,

Jeremiah

Worship Attendance:

Date:	9 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	Online:
April 30	122	43	66
May 7	110	50	60
May 14	110	54	50
May 21	129	44	69



JUNE MISSION FOCUS- HOPELIGHT MEDICAL CLINIC

Housed next to the United Church of Christ on Collyer St, Hopelight Medical Clinic provides low-cost medical care, lab services, pharmacy, behavioral health services and counseling to the uninsured and underinsured members of our community. They have a staff of primary care providers as well as volunteer physicians who specialize in Endocrinology, Orthopedics, ENT, Cardiology and Nephrology. In-kind donations have dropped considerably since before Covid, so we would like to collect some much-needed items, including supplies they need for the upcoming allergy season.

For the month of June, we will be collecting:

Over the counter allergy medicine, Saline nasal spray, Neti Pots and Neil-Med Sinus Rinses, Cough drops, Pill boxes, Children's, and Adult's ibuprofen (Advil) and acetaminophen (Tylenol), Compression stockings for men and women, & Portable Automatic Blood Pressure Cuffs.

Please place your donations in the barrel in the Narthex or in the wheelbarrow in Fellowship Hall – items will be removed promptly. Brochures and more information will be available on the Missions Board.

To make a monetary donation or for more information about Hopelight's many existing and new and exciting services, you can visit their websites: hopelightclinic.org, as well as hopelightbh.org and ssshb.org.

Peace with Justice Sunday: United Methodists observe Peace with Justice Sunday on the First Sunday after Pentecost: June 4th this year. The special offering from this Sunday enables the church to have a voice in advocating for peace and justice through a broad spectrum of global programs. Together our reach is beyond measure. To learn more about this Special Sunday, visit this [Peace with Justice Sunday Ministry article](#).

The Missions Team will meet Tuesday, June 6, 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.

June Missions Meals

On June 10 (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 in the box to the right to sign up, or call Amy Mann-Miner, 303-931-8429. (*Volunteers must be 16 years or older.*)

On June 29 (Thursday), 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 to the right to sign up, or contact Evelyn Fontanez, 303-709-1719.



If reading this online, you can click on the buttons below to sign up to help with the OUR Center Meal or the HOPE Meal. Links are also in the Weekly Reminders.

[OUR Center Meal](#)

[Hope Meal](#)

Young People's Ministries

LONGS PEAK UMC

Congratulations to our Seniors who graduated this past weekend, we are excited for your next adventure and continue to welcome you into our young adult ministry! We are also celebrating our newest members to our Church. Job well done to our confirmands were putting in the work to grow your faith! Thank you again to our Sunday School teachers and youth leaders. It was so much fun spending the school year with you and our children.

Youth service days and young adult events will be announced soon, if you are not a part of the email groups for these ministries, please let Katie know! We are partnering with Niwot UMC this year for Vacation Bible School. Take a look at where we are going this year! We will be having Potlucks once a month on the 2nd Wednesday from 5 p.m.- 6 p.m. Don't miss this opportunity to have fellowship together!

This summer we will be doing some deep cleaning of the rooms and some refresh, please email Katie if you would like to help out!

Vacation Bible School is HERE!!!

Cokesbury's Food Trucks rolls into their neighborhood for the summer's biggest party! Using Matthew 6:11; "Give us this day our daily bread", children are invited to pray as Jesus teaches. These words serve as a reminder that everything we have comes from God - and our daily needs are met by God.

Through stories in both the Old and New Testaments, this VBS opens kids' eyes to the countless ways God provides, loves, and cares for us while inviting them to join God in providing, loving, and caring for others. The goal of Food Truck Party is to help children build on the practice of using daily prayer to turn to God for their needs - and also to serve as the hands of God in ensuring that the needs of others are met.

This year we will get to travel like the Food trucks we will be at different locations throughout the week!

Monday 6/26 | Longs Peak UMC | 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Tuesday 6/27 | Longs Peak UMC | 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Wednesday 6/28 | Sunset Pool | 1-3 p.m.
(Guardian must attend)

Thursday 6/29 | Niwot UMC | 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Friday 6/30 | Niwot UMC | 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Sign up on our website!

Spread Love,
Katie Pekarek – katie@lpumc.org
Director of Programs



United
Women
in Faith

United Women in Faith will not have any local meetings in the summer, but we want to keep everyone updated on other events. On June 10th, our Peaks Pikes Peak District will have the annual "A Day Together". This event will be held at Smoky Hill United Methodist Church. The address is 19491 E. Smoky Hill Road in Centennial. It will be from 9:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The registration fee is \$15 to cover a continental breakfast and lunch. The subject will be "Finding God in the Ordinary". The speaker has not yet been announced. If you wish to attend, please contact Jan Spitler by June 7th and she will take care of registration. Please contact her at janaspitler@gmail.com or 720-204-6583. It should be a fun event and lots of good fellowship.

In July and August, watch for information regarding Mission u classes.

In September, we are planning a picnic similar to the one we had last year. It was a great success so we thought we should do it again. Watch for information in September for the date and time.

We pray that everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer.

Blessings, Jan Spitler

What Does It Take to Become a Stephen Minister?

We are seeking men and women of our congregation who are willing to answer Jesus' call to serve as Stephen Ministers, beginning with 50 hours of stimulating and useful training in Christian caring skills. The training will be led by trained Stephen Leaders and will include a variety of relevant topics and skills.

Please think and pray about this opportunity to serve. More information will be available by attending one of two meetings on Sunday, July 9 at 10:45 a.m. **or** Wednesday, July 12 at 7 p.m.

Stephen Leaders,
Mary Jane Mees, Phyllis Crow, Barb Huner

Finance Report:

	April '23	YTD '23	YTD '22
Income:	\$35,821	\$147,733	\$155,609
Expense:	\$33,146	\$148,336	\$129,991

You May Be Asking, “What is S.A.S.?”

S.A.S. stands for Simplified Accountability Structure. Our church council has been exploring the possibility of moving to this plan for governing our church.

What does that mean? There would be an elected Leadership Board of 9-12 people who would Simplify leading the church by wearing multiple hats. They would be Accountable as Church Council, Finance, Trustees, and SPR committees and being able to make church decisions in a timely way without needing multiple referrals to other committees. This Structure would also enable the Pastor to lead staff members and other ministry teams as needed.

We the congregation would be freed from serving on multiple committees attending meetings. We currently have 9-12 committees needing about 75 people. With this plan we can choose to serve on short mission/task projects as needed without a lot of meetings. We can truly be the hands, feet and voice of Christ serving our church family and the community.

Have questions or want more information? There will be a town hall meeting after church on June 4th. If our current council feels this would be a good choice for LPUMC the congregation will get to vote at a Charge Conference in July.

Bible Studies:

Mondays:

7 p.m. (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.

Saturdays:

7:30 a.m. – Men’s Group. For more information contact Steve Gaffney at stvngffn@gmail.com or 303-702-9877.

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 for more information and the Zoom link.



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June 11	Jane Carlson
June 12	Amy Mann
June 15	Scott Anderson
June 16	Mark Cowley
June 17	Denise Gaffney
June 18	Clay Douglas
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June 20	Olivia Eklof Roger Wisheart
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June 30	Roger Driver Steve Mudd

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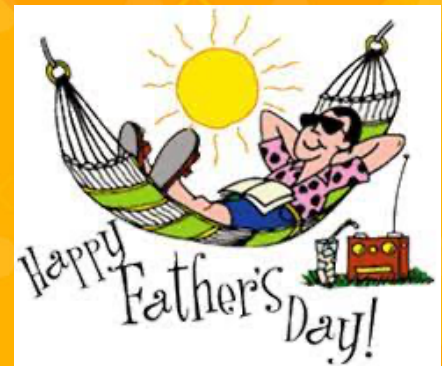
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July Newsletter
Deadline: June 19th.

Please send articles to
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