

Annual OUR Center Food Drive

March 16th-April 6th. The OUR Center is in great need of basic food items right now as they are serving about 900 families/month. We are asking you to donate specific items that are in high demand including:

Dry black or pinto beans, canned chili, white or brown rice, dry pasta (especially spaghetti), canned fruit (especially peaches, oranges, pineapple, applesauce)

Toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, maxi pads.

Please bring your donation to the Fireside room by April 6th. Mark your calendar for April 6th as we will sort the items after church that Sunday.

The last 2 years we collected about 1000 pounds of food/toiletries. Let's try to beat that this year!

Children and Youth

Children's Church-Children's Church meets this week during worship. Children begin in the sanctuary and then are invited to leave if they'd like. Children are always welcome to remain in the sanctuary for the service.

Youth Group (grades 6-12)- Youth Group will meet again for a Lunch and Lesson March 23rd 11 am - 12:30 pm. Questions? Ask Rob Cronin - email: youthministry@ucclongmont.org or cell: 612-481-4252

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.

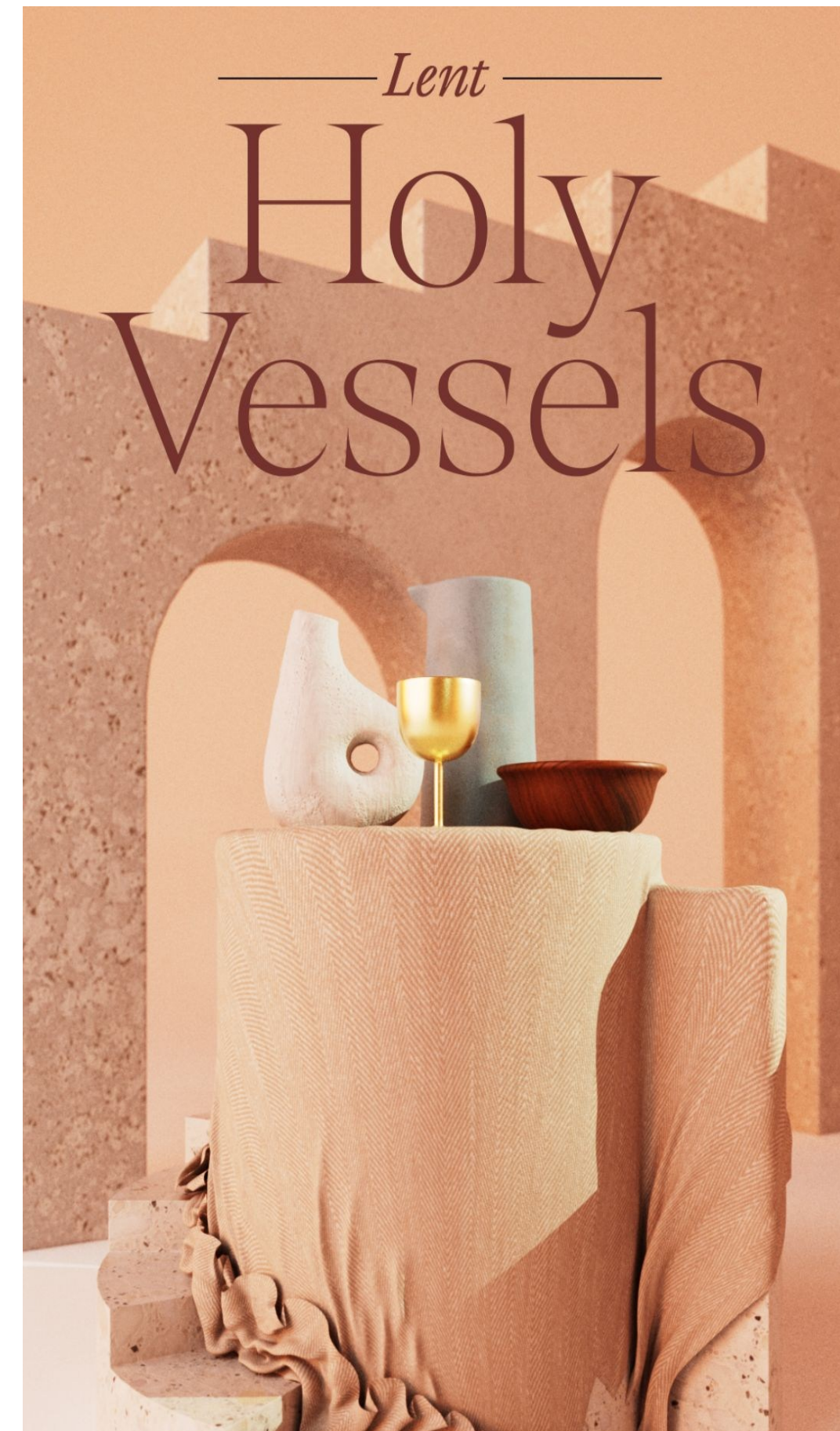
We would love to know you are here!

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!



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United Church of Christ Longmont
An Open and Affirming Congregation
A Creation Justice Church

March 23, 2025 10:15 am Worship

Gathering Music Robert Hjelmstad

Singing in the Light Lord *You Are Welcome* Sing! #31

Welcome Whitney Janzen-Pankratz

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

You are welcome here!

Opening Prayer

Sung Response

Holy Vessel

Musical notation for the song 'Holy Vessel'. The first line of music is in G major, 4/4 time, and includes the lyrics: 'Ves - sels, hol - y and whole. Bro - ken, need - ing the One'. The second line of music starts with a measure rest of 5 measures, followed by the lyrics: 'O - pen, bod - y and soul Heal - er, come.' The second line ends with the instruction 'Repeat As Needed'.

Words of Assurance

Gift of Music *Restored* by Shawna Edwards

Scripture and Reflection Matthew 8: 5-13

Hymn *Now Is the Time Approaching* NCH #609

Prayers of the Community

Community Matters Wayne Moore

Going in Song *Pass the Love* Sing! #208

Benediction and Anointing

Postlude

Restored by Shawna Edwards

In the early spring in a grove of trees
a woman knelt to pray
for the world she knew was a world confused
and she wanted to know the way
Then a pillar of light descended
and the Father and Son appeared
When they spoke her name
on that blessed day, the whole world changed

Now there is more light to shine in the world
and more hope to fill every heart
More truth to know God is there
and He will answer our prayers
More peace and strength in the storm
and more power to gather us home
More faith to lead us closer to Jesus our Lord.
All because His gospel was the word

In a troubled time, in the growing strife
If heaven seems so far
Find a quiet place, put the world away,
And ask with an open heart
For the truth only God can give us
And the promise of joy and Peace;
And the time to come like the rising sun,
When the whole world will see.

This Week's Schedule

Today, March 23, 2025

- Sunday Worship Service- 10:15 am
- Youth Group- Lunch and Lesson 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Wednesday, March 25, 2025

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

Thursday, March 26, 2025

- Whitney Drop-in office hours- 11:00 am-12:00 pm

Office Hours

- Monday-Friday– 9:00 am-12:00 pm

Rev. Amelia will be out of the office March 17-March 23. For pastoral emergencies during that time, please contact Whitney Janzen-Pankratz . Rev. Amelia will return calls, texts and emails when she returns to the office.
Whitney's email: wjanzenpankratz@ucclongmont.org

Prayers

Prayers for Miryam Hammond for healing. Prayers for Wayne and the entire Simmons family following the death of Deb Simmons. Prayers for Randy Porter following the death of his mom. Prayers of peace and support for Ning, Phyllis Rostykus's mother, and their family while Ning is in hospice. Prayers for JoAnn Bell following Jim Bell's passing. Prayers for Heidrun, a friend of Marie Smith's daughter, who has colon cancer. Prayers for healing for Jim Schwendeman, and for Heather Yokum and their family as they support Jim. Prayers for John Flanders for healing. Prayers for Heather August (please check Caring Bridge for updates). 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.