



First United Methodist Church, Loveland, CO

September 8, 2024

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY FAITH BUILD

THIS 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=Loveland0709>.

NEW SUNDAY MORNING GROUP STARTING

Come and be part of a new Sunday morning group **starting September 8 at 8:30 am in East Coy Hall**. The group is called **Conversations** and each week, a new leader will pick a topic. This will be a discussion format and not a lecture format. Everyone is invited and child care is available. First leaders are Charlie & Carolyn Bouchard and the topic is "Am I a good listener?"

YOUTH MISSION TRIP SLIDESHOW AND POTLUCK

Come join us after service **THIS SUNDAY, 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.

HOW TO CARE CLASS

On Saturday, September 21 from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm, Rev. Lee will hold a class that teaches basic caring skills to anyone who wants to learn how to be of support to someone who is grieving, hospitalized or homebound. Come and learn some skills to support a friend, coworker, neighbor or family member. Those interested in being part of caring ministries are strongly encouraged to attend. There is no registration fee. Lunch will be provided; donations for lunch are welcome but not required. Please register with Pastor Lee in advance to have a good headcount. Call or email Lee at 970-667-0876 or lee@fumcloveland.com.

FUMC 101 CLASS

Mark your calendars. FUMC 101 - Next Steps is coming **Sunday, September 22 at 11:30 am in West Coy Hall**. If you are an FUMC guest, regular attendee or even a member, you are invited to come learn 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.)

FUMC IS CO-LEADING THE LOVELAND CROP WALK AGAIN THIS YEAR

Our church is partnering with First United Presbyterian to participate in the **CROP Walk on Sunday, September 29**. Consider joining us on the walk or donating to our fundraising efforts to fight hunger globally and right here in our community. 75% of the monies raised will go to support food insecurity and disaster relief around the world, while the remaining 25% will be donated to Loveland's Community Kitchen. **The walk is at River's Edge Natural Area and will start at 12:30 pm**. Well-behaved dogs are welcome on leash. Sign up by searching "2024 CROP Hunger Walk" and searching "Loveland, CO-Spearman's Legacy Crop Walk." This walk was re-established last year by First United Presbyterian in honor of Sarah Clegern's parents, Rev. Dr. William and Sylvia Spearman, who were long-time members and CROP Walk supporters. Contact: Sarah Clegern, 970-612-2546 or dcmsarah@yahoo.com.

IS GUATEMALA IN 2025 ON YOUR BUCKET LIST?

Again, our congregation will have the opportunity to send a mission team to Guatemala. The trip will be meaningful, respectful, and will continue to build our long-term relationships. We will again be working with Pura Vida, our trip sponsor, and plan for a construction trip in early 2025 (approx. Jan 22). If you have questions, contact Rob Proctor at 970-481-2133.

SEASON OF CREATION...HIKING OUTING

The planned Season of Creation hike with Pastor Leslie, originally scheduled for **September 14, has been postponed**. Information will be shared on a new date and time when a new date is determined,

SEASON OF CREATION...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.

INTRODUCING OUR NEW BISHOP

We are excited to welcome Bishop Kristin Stoneking, who has been appointed to lead our conference! With a rich background in pastoral care, academic leadership, and innovative ministry, Bishop Kristin is poised to guide us with both wisdom and compassion. To get a glimpse of her vision and heart for our community, be sure to watch her welcoming video [HERE](#). Join us in extending a warm and enthusiastic welcome to our new leader!

INSTALLATION SERVICES FOR OUR NEW BISHOP

Our new bishop, Rev. Kristen Stoneking, began her ministry with us in the Mountain Sky Conference on September 1st. Moments of episcopal transition are opportunities for us, as a conference, to affirm and celebrate our connection to one another and to our Methodist heritage. The MSC is hosting services of installation of Rev. Stoneking in various locations around the Conference this fall. Here are two opportunities for you to attend.

* **October 13th, 3pm at First UMC, Colorado Springs, CO**, 420 N Nevada Ave. If you plan to go to COS for the service, let Pastor Leslie know at leslie@fumcleveland.com. We'll connect and sit together. (You CAN make it to FUMC in COS in time after our worship service here!)

* **November 10th, 3pm at First UMC, Cheyenne, WY**, 108 E 18th St, Cheyenne, WY 82001

SEPTEMBER MUSIC

September 8 - Chancel Choir. September 15 - Spirit Sounds Bell Choir. September 22 - Chancel Choir. September 29 - 12 Bell Group, Mike Spoon & Bill Eads vocal duet.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

"A Tapestry of Faith: Seeing Ourselves Through God's Eyes" is a one-day retreat for all women from First UMC Loveland and Longs Peak UMC **Saturday, October 19**. **This retreat is designed with women of ALL ages in mind**. 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 is open**, and information sheets are on the Ask Me Desk. Email Pastor Lee at lee@fumcleveland.com with questions.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP AT ZION LUTHERAN

Zion Lutheran Church will be holding a grief support group open to members of this congregation, based on a book that many people from FUMC have found helpful in their own grief work. If you are experiencing loneliness or grief, one of the best ways to encounter that loneliness and grief is to be with people who have been through it, as we experience God through others. This 11-week grief support group **will meet on Thursday evenings 6:30-8:00 pm starting October 17**. It will use the book *Understanding Your Grief: Ten Essential Touchstones for Finding Hope and Healing Your Heart* by Alan D. Wolfelt, a leading grief educator who lives and works in Northern Colorado. This book outlines the ten touchstones that are essential to physical, emotional, cognitive, social, and spiritual actions for you to take to help yourself heal. Through reading, journaling, and group discussions, the group and leaders will work together to understand the normal and necessary journey that we call grief. If you are interested in joining this group, contact Pastor Lee at lee@fumcleveland.com or (970) 667-0876.

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.

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.

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.

[YOUTH MINISTRY](#)

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

Sunday, September 8: Mission Trip slideshow and potluck.

Sunday, September 15 & 22: Lunch and Youth Group after church, 11:15 am - 1:30 pm. Sunday.

Sunday, September 29: Quick lunch and join the Crop Walk after church - 11:15 am - 1:30 pm.

Sunday, October 6: Lunch and Youth Group after church, 11:15 am - 1:30 pm. Sunday.

[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 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.

SALVATION ARMY DONATIONS

Thank you for using the Salvation Army collection box that is found outside of Coy Hall. 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 to see what's 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 or 970-667-0876.

HOW TO ORDER ALTAR FLOWERS

Go to 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.

ONLINE GIVING

FUMC has online giving capability. Go to 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. 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.



PERSONALS

Prayers:

Brian Wood, shoulder surgery 9/10

Jerry Yoder, knee surgery August 9

Charles Diediker, recovery from accident & leg surgery

Jasper Peffer, surgery 9/16. Jasper's parents, Melanie & Kevin Peffer would appreciate help with meals during his recovery. A Meal Train has been set up. Please contact them at melaniepefferphd@gmail.com or kevinpeffer@gmail.com or Pastor Lee at lee@fumcloveland.com.

Birthdays: September 2-8

Steve Goodier

Dolores Pancoast

Majorie Swett

Ryan Hennings

Kenneth Quick

Virginia Tanner

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 October 2.**

CENTERING PRAYER MINISTRY

Weekly in-person meetings are held every **Wednesday from 12:00 - 12:45 pm** in the sanctuary. Contact: Pastor Lee, lee@fumcloveland.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 October 12.**

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.

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 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.

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.