



First United Methodist Church, Loveland, CO

March 24, 2024

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- **March 24, Palm Sunday, 10:00 am** - featuring special music selections from the Chancel Choir.
- **March 28, Maundy Thursday, 7:00 pm** - Revs. Leslie and Lee will help lead "The Night of Love", an ecumenical community Last Supper service, at **Trinity UMC, 801 Cleveland Ave.**
- **March 31, Easter Worship Options:**
  - **Easter Sunrise Service, 6:30 am** - at **North Lake Park**, 2750 N. Taft, between shelter #3 and the horseshoe courts...a community service led by FUMC, TUMC and First Presbyterian Church (in person only)
  - **Easter Service, 9:00 am** - featuring the Spirit Sounds Bell Choir and Ann Jeffers, soloist (In person and live streamed)
  - **Easter Service, 11:00 am** - featuring the Chancel Choir (In person and live streamed)
    - **NOTE the change in worship times on Easter morning!**



### WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

**Women's Fellowship** will meet at **12:00 pm** in **West Coy Hall** on **Thursday, March 28**. Rev. Leslie will share events about her life. Our project this month is to bring in cans of food (fruits, soups, etc.) for the local Salvation Army. All women are welcome. Contact: Darlene Lowe at [aldarlowe@gmail.com](mailto:aldarlowe@gmail.com).

### NEW STUDY TO HELP HEAR GOD'S VOICE IN YOUR LIFE

This 4-week study facilitated by Pastor Lee is designed to help individuals hear God's voice and discern God's call through their gifts, passions, and others around them. Participants will read a chapter each week on their own, then gather weekly in-person and on Zoom on **April 10, 17, 24 and May 1** from **5:30-6:30 pm** in the **Youth Range**. Sign-up for the study at the Ask Me Desk or call or email Pastor Lee at [lee@fumcloveland.com](mailto:lee@fumcloveland.com) or (970) 667-0876 to sign up. Books cost \$10.50 and will be ordered on March 27. **Sign up by March 25!** Want to participate but can't join this study? You can read and watch the accompanying videos on your own time, or form your own group! Contact Pastor Lee to learn how.



### GENERAL CONFERENCE 2024 NEWS & UPDATES

The 2020 General Conference of the United Methodist Church takes place this year beginning on April 23, 2024 (no, that's not a typo!). You can stay up to date by going to the Mountain Sky Conference's webpage covering the General Conference. There you will find the legislation, the various proposed plans for the

future of the UMC, and lots of statements, blogs and news articles. And, if you need to catch up on what has happened since the specially called 2019 Conference, you will find information for that too. [Click here](#) to be taken to the webpage, or go to [www.mtnskyumc.org/general-conference](http://www.mtnskyumc.org/general-conference).

### MARCH MUSIC

March 24 (Palm Sunday) - Chancel Choir; March 31 (Easter) - 9:00 am - Spirit Sounds, Ann Jeffers, soprano; 11:00 am - Chancel Choir.

## **YOUTH MINISTRY**

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

**Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt March 24:** On Palm Sunday youth will hide Easter eggs for the kids to find after service. Lunch will be provided.

**Easter Sunday, March 31:** **No Youth Group.** Youth are encouraged to attend and participate in the Sunrise Service.

**Sunday, April 7:** **No Youth Group.** Matthew will be out of town.

**Sunday, April 14:** Youth Group and lunch, 11:15 am - 1:30 pm in Youth Range.

**Mission Trip to Osage Beach, Missouri:** This year the youth will take their annual mission trip to Osage Beach, Missouri from June 22-29. For more information contact Matthew.

## **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

**Coordinator - Shannon Heusinkveld - [shannonh@fumcleveland.com](mailto:shannonh@fumcleveland.com)**

**Sunday, March 31:** There will be **no Sunday School on March 31** because of Easter. Thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers that teach our children!

### **PALM PROCESSIONAL**

During the worship service on **March 24** any and all children are invited to participate in the Palm Processional. Sunday School will start in the sanctuary this Sunday. Please sign your kids in and we will proceed to the classroom after the Palm Processional and the Children's Message. Please collect your children after the service and wait with them upstairs until the Easter Egg Hunt is announced. We need to give our bunny a chance to finish his work!



### **EASTER EGG HUNT**

Calling all Children! FUMC will be hosting an **Easter Egg Hunt** on **March 24** after the morning worship service around 11:15 am. The hunt will be on the East lawn, weather permitting. Events will move to the Youth Range in the basement if we need to move indoors. Don't forget your baskets!

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **FUMC FINANCIAL INFORMATION THROUGH FEBRUARY 2024**

Income YTD	\$164,572	Budgeted Income	YTD \$142,314
Expense YTD	\$114,613	Budgeted Expense	YTD \$122,047
Surplus/Deficit YTD	\$49,959	Budgeted Surplus/Deficit	YTD \$20,267

Thank you for your generous giving. Contact Karen Lumpkin at [business@fumcleveland.com](mailto:business@fumcleveland.com) if you would like additional financial information.

### **SUNDAY MORNING DRIVERS NEEDED**

Would you be willing to serve as a bus driver on Sunday mornings? (A special driver's license is not required.) OR, would you be willing to pick someone up in your own car? By having a team of a few drivers, those who are no longer able to drive and want to attend worship in person are able to attend, and drivers will not have to make a commitment every Sunday. If you're interested, or have questions before making up your mind, please contact Rev. Lee Anderson-Harris at [lee@fumcleveland.com](mailto:lee@fumcleveland.com) or 970-667-0876.

### **INSTAGRAM**

FUMC Loveland is now on Instagram. Here is a QR code link if you would like to follow what is happening at FUMC.



## GREETERS NEEDED

We have a need for friendly people to welcome folks into the building on Sunday mornings and help visitors find their way. A new online sign up list has been created, and you can find it by going to [fumcloveland.com](http://fumcloveland.com) and clicking on the Jobs tab, or [click here](#) to be taken there. You can also continue to sign up at the Ask Me Desk. Contact Pastor Lee with any questions.



## DONATE TO FUMC WHEN YOU SHOP!

Donations to FUMC are generated through King Soopers Community Rewards program every time you shop and it does not take away from your own rewards! To sign up: 1) Sign in or create an account at [www.kingsoopers.com](http://www.kingsoopers.com); 2) Click King Soopers Community Rewards at the end of the page; 3) Search UK667 and click enroll. Questions? Call 970-631-2971.

## HOW TO ORDER ALTAR FLOWERS

Go to [www.fumcloveland.com](http://www.fumcloveland.com) and click on the Altar Flowers tab to sign-up. Click on "click here" under Choose the Date. It will take you to Sign Up Genius. Find the date you wish to provide flowers for. Click the select tab. Scroll to the bottom and click the Save & Continue tab. Fill out the information including who you are donating flowers in honor or memory of. *You will need to contact Rowe's Flowers* at 970-667-2300 as soon as you sign-up to order and pay for your arrangement and tell them the date you signed-up for. You can purchase flowers from another location and bring them with you by 9:30 am that Sunday, but to have flowers delivered you must order from Rowe's. As long as you sign-up by the Wednesday before the Sunday you wish to donate flowers, your name and the name of who you are honoring will be printed in the Window. For questions or assistance or if you don't have computer access, contact Patty Gregory in the office at 970-667-0876.



## ONLINE GIVING

Our church has online giving capability. Go to our website, [www.fumcloveland.com](http://www.fumcloveland.com) and click on the menu tab labeled "Give & Support." You will have the option of a one-time giving, or to set up recurring giving. Simply point your smartphone camera to the QR code on the left to take you to the secure giving page, or log on to [fumcloveland.com](http://fumcloveland.com). **Recurring giving**, through our secure online link or through your bank's Bill Pay option, is a wonderful – and easy – way to honor your giving commitment and plans to FUMC, whether you are in the church in person, or even away from home.



## PERSONALS

### Prayers:

Doneata Cohn, hospitalized  
Lew Graff, hospitalized  
Darlene Lowe, recovering from fall  
Lois Beers, recovering from knee surgery  
Barb Franke, recovering from knee surgery  
Rick & Marjie Tessean, death of Rick's sister



### **Birthdays: March 18-24**

Betsy Elliott  
Lynn Hammond

Kevin Peffer  
Rick Tessean

Paul Williamson  
Jane Wright

We celebrate with Tessa McQueen and her parents Rose & Gordo McQueen in her accomplishment! Tessa placed second at the Metropolitan Opera Eric and Dominique Laffont Competition in NYC! She is pictured here with Ellie Caulkins, head of Opera Colorado and for whom the opera house in Denver is named. Congratulations, Tessa!



## **ONGOING CLASSES AND GROUPS**

### **CHARITY QUILT GROUP**

The Charity Quilt Group meets the **2nd Saturday** of each month from **9:00 am - 1:00 pm**. Contact: Kay Neckel, 970-663-3434. Our **next gathering** is **April 13**.

### **CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP AT FUMC**

For caregivers who have a loved one with Alzheimer's, dementia or cognitive impairment. Contact: Barb Franke, (970-301-1615) or Barbie Clark, (970-667-7445). Meets on the **first Wednesday** of the month at **3:00 pm** in **West Coy Hall**. Our **next meeting** is **April 3**.

### **CENTERING PRAYER MINISTRY**

This method of meditation creates space for you to simply sit in the presence of God and helps you cultivate an awareness of God's presence at all times. **Monthly in-person meetings** are held the **first Wednesday** of each month from **12:00 - 1:00 pm** in the **sanctuary** or the **second Sunday** of each month from **11:15 am - 12:15 pm** in **West Coy Hall**. You can choose which meeting to attend. In addition, go to Groups & Events on the website and click on Centering Prayer to access an instructional video and seasonal weekly videos. Contact: Pastor Lee, [lee@fumccleveland.com](mailto:lee@fumccleveland.com).



### **FELLOWSHIP TIME**

The sign-up sheets for Fellowship Time are posted on the kitchen door in Coy Hall. We are in need of host and treat makers on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month. Contact: Betsy Elliott, [elliott1710@comcast.net](mailto:elliott1710@comcast.net).

### **HOLY HAPPY HOUR GROUP MEETS ON ALTERNATE MONDAYS**

Meets on the **2nd & 4th Monday** of the month from **5:00 - 7:00 pm** at Tom Davis Saloon, 450 N Cleveland Ave in Loveland. Contact: Tom Thompson, [revtgt@hotmail.com](mailto:revtgt@hotmail.com).

### **SEARCHERS CLASS**

This week Searchers Class will view and discuss a video by Dr. Gary Small of the UCLA Longevity Center entitled *Alzheimer's Prevention: Keep Your Brain Healthy for the Rest of Your Life*. Class meets at **8:45 am** in **Rooms S030 & S040** in **Fellowship Hall**.

### **SOUL FEAST RESUMES ON THURSDAY AFTERNOONS**

Soul Feast will resume meeting on **Thursday, April 4** at **2:00 pm** in **West Coy Hall**. We will be reading *Zealot: The Life and Times of Jesus of Nazareth* by Reza Aslan. This book gives a fresh perspective on one of the greatest stories ever told even as it offers the radical and transformative nature of Jesus' life and mission. All are welcome to join us and good used books are available on [abebooks.com](http://abebooks.com) or thrift books. Contact: Barbie Clark at [brbclark@msn.com](mailto:brbclark@msn.com) or 970-667-7445.

### **WEIGHTS WITH ANITA**

Join us **Monday, Wednesday and Friday** at **10:30 am** each week on **Zoom**. Contact: Anita Williams, [anitaandroger@msn.com](mailto:anitaandroger@msn.com).



### **WOMEN OF THE CLOTH**

This group is for anyone that is interested in any of the needle arts. We meet in **West Coy Hall** every **Friday** at **9:30 am**. Everyone is welcome. Contact: Ann Eatman, 970-215-3757.



### **Y.A.R.N. (YOU ARE REALLY NEEDED)**

Meets on **Tuesdays** in **West Coy Hall** from **10:00 - 11:30 am**. Create prayer shawls, scarves, hats, etc. for people in need. Contact: Melinda Bart, 970-988-5957, [mbart6868@gmail.com](mailto:mbart6868@gmail.com) or Cindy Crawley, 770-601-2749, [clcteach4th5th@aol.com](mailto:clcteach4th5th@aol.com).