



June Connection

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Monday – Thursday
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Summer Worship Schedule

Sundays at 9:30 a.m.
(Runs through Labor Day
Weekend)

Livestream and recorded
services are available on
YouTube:

[https://www.youtube.com/
@LongsPeakUMC](https://www.youtube.com/@LongsPeakUMC)

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Staff:

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July Newsletter Deadline: June 17

Please send any articles
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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



"I will lead the blind by ways they have not known, along unfamiliar paths I will guide them; I will turn the darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth. These are the things I will do; I will not forsake them" - Isaiah 42:16

Happy Summer Longs Peak Family!

For me the beginning of Summer always yields both anticipation and excitement. Perhaps this is a remnant from my youth when I would look towards the end of school and dream of new adventures. As we enter into the summer, I again am feeling the winds of change. As a church we are being led in new directions as we celebrate the ministries and joy that Katie and Angelique have brought us, and we will surely miss them. While at the same time, we might wonder what's next for Longs Peak. Where is GOD leading us? Who will GOD bring into our lives next? While there is the excitement of possibility, there also comes with it the shadow side of uncertainty. It's during times such as these that I find it necessary to take a step back from my own worry and remember that GOD will guide us even when the path is unfamiliar.

The leadership board is active in the process of hiring for a new pianist, and at the same time they are crafting a job description for someone who will help to coordinate church programs. In addition, the COVID-19 pandemic has shown us that our digital presence is extremely important for connecting folks to the church. No longer are the days in which someone attends for the first time, and has not already looked us up online. So, we are also looking at a part-time position to help in this area. All this is to say, that we don't know how it will all turn out, or who we will get, yet we need to trust that we are being led in new ways to reach new people. Therefore, we may remember the words of Isaiah as a source of trust for GODs leadership into the unknown.

Here are a few highlights for the month of June. Memorial Day weekend kicks off our Summer worship time of one service at 9:30 a.m., until we return to our two service times the week following Labor Day weekend. On June 9th the leadership board will have a Town-hall meeting to discuss the work of the board, as well as to discuss the challenges and opportunities that are before us as the future for our congregation. June 20-23 will be our Annual Conference gathering of delegates from Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, and Montana, to be held in Casper WY. (cont. on next page)

From the Pastor's Desk (cont.)

Beloved Church, it is a blessing to journey this path with you. Though we don't have all the answers, we do have each other to lean on and encourage as we grow forward as a reflection of God's kingdom on earth.

Yours in Christ,

Jeremiah Harris



June Mission Collection Focus

This month our Collection Focus is the Community Market at the OUR Center. The Outreach United Resource Center, Inc. (OUR Center) helps people move toward self-sufficiency by unifying community resources. It has provided critical services such as food, clothing, housing, and utilities to help families achieve self-reliance since 1986. It offers “a hand up, not a hand out” to residents of the St. Vrain Valley School District of Colorado. To learn more, see the information on the Missions Tower Bulletin Board, or visit their website: www.ourcenter.org

If you would like to contribute, we suggest **cereal** as an item to donate. Other top needs from their website are canned beans (pinto, garbanzo, refried); canned fruits and vegetables, and healthy snacks. Place any donations in the collection barrel outside the sanctuary doors, or the blue wheelbarrow in Fellowship Hall. Thank you!!

Please join in during Fellowship time on **Sunday, June 9th**, to assemble TAG Bags with all the supplies donated during May!

Missions Meals

On June 8 (Saturday) we will provide lunch at the [OUR Center](#) Community Cafe; and on June 29 (Wednesday) 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](#)

[Hope Meal](#)

The Missions Team will meet Tuesday, June 4, 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.



United
Women
in Faith

United Women in Faith will have a District Meeting called "A Day Together" on June 1st. It will be at Parker UMC from 9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. The focus will be mental health, specifically loneliness. The cost is \$20 to cover breakfast and lunch. The registration deadline is May 30th. To register and get carpooling information, contact Jan Spitler at janaspitler@gmail.com or 720-204-6583.

Also, please join us in the Fellowship Hall after the service on June 30th for ice cream and all the fixings.

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, OCT. 19TH
FOR A ONE-DAY RETREAT FOR
THOSE WHO IDENTIFY AS WOMEN
FROM LONGS PEAK UMC &
FIRST UMC LOVELAND.

REGISTRATION OPENS IN
EARLY SEPTEMBER WITH MORE
DETAILS TO FOLLOW SOON.



News From the Leadership Board

Updates from the Board meeting from May 15, 2024.

Our Spiritual formation for this month was on listening to God “nudges” and being more aware of them. Thank you, Bruce, for guiding us through this discussion.

Thanks to Roberta, who led us through continued discussion on the book “Canoeing the Mountains” and how these chapters (7-10) relate to establishing what is unique and important about our church, how to identify potential opportunities for outreach and preparing for implementation. Remembering that our Mission is at the heart of the change and the mission should always be the top priority.

We approved of our “Guiding Principles” yet understand that this is a living document that will be frequently re-visited and updated as needed; especially at the leadership retreat to take place in September.

On May 19, we had a recognition and reception for Katie as she begins to transition out of her current role. We are thrilled about this opportunity for her but will miss her as a staff member. Lucky for us— we still get to keep her and her family with us, so we do not have to miss HER!

An ongoing and significant concern is that we are trying to navigate building/facility needs and repairs. A team leader or project manager for these would be wonderful – we are praying that someone will step forward to embrace this role soon. Until then please let us know if you see anything of concern. We do still have a team to address these issues, just not a leader to coordinate them. Put simply we want your brain not your brawn!

Lastly, please do not forget to attend the upcoming Town Hall meeting to be held after church on June 9; remember in the summer there is only one service at 9:30 a.m. This will be a great opportunity to put faces with names of your Board members and learn more about what we are doing to help “make new disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world” (our church mission statement).

Your Leadership Board.

Barb Huner (Chair), Caren King, Phil Wilson, Susie Sisson, Blaise Sephanus, 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 studying: **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.likem@gmail.com.

Wednesdays:

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

Thursdays:

10 a.m. – Ladies' Bible Study and Fellowship. Contact Jan Spittler for more information and our schedule.

Saturdays:

7:30 a.m. – Men's Group. For more information contact Steve Gaffney at stvnngffn@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. Please contact Bruce Armstrong at brucearmstrong1213@gmail.com for further information and to get on the weekly Zoom link.

Happy Birthday!

June 1	Becky Champlin Christopher Kittilson
June 8	Evelyn Fontanez Mike Grine
June 9	Cinda Ritter
June 11	Jane Carlson
June 15	Scott Anderson
June 16	Mark Cowley
June 17	Denise Gaffney
June 18	Clay Douglas
June 19	Greg Kittilson Rick Stewart
June 20	Olivia Eklof Roger Wisehart
June 24	Phil Henry
June 30	Roger Driver Steve Mudd

Worship Attendance:

Date:	9 a.m.	10:45 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	Online:
April 28	90	56	-	52
May 5	-	-	118	92
May 12	78	31	-	70
May 19	78	40	-	82
May 26	-	-	97	-

Finance:

	Apr. '24	Apr. '23	2024 YTD
Income:	\$20,650	\$35,821	\$125,673
Expense:	\$31,408	\$33,146	\$133,755

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.

