



# July 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)  
Services are available on  
YouTube:

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

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### **August Newsletter**

#### **Deadline:**

**July 15**

Please send any articles  
to: [alex@lpumc.org](mailto:alex@lpumc.org)

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



*"Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me." - Matthew 10:40*

Greetings of peace and blessings in the name of Christ Jesus,

It gives me great joy to announce that, as of July 1, Bishop Karen Oliveto has appointed me to serve the community of Longmont, pastoring alongside you, the beloved family of Longs Peak United Methodist Church. I guess you're stuck with me for another year! This fills me with great joy, as I feel we are on the precipice of revitalizing our church with new and exciting ministries. You may have heard that a women's retreat is in the works for this fall. LPUMC has hired a new pianist, whom you will be meeting later this month. The board is working on filling two new job descriptions: one for a program director, and another for someone to help boost our online presence and experience. We have some great ideas in the works to help grow and sustain the future of LPUMC so that some of our best days are yet to come!

As you likely know, I have just returned from the Mountain Sky Annual Conference held this past week in Casper, WY. This is the annual gathering of delegates from each of our churches in Colorado, Utah, Montana, and Wyoming, and it's always a joy to reconnect with old friends and colleagues. In fact, it was a personal blessing for Lee and I to share an Airbnb house with Steve Easterday-McPadden! (By the way, he sends his love and greetings to LPUMC!) With over 15+ years of annual conferences under my belt, I have to say that this was the first conference I have experienced that had a palpable sense of levity as, for the first time, the denomination truly leans into the tagline adopted in 2001, of Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors, with the removal of the harmful language in the Book of Discipline towards the LGBTQ community. The conference modeled an inclusive community in which everyone has a place at the table as we gathered and worshiped alongside Arapaho and Cheyenne descendant survivors of the Sand Creek Massacre, members of the Tongan, Black, and Asian congregations, and delegates of every spectrum of economic background, age, gender, mental health, physical ability, race, and sexuality. What connected each person was a desire to live into God's grace to create a space where we all belong together, and once we got to the voting, the delegation illustrated and leaned into John Wesley's value of "though we may not think alike, may we not love alike?" The conference proved that unity does not mean uniformity, but together we all belong. I am proud to say that as a United Methodist, it's by God's grace alone that we as the church are one in Christ!

This 2024 Mountain Sky Annual Conference also marked Bishop Karen Oliveto's eighth

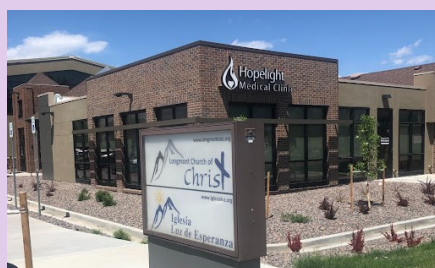
and final year as a bishop before entering into retirement. Consequently, later this month, the Western Jurisdiction will appoint a new bishop to our Mountain Sky Conference. I will keep you apprised of developments and resources as our conference welcomes our new bishop. Beloved church, thank you for being a true church family. I have always felt that LPUMC embodies radical hospitality at its very core. This was evident early this spring when a young homeless man joined us for worship on a Sunday morning. During his visit, I witnessed you—the church—warm, feed, clothe, and welcome him. You gave him not only tangible items but also the dignity of feeling that he mattered and belonged in our community. Well done, Church!

Your Brother in Christ,

Jeremiah Harris



**The Missions Team will meet Tuesday, July 2, 5:30 pm** at the church, in God's Harbor. This [Zoom link](#) is available, if you prefer to attend via Zoom. All are welcome & invited.



### July Mission Focus—HOPELIGHT MEDICAL CLINIC

Housed at the Longmont Church of Christ on Collyer St, Hopelight Medical Clinic provides low cost or free primary care in an outpatient setting. The clinic provides family medicine care for all members of the family. Their goal is to develop ongoing relationships between their patients and Hopelight; and to be a compassionate medical provider for members of the greater Longmont community who are uninsured, are on Medicaid / Medicare, or do not have access to other providers regardless of their background, creed or beliefs. This includes young adults, families with children, and adults with chronic diseases.

To learn more, visit their website: [www.hopelightclinic.org](http://www.hopelightclinic.org) Brochures and more information are also available on the Missions Board.

**For the month of July we are collecting:** Over the counter allergy medicine (Claritin, Flonase, and similar generics); Children's Advil & Tylenol (or similar generics); Children's band-aids; Hand braces (S,M,L); Finger Splints; Compression socks (S,M,L) & Portable Automatic Blood Pressure Cuffs. If you would like to contribute, please place your donations in the collection barrel near the sanctuary doors – items will be removed promptly.

There is a larger item on Hopelight's wishlist: a privacy screen for one of their exam rooms. If you would like to contribute financially, please donate to LPUMC with a note that it is for Hopelight.

### Missions Meals

On July 13 (Saturday) we will provide lunch at the [OUR Center](#) Community Cafe; and on July 29 (Monday) 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) . 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](#)

**Calling all Crafters, Bakers & Canners:** We will be having a Craft & Bake Sale again this fall (November 9th) as our annual fundraiser for the [Center for Health and Hope](#). More details to come, but we wanted to give you plenty of time to start planning and crafting.

**SAVE THE DATE!  
SATURDAY, OCT. 19**

**“A Tapestry of Faith: Seeing Ourselves Through God’s Eyes”**

A one-day retreat for those who identify as women from LPUMC and First UMC Loveland.

Get away for a day of spiritual growth, Christian fellowship, music, and an inspirational guest speaker, at Grace Place in Berthoud from 8am to 3:45pm.

Registration opens in early September.

Stay tuned for more details.

Questions? Email Robyn at [robyn22m@yahoo.com](mailto:robyn22m@yahoo.com)



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 – 8:00 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 Spittler

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.



**News From the Leadership Board**

Updates from the Board meeting from June 12, 2024.

A huge thank you to all of you who attended the June Town Hall meeting. We feel it was a remarkable success and hope to hold more of these to keep you informed and get your feedback. A special thanks to Margorie Hanson, who took the time to collate all your responses to make it easier for board members to review.

Our Spiritual formation for this month was on listening to God during prayer and more follow-up on those things that God places on your heart. Acts of care, concern, and innovation may all be calls from God for action- be open to these nudges. Thank you, Phil, for leading this discussion.

Thanks to John, who led us through continued discussion on the book “Canoeing the Mountains;” these chapters (11-12) discussed relationships and resistance. How to manage and embrace both.

We spent much of our time in discussion of the outcomes of the General Conference and how that affects our personal community. We acknowledge that we are an open and affirming community but realize that not all will eagerly embrace this change. As such we are going to proceed slowly with signage (both on the church window and on-line platforms) to indicate this. We encourage interested parties to look for opportunities of exploration and discovery; anyone interested in forming mission committees on this topic (or any topic that you feel strongly about) should feel free to contact Barb Huner or Pastor Jeremiah for information on how to proceed.

We continue the work of repairs on the north parking lot entrance and on hiring new staff. We anticipate looking for both a program’s director and an IT person to help beef up our on-line presence. We know that we are missing opportunities by not actively addressing those issues. Thus, through prayer and good advertising (including word of mouth) we are confident that we will find the right fit for our staffing needs.

Whew- quite the busy month--- Thanks to all for your support of 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](mailto: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 Spitler for more information and our schedule.

### Saturdays:

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

### Worship Attendance:

Date:	9:30 a.m.	Online:
June 2	136	99
June 9	118	48
June 16	105	45
June 23	101	67

### Finance:

	May '24	May '23	2024 YTD
Income:	\$29,877	\$26,907	\$156,052
Expense:	\$32,965	\$32,414	\$167,219

# Happy Birthday!

July 2	Robyn Morgan
July 6	Glen Shanahan
July 7	Scott Stockert
July 8	Joanne Kunselman Dick Young
July 12	Jeff Linroth
July 14	Nate Marshall
July 15	Rowanna Bobo
July 16	Patrick Shanahan
July 17	Michelle Crain
July 19	Bridget Hauger
July 21	Avis Davis
July 22	Helen Douglas
July 25	Peter Zigterman
July 26	Darlene DelPizzo
July 28	Jack Crow
July 30	Angela Leonard Lew Scrimshire
July 31	Karen Charles Nancy Rezac

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

- 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.
- iGive.com:** Turn your online shopping and searching into much-needed donations: [www.iGive.com/LongsPeakUnitedMethodistChurch](http://www.iGive.com/LongsPeakUnitedMethodistChurch)
- RaiseRight App:** if you use e-gift 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.

