

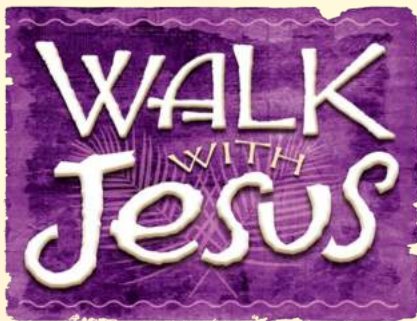
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Walk With Jesus ~ an Easter Event for everyone!

Bring the Easter story to life!



Join us for an unforgettable multi-generational experience this Easter!

Follow in Jesus' footsteps from His triumphant entry into Jerusalem through His glorious resurrection.

This truly unique experience will fill you with excitement, fear, sadness, and unimaginable joy!

Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019 @ 8:30 am. Meet us in the Gallery and you'll be directed on where to go from there!

CODE OF CONDUCT



In January of this year (2019), the Heart of Longmont SPR Team (Staff Parish Relations) created a code of conduct for all church employees and volunteers. To view the document, go to <https://heartoflongmont.org/charter-documents/>.

Upcoming Events

- April 14 – Palm Sunday Service @ 10am
- April 14 – Painting Party in Wesley Hall @ 11am
- ~~April 17 – Feeding Our Souls Dinner Cancelled~~
- April 18 – Maundy Thursday Service @ 7pm
- April 19 – Good Friday Service @ 7pm
- April 21 – Walk With Jesus @ 8:30am
- April 21 – Easter Sunday Service @ 10am
- June 3-6 – Vacation Bible School 8:30 am to noon

Join the 'I Dream a Church' Conversation on Zoom!



April 5, 2019

Dear beloved members of the Mountain Sky Conference,

The vote at General Conference has rocked the United Methodist world. In churches throughout our conference, I have heard much grief, pain, and anger as the church we've loved and supported – which also loved and supported us – was broken in St. Louis, possibly beyond repair. It feels to many as if the essentials of our United Methodist ethos have been voted out and the church no longer rests on its theological foundations.

What does this mean for you, your local church and our conference? What future are we being called to?

While it feels as if we are in a Good Friday period of mourning, God never leaves us in the tomb for long. Resurrection happens. Love bursts out of the tomb bringing God's promise of new life. What new life are we being called to?

We are in a liminal state as a church at this moment – between death and new life,

between grief and joy, between despair and hope. Like any family, it is time for us to come together and share our perspectives – no matter where we are geographically or theologically – for it is in that place of Holy Conferencing that God speaks to us.

I invite you to a Zoom call on Easter Monday, April 22 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. MDT. During this time, we will learn where the denomination is at this historic moment. And then we will turn to one another and listen to how the Spirit has been speaking to each of us as we share our thoughts on the church's future. What do you dream for your church? What visions do you hold for its future in ministry and mission?

I hope you can join us for this session. Simply sign up online (<https://rmcumc-email.brtaapp.com/DUm3Fb8GLISiP39sAXJD8cTcfi3YeCWYApFoc1Abxlisy92NbKTGRy6Sz62enRk8M>)

and you will receive login information for our session. Your voice is critical as we learn from one another and create a picture together of the future to which God calls us.

I look forward to our conversation.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Karen P. Oliveto'.

Bishop Karen

Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.

~1 Peter 5:6

The significance and value of Palm Sunday



1) God's Word tells us the people cut palm branches and waved them in the air, laid them out on the ground before Jesus as He rode into the city. The palm branch represented goodness and victory and was symbolic of the final victory He would soon fulfill over death.

"O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" [1 Cor. 15:55](#)

2) Jesus chose to ride in on a donkey, which directly fulfilled Old Testament prophecy of [Zech. 9:9](#). In Biblical times, it was common for kings or important people to arrive by a procession riding on a donkey. The donkey symbolized peace, so those who chose to ride them showed that they came with peaceful intentions. Jesus even then reminded us that He is the Prince of Peace. *"Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey."* [Zech. 9:9](#)

3) When the people shouted "Hosanna!" they were hailing Christ as King. That word actually means "save now," and though in their own minds they waited for an earthly king, God had a different way in mind of bringing true salvation to all who would trust in Him. *"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!"* [Ps. 118:26](#)

"If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." [Rom. 10:9](#)

4) The Bible says that Jesus wept for Jerusalem. In the midst of the praise of the moment, He knew in His heart that it wouldn't be long that these same people would turn their backs on Him, betray Him, and crucify Him. His heart broke with the reality of how much they needed a Savior. *"As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it, and said, 'If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes.'"* [Luke 19:41-42](#)

5) Palm Sunday reminds us that the reign of Christ is far greater than any the mind of man could ever conceive or plan. Man looked for someone to fight their battles in the present day world. Yet God had the ultimate plan of sending His Son to fight the final battle over death. This is the greatness of why we celebrate this week. Because of Christ's ultimate sacrifice, we can be set free of death. *"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies,'"* [John 11:25](#)

Youth Fundraiser



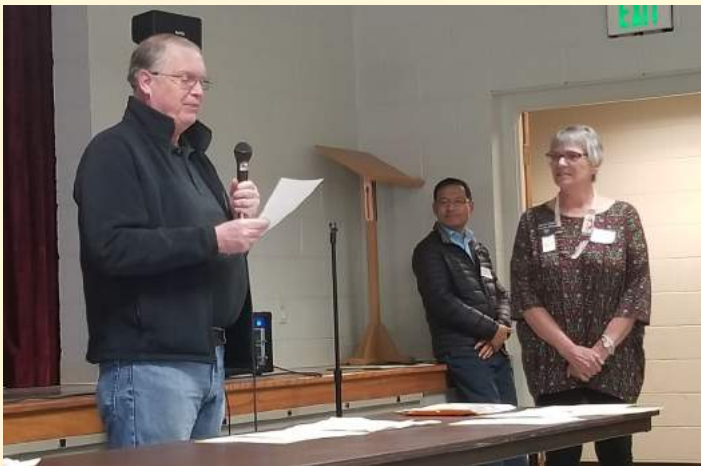
Our next youth fundraiser is selling t-shirts! The fundraiser starts today and ends on Friday, April 26th. Approximately 50% of our total sales will go towards supporting our upcoming Puerto Rico mission trip.

The t-shirts are available for purchase online and can be picked up on Sunday, May 19th, at the church after service, or they can be shipped directly to your house for an additional fee. To view/purchase a t-shirt, go here: <https://www.customink.com/fundraising/heart-of-longmont-youth>

And the 2019 Quiet Disciple Award goes to...



Each year it is the privilege of each local UMC to select a Quiet Disciple — someone “exemplifies the best of the unsung heroes of our churches. A Quiet Disciple is one who goes about his or her business in ministry or service to one’s church or community, without fanfare or filling a specific position. This person is likely to be self-starting and self-directed in filling unmet needs, using his/her own time, talents and often resources.”



Kathy Bradley serves others with a passion and persistence like no other. As a retired nurse, her nurturing skills fit perfectly as the chairperson of our Care Team and organizer of CPR in the past. She consults our safety team, serves on our Outreach team, participates in our God’s House Band, and is our go to person when it comes to knowing where everything goes in our church. She helps organize the decorating of our church for Christmas and is consistently present for small and big tasks, whether that be an all church clean-up day or acting as the leader of our Twin Peaks NOW group. She not only serves at

our church, but through UMCOR and youth mission trips, serves others across the country (Missouri, Louisiana and Utah). She has participated in the Cancel Choir and Wesley Ann’s choir, helps the Children and Family ministry team during VBS and other events and she organizes the flowers for the alter and buys the poinsettia’s at Christmas time. Kathy has been a valued member of the Justice Seekers group and worked diligently to guide our church into being a reconciling ministry church. The Heart of Longmont is proud to announce Kathy Bradley as our 2019 Quiet Disciple.



Kathy, thank you for being you, we love you!

Love is patient, love is kind, it is not envious. Love does not brag, it is not puffed up. It is not rude, it is not self-serving, it is not easily angered or resentful. It is not glad about injustice, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

~1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Save the Date ~ ALL- CHURCH GARAGE SALE!



The All-Church Garage Sale we have every two years is scheduled for **Friday, July 5, and Saturday, July 6, from 8am – 2pm.**

We will be working on setting up and marking items Monday through Thursday of that week (July 1-4), starting at 9am.

You can begin bringing in items on Sunday, June 30. Please put them at the front of the stage in Wesley Hall. Please bring your items early in the week (S/M/TW) so we can get them marked, organized and displayed on Thursday.

Let's clear out all those cupboards, closets and basements and help in our recycle efforts!

We **cannot** accept recorders, tvs, computers, printers (any electronic) or clothing. Good condition shoes are acceptable.

Any large items must have prior approval by Gloria Hinz (303-776-3383) and you must bring them to the church and take them home if they do not sell. We do not have people available to transport items.

A sign-up sheet is available on the Hospitality Desk in the Gallery for those interested in helping.

Compassion Offering Results



In January, \$628 was raised for OUR Center and in February, \$1,204.76 was raised for Days for Girls (<https://www.daysforgirls.org/>). The OUR Center offering was given directly to OUR Center while the monies raised for Days for Girls are being used to buy special moisture-proof materials that are necessary when making pads for Days for Girls.

That brings the total for January and February to \$1,832.76! Thank you for your generous donations and for helping those in need.

Painting Party



Come open up the storehouse of creativity that God placed inside of you at the "He is Risen" painting party! This special time of art and fellowship will be held on Sunday, April 14th from 11am-3pm in Wesley Hall. Cost for the event is \$35, and you can pay at the event when you arrive. Light refreshments, painting supplies and

guidance will be provided! A sign up sheet is available on the Hospitality Desk in the Gallery.

Featured painting is pictured above!

Contact Misty Bone with any questions at 720-628-7261 or kidsofhol@hotmail.com.

Easter Lilies for Loved Ones



Order beautiful lilies in honor, recognition or memory of a loved one and help decorate our Sanctuary for our Easter Service! These lovely lilies will be delivered fresh to the church prior to Easter and will be available for you to take home after worship on Easter Sunday (April 21).

Only \$10 per plant! Order forms are available at the church office and are available as a bulletin insert during service. Checks can be left in the offering plate or dropped

off at the church office. A special insert of lily dedications will be included in the service bulletin on Easter Sunday. The last date to order your Easter Lily is *Palm Sunday, April 14*.

Feeding Our Souls Dinner



UMW's Lydia Circle has determined that, with the many events planned during Holy Week, Feeding Our Souls dinner will be cancelled for April. Please join us on **May 15th** for a delicious home-cooked spaghetti dinner. Wesley Hall from 5 – 7 PM – come hungry for food and fellowship!

*Truly my soul
finds rest in
God;
my salvation
comes from
him.*

~Psalm 62:1



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Holy Week Services

Join us as we journey through Holy Week in preparation and anticipation of Easter morning, when we will celebrate the risen Lord together!

Palm Sunday: April 14 @ 10am

Maundy Thursday: April 18 @ 7pm

Good Friday: April 19 @ 7pm

Easter: April 21 @ 10am

