



# October Connection

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### November Newsletter

Deadline: October 21

Please send any articles to:  
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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



<sup>18</sup> Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." – Matthew 28:18-20

Quick, without looking, can you recite LPUMC's Mission statement? If not, I will give you a hint, we have been using the same mission statement as the greater United Methodist Church. So, can you recall the UMC's mission statement? If you need a reminder, it's "to make new disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World." You will notice at the root of this mission statement is The Great Commission found in Matthew 28, in which Jesus gives the disciples their marching orders for spreading the gospel of the GOD's kingdom. Mission statements are important to the fruitfulness of any organization, as they provide the unit of measure to determine the overall success of the mission. After all, as a church, we are either reaching new people as a result of our mission or we are not. Mission statements also hold us accountable for keeping to the sole purpose of our mission. There are many great opportunities to provide care to our world, yet we often can't do them all. An example of a famous mission statement that does what it states is Google: "To organize the world's information and make it universally accessible and useful."

This past month our leadership board spent time at a retreat looking at our vision (Invite, Embrace, Nurture, and Serve) along with our core values (WORSHIP – Excellence in preaching, teaching, and music, FELLOWSHIP – community, and PRAYER) and reflecting on how these vision and values drive our congregation's mission. While there is nothing wrong with the denomination's mission statement, it was determined that LPUMC should have our own mission statement which better reflects who we are as a congregation. After some wordsmithing, the board intends to approve the following mission statement for Longs Peak United Methodist Church "Lives changing through Christ-serving all with love." While it might sound trivial to debate the merits of the UMC mission statement versus our own, what is most important is do we as the congregation live into our mission? I would love to hear from you: both your thoughts on the mission statement, as well as your suggestions how we might grow to be more effective in our mission to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ. Church, it is a joyful blessing to be in ministry together as we strive to live into the charge of The Great Commission.

In Christ,

Pastor Jeremiah



**The Missions Team will meet Tuesday, October 1, 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.



## **OCTOBER MISSION FOCUS - Fire Kits for UMC Disaster Response**

Our focus for October is the Fire Kits that are put together and distributed in time of need by the Disaster Response Team (DRT) that is based at Johnstown UMC. This DRT works in coordination with the Mountain Sky District as the Western Jurisdiction Disaster Response Coordinators. They try to keep materials on hand for 50 Fire Kits and 50 UMCOR Flood Buckets at all times (due to storage and expense). When a need arises, they can typically get them put together and distributed in a couple of days. The Fire Kit buckets are based on the UMCOR standard kits, but adapted and extended based upon feedback they've received from local recipients. The cost of each Fire Kit bucket is around \$120. They contain tools, materials, and safety items needed in cleaning up after a fire, and are distributed to people impacted by wildland or housefires. To see a complete list of what is contained in a Fire Kit see the information on the Missions Tower bulletin board in the narthex, or you can view the [Johnstown UMC website](#). You can support the work of the Disaster Response Team with your prayers, and with monetary donations towards these Fire Kits. To help with our October collection, donate to LPUMC, but make a note in the memo line or on the envelope that it is for "Fire Kits". Thank you!

## **Missions Meals**

On October 12 (Saturday) we will provide lunch at the [OUR Center](#) Community Cafe. On October 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](mailto:LPUMCMissions@gmail.com).

[OUR Center Meal](#)

[Hope Meal](#)

## Craft & Bake Sale, Chili Cook-Off Saturday, Nov. 9th

Please spread the word! The Mission Team's Craft & Bake Sale will be on Saturday, November 9th; 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. This is our annual fundraiser for [The Center for Health and Hope](#). Please be sure to stop by and shop the wonderful handmade items donated by members of the congregation and our surrounding community. There will be lunch available 11 a.m.- 1 p.m. as the United Women in Faith host a Chili Cook-Off (\$8/person). Come cast your vote for your favorite!

### ITEMS & HELP NEEDED!

We are still in need of more donations for the craft and bake sale. Popular items in the past include gift items, cards, Colorado-themed items, Thanksgiving & Christmas season decor & table items. 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 or help, please email [LPUMCMissions@gmail.com](mailto:LPUMCMissions@gmail.com). If you'd like to enter the chili cook-off, please get in touch with Jan Spitler at [janaspitler@gmail.com](mailto:janaspitler@gmail.com). Thanks!!

## A TAPESTRY OF FAITH

*Seeing Ourselves Through God's Eyes*

### A Tapestry of Faith: Seeing Ourselves Through God's Eyes

Women from LPUMC and First UMC Loveland will gather this month at the Grace Place in Berthoud (Saturday, Oct. 19, 8 a.m.-3:45 p.m.). It will be a time to get to know yourself better as you get to know others and their challenges. Through presentations and activities, we'll learn how to more fully trust God and use ideas from the retreat to help create a more beautiful and spiritual life tapestry. Great food and fellowship too!! Our special guest speaker is Lauren Cook, from Resurrection, a United Methodist Church, near Kansas City.

Space is limited, but at the time of this newsletter submission, there were still some open spots. If you are interested in attending, please contact Brenda Henry at [favy@hotmail.com](mailto:favy@hotmail.com) or 209-535-2755. Cost is \$35/person, which includes breakfast, lunch, snacks and all retreat materials.



United  
Women  
in Faith

United Women in Faith will have our monthly board meeting on Saturday, October 5th at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. This meeting is for officers but everyone is welcome to attend.

We will have our monthly general meeting on Thursday, October 10th at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will have a speaker from Wild Plum Center for Young Children and Families located in Longmont. We are looking forward to hearing what they do for our community. A snack will be provided and all ladies are invited.

The Annual Conference Meeting will be held on October 11 and 12th at St. Andrews UMC in Highlands Ranch. Please check out the Mountain Sky UWF website for registration and more information.

Fall weather is almost here and we have several events planned. Watch for the chili cookoff and craft sale in conjunction with the Mission Team in November and Veteran's Day program.

Blessings, Jan Spitler



Longs Peak is starting a 13-week GriefShare session on September 23. 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:** Mondays from September 23 to December 16

**Time:** 6:30 – 8 p.m.

**Where:** Longs Peak United Methodist Church; Rm 130-131

**Cost:** \$20 for GriefShare workbook (scholarships available)

**Facilitators:** Wendy Reed, Kathy Crier, and Jan Spitler

Register online at <http://www.griefshare.org/groups/239030> to order your workbook. If you are unable to register online, contact Wendy Reed at 303-772-3290 or [wlr8555@aol.com](mailto:wlr8555@aol.com). Childcare and transportation can be arranged if needed.



Fall is here and our Halloween Bash is just around the corner! Join us in serving the families of Longmont with a trunk-or-treat, bounce house, games, candy, and food on October 27, 4-6 p.m.

### How can you get involved?

1. **SIGN UP** to volunteer with food service, security, games, or a decorated trunk.
2. **DONATE** candy, Halloween decorations, or funds to make this event possible.
3. **TAKE FLYERS** to hang up around the city or share with a friend.

How will God use you to show our community that Together We All Belong this Halloween? To learn more, contact [Jase@LPUMC.org](mailto:Jase@LPUMC.org) or visit the Halloween Bash info table at the Crossroads.

*Jase Lucas - Program Director*



Our Youth Group is relaunching this fall - and we need your help! We're looking for 3-4 adults (ages 22+) who are willing to chaperone youth gatherings and field trips 1-2 times each quarter. Is God calling you to work with young people? Contact [Jase@LPUMC.org](mailto:Jase@LPUMC.org) to learn more.

# News from the Leadership Board

## Updates from the Board meetings from August 28 and September 20, 2024.

Our spiritual formation for August was about gifts versus talents. Thanks to Caren who gave a leadership formation session on one body many parts – using those gifts.

We are happy to report that Phil Henry has stepped up to take the empty board spot so that we have a full roster again.

Our first annual leadership retreat was held at Longs Peak UMC on Friday night and Saturday, September 20 and 21<sup>st</sup>. We had a great opportunity to meet as a team and plan for the next year. We took the time to introduce two of our new members to the workings of SAS, evaluate our mission statement (as it uses some old and possibly considered outdated language), core values, goals, and covenant to prepare for the work ahead of us.

The retreat started with a spiritual formation on servant leadership led by Jase our facilitator, followed by multiple work sessions- each started with prayer to request the Lord’s presence in our midst and finally ended with a very special and intimate sharing of the Lord's Supper.

We came up with some lofty ideas and goals, however, these need to be refined before they are ready to be “published”. One of the areas that we all agreed may need more exploration is that of keeping you- our congregation- apprised of our workings and goals. We are considering ways to do that along with optimizing our mission outreach through the use of our digital platform, doing more with the Hover community, and supporting growth in the church in general. We focused on dreaming God-sized goals that were God-driven and believe this will have a positive impact on our future as Longs Peak United Methodist Church, as well as in our community and the world.

As well as doing great planning we also came together to get to know each other on a more personal basis and value all ideas- those that mirrored our own as well as those that were in opposition to our own—trying to experiment with the idea of Unity of our Board but NOT Uniformity. Please continue to keep us in your prayers as we strive to seek the Lord’s Will for our church family here at LPUMC.

As always- Thanks to all for your support of YOUR leadership board!

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

### Worship Attendance:

Date:	9 a.m.	10:45 a.m.	Online:
Sept. 8	92	28	61
Sept. 15	90	49	91
Sept. 22	106	24	50

### Finance—August

	Aug. '24	Aug. '23	2024 YTD
Income:	\$19,799	\$30,620	\$231,255
Expense:	\$29,964	\$32,189	\$250,338

\*\* Sept. 1—Neighborhood Block Party: 110\*\*

## Bible Studies and other groups

### Sundays:

**6:30 p.m.** (on Zoom) - We are reading and discussing the book: *Rethinking Life: Embracing the Sacredness of Every Person* by Shane Claiborne. Contact Bruce Armstrong at [brucearmstrong1213@gmail.com](mailto:brucearmstrong1213@gmail.com) for information and the zoom link.

### 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. Zoom link is in the *Weekly Reminders*.

### Wednesdays:

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

### Thursdays:

**10 a.m.** – Ladies' Bible Study (in Fellowship Hall): We are studying the book: *Becoming Heart Sisters* by Natalie Chambers Snapp. Contact Jan Spitler for more information.

### Saturdays:

**7:30 a.m.** – Men's Group. For more information contact Steve Gaffney at [stvnngffn@gmail.com](mailto:stvnngffn@gmail.com) or 303-702-9877.



# October Birthdays

Oct. 2	Bonnie Van Deursen
Oct. 3	Marty Mechtly
Oct. 7	Eleanor Pekarek
Oct. 9	Lisa Osler
Oct. 10	Jeanne Werner
Oct. 12	Carol Monhollen
Oct. 15	Pamela Mills Judy Wilde
Oct. 18	Evan LeBlanc
Oct. 23	Jerry Long
Oct. 24	Gary Bailey Kim Kittilson
Oct. 25	Lee Anderson-Harris Jean Harper
Oct. 27	Sue Bailey
Oct. 28	Jeremiah Harris
Oct. 31	Patrick Coniway

### Four 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](http://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.



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