



FUMC Loveland

December 2022

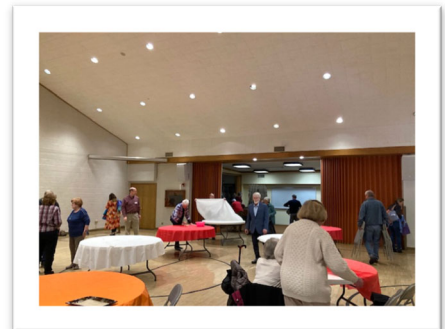
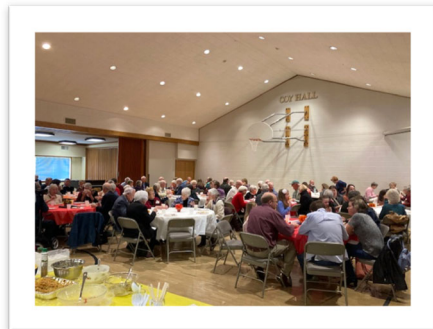
Senior Newsletter



Even as we talk about a hybrid church and ask questions about what the church of the future looks like, there are some tried-and-true activities that we are enjoying together again!



The Hanging of the Greens service on November 27 was well attended...at least 100 people! The children and adults who shared their talents led us joyfully into the Advent season. Afterward, everyone gathered for a delicious soup supper and fellowship!



Commitment Sunday was November 6 and to celebrate, we gathered for a potluck afterward. There were many dishes and many helping hands!



The 1st Friday Lunch Bunch held a Veterans Day celebration on November 4, with Gary Camp and his band playing patriotic tunes!



A Season of Giving

FUMC Loveland is a generous church. Whether the call to give is for a United Methodist Special Sunday offering, a mission project, or a drive to collect supplies for a specific cause, people respond. *Just since the beginning of this school year*, FUMC folks have given generously to:

- Truscott Elementary annual school supply drive
- Meals to Truscott Elementary for their parent-teacher conferences
- Footsteps to Faith drive for people in need of good shoes and socks
- Angel Tree, which provides gifts to children of incarcerated parents
- Gift cards to residents of Harvest Pointe, a low-income senior housing community
- For the Love campaign, which collects items for Loveland's homeless community
- And of course, the Christmas Offering is coming up and it will go to support Homeward Alliance, hurricane relief through UMCOR, and Pura Vida.



Pastor Lee carrying bags of shoes from the church for the Footsteps to Faith shoe drive. These were only two of many bags that people donated!



An Advent Reflection

At Christmas we celebrate the Incarnation: God dwelling in a human, among humans. Immanuel means “God with us.” Christians refer to this Incarnation as Jesus, or Christ, or Jesus Christ, or even Jesus *the* Christ. Have you noticed that each of these names can carry a different feeling, or a different relationship? Does Jesus feel more personal? Does Christ feel more holy? How would you describe it?

This year’s Advent worship series is based on the book *Every Thing is Sacred* by Richard Rohr and Patrick Boland. Rohr teaches that “we need both the personal and universal expressions of Christ” (Boland and Rohr, 2019, p. 44). Here is an exercise from the book that can give you something to reflect on this Advent:

1. With which aspect of the Incarnation do you most resonate: the personal (Jesus) or the universal (Christ)?
2. Write a prayer or a letter to the person of God the Son that you’re not as familiar with, either Jesus or the Christ. You may have questions to ask....Don’t overthink it; just start writing and see what comes up for you. (p. 45).

Reference:

Boland, P. and Rohr, R. (2019). *Every thing is sacred: 40 practices and reflections on the universal christ*. Convergent Books.

Delivery Volunteer Spotlight

John Morgan, one of our delivery volunteers, writes:

I was born in Corsicana, Texas on November 5th, 1944. I grew up in several small towns in the southwest quarter of Missouri where my father was a Methodist pastor. After high school I attended Central Methodist College then Wichita State U. and Cerritos College in CA as a music major.

My first taste of Colorado was as a member of the chorus for the Central City Opera. It being the Vietnam war era, I went through Artillery OCS at Fort Sill, OK. I was very fortunate to be assigned to Germany rather than Vietnam. My wife Cees (Cecilia) and I met, got married and had our two daughters in Germany where Cees taught for Department of Defense dependent schools. When we returned to the states, I went back to school at UCCS in Colorado Springs and got my electrical engineering degree. I worked for HP and some of its spinoffs for 37 years writing design tools and designing integrated circuits. Cees and I recently celebrated our 53rd anniversary. We have 2 daughters, a son in law, and 4 grand-children living here and in Portland, OR.

My hobbies include woodworking (now on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iryzMuzWMvl>), computers (Linux OS) and music (including collecting some 300 opera recordings). We have attended FUMC for 39 years. I have served on many of the committees of the church and have been working with 5Ms the last several of years.



Thank you John for serving!



Looking Forward, Being Present

As we look forward into the new year, many of us ask ourselves what might we need to do differently, what gifts and graces can we build on, and how can we deepen our relationship with God. FUMC is doing the same thing. As we ask the question "Where to now, God?" we acknowledge that our answers must come from being led by the Holy Spirit. We must listen and look for the movements of the Spirit, and put our trust in a God that has been in our past and remains in our present and future.

You can join with others who are learning, praying, and listening in order to discern where God is leading FUMC in this post-pandemic reality. One opportunity is to join the pastors and others in a time of prayer on Zoom on Thursday mornings. Click <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82260398539?pwd=Qmt5YVMyZ2VmSHJhKzQ3bWp0TTYzQT09> or use Meeting ID: 822 6039 8539 to join. Another opportunity is to read the book *Forging a New Path: Moving the Church Forward in a Post-Pandemic World*, by Rebekah Simon-Peter. Church Council members will be reading this book and gathering for a retreat in January to discuss, but all are welcome to join in reading this book and be part of the listening and discernment process. See The Window or contact Pastor Leslie (970-667-0876 or leslie@fumcloveland.com) for more information.

December Birthdays

December 1

Faye Furuglyas

December 12

Leah Sebade

December 19

Marcia Eads

December 24

Judy Graff

Kitty Nutting

December 3

Sarah Dill

December 13

Ted Nutting

December 20

Pat Farnham

Marion Monacelli

December 25

Graig Marrs

Elnora McCloughan

December 5

Pat Lutz

Cindy Crawley

December 15

Mary Shaffer

December 21

Randy Simon

December 31

Betty Hill

December 10

Marlene Thurman

December 16

Joyce Burns

Gregg Geis

Carol Morganti

December 22

Shirley Wilbur

December 11

Diane Mills

Donna Oswald

Kelly Torrez

December 17

Helen Hengl

December 23

Dale Thurman

Ways to Receive Care

FUMC Bus: If you would like a ride to church or have questions about riding the church bus, please contact Roger Williams at 970-980-8228. (Please call after 4:00pm.)

Prayer Shawls: If you would like a hand-knitted prayer shawl so you can wrap yourself in prayers, contact Pastor Lee.

Prayer & Care Ministry: If you could use some prayers, extra connection during a challenging time, or just feel like you want some additional connection to FUMC, please contact Pastor Lee.

Pastoral Care Emergencies: If you need to speak with a pastor right away in the evening or on a weekend (Friday and Saturday for our pastors), please don't hesitate to call their cell phone.

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