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First United Methodist Church, Loveland, CO
February 23, 2025

LENTEN BOOK STUDY

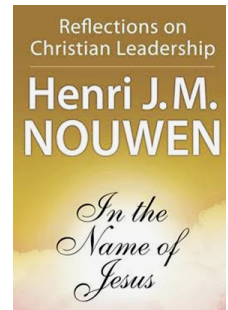
Henri Nouwen was one of the most influential spiritual thinkers of the 20th century. He had an unusual capacity to write about the life of Jesus and the love of God in ways that have inspired countless people to trust life more fully.

Nouwen's best-selling book, *In the Name of Jesus*, recognizes that all Christians are called to be leaders in Jesus' way of faith. For a society that measures success in terms of the effectiveness of the individual, Nouwen offers a counter definition that is witnessed by a "communal and mutual experience."

Join Pastors Leslie and Lee on an exploration of the lessons we learn from Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness, guided by Nouwen's deeply spiritual wisdom.

This short, easy-read book is only three chapters in length, so **we will only meet three times during Lent, Sunday's March 9, 23 and April 6, from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm.**

Please sign up for the study by February 26 at the Ask Me Desk or email Pastor Leslie at leslie@fumcloveland.com. **Cost of the book is \$11.00. Books are available to pick up and pay for at the table outside the church office.**



AN INVITATION TO PILGRIMAGE



Mark your calendars for a Lenten pilgrimage with Pastor Leslie, April 2-3 (one night, only) to the Stations of the Cross Shrine in historic San Luis, CO, the oldest continuously occupied town in Colorado. There will be a short informational meeting at 11:30 am, following worship on February 23. If you would like to go or are curious to learn more, sign-up at the Ask Me Desk, or by emailing Pastor Leslie at leslie@fumcloveland.com by **TODAY, February 20**. Note: The shrine is situated along an easy, though uphill, walking trail that is less than a mile long.

FIRST SUNDAY ALTERNATIVE WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

The First Sunday Alternative Worship is a relaxed, come-as-you-are gathering to simply worship and be together in community. **Our next worship experience is Sunday, March 2 at 11:20 am in Fellowship Hall.** Mark your calendars and join us.

GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP PRESENTATION

Mark your calendars for **March 9 at 11:30 am**, immediately after the service. Come gather in Coy Hall for fellowship and a special presentation by the Guatemala mission team. They will share their memories and stories and evidence of God's work as they helped build a two-room home with love for a family to realize their dream of shelter and security.

LIVESTREAM OR IN-PERSON, WE NEED YOU!

Unable to make it to church so you worship via livestream? Would you enjoy participating as a liturgist? We need you! Reach out to Pastor Leslie at leslie@fumcloveland.com or by calling the church at 970-667-0876 to talk about how we can try to make that happen! To sign up to serve as a liturgist in-person during worship, click on this link: [Worship Liturgists](#).

FEBRUARY MUSIC

February 23: Spirit Sounds Bell Choir with Vicky Paul-Bryant on flute, Men's Quartet (Neal Anderson, Bill Eads, Mike Spoon, Barry Wehrle).



FUMC SERVES: KIDSPAK VOLUNTEER DAY

KidsPak is in desperate need of volunteers for their 8th annual food drive. The food drive provides 5-7 months of supplemental food to students (for more info on KidsPak, go to kidspak.org). **You are invited to sign up for a 2.5 hour shift at a local store on March 1 or 2** to provide

shopping lists to customers and receive the purchased items. There are multiple shifts and locations available, and you can sign up with a friend. High school students and middle school students with an adult can sign up too. To sign up for a slot, [click here](#) or copy and paste into your browser www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0844ABAA28ABF58-54523777-kidspak#/. If you are unable to sign up online, you can sign up at the Volunteer Hub, or contact Betsy Elliott at elliott1710@comcast.net or Pastor Lee at lee@fumccleveland.com or 970-667-0876. Please note, the best way to secure the slot you want in real time is to sign up online. Betsy or Lee will let you know which slots are still available if you sign up in person or contact one of them.

NEXT JOY FELLOWSHIP

Trinity UMC's JOY Fellowship meets again on **March 5 at 11:00 am**. JOY Fellowship is a monthly luncheon and program for adults age 55+. FUMC adults are warmly welcomed to join them each month. There is no cost to attend, but donations are welcome. In March, FUMC's Jim Willard will be presenting on journalism and his column in the Loveland Reporter-Herald. Look for a sign-up sheet at the Ask Me Desk or contact Rev. Lee to RSVP.

NEXT BRAVER ANGELS WORKSHOP

On **Saturday, March 15 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm**, all are invited to a **"Family and Politics"** workshop. If you yearn for closer family and friend relationships, this skills-building Braver Angels workshop is for you. Come and gain the skills and practice the work to overcome your political differences; invite family and friends so you can learn and practice the new skills together. Braver Angels is a nationwide nonprofit organization that seeks to bridge the partisan divide by teaching people skills in civil discourse. From their vision statement: "Embracing values of respect, humility, honesty, and responsible citizenship, our goal is not to change people's views of issues, but to change their views of each other." This is a free, in-person event but registration is necessary. **Register by clicking [HERE](#)**. Questions or need help registering? Contact Pastor Lee at lee@fumccleveland.com or (970) 667-0876.



BUCKHORN SUMMER CAMP 2025

Camp Buckhorn is just a short drive away to a beautiful mountain campsite full of stimulating activities and spiritual connections. They offer a full week camp for campers entering 3rd through 10th grades or a mini camp for campers entering 2nd - 4th grades. Additional information on Buckhorn Camp can be found at their website

(<https://www.buckhorncamp.org/summercamp>). Is your child

interested in summer camp? If so, please email Matthew Utley at youth@fumccleveland.com and let him know and he will provide you with more information.

IMMIGRATION AND FAITH STUDY

Join us for a five-week Soup & Study series on Immigration and Faith, held **Tuesdays from March 11 - April 8 at 11:30am in the TUMC Fellowship Hall**. This politically balanced, conversation-based study creates space for thoughtful discussion, multiple perspectives, and deeper understanding. Over a simple meal of soup and fellowship, we'll explore what the Bible says about welcoming the stranger and how it applies today. Come with curiosity, an open heart, and a willingness to learn!

INCOME AND EXPENSE THROUGH JANUARY 2025

Budgeted Income YTD: \$ 52,287.50

Actual Income YTD: \$ 87,968.50

Budgeted Expense YTD: \$ 70,249.77

Actual Expense YTD: \$ 82,096.49

Surplus/Deficit YTD: \$ (17,962.27)

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Thank you for your generous giving. Contact Karen Lumpkin at business@fumcleveland.com if you would like additional financial information.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Mid & Senior High Youth Coordinator - Matthew Utley - youth@fumcleveland.com

Sunday, February 23, March 2 & 9: Lunch and youth group after church (11:15 am - 1:30 pm).

Sunday, March 16: No youth group. Spring Break.

PERSONALS

Prayers:

Cindy Ogilvie, recovery from hip surgery.

Erin, Carl, Summer & Meadow Williams, death of Erin's father February 2

Martha DiCicco, shoulder surgery

Jack & Jane Gill, both in hospice care

Brock, son of Kim & Rich Laue, continued healing

Gregg Geis, rehabilitation for broken hip

Pat Lutz, hospice care

Rick Tessean's brother Bob, in hospice care

Leslie Kittel-Young, Marcia and Richard Kittel's daughter, successful cancer treatments

Altar Flowers: Provided by Barb Irelan and family in memory of John Irelan and 67 years of marriage.

Death: We give thanks for the life of *John Irelan*, who entered eternal life on January 26, and remember in prayer Barb Irelan and their family. A memorial service will be Sunday, February 23 at 2:00 pm in the sanctuary with a reception to follow in Coy Hall. All are welcome.



Birthdays: February 17-23

Linda Giauque

Mary Hannon

Marcia Kittel

Marc Messervey

Deb Tikka