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LONGS PEAK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



May Connection

LPUMC Info

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Office hours:

Monday – Thursday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sunday Worship Schedule

9 a.m. – Contemporary 10 a.m. - Fellowship 10:45 a.m. – Traditional Summer Worship Schedule Begins May 26 with one service at 9:30 a.m.

Staff:

Rev. Jeremiah Harris Pastor

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June Newsletter Deadline: May 20

Please send any articles to: alex@lpumc.org



The General Conference runs through Friday, May 3. If you are interested in watching, here is the **Livestream Link:**

https://www.resourceumc.org/en/churchwide/general-conference-2020/livestream

If you'd like more information about General Conference, click on this link: https://www.resourceumc.org/en/churchwide/general-conference-2020

Sunday, May 5th: One service at 9:30 a.m.

We will have a special guest speaker: Former Bishop Catherine Mutua of Meru, Kenya is coming to thank us in person for the work we have done in supporting Ms. Gloria Gitanga and the community health workers in Kenya. Some of you may remember Rev. Mutua because she was the person who first came to Long's Peak to establish the social work program.







May Mission Collection Focus

This month we will be collecting items to replenish our stock of TAG Bags (Take and Give Bags). TAG bags contain some basic necessities that we can share with our neighbors experiencing homelessness. Each bag also contains information about additional services available here in town. Our hope is that sharing the TAG bags fosters empathy and understanding and reminds us that we are all worthy of care and kindness.

We hope to collect enough items for at least 50 TAG Bags, and will set up a bag assembly date in early June. Requested items are deodorant, bottled water, Wet Ones, ChapStick, travel sized sunscreen, toothbrushes, sturdy combs, (clean) baseball caps, bandanas, and snack bars. Please place any donations in the barrel in the lobby just outside the sanctuary doors (narthex).

We also continue to collect food for the OUR Center in the blue wheelbarrow in Fellowship Hall. The suggestion for this month is cereal.

Missions Meals

On May 11 (Saturday) we will provide lunch at the <u>OUR Center</u> Community Cafe; and on May 29 (Wednesday) we will provide dinner for 20 participants at <u>HOPE (Homeless Outreach Providing Encouragement)</u>. Sign up to help with either of these using the Meal Sign Up buttons below, or contact <u>LPUMCMissions@gmail.com</u>.

OUR Center Meal

Hope Meal

The Missions Team will meet Tuesday, May 7, 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 & invited.

Sunday, May 12



Sunday, May 26—Memorial Day

Our Summer worship schedule begins with one service at 9:30 a.m. This runs through Labor Day weekend (Sept. 1).





United Women in Faith will have their monthly board meeting on Saturday, May 4th at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This meeting is for officers but everyone is invited.

The monthly day time meeting will be held on Thursday, May 9th at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will be focusing on the history of Mother's Day and have a craft planned. A snack will be provided. All ladies are invited.

The monthly evening Esther Circle meeting will be held on Thursday, May 16th. We may have another dinner and if so, the time will be 6 p.m. The program will be the same as the day time meeting. Watch for Sunday bulletins and weekly reminder emails for details on this meeting.

The Peaks Pikes Peak District "A Day Together" annual meeting will be held on Saturday, June 1st at Broomfield United Methodist Church. It will be from 9:30 to 2:30. The charge is \$10 a person which covers a continental breakfast and lunch. The theme will be mental health, specifically focusing on loneliness. If you wish to register, please contact Jan Spitler at inanspitler@gmail.com or 720-204-6583. The

registration deadline is May 30th. Carpooling will be available.

UWF is in the early planning stages of a tea. It will probably be held sometime in June. Watch for further details coming soon.

Blessings, Jan Spitler



News From the Leadership Board

Updates from the Board meeting from April 8, 2024.

Our Spiritual formation for this month was on Journeys into the wilderness - be that literal or in this case, the uncharted territory of new leadership and new ways to do things to help spread God's love and grow His Kingdom. Thank you, Blaise, for guiding us through this discussion.

Also, thanks to Caren, who led us through continued discussion on the book "Canoeing the Mountains" and how these chapters (4-6) relate to re-building our church for the purposes God has planned.

We continue to work on outlining the "guiding principles" that will allow the church to run daily activities with limited involvement but in a responsible and accountable way.

On April 21, we had a recognition for 2023 volunteers. If you were not in attendance, please take time to say thank you to those who have served this church in the past - we would not be where we are without them!

Lastly, as part of our covenants to you and each other as board members, we are entering into prayer-partner relationships to hold each other up and bring God closer. If you have prayer needs please do not hesitate to contact the prayer chain or if you have a more private request, we are happy to pray for you as well, just contact one of your board members.

Your Leadership Board.

Barb Huner (Chair), Caren King, Phil Wilson, Susie Sisson, Blaise Stephanus, John Mees, Bruce Richardson, Stacy Dewitt, Roberta Shanahan, and Rev. Jeremiah Harris

Bible Studies and other groups

Mondays:

7 p.m. (on Zoom) – Ladies Bible Study: We are finishing up the book *Irresistible: Reclaiming the New that Jesus Unleashed for the World* by Andy Stanley. We expect to start a new study on May 6: *52 Weeks with Jesus. Fall in Love with the One Who Changed Everything,* by James Merritt. If you would like to join us, please notify Lina at lina.liken@gmail.com.

Wednesdays:

10 a.m. - Quilt Group . Meets in God's Harbor

Thursdays:

10 a.m. – Ladies' Bible Study on The Book of Matthew.

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) – Book study on *Outdoing Jesus:* Seven Ways to Live Out the Promise of 'Greater Than' by Doug Pagitt. It is a great follow-on from the study of the book of John and has some really good discussions on how we can take the teachings of Jesus from John and extend them to what we can do to further the Kingdom of God on earth. Please contact

Worship Attendance:

Date:	9 a.m.	10:45 a.m.	Online:
March 31	135	152	78
April 7	77	43	79
April 14	109	44	80
April 21	109	52	55

Bruce Armstrong at brucearmstrong1213@gmail.com for further information and to get on the weekly Zoom link.

Happy Birthday!

May 1	Dallas Powell	
May 2	Avery LeBlanc	
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 20	Tom Schaeffer	
May 22	Kate Bogle	
May 23	Nick Pekarek	
May 27	Becky Everitt	
May 31	Gege Young	

Finance:

	Mar. '24	Mar. '23	2024 YTD
Income:	\$32,888	\$28,620	\$104,994
Expense:	\$35,543	\$39,022	\$103,197

Three ways you can donate to Longs Peak UMC with your normal everyday spending:

- 1: Kings Soopers Rewards: If you shop at King Soopers using their loyalty program, you can link LPUMC with your account. Longs Peak receives 5% back on every purchase you make. In 2023, we made \$1786 in rewards. It's easy to sign up: sign into your King Soopers account. Click on "Community Rewards" and search for Longs Peak United Methodist Church or TW440 and enroll the church as your organization.
- 2. IGive.com: Turn your online shopping and searching into much-needed donations:

www.iGive.com/LongsPeakUnitedMethodistChurch

3. RaiseRight App: if you use egift cards, you can purchase many of them through the RaiseRight™ app. If you sign up with LPUMC, we earn a percentage of your purchase. Scan the QR code to get set up.

