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LONGS PEAK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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April Connection

LPUMC Info

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Monday – Thursday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Worship Schedule

Sundays at 9 and 10:45 a.m. Services are available on YouTube:

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May Newsletter Deadline: April 21

Please send any articles to: alex@lpumc.org

Council Meeting Update – March 19, 2025

The leadership council meeting began with spiritual formation led by Ellen, reflecting on her journey into retirement and what lay ahead for her. For her it was not only the miles traveled, this was her labyrinth/pilgrimage; going into the labyrinth and letting go of all that keeps us from connecting with God; arriving at the center of the labyrinth, which represents the state of union with God; and then leaving the labyrinth and returning to the world in a new way, accompanied by God.

Roberta led discussion on ways to grow God's church, drawing on insights from Dennis Shaw and Thomas Risager, a Methodist pastor in Denmark. It was enlightening to learn that there are countries that have state run churches.

Over the next month we will be working on the ministry assessment which is due on May 15, 2025. Please feel free to offer insight or thoughts you may have to a board member so that we can get a complete review!

Please plan to attend the April 6th Town Hall Meeting after the second service. We are anxious to get your feedback and input as we plan the year ahead and work together towards our mission of "Lives changing through Christ —serving all with Love."

Our next meeting is set for April 19, 2025, at 4 pm, and we are excited about the continued work ahead. As always, we welcome visitors to watch your board at work and learn with us.

Thank you to everyone for your dedication and prayers as we move forward together.

Your leadership board: Roberta Shanahan (Chair), Caren King, Susie Sisson, Blaise Stephanus, John Mees, Phil Henry, Ellen Fish, Amine Tarhini, Roger Wisehart, and Rev. Jeremiah Harris



Recently, the Missions Team has been working to further our partnership with Longmont Helping Hands.



Easter Baskets for Longmont Helping Hands

This Easter, we are partnering with Longmont Helping Hands to provide Easter Baskets for children (ages 4-12) in our community. With donations from

the congregation, we will be able to meet our goal of filling 55 Easter baskets! Thank-you for your generosity and care.



Longs Peak UMC provides space for a **Longmont Helping Hands Clothing** Pantry (Rm 127). Anyone in need can come get clothing from infant to adult sizes, as well as shoes, bedding, etc. If you would like to be more involved in this mission, volunteers are needed to

fold and sort clothes, and to assist people who come to get clothing. If you are interested in helping in either of these ways, contact Angela Leonard at:

LPUMCMissions@gmail.com



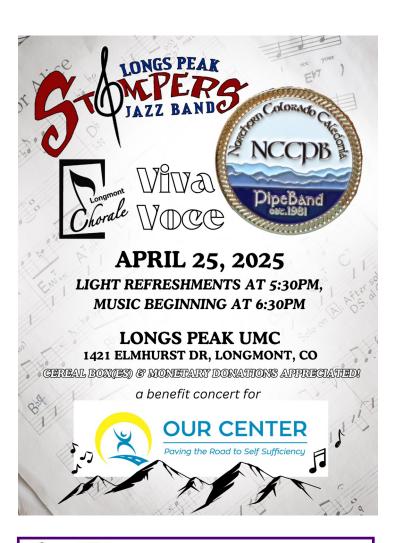
Mission Meals



On Saturday, April 12, we will provide lunch at the OUR Center Community Cafe. On April 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 us at LPUMC@LPUMC.org

OUR Center Meal

Hope Meal





Holy Week at LPUMC

Palm Sunday April 13, 9 & 10:45 am

Maundy Thursday

April 17, 5:30—7 pm

Drop in Communion/Reflection In the Sanctuary

Good Friday

April 18, 7 pm— at Heart of Longmont UMC

Easter Sunday

April 20, 9 & 10:45 am

Easter Egg Hunt between services



SafeTalk Training with Robyn Morgan

Everyone has a family member or friend who they have worried about! Are they thinking about suicide???? How do you know when to be concerned and what to do if they are at risk? Knowing the warning signs and appropriate strategies can save the life of someone you know or love at home, work, or church.

This 3.5-hour training will give you the skills and confidence to be helpful to those you care about. Prevention is the key, so we hope you will join us for this important session. You are encouraged to invite non-Longs Peak friends or family members as well. Anyone 15 or older is invited to participate! The more who participate, the safer we all will be!

Date: Sunday, April 27th, 2025

Time: 12:30-4:00 pm (Due to the nature of the

material, you must be able to attend the

entire class.)

Where: Longs Peak United Methodist Church

Who: Any adult or teens older than 15 years old.

(15-18 need permission slip)

Cost: \$15 to cover materials (but just tell me if

you would like a scholarship and I will

arrange it)

Register: Email Robyn at: robyn22m@yahoo.com and pay at the church office by Monday, April 21st. Cash or check made out to LPUMC with SafeTALK in the memo line.

<u>Pre-registration is required</u> because space is limited, so register asap.

If you have any questions, email Robyn robyn22m@yahoo.com or call Alex in the church office at 303-776-0399.





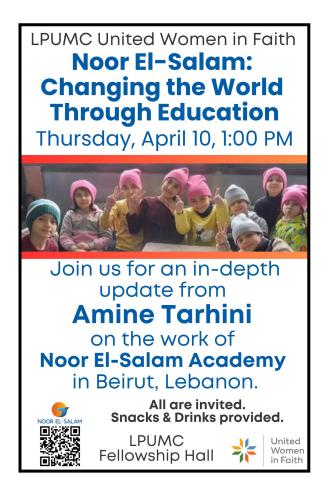
United Women in Faith will have a general meeting on Thursday, April 10th at 1 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Our speaker will

be Amine Tarhini. Amine and his wife Susan are members of LPUMC and they started a school in Lebanon a couple of years ago. Noor El-Salam educates refugee and marginalized children in Lebanon and provides humanitarian relief to Lebanese communities. This will be an interesting and informative talk and we hope many will attend to learn more about this important school. A snack will be provided and all ladies are welcome.

There will be a board meeting on Saturday, April 5th in the Fellowship Hall at 10 am. This is for officers but all are invited to attend.

Also, UWF will be in charge of setting up and cleaning up for the Wednesday, April 2nd potluck dinner. Volunteers are needed. Those who can help should plan on being at the church by 4:30 pm on that day.

In May, for the general meeting on May 8th, our speaker will be Nicole from the City of Longmont. She will talk about how we can be green. We look forward to hearing new ideas.







We continue our 6-part Lenten series: Witness at the Cross. Based on the book by Amy-Jill Levine. Witness at the

Cross is hosted at LPUMC in connection with our friends at Heart of Longmont and Hygiene UMC. Each gathering will begin at 5:30 pm with a potluck meal. Check out the themes below:

- April 2: Handheld Foods
- April 9: Snack Foods

Can't bring a potluck dish? That's ok, too! We will provide extra and invite everyone to break bread together.

Camp Scholarships for school-aged people

Longs Peak United Methodist Church is excited to offer financial support for young people in elementary, middle, or high school to attend Christian camps or mission trips in 2025. Applications are available at the Welcome Center and are due to the church office no later than April 13, 2025. A limited number of scholarships will be awarded to applicants by the church staff by April 15, and recipients' guardians will be notified by email. Funds will be issued by check directly to the camp or missions organization after April 15. For more information, please contact Jase@LPUMC.org.



This month in Sunday School, we're learning about Easter - Jesus' death and resurrection. Here's a tiny glimpse of what our kids will be hearing from God's Word.

April 6 - People Celebrate Jesus (Luke 19:28-40)

April 13 - We will not have Sunday School on Palm Sunday, April 13. Our Kids Handbell Choir is performing and children are invited to worship with their adults.

April 20 - Jesus Is Alive! (Matthew 27:45-28:10)

April 27 - The Israelites Cross the Jordan River (Joshua 3–4) For more information about Sunday School, contact Jase@LPUMC.org.

High school students and college-age adults are invited to join us for the final SHINE Students gathering of the season on Sunday, April 6, at 10am. We'll be discussing



serving others and how we can be God's hands and feet for our community this summer.

For more information about SHINE Students, contact Jase@LPUMC.org.



Families are celebrating Resurrection Day with an Easter Egg Hunt at LPUMC! How can you get involved?

- ◆ Donate plastic eggs, candy (no chocolate please), or small trinkets in The Crossroads through Palm Sunday.
- Contact Jase@LPUMC.org to volunteer for Easter Sunday.
- Invite your family and friends to participate at 10am on April 20!



Bible Studies and other groups

Sundays:

6:30 p.m. (on Zoom) - We are starting a new 10 week study on the Sermon on the Mount on March 30 at 6:30 pm. We will be using the tools and videos from the Bible Project. I participated in a year-long podcast deep study of the Sermon on the Mount from the Bible Project last year and learned a lot. So I thought it might be good to pass it along to my favorite group of friends. Please contact Bruce Armstrong at brucearmstrong1213@gmail.com to get the Zoom link each week.

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 stvngffn@gmail.com or 303-702-9877.

Worship Attendance

Date:	9 a.m.	10:45 a.m.	Online:
Mar. 2	94	25	63
Mar. 9	92	30	83
Mar. 16	105	26	49
Mar. 23	90	28	47

April Birthdays

Seth Hagedorn

Katie Pekarek

Sauvren Reddick

Nadine Nelson

Arlene Stiller

Brenda Peterson Pieper

Linda Cochran

Susan Cooper

Stephany Larsen

Tami Moin

Pat Schaeffer

Sandy Stewart

Pat Orrell

Kevin Osler

Parker Steinmetz

Amanda Billow

Judy Scrimshire

Joy Long

Melissa Hornbaker

Finance:

	Feb. '25	Feb. '24	YTD:
Income:	\$29,331	\$40,246	\$73,336
Expense:	\$37,070	\$34,239	\$74,606

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. We have earned \$1690 in rewards this year. 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. Click on this link www.iGive.com/ LongsPeakUnitedMethodistChurch and then shop at your favorite online stores.
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- 4. **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.