

Covid Timeline 2020 - Current

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2021

Phase 1B.1 for vaccinations included those 70+, 1st responders, correctional facilities managers, funeral service workers.

February 4 - 400,851 confirmed cases and 5,431 deaths

February 8 - Phase 1B.2 vaccinations for those 65-69, PK-12 educators, state government officials

February 11 - Voluntary and elective surgeries are allowed to proceed.

March 5 - Phase 1B.3 for vaccinations included those 60+, grocery store workers, ages 16-59 with two or more high risk conditions

March 7 - Large gathering of students in Boulder reached riot status. Covid dial turns to Yellow. *Trustees and Tricia Grafelman's Sunday School class were invited to worship "in person." Socially distanced and fully masked. No "congregating" before or after. Parking lot communion was served.*

March 12 - Gov. Polis announces that all those 16+ in age should be able to receive the vaccine by mid-April.

March 14 - BIG SNOW in Colorado. *YouTube live service pre-recorded.*

March 15 - Buena Vista Correctional facility outbreak.

March 16 - 444,712 confirmed cases and 6,126 deaths

March 19 - Phase 1B.4 vaccinations included those 50+, higher education educators, restaurant/food services, manufacturing, US postal service, public transit & specialized transportation, public health & human service workers, faith leaders, care providers for the homeless, journalists and placebo receivers in clinical trials.

March 21 - *Small group in-person worship.*

Phase 2 vaccinations included those who are 16+ in age - general public.

June 22 - Delta variant of the virus found in Mesa County

July 8 - Governor Polis ends Health Emergency for Colorado. Focus will be on recovery and vaccinations.

July 17 - masks required for those older than 10 inside buildings open to the public

August 17 - uptick in cases following a soft opening of all businesses

September 1 - 7,446 deaths in Colorado

September 28 - Boosters are en-

couraged 6 months following your final dose of vaccine

September 30 - Gov. Polis requires all state employees to be vaccinated or be terminated. Hospitals starting to require also.

October 20 - everyone age 5 and up can get vaccine

October 26 - *Church still meeting live with masks and YouTube. No coffee hour, no passing offering plates, no singing. Some groups are meeting in person and some are still doing Zoom.*

October 31 - Gov. Polis allows hospitals and free standing ER's to transfer or cease admission of patients due to overcrowding and capacity. The National Guard continues to assist State and local authorities for recovery.

November 10 - Colorado continues to be a high risk for transmission and all are encouraged to get Booster shots.

December 5 - *Church still meeting in person and YouTube. No coffee hour, no passing offering plates but we did get to SING with our masks on. Groups remain in person and via Zoom as desired. We will celebrate Christmas with one service at 7:30 p.m. and pray in the New Year that our world will heal.*

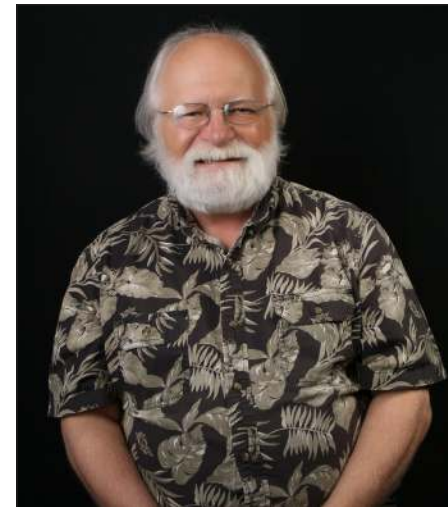


Pastor David Burt conducted the 2021 Ash Wednesday service from the Heart of Longmont parking lot.



2020 Christmas Eve Services were held via YouTube as well as in the church parking lot, using CommCi's large projection screen.

Words from our Pastor



Rev. Burt served a variety of churches in Montana and as a member of the Bishop's cabinet prior to coming to serve as pastor in Longmont in 2018. He finds comfort and challenge in one of his favorite scripture verses: Philippians 2: 13 "It is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure."

2021 marks the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Methodist Church in Longmont, CO.

We will be celebrating all year long with various events and special worship services. It is humbling to think that in 1871 a group of committed people worked hard to bring a Wesleyan presence to the young town, and now here we are 150 years later – still helping to share God's love with the world.

While we haven't always been at this present site, the church has grown and developed as the community changed and grew. Thousands of people have passed through our doors. We have been blessed by the ministry of many

pastors, Sunday School teachers, lay leaders and volunteers.

As we honor our past we also find inspiration for our future. The role of churches in the community isn't quite as prominent as it was in 1871. The needs of our world are vastly different than they were 150 years ago. The challenges we face today will be different from the ones those who celebrate 200 years will face. But our commitment to put more of God's love into the world remains the same.

May you be blessed as you share in our Year of Celebration and may God bless the Heart of Longmont as we boldly move into the future.

- David W. Burt, Pastor

STILL honoring the past, inspiring the future!

"Honor the Past, Inspire the Future" remains our theme for the 150th Anniversary Celebration.

Heart of Longmont United Methodist Church has seen a lot of changes in the last 25 years, yet our steadfast traditions remain. We are a church that makes it our mission to "put more of God's love into the world." We've lost many members who are now angels watching over us. We've welcomed many new members, hoping to continue our strong tradition in this community. Longmont also celebrates its 150th Anniversary this year and it gives us great pride to know that we have weathered many a storm to still be a pillar among the mainstream churches in our city. The population has grown but our numbers are dwindling. We await the discernment of General Conference to determine whether

we will continue to remain a United Methodist Church as it looks today. We lie in wait for Covid-19, a virus that stopped our in-person worship and church activities in its tracks in March of 2020. We've stayed strong throughout the pandemic and figured out "how to church" virtually and remained diligent in our missions near and far. There have been name and cosmetic changes and yet the "church" is not a building and while it's important to have a home base, the virus has taught us that we are resilient in our love for one another and our community. Figuring out ways to be "present" without in-person contact has been a challenge that's been met head on.

What will the next 25 years bring? What will the next year bring? We look forward to "still" being the church in whatever that looks like

for the future of this congregation and the generations who will pass through our doors – in person or virtually.

While the church celebrated 135th and 140th anniversaries, this book has been added onto in honor of the 150th. The committee enjoyed viewing pictures from the last 25 years and we hope you will enjoy our endeavor to share the more "recent" history of our church home.

In 1996 we celebrated the 125th Anniversary with special Sunday sermons from previous ministers and a float in the Boulder County Fair Parade. The float took first place in their category and was presented to the Congregation at our Celebration luncheon.

In 2000 we dedicated a new organ

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with a concert. In 2004 we remodeled the sanctuary with a new front wall; adding acoustic panels, moving the altar and lecturns, and adding choir steps. New carpet and pew cushions were also added.

135 years were celebrated in 2006 with dress-up days, parades, luncheons, minister visits, etc. We celebrated all year long!

In 2007 G. Bruce Maxwell was our minister.

In 2008 David B. and Carol A. Lillie became our new co-pastors.

In September of 2009, we had a new mission/vision.

140 years were celebrated in 2011. The church won first place again with its parade float. Alfred Dworak (Preacher) and Sovann Sam represented the children. 140 lbs. of quarters were delivered to the Methodist Church in Wellington for a new building. A chuck-wagon dinner and entertainment were part of the celebration as well.

A beautiful painting done by Marilyn Akeson was auctioned off and notecards were made for sale. The United Methodist Women created and sold cookbooks to commemorate the celebration.

In 2012 we became a “Reconciling Church” recognized by our Conference and welcomed all to the table. We also became “The Heart of Longmont” at First United Methodist Church.

In 2015, we joined other churches in the City to become a “warming shelter” for those experiencing homelessness. We also provided shelter at Christmas and New Year, providing dinner and a warm place to spend the holidays.

In 2016 we jumped into this century and got WIFI...but we were dwindling in numbers and moved to having just one service on Sunday mornings.

In 2017 we laid new flooring in the gallery, making for easier clean up during Coffee Hour.

In 2018 the Rocky Mountain Conference merged with the Yel-

lowstone Conference to become the Mountain Sky Conference. This includes churches in five states: Utah, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana and Idaho, with Bishop Karen Oliveto presiding.

2019 was celebrated as the 60th year of the church in THIS location, 350 11th Avenue.

2020 brought the pandemic and Coronavirus. Everything shut down in March and remained so through the year. The church building is not open, but the church is NOT a building and we continue to meet via ZOOM and YouTube Live.

2021 will be a different kind of celebration. We are continuing to plan for in-person events but have a backup plan in case it still needs to be virtual. Vaccines are being implemented and we are hoping and praying for an end to the pandemic. We will get through this, TOGETHER!

Happy 150 years to the Heart of Longmont!

- Lynn Greenhalge

Our oldest & youngest members!



Bernice Gwin
100 years young



Daisy and Violet
Twin daughters of
Emily Farrenkopf (Youth Director) and Ed Rivera



Elly Eakins
100 years young

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May 1 - CDHPE reports 15,768 confirmed cases and 820 deaths. Lone Tree city government mandated the wearing of masks when inside retail buildings. *YouTube live services continue at HOL.*

May 25 - Gov. Polis amends Safer at home to allow restaurants to reopen under limited capacity and closing at 10 pm.

May 26 - General Assembly returns after 73 day hiatus to pass 2020-21 budget with \$3.3 billion cuts to help state deal with pandemic.

June 1 - CDHPE reports 25, 577 confirmed cases and 1,458 deaths.

June 23 - Denver Nuggets Nikola Jokic tests positive. During the second half of June the number of cases doubled from about 130-260. Gov. Polis ordered bars that do not service food, which had been permitted to open June 19, closed. *YouTube live services continue at HOL.*

July 1 - CDHPE reports 33,029 confirmed cases and 1,697 deaths.

July 9 - Executive Order “Protect Our Neighbors” allowing local communities to reopen business if they meet certain requirements.

July 16 - Gov. Polis issues Executive Order on requiring the wearing of facial covering in all interior spaces in Colorado. Within one month the infection rate had been halved. *YouTube live services continue. A Zoom Fellowship time was added after services at 11 to enable congregants to see each other virtually.*

July 21 - Last call Executive Order requiring restaurants to stop serving at 10 pm.

August 1 - CDHPE reports 42, 267

confirmed cases and 1,844 deaths.

August - *YouTube love services continue at HOL. UMW made the hard decision to cancel Holiday Fair for 2020. Vacation Bible School was held virtually the 10th-16th. “Where In The World is God?” was the theme. There was an outdoor socially distanced gathering at 1 pm on August 16th at Barn Park.*

August 14 - Mask mandate extended.

August 22 - Last call order revised to 11 pm.

September 1 - CDHPE reports 57,775 confirmed cases and 1,946 deaths. Deaths are starting to be documented with underlying conditions or purely Covid. Cases continued to rise, reaching highest levels since July. CU-Boulder closed campus for two weeks due to outbreak. *YouTube services continue at HOL.*

September 10-12 - Mask mandate extended. The state exceeded 60,000 cases and is just shy of 2,000 deaths.

September 15 - Counties can determine level they are at on Safer at home dial and proceed accordingly. There are four levels varying in number of people allowed in various businesses, churches, etc.

October 4 - *World Communion Sunday was observed with communion being served in the parking lot. Congregants wore masks and remained in their vehicles. Music was provided by God’s House Band. YouTube live services continue at HOL.*

October 27 - 98,733 confirmed cases and 2,082 deaths. Vast Great Outdoors order allowing people to visit parks, etc. while still social distancing and wearing of masks.

November 1 - *Parking lot communion was held.* Gov. Polis & First Gentleman Marlon Reis tests positive for Coronavirus.

November 17 - 14 counties were moved to the “Level Red” status on the COVID dial system. *YouTube live services continue at HOL.*

November 19 - 182,091 confirmed cases and 2,350 deaths.

December 14 - the first shipment of 46,800 doses of the Pfizer vaccine arrived in Colorado. Phase 1A of vaccine distribution commenced with Health Care Workers receiving the doses. Colorado was scheduled to receive 95,600 doses of the Moderna vaccine the next week. Vaccinations in long term care facilities would begin sometime after Christmas on the 28th.

YouTube live services continue at HOL. The congregation provided Wild Plum families with gift baskets since we couldn’t have the Hat/Mitten tree.

Christmas Eve Services were held via YouTube live as well as in the parking lot using CommCi’s large projection screen.

December 29 - New more contagious SARS-Co-2 variant from the United Kingdom was reported in Colorado - 2 cases.

December 31 - *CommCi had their first showings of movies in our church parking lot.*



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care to prevent health care workers from having to decide based on gender, sexual orientation, race, religion & other non-health related factors. Colorado sees significant decline in air pollution to decline in driving during Coronavirus outbreak. **Pastor David & Allison Bowland start doing live YouTube worship services. This continued for four months. Musicians began to record their music and created a library of over 150 songs.**
April 6 - Gov. Polis extends stay at home order until April 26.
April 7 - Tourists and second homeowners could face 18 months in jail or a fine of up to \$5,000 if they visit Gunnison County during the pandemic.
April 9 - The National Western Complex becomes a shelter for homeless men during the pandemic.
April 10 - Gunnison County non-residents are asked to leave. The 8 pm Howl was reported to have spread in popularity throughout the entire U.S.
April 11 - 50 employees at JBS Meat Packing plant in Greeley have con-

tracted the virus and two have dies. Gov. Polis closed until all workers could be tested.
April 12 - **YouTube church service for HOL.** Concern was raised nationally for caution regarding East celebrations. Many churches had already transitioned to online services.
April 16 - Denver Bronco Von Miller tests positive for the virus.
April 17 - Gov. Polis stated National Guard will help test in 3 Colorado nursing homes. Executive Order requiring workers in critical businesses & governments to wear face coverings.
April 18 - Protests are planned against the stay at home order to take place April 19th at the state capitol. F-16s fly over the front range from Boulder to Pueblo in celebration of the Air Force Graduation but also to honor first responders and essential workers helping fight the Coronavirus.
April 20 - 24 hour shelter opened at the Denver Coliseum for women & trans-gender homeless.
April 21 - stay at home order will become safer at home order on April 26 as Colorado prepared for its first phase of re-opening.

April 22 - **YouTube live Services at HOL continue.**
April 23 - shortage of tests. Unnecessary travel is still not recommended. Eagle County was first in state to be released from stay at home order and allowed businesses to reopen only to county residents. JBS meat packing plant was re-opened. Workers were reluctant to go back.
April 24 - Several counties extend stay at home directives. Weld 'til April 27th. Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Denver & Jefferson until May 8th. Grand County 'til May 21st. 138 inmates at the Sterling Correctional Facility tested positive.
April 26 - Safer at home order, requiring schools to remain closed to in-person learning throughout the end of the 2019-2020 year. Recommends vulnerable individuals to continue to stay at home; and advising all Coloradans to wear a masks (although not an order).
April 30 - Governor informs General Assembly that the state has insufficient revenues to meet obligations, orders spending reductions in remainder of 2020 fiscal year.

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The Covid 19 pandemic didn't keep the Heart of Longmont office staff from taking care of business. Meeting with Pastor David Burt are Carol Barnett, Devon Towry and Carol Wiggins.

Memories of Past Pastors

1994 ~ 2003



Rev. Granville D. Smythe, Jr & Charlene

Thank you for the invitation to be a part of the 150th anniversary celebration for the Heart of Longmont by sharing some of my memories. However, after nine years as one of the pastors of this congregation, where does one begin. I think of the many baptisms, weddings, funerals, meetings, visitations in homes/hospitals/nursing homes, etc. Nevertheless, I have picked out a few memories for your anniversary book.
1. Each year, for three consecutive years, the church closed the year with a budget surplus. However, instead of saving the money for "a rainy day," the Church Council voted to send the money (\$30,000/year) to our Annual Conference to assist sister congregations who were unable to pay their Apportionments (Wider Mission Giving) in full. As I continue to reflect upon that event, I still feel a sense of pride and joy that this congregation was willing to take a leap of faith and love trusting that God would always provide.

2. Along that same line, this church began and operated a program called "Cats Corner." It was a weekday, after-school program for elementary-age children who lived in and around the church. While the children's parents were at work, the church sought to relieve the parents' concerns for their sons and daughters by providing guided recreation, study halls, snacks, field trips, etc. While there was a minimum

2003 ~ 2008



Dr. Bruce Maxwell

From a story out of my past, the details of which are not necessary, I have this saying, "Happiness isn't something you experience; it's something you remember." Okay, I'll admit the word 'happiness' might easily be changed to some other word. I will let you fill in that blank. For the moment let us consider 'happiness.'
I came into your lives in 2003 finding a congregation alive and active, but a congregation in the midst of change. At that time, the entire United Methodist denomination was changing ... and is still! I was conference statistician then. I knew the conference's membership had been in decline since 1964. I write this in the year 2020; a year in which all of us have seen more change than we ever wanted.
The constant during life's changes: people. We gain strength from those in our community. As we gain strength, we

also give. I dug out my church directory of 2006. Thumbing through its

fee to the parents, the church underwrote much of the cost.
3. For a number of years I had the privilege of teaching the various DISCIPLINE classes. We met every Wednesday night from September-May studying the Old Testament, New Testament, and basic Christian beliefs. Not only did I grow in my faith, but it was a real joy to see various class members growing in their understanding of the Bible and the beliefs we hold as Christians. Even today various class members comment on the impact those classes had upon their lives.
4. Sunday mornings were always a busy time. There were three worship services (two in the sanctuary and one in the chapel) accompanied by gifted organists, choirs, soloists, etc. In addition, there was a vibrant Sunday School program for all ages. Also, there was a fellowship hour between the latter two services in which members could visit with one another and welcome guests.

pages, I remember those who gave me strength. I remember those who prodded me to do better. I probably did not appreciate it at the time, but we all need prodding from time to time.
I stared at the staff page for a while. You were a great staff. Thanks for putting up with me!
Closing that 2006 directory I realize how much change I have endured in these past twelve years. I find it difficult to accept the reality of having been retired that long! Nonetheless, I cling to the people of my present and those of my past. This year of 2020 has been a difficult one, but we will get through it as long as our community remains intact.
Grace and peace, Dr. Bruce Maxwell
Btw: That going-away pig roast was great!!!

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Memories of Past Pastors

2008 ~ 2018



Pastor David B. Lillie, co-pastor



Pastor Carol A. Lillie, co-pastor

Among the many positive memories of our 10 years at Heart of Longmont, one stands out as unusual and fun.

It was Lent 2009. The kids Sunday School classes had voted to raise funds to be sent to Heifer Project so that rabbits could be given to third-world families as a means for them to begin long-term economic improvement. The price of the “rabbit starter set” was \$10 per recipient family.

Carol (co-pastor) and I had decided to try to get the larger congregation to partner with the Sunday School to increase the amount of money raised. (Doing this promotes a church-wide awareness and excitement ... little did I know how “excited” people would get.)

The Sunday we announced the “matching rabbit funds” opportunity, I recall saying, “If we raise \$100 I will wear a poofy rabbit tail all service long on the Sunday after Easter.” I held up a large furry ball to tantalize people with the vision. Following the announcements, we began the period of greeting one another. As the greeting period subsided, Carol walked up to me and asked, “Someone wanted me to ask, if the congregation raises one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars by Easter, would you wear a full body pink rabbit suit?”

“Are you serious?” I asked. She nodded. “Where would we get a pink rabbit suit big enough to fit me?” I asked. Carol responded, “The woman asking the question said she would make one just for you.”

I wish I could say the opportunity to do something substantially positive for economically disadvantaged people around the world swept me up in a euphoria of agreement. Not so. I thought about it a moment ... four weeks until Easter ... \$1,000 ... what are the chances? I figured it would be a longshot that the amount could be raised that quickly, and it really would be a substantial addition to the amount the kids were trying to raise, so I said, “OK.”

Before moving on to the next item

in worship, I said to the congregation, “Someone has asked if I would wear a full-body rabbit suit if we raise \$1,000. Considering that much money would improve the lives of 100 families, I’ll agree ... but it has to come in by Easter.”

Without belaboring the point, the money began coming in quickly. We even received \$50 from our District Superintendent! More than a week before Easter we had surpassed the \$1,000 mark. (The final total was around \$1,300 ...) Easter arrived and we celebrated the accomplishment ... and prepared for the rabbit’s arrival.

The rabbit suit was delivered ... a violently bright pink suit, including booties and a skull cap complete with floppy ears. I decided that the congregation deserved more than just me shuffling out in the outfit, so I scoured the internet for several days looking for pink rabbit pictures. I managed to find several that I

used to construct a narrative ... and on the Sunday after Easter Reverend Rabbit made his appearance.

The congregation was generally delighted. A video was being made from the balcony, and came out shaky due to the camera person laughing so hard they couldn’t keep the camera steady. So many people said they loved the idea that we did it again the next year with funds being raised for another outreach effort.

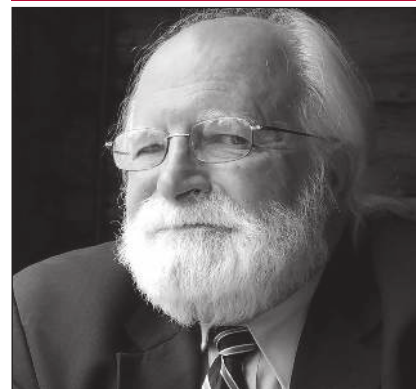
Over the course of our career, we’ve consistently found that God has a way of providing results far in excess of what I think is possible, and while there were a few sour people who felt it was “undignified,” it demonstrated to us the generous heart of the church and its people that we would see displayed over and over again.

Pastor David Lillie

One of my most touching memories (approximately end of July 2010)... I had been recuperating from bilateral mastectomies and was very preoccupied (chemo was scheduled to start the following week). I stepped up to welcome everyone to worship and it dawned on me — a sea of pink was out in those pews! The sight made me teary-eyed. It was an affirmation and a caring response during one of the most difficult times of my life.

Pastor Carol Lillie

2018 ~ present



Pastor David Burt

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{ The black text indicates what was happening statewide.
The *red text* represents what was happening at our church. }

March 5, 2020 - First two confirmed cases in Colorado.

March 6 - Six new cases

March 10 - Gov. Jared Polis issued State of Emergency. 17 cases total. State created drive-up testing facility for patients w/Dr.'s note in Denver's Lowry neighborhood.

March 12 - Denver Public Schools, Jefferson County and Cherry Creek schools closed for at least two weeks. Elderly travel to mountains was discouraged.

March 13 - Colorado reported first Covid death reported with an additional in Gunnison County. *Pastor David Burt in contact with Tricia Grafelman & Jeff Brown, letter sent to congregation saying worship would be cancelled for the foreseeable future.*

March 14 - Ski areas ordered to closed for a week. State Legislature recessed for two weeks.

March 15 - *No church at Heart of Longmont.*

March 16 - Denver Mayor Michael Hancock ordered all bars and restaurants closed by 8am March 17 (except for delivery or pickup) and banned gatherings of more than 50 people. Gov. Polis expanded the closures by ordering state-wide closure of dine-in services, gyms, casinos, and theaters.

March 18 - Gov. Polis closed schools until April 17 and banned gatherings of more than 10 people. Gun sales, toilet paper and hand sanitizer sales skyrocket.

March 19 - Gov. Polis extended closure of bars, restaurants, theaters, gyms, and casinos 'til April 30th. Suspended all non essen-

tial medical procedures. He also ordered closure of non-essential businesses until April 30th, which included nail salons, spas & tattoo parlors.

March 20 - Gov. Polis limits evictions, foreclosures and suspending public utility shut-offs.

March 21 - Rocky Mountain National Park closed per mayor of Estes Park.

March 22 - Gov. Polis requiring people to work from home whenever possible, limiting non-essential businesses to 50% of their workforce working in-person. *No church at Heart of Longmont.*

March 23 - Denver Mayor Hancock announced "stay at home" order for Denver County to go into effect Tuesday, March 24 @ 5pm.

March 24 - Thirteen Colorado counties and multiple cities announced some form of stay at home order including Adams, Arapahoe, Archuleta, *Boulder*, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas, Eagle, Grand, Jefferson, La Plata, Pitkin, & San Miguel.

March 25 - Gov. Polis put entire state in complete lock-down, with stay at home order. This started Thursday the 26th @ 6am and was schedule to last through April 11. Mesa Verde National Park was closed.

March 26 - Testing was expanded with new locations to test first responders & health workers. Colorado Parks & Wildlife closed all facilities including camping at state parks & wildlife areas til further notice.

March 27 - 8 PM Denver Howl

(people went outside their homes and howled like a wolf) is started by folks in a neighborhood near the now closed Denver Botanic Gardens & Denver Zoo. This was done to recognize frontline workers for their service during this pandemic. It went nationwide.

March 28 - The White House approved request to declare a major disaster for Colorado. State is eligible to receive additional federal resources and funding to help address the pandemic. Gunnison & Eagle Counties are two of top four counties leading nation in confirmed cases outside of New York & Louisiana, per the New York Times.

March 29 - *Church via Zoom with Pastor David. (Didn't work so well.) However, committees were able to continue meeting via Zoom and continue the work of the church.*

March 31 - Demand for guns continues to rise. Gun shops are considered critical retail as well as grocery stores, gas stations, marijuana dispensaries, liquor stores, & several other businesses. Budweiser events center could serve as additional hospital space as needed.

April 1 - CDPHE reports 3342 cases and 80 deaths.

April 3 - Gov. Polis asked Coloradans to wear non-medical, cloth face masks when going out. *Many women of the church began to make 100's of masks.*

April 5 - Guidelines are made for

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Celebrating our Faith

We gather together for service, fellowship and fun!



Circuit, Good Friday 2021



Christmas Eve 2014



Fellowship Dinners
Credes (above)
& Dottie



Family Camping fun



Biking & Hiking fun



150th Committee met via Zoom

For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.
~ Matthew 18:20

The Story of the West Window

by Ann Yoder



The spectacular window, located in the west balcony, was designed by Ludwig Schremer, Christian artist and art consultant. The window fits the architectural design of the church, described in contemporary newspapers as “one of the most beautiful edifices in the region.”

The Holy Trinity is expressed several times in the window. The hand and triangle symbolize God the Father, showing the hand of Creation and Command. The red heart shape is the symbol of life. The lamb represents the gift of God, His Son, Jesus Christ; the dove, the Holy Sanctifier. The purple circle around the various symbols reminds us that the three persons, God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit are one God, one Unity, our Lord of Heaven.

The glass in this religious window was made in a studio in West

Germany near the city of Frankfurt, and is of the best quality to be found. One thousand pieces were needed to complete it. The glass will not fade or peel because it is made of genuine European mouth-blown antique glass, which at the time of its construction was the only hand-made glass in the world.

The designer, Ludwig Schremer, is a graduate of the College of Fine Arts in Kaiserslautern, Germany, and has his Master of Arts degree from the University of Munich and the Sorbonne in Paris. His studio, Schremer Art Studio, was located in St. Paul, MN.

A highlight of the Consecration Day (Nov. 22, 1959) was the arrival from Germany of the stained glass window. It was not expected in time for the consecration, but its placement was brought about by the presence in Longmont of

the artist. He returned to St. Paul to hurry up the window shipment, going through two customs houses and two brokers for its arrival here Sunday. He supervised workers late into Saturday night to complete the window for the Sunday services.

The window remains an architectural and symbolic feature of the church building. Attendees at the Consecration service, who did not expect to see the stained glass window, proclaimed “it’s a miracle!” Thus, that window has been named “The Miracle Window.”

Sadly, our east facing congregation doesn’t see the west window during services. As you leave the altar following communion or as you exit the sanctuary, LOOK UP. Night time offers the most beautiful view of the lighted window. Study the symbols, the art work in all its beauty and you too will proclaim “IT’S A MIRACLE!”

Church Renovation February 2004



TOP: Ray Allison, Bob & Marty Brevig cleaning up.
MIDDLE: The work crew. BOTTOM: The organ deck.



Gordon Yoder on ladder. Roger Hinz, maker of frames for the wall. Lois Abbuhl & Stacy Maul wrapped the frames in fabric.



LEFT: Organ vents open - pipes behind the wall.
BELOW: New steps.



Sanctuary and balcony window present day.



Committed to Service through Habitat for Humanity Work Day



Becky



Gary, Peggy, Lisa, Lois



Ray



Carm, Lee



Mary



Tom, Joe, John

Celebrating our Faith

We gather together for service, fellowship and fun!



Baptism of Waddells' great grandson



Misty Bone giving children's message 2015



Underneath those pie faces are Brant Davis & Emily Farrenkopf, Youth Leaders, and Pastor David Burt from a fun event in February 2020



Butch Howard building the Blessing Box



Zack Bone posing with the finished and filled community Blessing Box



Young people painting the Blessing Box



The Kevin Kimbrough family received Barry Kimbrough's portrait from our Gallery on October 10., 2021.

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.

~ 1 Peter 4:10

Praise through Music

2000 Organ/Piano Replacement



Here comes the piano.



The old grand went to the choir room.



Old organ ... new organ.



Inside the organ pipe chamber. This is what's hiding behind the cross!



ORGAN DEDICATION CONCERT
Charlotte Dirks, Lois Abbuhl, Laveena Ross

Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world.

~ Martin Luther

Praise through Music



Chancel Choir



Soul Singers



Bell Choir



Music staff:
Dan Chaikin,
Lois Abbuhl
and Karen McIntosh



Wesley Anns 2009



Choir 2009



Wesley Anns 2015



God's House Band, formerly Praise Team. May 2013 photo.

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
~ Psalm 95:1-2

Celebrating our Faith

We gather together for service, fellowship and fun!



Agape group



Methodist Men



Horizon Sunday School Class

Standing: Herb Creede, Lois Abbuhl, Gary Abbuhl, Carolyn Nixon, Tim Bradley. Seated: Louise Creede, Esther Lutz, Bea Thompson.



United Methodist Women 2021



CropWalk 2021



Easter 2019



Primetimers
Mary Ann Watson,
Ray Allison and
Marty Allison.



Community
Prayer
Heart

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.
~ Hebrews 10:24

July 11, 2021

150

Celebration Sunday

150



Filling the Blessing Box



Celebration Dinner



Our Anniversaries Over the Years



Picture from the 50th Anniversary.



Pictured from the 125th Anniversary are, l to r, Rev. Gran Smythe, Howard Johnston, Paula Johnston, and Rev. Don Messer of Iliff School of Theology.



The Heart of Longmont entered a float in the fair parade to celebrate its 125th Anniversary.



125th Anniversary banquet in Wesley Hall



Pictured at the 140th Anniversary celebration are, back row: Walt Akeson, Rev. Dave Lillie, Ron Hughes, and Chuck Winkelman; front row: Joelean Greenhalge, Marilyn Akeson, Carolyn Hughes, Ellen Winkelman, and Cathy Hughes.



Don and Joelean Greenhalge at the 135th Anniversary celebration.



The Heart of Longmont entered a float in the Boulder County Fair parade in celebration of its 150th Anniversary celebration.



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150 Celebration Sunday 150

