



Longs Peak United Methodist Church

September Connection

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SEPTEMBER 2023

Pastor's Pen:

Summer Worship Schedule


Sundays at 9:30 a.m. through September 10th.
9 and 10:30 a.m. services resume on
September 17th.

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit -Matthew 28:19

Therefore GO! These are the marching orders of the great commission, as Jesus passes the torch of leadership onto his disciples. In that same spirit, we as LPUMC, are beginning a new season of ministry. On July 23, a specially called charge conference passed unanimously that LPUMC shifts to the United Methodist-approved model of governance known as the Simplified Accountability Structure.

Now that we are moving in this new direction, the next phase falls to the LPUMC nominations committee. This committee is seeking nine disciples to serve on the *Leadership Board* and six disciples to help discern future board members on the *Nominations and Leadership Development Committee*. What we as the entire congregation of LPUMC are now discerning, is who would be on our dream team to help lead the church forward in the fruitful growth of its ministries. Who has a passion for helping lead LPUMC in such a way that we continue to grow and build on our current energy? As these nominees will be both stewards of church resources, as well as those visioning for the future health of LPUMC, the nominations committee is looking to identify disciples who are earnest in their faith journeys and possess a missional heart to make an impact in the world of Jesus Christ.

The current nomination committee is encouraging church members to fill out the **Leadership Board Interest Form**. Even if you may not have an interest at this time serving on the leadership board, the nomination committee would be interested in hearing where you have experience and in serving. One of the main reasons for moving to the Simplified Accountability Structure is that the model frees up more church members from serving on administrative committees so that more time and energy might be devoted to mission and outreach. The other benefits of this model are that it improves efficiency and streamlines the decision-making process. This new model still relies on church volunteers and leadership; however, it allows for more members to become involved with short-term tasks. While one may not feel led to express interest in the board, they may be willing to offer their talents in the short term elsewhere.



Pastor's Pen (Cont.)

If you feel that you, or someone else you know would have the best interests in the future of LPUMC at heart for continued growth, the nominations committee would ask that you begin with prayerful discernment and sharing your information on the Interest form. In addition to the leadership board, please let the nominations committee know what secular skills might be suited for serving on a ministry team. The Leadership Board Interest Form can be found digitally in the *Reminder* and in the link provided below (if reading this online). Hardcopies of the form will be available after Sunday services in the Narthex Aug. 27-Sep. 10. If you have further questions about how the SAS model functions, or exploring leadership please give me a call. Please return completed forms to the church office or email them to pastorjeremiah@lpumc.org. Church, it is with great joy that we continue to be a vital ministry to the people of Longmont as Longs Peak United Methodist Church. Will you join me in envisioning how we might even further multiply our ministry potential?

Peace, Blessings, and Yours in Christ,
Pastor Jeremiah

[Click here for the Leadership Board Interest Survey](#)

Everyone is welcome to this friendly group study with an emphasis on open discussion.

Ecclesiastes

Wisdom for Living Well, an in-depth Bible Study
by Courtney Joseph and Beverly Wise

Women's Thursday morning bible study
September 14 - December 14, 10:00am
God's Harbor meeting room

Contact Jan Spitler for a book. (\$10.99+ tax)
720-204-6583 or 720-600-3344
janaspitler@gmail.com

Please join us!

**SUNDAY
SCHOOL
KICK-OFF**

**SEPTEMBER
10TH**

Classes Start September 17th @ 9am
Nursery
Pre-K
One Room Schoolhouse



United
Women
in Faith

United Women in Faith will have a board meeting of officers on Thursday, September 7th at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Even though it is for officers, everyone is invited.

We are tentatively planning a picnic on Saturday, September 16th at 11 a.m. in Judy Scrimshire's backyard. Her address is 1717 Drake. This will be a potluck lunch like we did last year. It was a great success and enjoyed by all. Watch for definite plans in the church bulletin and the mid-week emails. Join us for fun, food, and fellowship. Anyone needing a ride can contact either Judy at 303-702-9094 or Jan Spitler at the numbers listed below.

Also, the Peaks Pikes Peak District will have its Annual Meeting on Saturday, September 23rd at 8:40 a.m. at Rinn UMC. The speaker will be Rev. Rebekah Simon-Peter. She will speak about "The 3 S's of Creating Community." A continental breakfast and a lunch will be provided. Tentatively, the cost should be \$15 a person for those who are not a District or Conference officer. To register, please contact Jan Spitler at janaspitler@gmail.com, 720-204-6583, or 720-600-3344 by September 19th. During lunch, we will also be putting together Christmas shoeboxes that Cheryl Runyon will be coordinating. The meeting will conclude at 2 p.m. If you wish to carpool, please also contact Jan. Watch for definite plans in the church bulletin and the mid-week reminder emails. All women are invited to this event.

We hope everyone has had a fun and safe summer.

Blessings, Jan Spitler



The Missions Team will meet Tuesday, September 5, 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

SEPTEMBER MISSION FOCUS- Longmont Meals on Wheels

September 17th - "Pennies for People" collection

Our Mission focus for the month of September is the [Longmont Meals on Wheels](#) program. Their primary focus is to provide hot, nutritious meals and a daily check to older adults and people with disabilities in Longmont and Niwot communities. Additionally, they have programs that provide 5 home-delivered meals for people of any age after a hospital or rehabilitation stay, emergency pet assistance for their clients, community weekday lunches at the Senior Center, and more.

Throughout September, we will be collecting snack items they have on their [Wishlist](#): i.e. applesauce cups, fruit cups, individual raisin packs, breakfast bars, granola bars, and individually wrapped cracker packs. You can drop off your items in the big barrel near the sanctuary doors.

On September 17th, during our worship service, we will be passing the plate and collecting a loose change donation "Pennies for People" for Longmont Meals on Wheels.

Craft & Bake Sale - DONATIONS NEEDED

The Mission Team is again hosting a Craft & Bake Sale as our annual fundraiser for [The Center for Health and Hope](#). The sale will be on Saturday, November 4th this year. We are hoping to have a variety of handmade items donated by members of the congregation and our surrounding community. Popular items in the past include gift items (crochet/knit/sewn/woodwork), cards, wreaths, Thanksgiving & Christmas season décor and table items, Colorado-themed items, and pet accessories. Whatever you would like to craft for this great cause is most welcome. Pretty much everything in the bake sale sells well - from cookies, cupcakes, breads & pies to salsas, jams & pestos!

If you have any questions or can let us know you plan to donate, please email LPUMCMissions@gmail.com We will begin collecting donations at the church about a week before the sale. Thanks!!

Missions Meals

On September 9 (Saturday) we will provide lunch at the [OUR Center](#) Community Café, and on September 29 (Tuesday) we will provide dinner for 20 participants at [HOPE \(Homeless Outreach Providing Encouragement\)](#). Sign up to help with either of these using the Meal Sign Up buttons below, or contact LPUMCMissions@gmail.com

[**OUR Center Meal Sign-up**](#)

[**Hope Meal Sign-up**](#)



Longs Peak is starting a 13-week GriefShare session 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: Tuesdays from September 12 to 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

Sign up in Crossroads or email wlr8555@aol.com. 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.

Bible Studies

Mondays:

7 p.m. (on Zoom) – We are studying the book *Ragamuffin Gospel*. Contact Lina Liken for more information at linaliken@yahoo.com.

Thursdays:

10 a.m. – Ladies Bible Study on *Ecclesiastes: Wisdom for Living Well* by Courtney Joseph and Beverly Wise. Starts September 14th.

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) – This Bible Study led by Bruce Armstrong will be starting up later in September. Stayed tuned! Please contact Bruce Armstrong at brucearmstrong1213@gmail.com for more information.



Reading Buddies

RETURN OF READING BUDDIES!

After a COVID-imposed hiatus, we are happy to bring back our in-school reading tutor partnership with Mountain View Elementary School. We're looking for 10-15 volunteers who are available to tutor 1 or 2 hours per week, during the school day. Materials and some training will be provided. Please contact Jo Ann Hauger (hauger4129@gmail.com; 720-985-1247) if you are interested. Volunteers must be willing to submit to a background check.

Happy Birthday!

September 1		Linda Wisehart
September 2		Fred Williams
September 3		Tina Gibson Mike Johnston May Jane Mees
September 5		Debbie Adolf Janelle Johnson John Mees
September 6		Wes Lawley Dave Monhollen Jackie Tarpley
September 7		Katie LeBlanc
September 8		Karen Hubner
September 11		Diane Kirby
September 12		John Chilson Betty Nell Tatman
September 15		Paula Muncy
September 18		Zach Champlin Jolene Mechtly
September 19		Betty Schlagel
September 20		Marshall Allen Julie Stockert
September 21		Alice Marshall
September 22		Phyllis Crow
September 23		Isla Briggs
September 24		Mike Tatman
September 27		Allen Ghimenti
September 28		Alicia King
September 29		Susie Foster Russ Lambert

LPUMC Staff

Rev. Jeremiah Harris – Pastor
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Alexandria Anderson – Office Manager/Treasurer
alex@lpumc.org and finance@lpumc.org

Paula Muncy – Accompanist

Rev. Sandy Stewart – Deacon-in-Residence

Worship Attendance:

Date:	In Person:	Online:
July 30	100	67
August 7	114	72
August 14	129	55
August 21	124	49

Finance Committee:

	July '23	'23 YTD	'22 YTD
Income:	\$35,012	\$234,396	\$253,718
Expense:	\$31,374	\$244,643	\$223,536

October Newsletter Deadline:

September 18th

Please send you articles to:
alex@lpumc.org