

### Congregational Meeting - Sunday, January 26, 2025

A formal meeting of the UCC Longmont Congregation will be held on Sunday, January 26, 2025, immediately following the morning worship service. Two important votes will be taken during the meeting:

- 1) Whether or not an offer is made to Whitney Janzen-Pankratz to become the Director for Community Faith Formation starting on January 27, 2025 and the Minister for Community Faith Formation beginning on May 1, 2025.
  - 2) Whether or not the proposed budget for 2025 is approved.
- Please plan to attend this important meeting.
- 3) Whether or not the Dream Offer Grant Fund is empowered to make a \$300,000 line of credit available to INN Between.

### Family Dinner

Join us for a Salad Bar to celebrate a FRESH New Year!

**Thursday, January 16, 2025 6:00 pm- 8:00 pm** -UCC Longmont - Fireside Room

Contact Host: Jessica Vong Phone: (425) 346-8784

### Children and Youth

Children's Church is offered most Sundays during the school year for elementary school aged kids. Kids begin in the sanctuary with their grown-ups, then are invited to Children's Church if they'd like. They're always welcome to stay in the sanctuary, and parents are welcome to join Children's Church as well.

We have a staffed nursery for kids pre-k and under.

Youth Group for middle and high schoolers meets regularly for service projects, Friday night hang outs, and Sunday conversation. For more info or to be added to the youth group mailing list, contact Rob Cronin at [youthministry@ucclongmont.org](mailto:youthministry@ucclongmont.org).

### Financial Contributions Welcomed

Your generosity supports our mission and ministry at UCC Longmont! If you'd like to donate today, you can give online at <https://ucclongmont.org/giving/> or using the QR code.



There are also boxes on the back wall if you'd like to give by check or cash.

### Welcome!

A very special welcome this morning to visitors and guests and a welcome back to those who haven't been here for a while.

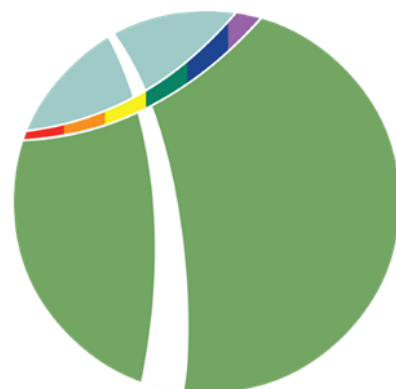
**We would love to know you are here!**

Use the QR code to subscribe to the e-newsletter, request a name tag, and ask questions in the comment section. Go ahead, give it a try!



### Clergy and Staff Contact Info

- Senior Pastor: Rev. Amelia Richardson Dress-  
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An Open and Affirming Congregation  
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January 12, 2025

10:15 am Worship Service

**Gathering Music** Robert Hjelmstad

**Welcome** Rev. Amelia Richardson Dress

No matter who you are, or where you are on life’s journey.

**You are welcome here!**

**Hymn & Bringing in the Light** *We Are Called, insert*

**Gathering Prayer** Jessica Vong

One: In the beginning God created all things,

**Many: and God saw that they were good.**

One: At our beginning, God created us

**Many: unique and irreplaceable, loved and wanted by God, known and treasured by God even before He created us.**

One: In all our new beginnings, God creates something new

**Many: so we will seek God in the freshness of this morning,**

**in the laughter of friends,**

**in the colors of creation,**

**and together in this place.**

One: Creator God, Breath of life,

**Many: open our eyes to see your presence,**

One: our souls to sense your presence,

**Many: and our hearts to love your presence,**

**Amen.**

**Gift of Music** *Just a Closer Walk with Thee, Ed Lojeski*

**Scripture & Reflection**

Micah 6: 1-8 Dave Ostiek , John Rostykus, Rob Cronin

**Hymn** *“Grateful”* Sing! #143

**Lifting Our Prayers**

**Prayer of Jesus**

Eternal Spirit,  
Source of all that is and ever shall be,  
Loving Parent in whom we discern heaven,  
May knowledge of your holiness inspire all peoples,  
And may your commonwealth of peace and freedom flourish on earth  
Until all of humankind heed your call to justice and compassion.  
May we find the bread that we need for today,  
And for the hurts we cause one another  
May we be forgiven in the same measure that we forgive.  
In times of trial and temptation, help us to be strong;  
When life seems overwhelming, help us to endure;  
And thus from the yoke of sin deliver us.  
May you reign in the power of human love,  
Now and forever. Amen.

**Community Matters** Carol Wilson

**Passing of the Peace**

**Hymn** *The One Who Began a Good Work* Sing #200

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

***Just a Closer Walk with Thee, Ed Lojeski***

I am weak, Thou art strong  
Jesus keep me from all wrong  
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk,  
Let me walk close to Thee

Through this world of toil and snares  
If I falter, Lord, who cares?  
Who with me my burden shares?  
None but Thee, none but Thee

Just a closer walk with Thee  
Jesus, grant my humble plea!  
Daily walking close to Thee  
Let it be, Dear Lord, let it be

When the journey here is o'er  
Time for me will be no more.  
Guide me to Thy distant shore  
To Thy shore, oh Dear Lord, to Thy shore

**This Week Schedule**

**Today, January 12, 2025**

- Worship Service - 10:15 am
- Church Chat after Worship-Sanctuary
- Happy Hour after Worship- Fireside
- Youth Group- Youth Group Ice Skating– 1:00-3:00 pm– Longmont Ice Rink

**Wednesday, January 15, 2025**

- Rev. Amelia Drop-in office hours- 10:00-11:00 am
- Bell Choir- 5:30 pm– 6:45 pm
- Voice Choir-7:15 pm-8:45 pm
- Environmental Justice Ministry-7:00 pm

**Thursday, January 16, 2025**

- Families with kids Dinner-6:00 pm

**Office Hours**

- Monday– Friday - 9:00 am-12:00 pm

## Prayers

Prayers for Buffalo, for hope, strength, and assurance that God and people care. Prayers for the family of Mary Alice Tonkinson in their time of grief. Prayers for Heidrun, a friend of Marie Smith's daughter, who has colon cancer. Prayers for Ning, Phyllis Rostykus' mother, who has a large and aggressive brain tumor, and for the family as they make care decisions. Prayers for healing for Jim Schwendeman, and for Heather Yokum and their family as they support Jim. Prayers for Randy Porter during this time after the loss of his husband, Jim Klotz. Prayers for Anna, Cora, and Petersen Wing following the death of Rob Wing. Prayers for Jim Bell following a new diagnosis. Prayers for John Flanders for healing. Prayers for Heather August (please check Caring Bridge for updates). Prayers for Deborah Simmons; look for updates through Caring Bridge. Prayers for Hope Del Valle (Linda Zavala’s niece) as she recovers from a stroke. Prayers for Arlie Ostrander. Prayers for spouses and family members needing to be healthcare advocates and caregivers. Prayers for healing and renewal for our Earth.