



The Window

First United Methodist Church, Loveland, CO

March 31, 2024

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- **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 (**Bring your own chairs...and COFFEE!**)
 - **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.

METHODIST FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Please visit the church's website, www.fumcloveland.com, to download the application for the Loveland Methodist Foundation Scholarship. The applicant or the applicant's spouse, parent, guardian or child must be a member of the First United Methodist Church of Loveland. Completed applications will be accepted at the church until **Friday, May 3, 2024**. Please put applications in the Loveland Methodist Foundation mailbox outside of the office door.

WEBINAR: RESURRECTION OF AN INCLUSIVE CHURCH

Following all the turmoil of denominational disaffiliations and church schism, will United Methodism overcome its historic anti-LGBTQ+ policies and embrace a more inclusive mission and ministry for the future? Exploration of these and other questions will be the subject of a free Zoom webinar sponsored by the United Methodist Association of Retired Clergy and Friends (UMARC) on **Tuesday, April 9 from 5:00 - 7:00 pm**, two weeks before the opening of General Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina. Keynoters include Rev. Adam Hamilton, senior pastor of the 24,000 member Church of the Resurrection, Leawood, Kansas, and Bishop Karen P. Oliveto, episcopal leader of the Mountain Sky Conference, among others. Register for the Zoom webinar at www.umarc.org.



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.

MARCH MUSIC

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

CUISINE, CATCH-UP & CONVERSATION POTLUCK

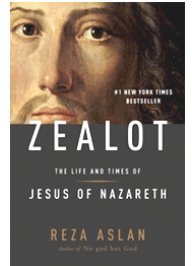
Join Pastors Leslie and Lee on April 21 in Coy Hall for a Cuisine, Catch-up and Conversation potluck, immediately following the service. We will share a meal, enjoy fellowship with old and new friends, then have a time for the pastors to convey information about FUMC's ministries and missions and some of the important business being considered at General Conference. We are asking for volunteers to help set up before and clean up after the potluck. Many hands make quick work! If you can help, please email Pastor Lee at lee@fumcloveland.com.

FUMC 101 CLASS

Mark your calendars. FUMC 101 - Next Steps is coming April 28 at 11:30 am. If you are an FUMC guest, regular attendee or even a member, you are welcome to join this hour-long class to find out a bit about the history of the UMC, a bit about FUMC and a bit about your pastors and each other. Please RSVP by emailing Pastor Leslie at leslie@fumcloveland.com or Pastor Lee at lee@fumcloveland.com. Not currently a member at FUMC? You will have the opportunity to join the church following the class. (NOTE: Class attendance is encouraged, but not mandatory, to join FUMC Loveland. Membership is not a requirement to be accepted and part of the FUMC family.)

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 or thrift books. Contact: Barbie Clark at brbclark@msn.com or 970-667-7445.



YOUTH MINISTRY

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

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@fumcloveland.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!

GENERAL INFORMATION

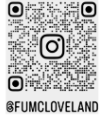
SUNDAY MORNING DRIVERS NEEDED

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@fumcloveland.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 fumcleveland.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; 2) Click King Soopers Community Rewards at the end of the page; 3) Search UK667 and click enroll. Questions? Call 970-631-2971.

ONLINE GIVING

Our church has online giving capability. Go to our website, www.fumcleveland.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 fumcleveland.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.



HOW TO ORDER ALTAR FLOWERS

Go to www.fumcleveland.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.

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 25 - 31

Hayden Berdahl
Ben Clegern
Donna Fishel

Bill Frost
Cees Morgan
Terry Ogilvie

Marjie Tessean
Sara Trout
Susan Williamson

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.



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.

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.



SEARCHERS CLASS

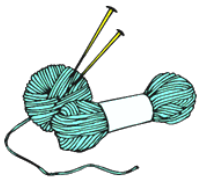
No Searchers class on Sunday, March 31. Enjoy your Easter morning!

WEIGHTS WITH ANITA

Join us **Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10:30 am** each week **on Zoom**. Contact: Anita Williams, 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 or Cindy Crawley, 770-601-2749, clcteach4th5th@aol.com.