



First United Methodist Church, Loveland, CO

August 25, 2024

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### **AUGUST OUTDOORS...A WORSHIP OPPORTUNITY**

This Sunday will be the last opportunity to **worship outdoors from 11:20 am-12:00 pm**. Bring your lawn chairs, your water bottles, wear your comfy clothes and come worship with us under the big tree on the east lawn. Invite your neighbors! Childcare provided.

### **NEXT LABYRINTH "OPEN HOUSE"**

On **Saturday, August 24** all are welcome to come walk the labyrinth and learn more about it. Join us anytime **from 9:00-11:00 am on the east lawn**. There will be a brief talk about labyrinths at 9:30, 10:00, and 10:30 am. This is a great way to meet neighbors and walk the labyrinth together. Invite your friends, neighbors, and family! If you would like to lend a hand in providing hospitality to our guests, contact Pastor Lee at [lee@fumcloveland.com](mailto:lee@fumcloveland.com) or (970) 667-0876.

### **YOU'RE INVITED: DISTRICT PICNIC!**

There will be a picnic for all clergy and laity of the Colorado Front Range District on **Saturday, August 24 from 2:00 - 4:00 pm at Ken Caryl Ranch House Park**, 7676 S Continental Divide Rd., Littleton CO 80127. BYOB and a yard game if you like; the district will provide desserts and popsicles. No RSVP necessary.

### **WEBINAR: CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM THROUGH THE WESLEYAN LENS**

The Mountain Sky Conference welcomes Rev. Joey Shelton as he presents "Understanding Christian Nationalism". During his presentation, we will explore questions such as: Why does it matter? What's the goal? Says who? As people of faith, we have responsibilities within our faith community AND the public square. It is our hope that this webinar will be educational and helpful to you as you engage with your faith community and community at large. Please join this virtual presentation on **Sunday, August 25 at 4:30 pm MT**. To find out more about the presenter, click [JOEY](#). To register to receive the Zoom link, click [REGISTER](#).

### **YOUTH MISSION TRIP SLIDESHOW AND POTLUCK**

Come join us after service on **September 8** for a potluck in Coy Hall. The youth will share their experiences from their June mission trip to Osage Beach, MO along with a slideshow. Bring a dish to share and join us in fellowship as we celebrate the contributions FUMC youth made in God's mission.



### **HOMELESSNESS PROJECT AND OPEN LETTER**

Some of you have been following the proposed community resource center for people experiencing homelessness in the First Christian Church building. As opposition is mounting, including inaccurate information, Lead Pastor of First Christian, the Rev. Michael Stein, has written a letter to be shared with faith communities. [Click here](#) to read the letter; hard copies are available at the Ask Me Desk and in the sanctuary

### **WOMEN'S RETREAT**

Save the Date: **Saturday, October 19** for "A Tapestry of Faith: Seeing Ourselves Through God's Eyes", a one-day retreat for all women from First UMC Loveland and Longs Peak UMC. Get away for a day of spiritual growth, Christian fellowship, music and an inspirational guest speaker at Grace Place in Berthoud from 8:00 am - 3:45 pm. **Registration opens September 3, and information sheets are now available at the Ask Me Desk**. Email Pastor Lee at [lee@fumcloveland.com](mailto:lee@fumcloveland.com) with questions.

## DEMENTIA TOGETHER EDUCATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

Dementia Together is a Colorado non-profit serving those living with dementia and their care partners. FUMC folks have benefited from their programs. They will host a Living Well with Dementia Educational Symposium on **October 23 from 8:30 am - 2:00 pm in Estes Park** to teach practical strategies that promote lifelong well being for those walking the dementia journey. Register at [DementiaTogether.org](https://DementiaTogether.org).

## SAFELOT LOVELAND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

SafeLot Loveland volunteers are needed at two neighbor churches to help unhoused people stay overnight in their own cars safely and legally. Participation in this ministry requires little effort while providing a positive social impact and expression of God's love for the less fortunate. [Click here](#) to sign up or donate and for more information.

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY FAITH BUILD

**Saturday September 7 is the next scheduled Faith Build Day** for FUMC members and others in the Loveland Faith Community to come out to help construct a Habitat for Humanity home. No experience is necessary and you won't be expected to do anything you don't feel comfortable doing. Sign up at <https://lovelandhabitat.charityproud.org/VolunteerRegistration/?groupcode=Mark0709>. If you would like to support affordable housing but can't volunteer at the worksite, consider making a donation to Habitat for Humanity through our church. The Missions Committee has set a goal of raising \$1,000 for the Faith Build. Simply include the note "H4H Faith Build" on a check placed in the offering or in the "Write a note" box on the website donation page.

## SEASON OF CREATION STARTS NEXT WEEK

As people of faith, we have long been called to recognize our connection to God's created order. The Season of Creation is a time to renew our relationship with the Creator and with creation, through celebration, conversion and commitment together. FUMC will offer a variety of ways this year to recognize and celebrate God as Creator and reclaim our part in God's beautiful creation.

- *Painting the Stars: Science, Religion, and an Evolving Faith*: A seven-session video-based study on the evolving universe and the awe-inspiring scope of Creation, the study explores the promise of evolutionary Christian spirituality. Featuring over a dozen leading theologians and progressive thinkers. The class will meet on Mondays, **August 12 - Sept. 30**. (We'll take Labor Day weekend off!) Check out a [PREVIEW HERE](#). Sign up at the Ask Me Desk or email: [leslie@fumcloveland.com](mailto:leslie@fumcloveland.com). No cost. No book to purchase. We'll engage with a Season of Creation sermon series in September.
- Pet Blessing: Our pets are a special gift of creation from God to us. On **October 6** from **11:30 am - 12:30 pm**, bring your furry, scaly, shell-y, pawed, hooved or clawed family members to FUMC for a special pet blessing. Not able to transport your pet? Your pastors make house calls! Contact Pastor Leslie to request a home visit.
- Season of Creation hike: Join Pastor Leslie, **September 14**, on a hike to simply enjoy creation together...and a picnic in the mountains. Morning start time and location TBD. Sign up at the Ask-Me desk or email: [leslie@fumcloveland.com](mailto:leslie@fumcloveland.com).

## FUMC FINANCIAL INFORMATION THROUGH JULY 2024

Income YTD	\$389,590.27	Budgeted Income YTD	\$362,634.00
Expense YTD	\$398,533.91	Budgeted Expense YTD	\$430,397.33
Surplus/Deficit YTD	\$(8,963.64)	Budgeted Surplus/Deficit YTD	\$(67,763.33)

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

## [YOUTH MINISTRY](#)

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

**Sunday August 25:** Lunch and Youth Group after church, 11:15 am - 1:30 pm

**Sunday, September 1:** For those who are in town we will go out for lunch after church, 11:15-12:30 pm.

**Sunday, September 8:** Mission Trip slideshow and potluck

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

# [GENERAL INFORMATION](#)

## **GREETERS NEEDED**

Friendly people are needed to welcome folks into the church on Sundays and help visitors find their way. Sign up at the Ask Me Desk, or [fumcloveland.com](http://fumcloveland.com) and click on the Jobs tab, or [click here](#) to be taken there. You may also sign up at the Ask Me Desk. Contact: Karen James, 970-669-6191.

## **FELLOWSHIP TIME**

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

## **SALVATION ARMY DONATIONS**

Thank you for using the Salvation Army collection box that is found outside the sanctuary in Lobby Court. Nonperishable food items, hygiene items, clothing that is in good condition, home decorations such as throw pillows, blankets, lap robes and towels are gratefully accepted.



## **INSTAGRAM**

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

## **SUNDAY MORNING TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY**

Gary Small has graciously said yes to driving the **FUMC bus on some Sunday mornings! To arrange for a ride to the 10:00 am worship service, please contact him by Thursday evening at 970-213-2938. If he is not available that Sunday he will let you know.** Bus drivers are still needed for additional Sundays. Would you be willing to serve as a bus driver on Sunday mornings? Or would you be willing to pick someone up in your own car? If you're interested, or have questions before making up your mind, please contact Rev. Lee Anderson-Harris at [lee@fumcloveland.com](mailto:lee@fumcloveland.com) or 970-667-0876.

## **ONLINE GIVING**

FUMC has online giving capability. Go to [www.fumcloveland.com](http://www.fumcloveland.com) and click on the tab labeled "Give & Support." You will have the option of a one-time giving, or to set up recurring giving. 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 to FUMC, whether you are in the church in person, or even away from home.



## **HOW TO ORDER ALTAR FLOWERS**

Go to [www.fumcloveland.com](http://www.fumcloveland.com) and click on Worship, then scroll down to Altar Flowers. Click on "click here" under Choose the Date. It will take you to Sign Up Genius. Find the date you wish to provide flowers and click select. 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.* 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.

# [PERSONALS](#)

## **Prayers:**

Jerry Yoder, knee surgery August 9

Bob and Beth Mitchell (seasonal visitors from MI), recovery from severe injuries from auto accident.

Judy Siettmann, shoulder surgery July 24

Juliana Hoch, healing

Ted Nutting, healing

**Altar Flowers:** Provided by Doug & Betty Hill in honor of their 52nd wedding anniversary.

**Deaths:** We give thanks for the life of **Mary Gayman**, who entered eternal life on **August 16**. A private family service has been planned.



### **Birthdays: August 19-25**

Rebecca Aldrich  
Cecilia Ball  
Margie Billingsley  
Valerie Buehler  
Julia Cherry

Norma Hammond  
Isla Hauschulz  
Robert Hoch  
Richard Kittel  
Susan Rostvedt-Johnson

Vicky Shields  
Mike Spoon  
Grace Williams  
Shelby Woodward

## **ONGOING CLASSES AND GROUPS**

### **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 will be on September 4.**



### **CENTERING PRAYER MINISTRY**

Weekly in-person meetings are held every **Wednesday from 12:00 - 12:45 pm** in the sanctuary. Contact: Pastor Lee, [lee@fumcleveland.com](mailto:lee@fumcleveland.com).

### **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 September 14.**

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

Meets on the **2nd & 4th Monday of the month from 5:00 - 7:00 pm** at Vatos Tacos, 270 N Cleveland at the Foundry in Loveland. Contact: Tom Thompson, [revtgt@hotmail.com](mailto:revtgt@hotmail.com).



### **SOUL FEAST**

Soul Feast book group meets **every Thursday at 2:00 pm in West Coy Hall**. All are welcome to join us. Contact: Barbie Clark at [brbclark@msn.com](mailto:brbclark@msn.com) or 970-667-7445.

### **WEIGHTS WITH ANITA**

On Zoom <https://us05web.zoom.us/j/86227922017?pwd=SnLRZN5klk3FaDrMRISP93U3d1e4b.1> **Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10:30 am** weekly. Meeting ID: 862 2792 2017 Passcode: 9J33a0 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).