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A MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER

Hear Our Prayer This Day



In the quiet sanctuaries of our own hearts, let each of us name and call on the One whose power over us is great and gentle, firm and forgiving, holy and healing ...

You who created us,
who sustain us,
who call us to live in peace,
hear our prayer this day.

Hear our prayer for all who have died,
whose hearts and hopes are known to you alone ...

Hear our prayer for those who

put the welfare of others ahead of their own and give us hearts as generous as theirs ...

Hear our prayer for those who gave their lives in the service of others, and accept the gift of their sacrifice ...

Help us to shape and make a world where we will lay down the arms of war and turn our swords into ploughshares for a harvest of justice and peace ...

Comfort those who grieve the loss of their loved ones and let your healing be the hope in our hearts...

Hear our prayer this day and in your mercy answer us in the name of all that is holy.

The peace of God be with you.

– Austin Fleming

CHURCH EVENTS

- June 3-6 – Vacation Bible School 8:30am to noon
- June 8 – Faith Fest—Pride for the Soul @ 2:30pm
- June 19 – Feeding Our Souls Dinner @ 5pm
- August 30-31 – All-Church Garage Sale 8am-2pm

“Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. “

**1 Corinthians
16:13 NIV**

GOD AND PRAYERS



by Sandi Austin

Congratulations to the Heart of Longmont's BASIC youth for leading what I heard was a wonderful service Sunday, and to the four graduating seniors among them. The excitement of this time of year is contagious, as we think back to our own children's special time of accomplishment.

We remember all the clichés that accompanied the well wishes: Go out there and change the world ... The future is yours ... Reach for the stars ... Your mountain is waiting. We send them out the door and into the world, hoping that the lessons we taught them are carried with them. And that includes instilling in them the importance of God in our lives.

As I look back on my husband's and my years of raising three children, I remember the ups and downs. I also think of the little country church that played a major part in our lives. Our children learned how to persevere and have faith in God through Sunday School and Vacation Bible School.

Having been raised on the family farm in their earlier years, our three were no strangers to falls, cuts, bruises or animal bites – some small, some requiring emergency trips to town. A lot of praying took place on those rides to the hospital, and prayers were answered.

During a three-day blizzard that literally buried our home, we learned to adjust to life without electricity for three weeks. For the girls, it was a fun experience – a real-life "Little House On the Prairie!" When the storm's aftermath kept us from

getting to church, they held their own Sunday School with their Barbie dolls. God was definitely at work in these two little girls' hearts.

For our son, it was serious business as he helped his dad check for post-blizzard livestock catastrophes. We prayed for the cows that didn't make it and prayed over orphaned calves that we brought into the house to bottle-feed and nurse back to health. A few didn't survive our attempts to save them but we saw our prayers at work with the ones that did. It was all a part of God's plan and our children knew that, despite setbacks, the herd would grow again.

Faith teaches us that there can be triumph after hardship. And it's through that faith that our children learn to never give up and to believe in themselves and their future. Eventually, all three of ours flew from the nest with confidence and, watching them as successful adults and parents themselves, we take comfort in knowing we did our job ... with God's help.

THIS SUNDAY IS NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY

**TOGETHER, WE EMPOWER LOCAL
SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT AND
EDUCATE NATIVE AMERICAN
SEMINARY STUDENTS TO SERVE
GOD FAITHFULLY.**

This Sunday, May 26, is Native American Ministries Sunday, which supports Native American outreach within annual conferences, provides seminary scholarships for Native Americans, and strengthens, develops and equips Native American rural, urban and reservation congregations, ministries and communities.

Thank you for considering this ministry as our mission moment this Sunday. If you would like to give directly, go to:

<http://www.umcsgiving.org/ministry-articles/native-american-ministries-sunday>

THE LITTLE FREE LIBRARY



The Little Free Library, located at the NE corner of the church, provides children's books for Wild Plum families and the surrounding neighborhood.

Have any children's books in a box somewhere with dust collecting on them? Donate them to The Little Free Library! Donations in English and Spanish may be placed in the in the Gallery that has a yellow sign and says "LITTLE FREE LIBRARY CHILDREN'S BOOKS."

Contact Ellen Winkelman with questions at (303) 772-1198.

MAY COMPASSION OFFERING

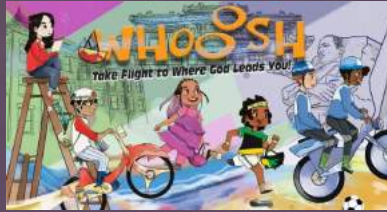


For the month of May, our Compassion Offering will go to Vacation Bible

School. This year's VBS is Whoosh Vacation Bible School, an exciting journey where everyone will experience God's power, presence, and steadfast love!

Interested in registering your child for VBS? Go to <https://heartoflongmont.org/event/vbs-2019-whoosh/>.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Come join us for Whoosh Vacation Bible School, an exciting journey where everyone will experience God's

power, presence, and steadfast love!

June 3-6 (Monday through Thursday) from 8:30 am – noon. Cost is \$15 per child, \$45 per family. Ages pre-k through 5th grade. 6th graders and older are welcome to be helpers.

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

REGISTER AT HEARTOFLONGMONT.ORG

IT HELP NEEDED!

The SPR (Staff Parish Relations) committee is looking for a volunteer with IT skills that is available to help around the church. This could be anything from trouble-shooting printing issues to integrating new software. If interested, please email office@heartoflongmont.org. We need your expertise!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK

Thank you to all that showed up at the All Church Workday on Saturday, May 4th. We sprayed for bugs outside the building, cleaned up the courtyard, cleaned all the lights in the sanctuary and the gallery, polished the tables in the gallery, pulled weeds, cleaned gutters, removed debris and branches from around the parking lot and playground, repaired equipment, edged, cleaned carpets and did a lot of sweeping! So, a big thank you to Boy Scout Troop 64, Clint Schahrer, Chuck and Ellen Winkleman, Karl Scott, Jean Malchow, Bobby Tabert, Ray Allison, Dorothy Karns, Peg and Butch Howard, John Grafelman, John Murphy, Rob McDaniel, Jim and Sue Shipp, Rod Edmonds, and Jeff Brown.

PLEASE WELCOME THE PERRY'S TO HOL!

**WELCOME TO
HEART OF
LONGMONT!**



Please give a very warm welcome to Dave and Jan Perry, who are transferring their membership from First United Methodist Church of Lafayette, to Heart of Longmont. We are so excited and blessed to have you!

Dave and Jan met in the 9th grade when Dave's family moved to Des Moines, Ia. They write:

We were in the same Junior High and the same Baptist church. We really became good friends serving through a great church youth group. We both went to the Baptist college associated with our denomination, now Bethel University, just north of St. Paul, MN. Dave worked his way through college as a flight instructor for the King's Wings flying club he started. We courted in the club plane and later enjoyed family trips in various light airplanes for the next 50 years.

We were married between college and grad school June 17, 1967. Jan worked as a legal assistant while Dave was a math teaching assistant while he pursued a PhD in dynamical systems at the University of MN. In late 1969 we learned "we" were pregnant. That made the decision to accept an offer from Bethel to join the Bethel math faculty easy. Melissa was born June 29, 1970 and Dave met his first Bethel freshman calculus class that September.

The years 1970 – 1981 were both intense and wonderfully rewarding. Dave was very busy teaching, writing his thesis, writing matching grant proposals to fund an Academic Computer Center, and a new Computer Science major. Mark was born 3 years after Missy and Stephen 3 years after Mark.

The pay at a small Christian college was less than

his brother's pay as a pastor. So Dave was also consulting for 3M's Data Storage Products Division lab. Jan was busy with church, our 3 kids, and she again worked while the kids were in college. 3M offered Dave a Research Specialist job in 1981 and the dean encouraged him to take the offer. Dave's matching grants were "warping" the dean's spending priorities. Ten years after Dave left Bethel, Mark graduated with a BSCS degree from Bethel.

The years 1981 – 1993 were again both intense and rewarding. Dave was soon promoted to Senior Research Specialist which allowed him to publish. He really enjoyed the collaboration with the other 3M scientist. Dave was asked to become a New Product Lab Manager involved in co-developments with various Japanese and European technology companies. He traveled a lot (37 times to Japan).

One of these co-developments is what led to our moving to Colorado and in some ways to our move to a UMC church. Dave volunteered to organize a Boulder drive startup to design a recording drive for the new recording media his 3M lab was developing. The startup investors were in Singapore; more travel. Dave was head of engineering for this startup and after the first product was released, the investors hired a CEO that was an alcoholic. Dave soon discovered the CEO had sold all the future intellectual property rights of the startup to a Japanese company. They did not get along. So Dave accepted the Executive Director of Advanced Concepts role at the Longmont Seagate site. Dave retired after 11 years at Seagate in January 2009.

We were disappointed with how conservative all the Baptist churches were that we tried in Colorado. After 3 tries, still no women in ministry. We sampled other non Baptist churches but kept coming back to that friendly Lafayette UMC pastored by Jenny A. which we joined in 2011. Her adult SS class introduced us to books by Brian McClaren, Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossen, etc. We felt at home.

We had known Marty Allison and began attending Heart of Longmont last year. We have been part of two of the adult Sunday School classes and have been very welcomed. Jan has been to several Women's circle meetings and Dave has been in the choir and Soul Singers and have found the people there great.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS OPTIONS



Three Adult Sunday School Class Options are available at Heart of Longmont every Sunday. All are welcome to join, we would love to see you there! See descriptions and times below.

Adventurer's – Room 208, 9:00AM

Currently Studying: The Call (The life and message of the Apostle Paul)

Leader: Tricia Grafelman

Faith and Reason – Room 110, 9:00AM

Currently Studying: The Challenge of Paul by John Dominik Crossen

Leader: Marty & Ray Allison

Horizon's – Room 104, 8:45AM

Currently Studying: Basic Belief by Edward Frantz

Leader: Gordon Yoder (this class rotates topic leaders)



Welcome Carol Barnett to HoL!

Greetings to the members of the Heart of Longmont United Methodist Church. I am Carol Barnett, the new Office Manager. I just started this week but I am pleased to have met several members already. I have moved here from Georgia in order to be where my two sons live. My professional life has been in education as a teacher and a college professor. I enjoy meeting new people, gardening, walking my dog, Abby, and going to the YMCA. I love Colorado and the many outdoor activities available here. I am very excited about my new position here at HOL and hope you will stop in soon



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IT'S NOW EVEN EASIER TO SHOP FOR HOL!

The NEW King Soopers Community Rewards Program supports the ministries of Heart of Longmont every time you shop at King Soopers. In the past year, our church has earned an average of \$500 per month just by folks like you using their gift card when purchasing gas and groceries. With the announcement of King Soopers Community Rewards Program, it is now even easier to shop for HoL!

No more reloadable gift cards! Instead, you can now use your King Soopers loyalty card. All you have to do is enroll Heart of Longmont as your organization! After you enroll, Heart of Longmont will receive 5% back of every purchase you make when you scan your rewards card (or enter your phone number!).

To enroll Heart of Longmont, go to kingsoopers.com and click on Save —> King Soopers Community Rewards. Detailed instructions are available on the Hospitality Desk in the Gallery.

MONTHLY FEEDING OUR SOULS DINNER

Please join us for our **monthly** spaghetti dinner sponsored by UMW (United Methodist Women), **every 3rd Wednesday of the month from 5pm to 7pm**. The menu will include:

- ⇒ Spaghetti and Meatballs
- ⇒ Gluten Free Pasta Option
- ⇒ Fresh Salad
- ⇒ Italian Bread
- ⇒ Dessert

Please stay after dinner to help with projects around the church, just stay to visit, or bring your knitting, etc.

There will be a free-will offering to offset the cost of food and supplies. The next dinner is June 19 from 5pm-7pm. **Look forward to seeing you there!**

FAITH FEST ~ Pride for the Soul

Who: Local Longmont church partners, including us!

What: Joint worship service followed by a picnic & games, rain or shine

When: Saturday, June 8th, 2:30pm

Where: St. Stephen's Episcopal, 1303 S. Bross Ln, Longmont

Go to <https://www.outboulder.org> to learn more.

