



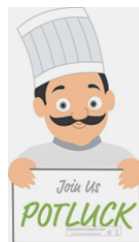
# The Window

First United Methodist Church, Loveland, CO  
November 17, 2024

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## CUISINE, CATCH-UP & CONVERSATION POTLUCK

Join Pastors Leslie and Lee **Sunday, November 17 in Coy Hall** following the worship service for a Thanksgiving themed potluck. We will enjoy good cuisine, catch-up as we fellowship together, and have conversation about the latest goings-on at FUMC including finances, flooring, and welcoming Loveland Preschool. You can sign up to bring food and help with set-up by [clicking here](#), or at the sign-up sheet in Coy Hall. Bring a Thanksgiving favorite or favorite for anytime of the year! But please bring food even if you don't sign up, and please attend even if you don't bring food!



## DAILY ADVENT DEVOTIONS



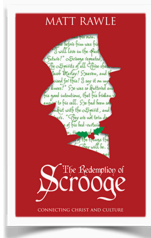
Thank you to all who have volunteered to write devotions for our daily advent devotional this year. Your stories and reflections will inspire and center us this holiday season. Devotions will be sent out daily from December 1 - 25. **Writers**, the **deadline to submit your devotion is this Sunday, November 17**. Please email your reflection to Matthew at [youth@fumcloveland.com](mailto:youth@fumcloveland.com).

## ANGEL TREE

This Christmas Season our Church will again partner with Prison Ministry Fellowship in providing Christmas gifts for many of Loveland's children. Come to Coy Hall on **Sunday, November 17** following worship to select an Angel Tree Ornament for the child you wish to purchase a gift for. Any remaining ornaments will be available in Coy Hall on **Sunday, November 24** following worship. Children's names, age, sizes, instructions and, hopefully, gift suggestions will be included. For many years, our church family has blessed the lives of many of Loveland's children through their giving of gifts. On behalf of the children, thank you all so much! Questions? Please call Terry Gindelsparger at 563-343-2268 or Pam Erickson at 970-988-8424.



## ADVENT STUDY & SCROOGE!



Far from being a surface treatment of a popular secular story, in his book, *The Redemption of Scrooge*, Matt Rawle helps us see the correlation of Scrooge's transformation to the one we are invited to through the birth of Jesus. The study, which will correlate with this year's Advent sermon series, will examine how, as Dr. Marcia McFee explains, "living in God's economy of grace and justice is the antithesis of the life-threatening addiction to money, success, exclusion and looking out for ourselves that seems to characterize so much rhetoric these days.

Just as God's presence was born anew into this world, we too can be born anew, woken up and redeemed into renewed life, joy, passion, generosity, humility and love." Join Revs. Leslie and Lee and Matthew Utley for this timely study, **Sundays at 11:30 am - 1:00 pm, from December 1 through 22**. Sign up at the Ask Me Desk. Books are only \$11.00 and are available on the table outside the church office.

## YES, SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN HAS BEGUN!!!

Parents, please bring your children to worship. After the "Littles Message", teachers will take the children up to Sunday School. Please pick up your children in the Sunday School room after church. During November, children will hear the stories of Old Testament people.

**WE'RE  
HIRING**

## **FAMILY PROGRAMMING COORDINATOR FOR HIRE**

First UMC, Trinity UMC and Union Spiritual Community are seeking an enthusiastic and adaptable Family Programming Coordinator to inspire and engage families across our three vibrant communities. This unique role blends the best of both traditional and modern approaches to faith, making it ideal for a creative, community-oriented individual. We're looking for someone warm, imaginative, and passionate about bridging time-honored traditions with fresh, inclusive community engagement. While prior experience in family programming or ministry is a plus, a willingness to think outside the box is essential! This part-time role, with regular Sunday morning and Monday afternoon commitments, offers a flexible schedule that can easily complement a full-time position. Our communities: Trinity and First UMCs are established congregations with a rich history. Union Spiritual Community is a new, inclusive gathering space sponsored by the Mountain Sky Conference Church Vitality Committee. Application Deadline: **Resumes will be accepted through November 15, 2024**, or until the position is filled. Click [HERE](#) for the job description. Email resumes to [unionloveland@gmail.com](mailto:unionloveland@gmail.com).

## **ADVENT DÉCOR REQUESTS**

We need your help to make the season bright...and ring in the season! We hope to feature a display of a variety of bells in our Advent altarscape and chancel décor this year. Do you have **decorative, antique, vintage or unique bells – large or small – that you are willing to loan us through December** to include in the display? We are also looking for **antique candle holders**. If you can loan those, we'd appreciate that, too. If you have any of these items to loan, **please notify** Pastor Leslie ([leslie@fumcloveland.com](mailto:leslie@fumcloveland.com)) and **bring** them to the church **by November 17**. Be sure to label your name on your loaned item(s)! Why bells and candle holders? See the eblast news for details.



## **WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

FUMC Women's Fellowship will meet on **Thursday, November 21 at 12:00 pm in West Coy Hall**. This is our annual salad luncheon. Please bring a salad and your own table service. Betty Balderson will share stories about her life. All women are welcome. Please RSVP to Darlene Lowe at [aldarlowe@gmail.com](mailto:aldarlowe@gmail.com). Hope you can join us for food and fellowship!



## **DECK THE HALLS (AND SANCTUARY, AND COY HALL, ETC.)!**

**On Monday, November 25** the 5Ms and others will be working to **decorate the building for Advent**. More help would be appreciated, and anyone who is able to participate is welcome! This can be a fun experience, but to express thanks and have more time for fellowship, a **soup lunch** will be provided afterward. Please join us at 9:00 am in the sanctuary. If you would like to provide soup, that is welcome too. Please contact Pastor Lee at [lee@fumcloveland.com](mailto:lee@fumcloveland.com) or (970) 667-0876 to make arrangements.

## **NOVEMBER MUSIC**

November 17 - Vocal Quartet: Sarah Clegern, Susan Van Meakins, Ben Clegern & Dan Clegern, Spirit Sounds Bell Choir  
November 24 - Chancel Choir, Gil Garcia - trumpet

The Chancel Choir is working on a **Christmas cantata to be presented December 8 at 10:00 am**. If you'd like to join us for this, please come on Wednesdays at 7:15 pm when we'll rehearse the cantata. This will give interested people the opportunity to sing with us for just a five week commitment. Please contact Nicole Ceciliani at [choir@fumcloveland.com](mailto:choir@fumcloveland.com) if you have questions.



## FUMC SERVES ON NOVEMBER 16

Join us on **November 16 from 11:45 am - 2:00 pm to volunteer at the Food Bank for Larimer County in Loveland.** We will pitch in together to sort food or do whatever is needed that day. Children ages 10-15 are welcome with a parent or guardian. Sign up at the Volunteer Hub or by [clicking here](#). Contact Pastor Lee with questions at [lee@fumcloveland.com](mailto:lee@fumcloveland.com).



## END OF YEAR COMMITTEE REPORTS ARE DUE SOON

Our Annual Charge/Church Conference is coming up! If you are a committee chair, please send your end of year committee reports to [office@fumcloveland.com](mailto:office@fumcloveland.com) by **December 2**.

## PURA VIDA (VIRTUAL) WORK TRIP

January 2025 will see a team from FUMC travel to Guatemala to help construct a two room home for a Guatemalan family. We're depending on virtual team members to help out. Visit [https://www.puravida.org/virtual-trip.html?trip\\_id=112](https://www.puravida.org/virtual-trip.html?trip_id=112) to make a donation. Join the team virtually with a \$250 donation to receive daily progress updates via email during the construction week. Or contribute what you can to help cover construction costs. Let's once again Raise the Roof!!



## AN ALTERNATIVE GIFT OPTION FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Pura Vida is once again offering Alternative Gift Cards for sale. You can make a tax-deductible contribution to support Pura Vida's Christmas Milk Program and Unsponsored Student Fund, and receive a beautiful card to send to friends and family, telling them a donation has been made in their name. Pura Vida is a mission partner of FUMC; for many years, members of this congregation have volunteered time and given financial contributions to provide housing and support to students and families in rural Guatemala. To order your cards, click [HERE](#).



## RED KETTLE DRIVE

The Salvation Army's 2024 Red Kettle fund-raising drive starts soon. Volunteers from FUMC will have the **Saturday shifts at Sam's Club from November 23 - December 21**. Each shift is 90 minutes starting at 9:00 am. Sign up sheets are available at the Volunteer Hub in Lobby Court. If you have questions, call Kay Neckel at 970-663-3434 or 970-988-6287.

## OCTOBER 2024 YTD FINANCIALS

Through October 2024 our Actual Income is \$531, 267. Our Expenses are \$552,053. We are \$20,786 in the red. Our plan for the year is to have an \$88,332 deficit. We will likely do a bit better than that. Our 2025 budget will have a larger deficit. At the potluck on November 17, we will have a more in depth look at our resources and their restrictions.



## WELCOME LOVELAND PRESCHOOL TO FUMC!

Church members, we need to make room! The following items will be moved out **after November 14, 2024**. Youth Range - Rialto seats and risers, couches with green stickers, music risers, & piano keyboard. Sunday School room - large dollhouse. Sanctuary - Nimlok display panels. Call Carolyn Bouchard at 970-481-2818 if you are interested in having any of these items.

## COOKIE BAKERS & SHOPPER NEEDED

The Cookie Jar is the largest bake sale FUMC has ever seen! Each year we make and sell fancy Christmas cookies to benefit the youth mission fund. To make this event a success, we need everyone's help. We are currently in need of many bakers who will donate a couple dozen "pretty" homemade cookies or candy or fudge. Cookies are needed by **December 13**.



Please drop off the cookies in Coy Hall from 3:00 - 6:00 pm. Matthew will be in contact with you for a code to get into the church. Contact Matthew if you need to drop off cookies at another time.



**Please sign up by following the link below or contact Matthew Utley**

**([youth@fumclleveland.com](mailto:youth@fumclleveland.com))**. You can also support the youth by shopping at The Cookie Jar which is in Coy Hall on Saturday, **December 14** from 9:00 - 11:00 am or while supplies last. The price for cookies this year is \$9/lb. Great gifts for anyone! Sign up to bring Cookies Here: <https://forms.gle/QpruB1UmXguu3uWd6>

## [YOUTH MINISTRY](#)

**Mid & Senior High Youth Coordinator - Matthew Utley - [youth@fumclleveland.com](mailto:youth@fumclleveland.com)**

**Sunday, November 17:** Lunch and Youth Group after church, 11:15 am - 1:30 pm.

**Sunday November 24 and December 1:** No Youth Group: Thanksgiving Break.

**Sunday December 8:** Lunch and Youth Group after church 11:15 am - 1:30 pm.

**Friday December 13 - Saturday December 14:** Christmas Party Lock-in AND Cookie Jar - More info soon.

**Sunday December 15:** No Youth Group

## [PERSONALS](#)

### Prayers:

Gregg Geis, hospitalized, recovering from broken hip

Pat Lutz, hospice care

Mindy Stiverson, health, hip surgery Oct. 31

Ted Nutting, recovery from surgery Oct 23, health



**Deaths:** We give thanks for the life of *Rev. Reuben Wilbur* who entered eternal life on November 11. We remember in prayer his wife, Shirley and their family. A Memorial service will be held November 20 at 10:30 am at the Good Samaritan Society, 2101 S Garfield Ave.

We give thanks for the life of *Lew Graff* who entered eternal life on November 11 and we lift up his family in prayer. Memorial service information is pending.



### **Birthdays: November 11-17**

Lexi Jo Barrett

Ella Berdahl

Pat Boegli

Don Burton

Rebecca Champion

Lyle Gilroy

Marvin Morganti

Jean Reinhart

Dean Schwartz

Clara Stutzman

Ruth VanVoorhis