



August Connection

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Monday – Thursday
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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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September Newsletter

Deadline:

August 19

Please send any articles
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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



You didn't choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you could go and produce fruit and so that your fruit could last. As a result, whatever you ask the Father in my name, he will give you. -John 15:16

Happy August LPUMC,

I pray that you are all getting some time to restore your souls through vacations, or just slowing down during the lazy days of late summer. As I briefly re-capped in the July newsletter, this summer has been a time of transition for us in the Mountain Sky Conference. We said goodbye to Bishop Karen Oliveto at the conclusion of this past June's Annual Conference. Then in July was the Western Jurisdictional Conference. The Western Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church encompasses the eight westernmost regional conferences of the United States, including United Methodist churches in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, Guam, and other territory in the Pacific region. This is Jurisdictional gathering was noteworthy as two new Bishops were to be elected to serve somewhere in the United States. At this point, I will allow the public relations person of the Mountain Sky Conference to introduce you to Bishop Stoneking.

Keep cool church, and stay tuned for exciting things coming up for Labor Day Weekend!

Yours in Christ,
Jeremiah





As the Mountain Sky Conference, we are delighted to welcome our incoming bishop, Bishop Kristin Stoneking.



Earlier this month, the delegates to the Western Jurisdiction Conference prayed, discussed, and discerned episcopal leadership for our jurisdiction. Two new bishops were elected and consecrated: Bishop Stoneking and Bishop Sandy Olewine. In the words of Bishop Karen, “We give thanks to God for the mantle of leadership these two individuals have taken on.”

Bishop Stoneking has served churches in Kansas and California. In addition, she has been a campus minister at UC Davis, was the Executive Director of the Fellowship for Reconciliation, served as a District Superintendent as well as the Director of Ministry Innovation and Congregational Development in the California-Nevada Annual Conference, and most recently was appointed as the Associate Professor of United Methodist Studies and Leadership at Pacific School of Religion. She holds a PhD from the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley.

She is married to Elizabeth Campi and they have two young adult children, John and Paloma. John is pursuing a PhD in Austin, Texas and Paloma is a rising freshman in college. The bishop also smiles when she speaks about the family’s two dogs, “Rusty” and “Joni Mitchell” as well as her cat, “Stevie Nicks”.

As a family, they love live music, hiking and [good news for the Mountain Sky] traveling. Personally, for Bishop Stoneking, pleasure is found in reading and in her words, “work”.

Our new bishop has ties to our conference. She credits her childhood friend, who lives in Colorado, as one of the people she looks forward to spending quality time with and anticipates participating in activities she’s watched from afar — our conference’s passion for a mission-focused, active community.

We asked Bishop Stoneking for one thing she appreciates about the Mountain Sky and she said, “I see and feel your abundance of love.”

The bishop will begin her duties officially on September 1, 2024.



The Missions Team will meet Tuesday, August 6, 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.

AUGUST MISSION FOCUS- My Book Pal, Inc.

For the month of August, we will again be collecting coloring books (non gender specific, please) and 24 count boxes of coloring crayons for My Book Pal Inc. My Book Pal Inc is a local non profit that gives literacy materials to 1st graders in local Title 1 schools. We are excited that we have added a third school for the upcoming school year, which means we can help more children learn to love to read and improve their reading skills!

We were able to provide materials to around 118 children this past school year. To date, we have given out over 3,300 books as well as about 232 coloring books/boxes of crayons. One school said getting these literacy bags has become a highlight of first grade!

A BIG THANK YOU for all the items you have donated the past several years – we know the children have appreciated getting their own books as well as the coloring books and crayons which give them a little something to keep them busy during school breaks.

Check out www.my-book-pal.org for more information.

Thank you!!

Missions Meals

On August 10 (Saturday) we will provide lunch at the [OUR Center](#) Community Cafe; and on August 29 (Thursday) 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](#)

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.



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. Childcare and transportation can be arranged if needed.



News From the Leadership Board

Updates from the Board meeting from July 10, 2024.

Our Spiritual formation for this month was on listening first and acting/speaking after calm deliberation – self-control. Discussed examples of points of conflict that would not have turned out well if self-control were not accomplished. Thank you to Susie for leading this discussion.

Thanks to Stacey, who led us through continued discussion on the book “Canoeing the Mountains;” these chapters (13-14) were mostly a review of the book and conclusions. New leadership development to be determined.

We are sad to have Bruce resign from the board due to personal commitments- we will need a replacement quickly – only 18 months remain in this position. Thank you to the nominations committee for starting this process and for starting to look for planned changes in the board for 2025. PLEASE consider volunteering for this incredibly special work- contact any board member if you have interest or questions.

Thank you to Marjorie Hansen who is going to work on updating the website while we are looking for someone to do this officially. We regret that the pianist that was hired had a change of plans and will not be coming after all, so we continue to look for THREE staff members- a pianist, a program director, and an IT person. Please let us know if you have any questions or a lead on someone who might fill these positions.

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, Bruce Richardson, Stacy Dewitt, Roberta Shanahan, and Rev. Jeremiah Harris

A TAPESTRY OF FAITH

Seeing Ourselves Through God's Eyes

A Retreat for the Women of Longs Peak UMC & FUMC Loveland

This retreat journey will help you know yourself better as you get to know others and their challenges. Through presentations and activities, you will learn how to more fully trust God and use ideas from the retreat to help you create a more beautiful and spiritual life tapestry. Great food and fellowship too!!



Special Guest Speaker—LAUREN COOK

Program Director for

“Resurrection, A United Methodist Church,” near Kansas City

- **Date:** Saturday, October 19, 2024
- **Time:** 8 am-3:45 pm (PLEASE only register if you are available for the entire day)
- **Where:** Grace Place, 375 Meadowlark Dr., Berthoud, CO (Carpooling available)
- **Who:** Anyone age 18 or older who identifies as a woman from LPUMC or FUMC Loveland
- **Cost:** \$35 per person includes breakfast, lunch, snacks and all retreat materials
- **Scholarships:** Available to anyone who indicates need on the registration form
- **Child Care:** Financial assistance for childcare will be available upon request

Registration Process

****Space is limited to a total of 60 participants (30 per church), so the following process is necessary to be fair to everyone:

Registration Opens: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3rd at NOON

Two Ways to Register:

1. Email your name and your church name to Brenda Henry at: favy@hotmail.com OR
2. Call and leave a voice message with Brenda Henry at 209-535-2755 with your name, your church name, your best phone number, and your email address if you have one.

EACH EMAIL OR CALL CAN ONLY REGISTER ONE PERSON

After receiving your time stamped email or call, we will then notify you that your space is reserved **OR that you are on the wait-list. If your space is reserved you will receive a registration form with instructions for how to pay and complete the signup process.

General Retreat Questions: Contact Robyn Morgan at robyn22m@yahoo.com or 303-588-7804

Registration Questions: Contact Brenda Henry at favy@hotmail.com or 209-535-2755

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

Worship Attendance:

Date:	9:30 a.m.	Online:
June 30	118	45
July 7	127	54
July 14	122	54
July 21	100	60
July 28	111	43

Finance:

	June '24	June '23	2024 YTD
Income:	\$35,007	\$24,744	\$192,844
Expense:	\$25,930	\$32,519	\$193,149

Happy Birthday!

August 1	Karl Bogle Lyn Dines Ellen Fish Lexi Opatril
August 2	Kris Simpson
August 5	Wendy Reed
August 8	Morgan Fisher
August 11	Darlene Chilson Jessica Miller
August 14	Bruce Larsen
August 15	Shirley Roberts
August 17	Danielle Hagedorn
August 23	Karen Bunker
August 28	Alex Anderson Stacy DeWitt
August 31	Tom Charles

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
- 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.

