



Pulse

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All Church Picnic This Sunday!

It's time again for our All-Church Picnic this Sunday, Aug. 25, right after the church service!

The Bringing in People group is hosting the event that promises good food and fun times for our church families, neighbors and friends. Brats and hot dogs will be provided, so please bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share. The church is committed to going green, so we will have compostable plates and utensils.

To save money for other events, we won't have a bounce house this year, but there will be plenty of things to do – corn hole, ladder golf, spike ball, and bocce ball. If you can bring a board game or other games, please do! There'll be something for everyone. So, please invite your friends and family. The more, the merrier!

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Tricia Grafelman at 303-774-8585 or grafsanatomy@gmail.com. We hope to see you there!

Church Events

- **August 25—All Church Picnic, Right after Service**
- **August 30-31—All Church Garage Sale, 8 AM - 2 PM**
- **September 18—Feeding Our Souls Dinner 5-7 PM**
- **September 21—Songs of Autumn Concert, 7PM**



Support the All-Church Garage Sale!



Do you have items being stored somewhere? Haven't seen them or used them in six months? Well, you probably haven't missed them and, if you've been considering donating items to the All-Church Garage Sale, it's not too late to check your closets, cupboards, and basements and find those things you can live without! Donations can be taken to Wesley Hall beginning Sunday, Aug. 25 through Wednesday, Aug. 28. The volunteers will start setting up and marking items Thursday, so the earlier in the week you can bring your donations, the better.

Some item suggestions are household items, dishes, home décor, wall art, books, etc. Large items must have prior approval by Gloria Hinz at 303-776-3383. Please, no electronics or clothing, but good-condition shoes are acceptable. If you don't have anything to donate, you can still support the cause by coming to do some shopping on Friday, Aug. 30, and Saturday, Aug. 31.

Songs of Autumn Concert



The abundance of autumn is everywhere. The harvest of wheat, apples, pears, pumpkins, and nuts is awe-inspiring. God invites us to celebrate by coming together for an evening concert – Songs of Autumn – with internationally-known, award-winning Christian singer, songwriter and recording artist, Sam Kauffman. She will lead us in a concert of joyful original songs, seasonal music, musical surprises, and stories.

Remember to mark your calendar for this special autumn event – right here at Heart of Longmont – on Saturday, Sept. 21, at 7 p.m.

A love offering will be taken.

Chancel Choir and Soul Singers Rehearsals Begin Thurs. Sept. 5!

"I will sing to the Lord, I will sing; I will make music to the Lord, the God of Israel." (Judges 5:3.)

Singing is a wonderful way to praise the Lord. If you love to sing, please join us.

New members are always welcome.

Rehearsals begin Thursday September 5 at 7:15 p.m. in the Music Room.

Contact Dan Chaikin at (303) 834-9033 or Karen McIntosh (719-339-5255)

chancelchoir@heartoflongmont.org with questions. See you there!

DOIN' THE OFFICE SHUFFLE



If you haven't visited us at the church office lately, you'll notice some things have changed. Carol Barnett has moved her desk into the main office to join Sandi and Devon Towry, our new web content manager. We want to thank the following men for volunteering their time and muscle power Aug. 9 to help make the move and rearranging possible: John Murphy, Joe Murphy, Karl Scott, Rod Edmonds, and Jamie Bowland. You fellas rocked! A huge thank you, also, to Pastor David for the pizza!! We're still in the process of switching things around, putting cabinets back up, and patching up walls, but you are welcome to come visit us, see what's changed, what's new, and get acquainted with Devon!





Why Heart of Longmont?

by Karl Scott

I've been asked to share the "why" I'm a member of the Heart of Longmont.

I'd like to share pieces of the life of Pastor O. A. Gayley (known as Dad Gayley) with you. As he grew up in Hamilton, Illinois, he became frail and the doctor suggested a higher, drier climate. At 18, he climbed down from the train at Kit Carson, Colorado. He took up being a cowboy from Colorado to Wyoming, holding tight to his Christian faith that he learned from his mother to become a Pastor in the EUB Church at Leroy, Colorado, east of Sterling.

I grew up in the Evangelical United Brethren church in the northeastern corner of Colorado as a preacher's kid. In 1968 when my dad, Reverend Raymond Scott, was Pastor of the church in Johnstown, it became the first United Methodist Church this side of the Mississippi joining the Methodists and EUB Church. After high school for the next 40 years, despite growing up a preacher's son, knowing right from wrong, I chose my path and God allowed my education and learning of life without God first to leave a great impression on me. Fast forward to 2013. God led me back. God leads us back to where we need to be. Dad Gayley's faith led him to be where he needed to be as a good and wonderful pastor. God has led me back to be a part of the Heart of Longmont to learn, grow, and to be a better disciple of Christ.

The first Sunday I attended here, I sat on the right side, 5th pew back, 3rd seat in. Little did I know at the time God's humor and plan. That pew happened to have been used by the Hand, Noble, Ward, and Malchow Families for many years prior to my arrival. Today I remain firmly rooted in that family pew. And as many as will fit may join us there.

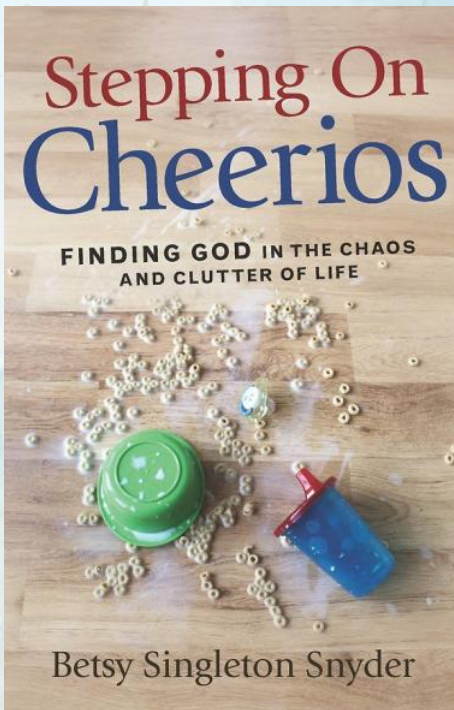
As I watched, joining in the church and its missions, I saw and remain amazed at the giving/supportive/heartfelt disciples that make up the Heart of Longmont. During my first years you fed the homeless, sheltering them at times, financially supported the church's missions sending youth on trips to help disaster relief here and now abroad, helped build habitat houses and so much more.

I'm the one blessed to be here at the Heart of Longmont learning from you God's Great Disciples and Pastor David Burt of course!!!

This is why Heart Of Longmont matters to me.

You the Parishioners and Guests of this church make the Heart of Longmont the giving, everyone is accepted and loved example of God's Disciples at work. You are awesome, Good and Faithful Servants. Thank you.

Book Report: Family life is beautiful and motherhood is a privilege , but it ain't no picnic!



Being a mother isn't easy. Sometimes it's hard to experience a personal connection with God and community when you are caught up in the chaos of just "doing family."

Independent and self-sufficient, author Betsy Singleton Snyder lived a full and busy life as a pastor, missionary, and wife to a husband who served in the U.S. House of Representatives. She had her first child at age 44, then at 47, she found out she was carrying triplets. Suddenly finding herself overwhelmed is an understatement.

Stepping on Cheerios is a collection of funny, warm, and charming tales from the front lines of parenthood, written for women who are juggling to accomplish everyday feats of work, motherhood, marriage, church, and more. It's a comical story of

one woman's realization that her crazy life is a gift and how she found the grace in it.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Betsy Singleton Snyder, author of *Stepping on Cheerios*, is a pastor, a former missionary to the arts community, writer, and blogger. She and her husband, Dr. Vic Snyder who formerly served in the U.S. House of Representatives for 14 years, live in Arkansas with their four sons, Penn (10), and triplets Wyatt, Sullivan, and Aubrey (8). Visit her online at WomenadeStand.com.

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UMCOR HUB NEEDS YOUR HELP

The Northern Colorado UMCOR Hub has a kit building day coming up on Sept. 14 at 10 a.m., and they have committed to building at least 100 flood buckets, as they are regularly needed in our area. Currently, they have funds to purchase supplies for only 50. They are looking for at least an additional \$1500 by September 1, so they can purchase what they need. They have several bulk-purchasing relationships which let them make sure they have exactly what they need as inexpensively as possible.

Please consider making a donation at <https://johnstown.church/give/> (select UMCOR HUB) or mail a check made payable to UMC of Johnstown, 108 King Ave., Johnstown, CO 80534. Put "UMCOR HUB" on the memo line.

With your help, they can resupply the UMCOR West Depot with these needed supplies.